



**Sunday:** 03-14-21  
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)  
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:** 03-16-21  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Saturday:** 03-20-21  
 7:00 AM-1:00 PM Lions Club Drive Thru Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

**Sunday:** 03-21-21  
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)  
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

**Announcements:**

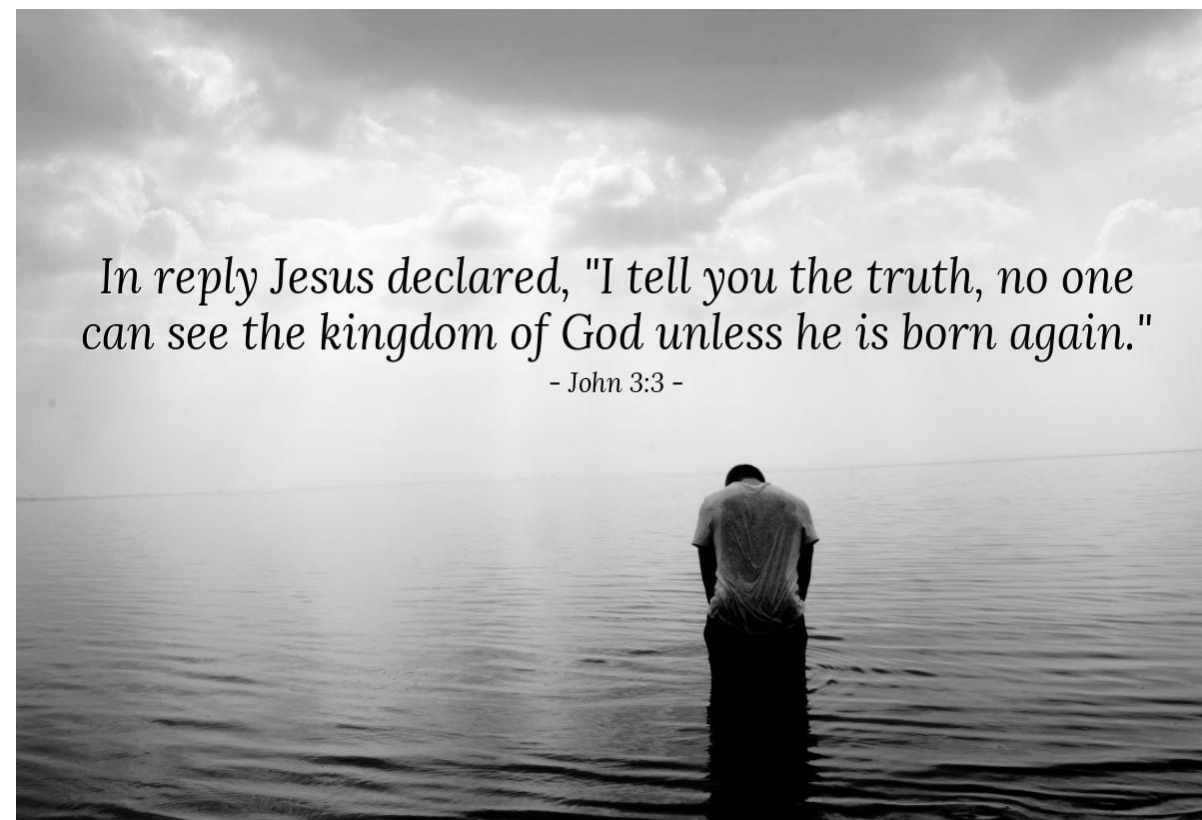
The **Women's Bible Study** will be held on Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

Lions Club Drive Thru Pancake and Sausage Breakfast is this Saturday at the Lion's Club alley from 7 AM to 1 PM. Prices are by donation, but the two-pound bulk of Venedocia sausage is priced at \$10.00. They still need volunteers for a variety of tasks to handle the fund raiser.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the April newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@saalemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

14 <sup>th</sup> Larry Caffro	14 <sup>th</sup> Elijah Martz	16 <sup>th</sup> Tom Emery
19 <sup>th</sup> Pamela Beamer	20 <sup>th</sup> Johnathon Morris	20 <sup>th</sup> Brian Owens
22 <sup>nd</sup> Toby Adkins	23 <sup>rd</sup> Josh Hoehn	



*In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."*

*- John 3:3 -*

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Kaitie Adams (recovering from surgery)  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Rosemary Cooper  
Asher Eberle  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Jerry Holscher  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Danny King (cancer)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd  
Donald Martin  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Byron Mohr  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Marian Morris  
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)  
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Steve Peters (surgery & recovery)  
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Marjorie Rhodes  
Shalia Schomaeker  
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
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**ACTION POINT**

People in their natural state became like computers with faulty wiring. They can't work right because they are mis-wired. They cannot correct the problem. God is the only spiritual computer specialist who can fix it. It cost him a cross in order to be able to do it. One of the awful failings of many mainline churches in America is that they no longer preach that it is necessary to be Born Again. They imply that a person can be saved by just hanging around the church. But hanging around the church no more makes you a Christian than hanging around the Lion's Club makes you a lion. Each of us needs to prayerfully ask God what it means to be “Born from Above” and to trust Jesus as the Lord of our lives. May we all enter into the eternal Kingdom of God!

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