

THE SONLIGHT

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

WELCOME TO SALEM!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. At Salem, our mission is to glorify God, make disciples who pursue Jesus, and share His story. This shapes everything we do. Inside this weekly publication, you will find a note from our pastor, upcoming events, and more. If you have any questions about Salem, feel free to email us at info@salem-bc.org, or call our church office at 919-362-7327.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Please join us for a special church-wide service on Ash Wednesday as we prepare our hearts for Easter by reflecting on Jesus' sacrificial death. The combined service will be on **Wednesday, February 26 in the Worship Center (Multi-Purpose Room) at 6:30 PM**. Because this is a combined service; children and student activities, discipleship classes, and the Pastor's Bible Study will not be held on February 26, but we will have a Wednesday Fellowship Meal. Please plan on joining us for this special service.



MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Our next Adult Seedbed Class will meet on **Sunday, March 1**. If you are interested in membership at Salem or want to learn what it means to be a part of the Salem family, you will want to attend this class. Adult Seedbed meets from **9:40 AM to 12:00 PM in Room C227**. Sign up today at www.salem-bc.org/upcoming-events.



DNOW WEEKEND IS ALMOST HERE

One of our youth's most important weekends out of the entire year is this weekend! On **February 28 - March 1**, Salem families host all of our 6th - 12th graders for our in-town retreat called DiscipleNow weekend. It's full of worship, community building in the youth group, and fun memories. Our biblical theme is "To Seek and To Save" and we will look deeply at God as our Rescuer from Luke 19:10. The cost is only \$40. Unchurched guests are free! Students, go to www.salem-bc.org/upcoming-events to register. Adults, see your BFG folders to find out how you can help.



FROM THE HEART

Sunday was a blessed day in many ways around Salem. We got to look deeper into the incredible Psalm 119, we got to witness two more baptisms, and also had a really nice crowd in the 11 AM service. As 2020 gets rolling, do not let anything distract you from the main thing we exist to do at Salem... bring glory to God by making disciples.

Congratulations to Conner Hilliard and also Jaxson Douthitt upon their baptisms in the 9:40 and 11 AM services respectively. It is great to continue to see so many baptisms after our record setting year last year! Let's keep making disciples!

On Wednesday, February 26, we will all gather (it's Ash Wednesday), to initiate the Lenten Season with a Church wide worship time and communion. The service will begin at 6:30 PM, like our normal Wednesday activities. I hope you will try to be there for a special time to begin our focus on the cross and resurrection!

Thank you for all you do for the Kingdom of God here at Salem and beyond.

*Your Pastor,
J. Beckett*

KIDS MINISTRY

KID'S SEEDBED CLASS

The next Kids' Seedbed Class will be on **Wednesday, March 4 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm**. If your kids are asking faith questions, or are curious about baptism, this class is right for them. We meet in Room C227 and discuss topics such as salvation, baptism, the Lord's Supper and the Christian life. A parent must attend with their child. Go to www.salem-bc.org/childrens-ministry to register.

STUDENT MINISTRY

STUDENT SEEDBED

Due to DNOW weekend, the next Student Seedbed Class will be on **Sunday, April 5 in the Big Youth Room** (upstairs Building B). This class is for students who have questions about faith in Jesus, baptism, or want to know more about the heart of Salem. The class will conclude in time for the 11:00 AM worship service. Contact Pastor Josh at jkomis@salem-bc.org or Pastor Mike at mcooper@salem-bc.org if you have questions.

SENIOR EXPLORERS

RBA SPRING SENIOR ADULT RALLY

Salem is pleased to host the Raleigh Baptist Association Senior Adult Rally again this year on **Tuesday, March 24**. The program begins at 9:30 AM and ends with lunch. Special guests will be Pepper Choplin and the Presbyterian Home Band. The cost is \$15 per person (non-refundable). Please make checks payable to the RBA and give to Fran Overton by March 1 to reserve your place. Any questions, call Fran Overton at 919-621-5036 or email her at fekover@gmail.com.

CLOTHING MINISTRY

The Salem Explorers (Senior Adults) will be going to First Baptist Church in Raleigh on **Tuesday, March 10** to assist with a clothing ministry. **We will leave the church at 10 AM**. Our tasks will consist of sorting and organizing donated clothing as well as other tasks as assigned. There will be opportunities for standing and sitting duties. Following this activity, we will have lunch on your own at a prearranged restaurant. Contact Marie Holt for reservations at holts4jesus@earthlink.net or 919-417-8337. Deadline for reservations is **Sunday, March 1**.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

SPRING GRIEFSHARE

Salem will offer a GriefShare Class this Spring beginning **March 11** and running through June 10. Griefshare features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. This DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion. Griefshare meets on **Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in Room D122** and is facilitated by Kay Raymond. For more information and to register go to www.salem-bc.org/discipleship-classes.

COMMUNITY



ANDREW PETERSON CONCERT

Salem Baptist Church is proud to bring Andrew Peterson to Salem as part of his *Resurrection Letters Tour*. The concert will be held **April 10 at 7:00 PM**. Tickets cost \$25 and are on sale now. Visit www.salem-bc.org/upcoming-events for more information and to purchase tickets

JOB OPENING

Salem is seeking a full-time salaried **Director of Finance and Administration**. The Director of Finance and Administration has the responsibility of ensuring that all financial and administrative operations of the church (ministries, preschool, etc.) are managed and reported accurately. This will include, but is not limited to, responsibility for the oversight, management, and leadership in areas of accounting, finance, internal control, purchasing, risk management and auditing for the entire organization. If you would like to view the full job profile, or direct other interested parties to the job profile please follow this link: www.salem-bc.org/finance-admin-job. The Director of Finance and Administration may not be a member of Salem while holding this position. Resumes with cover letters will be received at financesearchsbc@gmail.com.

GET INVOLVED! MISSIONS & SERVICE

NEW RESOURCE FOR LOCAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Be the hands and feet of Jesus! If you are looking for an opportunity to serve locally we have options for all ages through the year, both on and off campus. To make it easier to find these opportunities, we've added a new page to our website. To learn more and sign up to help visit www.salem-bc.org/local-missions-volunteer-opportunities, which will be updated throughout the year.

JEWEL TONES DIRECTOR

Would you like the opportunity to invest in the lives of some wonderful individuals and families at Salem? We are currently looking for a director for Jewel Tones. Jewel Tones is a ministry at Salem designed to get special needs children of all ages engaged in musical activities using chimes, handbells, and a variety of other instruments. Jewel Tones meets on Sunday afternoons. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jeff Olds at jolds@salem-bc.org.

HOMELESS MINISTRY

The Senior Explorers are collecting new underwear and socks for a homeless ministry during February for men, women and children. We would like to invite everyone to participate. This is an excellent outreach mission opportunity for your BFG (Bible Fellowship Group). Please place donations in the designated collection baskets located around campus, near the nursery check-in desk, in the lobby of Building D, and across from the elevator on the 1st floor in Building C.

DONATIONS FOR RE-ENTRY BACKPACKS

The Missions Committee is collecting backpack items (**due by March 15**) for homeless individuals returning to society after prison. Every backpack will include a Bible and other Gospel-centered information. Backpacks will be provided by Crossroads Prison Ministry & Re-Entry. All items can be turned in to the church office or given to Joel or Amber Douthitt. To sign up for donation items go to http://bit.ly/backpack_donations.

LAST WEEK'S SNAPSHOT: FEBRUARY 16, 2019

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|  | Attendance: 766 |
|  | Last Week's Giving: \$18,115.26 |
| | Weekly Budget: \$37,817.17 |
|  | YTD Giving: \$252,301.52 |
| | YTD Budget: \$264,720.21 |
|  | Building Debt Retirement Fund (Given Last Week): \$2,614.00 |

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

| Sunday, February 23 | |
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| 8:15 AM | Traditional Worship |
| 9:40 AM | Contemporary Worship |
| | Bible Fellowship Groups |
| 11:00 AM | Blended Worship |
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| 4:00 PM | Children's Choirs, Student Choir |
| 5:00 PM | AWANA Parent Night & Hog Dog Dinner |
| | Student Ministry D-Groups |
| Wednesday, February 26 | |
| 5:15 PM | Wednesday Fellowship Meal |
| 6:30 PM | Ash Wednesday Service (church-wide) |

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Share a meal and fellowship on Wednesday! This Wednesday's menu includes:

Starters and Soup: Mini Garden Salad, Pasta Fagioli Soup

Entrée and Sides: Lasagna, Sauteed Zucchini & Squash, Garlic Bread

Kid's Menu: Pizza

Visit saalem-bc.org/Wednesday-meal to see prices and menus for this month.