



**Sunday:** 04-18-21  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)  
10:45 AM Session Meeting

**Tuesday:** 04-20-21  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Sunday:** 05-02-21  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris )  
10:45 AM Sunday School

**Announcements:**

Session will meet today at 10:45 AM.

The **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 PM.

**Mother's Day** is May 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

20<sup>th</sup> Kevin Matthews      22<sup>nd</sup> Elgarda McGee      23<sup>rd</sup> Grant Zielke  
25<sup>th</sup> Julia Morris/Moliter      26<sup>th</sup> Gwenda Blackmore

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

21<sup>st</sup> John & Mary Ellen Lloyd (this will be their 65th anniversary)



## Salem Presbyterian Church

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Kaitie Adams (recovering from surgery)  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Briana Fair (Pneumonia)  
Denny Febus (cancer)  
Inara Febus (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
Dale Kieszka (leg operation)  
Danny King (hospice)  
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)  
Ione Owens  
Steve Peters (surgery & recovery)  
Paul & Doris Price  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Shalia Schomaeker  
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#### TEACHING POINTS

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*Second. The New Testament church was known for its deep commitment.*

*Third. People know Jesus by our witness of our unity and our love for others.*

#### THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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#### ACTION POINT

We live in a time that the church is declining in the English-speaking countries. People won’t generally listen to you unless they know that you care about them. It is probably by no accident that in Acts the word “church,” meaning people, first appears in this context. The community life of these first followers of Jesus was not imposed upon them, but rather, it was voluntarily accepted. This was the way these men and women chose to live their lives of discipleship. The apostles continued to give their testimony **of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.** Moreover, as they preached **with great power** their words were infused by the Spirit and the occurrence of miracles showed that God was backing their preaching. Why not fully seek God like the early church? This journey will involve showing a new commitment to selflessly loving others and sharing the resurrection facts to a hurting world that needs the hope offered by Christ.

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