

THE SONLIGHT

MARCH 1, 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.

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

This Sunday, Cara Dawson will be baptized in our 11 AM service. Congratulations Cara! To learn more about baptism, please connect with one of our pastors before or after service on Sunday, or contact us at info@salem-bc.org or 919-362-7327.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850–1938) when we give to the annual offering for North American missions named after her. One hundred percent of gifts given directly support missionaries and their ministries. Salem's goal for 2020 is \$16,000. There are several ways you can give to the Annie Armstrong Offering. Text **SALEMBCAPEX** to **73256** and follow the prompts, visit www.salem-bc.org/give1 and select the Annie Armstrong Offering to give online, or grab one of the Annie Armstrong envelopes at the back of the Worship Center.



RESURRECTION LETTERS TOUR

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



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Bring a basket and come ready for fun! Easter Eggstravaganza is back! Children, ages 2 to 5th grade join us on **Saturday, April 4 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room** as we celebrate the significance of Easter with a story time and an egg hunt on the lawn. We are collecting plastic eggs and candy donations until March 29. Please bring donations to the church office or place them in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall.



FROM THE HEART

It was great to see nice large crowds at 11 AM again on Sunday in our third worship gathering. 2020 is off to a nice start at Salem, praise God.

By the time this article goes to publication we will have already conducted the Ash Wednesday service. If you follow national events you probably have seen that the “Mardi Gras” celebrations in New Orleans have been going on for several days now. A couple of drunken revelers have already been killed, getting hit by floats in the Mardi Gras parades. Mardi Gras, which is French for “Fat Tuesday” began as a day to eat rich foods before the fasting and denial of Ash Wednesday set in. Over the years it seems that Mardi Gras has increased and fasting and self-denial have decreased. Let’s use this entire season leading to Holy Week to reflect on the amazing grace found in Jesus.

Also, as we move toward Good Friday and Easter Weekend, I encourage you to get your Andrew Peterson tickets secured and get ready to have an amazing observance of Holy Week around Salem.

This weekend the Student Ministries will host DNOW 2020. It is always a tremendous weekend full of ministry and fellowship for our students. In advance I want to thank all the awesome host families who make it possible, as well as the teams of leaders who devote the entire weekend to serve the students and the Lord.

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

*Your Pastor,
J. Beckett*

MEMBERSHIP AT SALEM

ADULT AND STUDENT SEEDBED CLASSES

Our next Adult Seedbed Class will meet this **Sunday, March 1** and the next class for students will be **Sunday, April 5**. 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. Adults will meet from **9:40 AM to 12:00 PM in Room C227, and Students meet at 9:40 AM in the Big Youth Room** (upstairs Building B) and then go to the 11:00 AM service together. Parents are welcome to attend with students. Sign up today at www.salem-bc.org/upcoming-events.

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

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

On **June 26 – July 2**, the high school students will be going to Washington, D.C. to serve our mission partners at Veritas City Church. If you are interested in being a part of this great week on mission, come to the mission trip interest meeting on **March 15 from 3 – 4 PM in the Big Youth Room** and sign up with a deposit to save your spot at www.salem-bc.org/student-ministry.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

This summer we will be going on a NC Baptist's Deep Impact trip to Red Springs, NC from **July 27 – 31**. This is a middle school only mission trip. Students will have the opportunity to serve and proclaim the gospel in a variety of ways and gather together at night to worship. We have limited spots, so reserve your spot now at www.salem-bc.org/student-ministry.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S WORSHIP NIGHT

Ladies, join us on **Tuesday, March 31 at 7 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room** for a night of worship and teaching followed by fellowship and a coffee bar.

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.

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 fekeover@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**.

COMMUNITY

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! 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.

ANGEL TREE EASTER PARTY

There will be an **Angel Tree Easter Party on Friday, April 3 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. Angel Tree is an outreach program of Prison Fellowship serving the children of prisoners and their families and caregivers with the love of Christ. If you are interested in helping, or would like more information, contact Amber Douthitt at crossroadsprisonministrync@gmail.com.




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.

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 23, 2020

	Attendance: 754
	Last Week's Giving: \$39,906.02
	Weekly Budget: \$37,817.17
	YTD Giving: \$292,207.54
	YTD Budget: \$302,537.38
	Building Debt Retirement Fund (Given Last Week): \$5,247.00

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, March 1

8:15 AM	Traditional Worship
9:40 AM	Contemporary Worship
	Bible Fellowship Groups
11:00 AM	Blended Worship
	Bible Fellowship Groups
4:00 PM	Children's Choirs, Student Choir
5:00 PM	AWANA
	NO Student Ministry D-Groups due to DNOW

Wednesday, March 4

5:15 PM	Wednesday Fellowship Meal
6:30 PM	Pastor's Bible Study, Discipleship Classes
	Children's Mission Groups (Mission Friends, GAs, RAs)
	Wednesday Night Youth
8:00 PM	The Collective

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

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

Starters and Soup: Mini Garden Salad, Potato/Roasted Garlic Soup

Entrée and Sides: Pork Cutlets, Warm Spiced Apples, Red Cabbage, Dinner Rolls

Kid's Menu: Chicken Tenders

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