

# The Sonlight

## SALEM'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Edition

**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. If you have any questions about Salem, please email us at [info@salem-bc.org](mailto:info@salem-bc.org), or call our office at (919) 362-7327.



### From the Heart

I must say thank you again to all the folks who made DNOW 2020 such a tremendous event! To those of you who opened your homes, led small groups, cooked, transported and cared for our students all weekend long... THANK YOU. We had students accept Christ, others were reconciled to God or each other, and in general it was a great weekend. Also, at the wrap up service at 11 AM, lots of extra chairs had to be set out to accommodate the crowds, so praise God for all the blessings from the weekend. Speaking of the 11 AM service, congratulations to Cara Dawson regarding her baptism. It was a beautiful way to start the service!

While passing out "thank yous," I want to mention the Ash Wednesday service last Wednesday. I appreciate the various ministries suspending their activities so we could all gather in the worship area for that sweet service. The last two years I have had several people mention to me that it is their favorite worship event of the entire year. I really appreciate the pastors and musicians and the deacons who help make that particular service so special. To deacons Kevin Jackson and Don Wright...thank you for serving your church family so we could have that special communion event!

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

Your Pastor,  
J. Beckett

### 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 to give. You can text **SALEMBCAPEX** to **73256** and follow the prompts, visit [Salem-BC.org/give1](http://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.

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### 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 [Salem-BC.org/discipleship-classes](http://Salem-BC.org/discipleship-classes).



### Easter Eggstravaganza!

Easter Eggstravaganza is back! Children, ages 2 to 5th grade join us on **Saturday, April 4 from 3:30 PM 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. Bring a basket and come ready for fun!

## Get Involved!

### Missions & Service

#### Angel Tree Easter Party

Show the love of Christ at Easter by helping with the Angel Tree Easter Party for children of prisoners and their families or caregivers on **Friday, April 3 from 6 – 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. If interested, there will be a planning meeting on **March 10 at 6:30 PM in D124** and a Basket packing fellowship on **March 24, also at 6:30 PM in D124**.

To donate items for the Easter baskets go to:  
[http://bit.ly/Angel\\_Tree\\_Donations](http://bit.ly/Angel_Tree_Donations)

To sign-up to volunteer to help with the party visit:  
[http://bit.ly/Angel\\_Tree\\_Volunteer](http://bit.ly/Angel_Tree_Volunteer)

#### 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. Jewel Tones meets on Sunday at 4 PM. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jeff Olds at [jolds@salem-bc.org](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/backpack_donations).

#### GriefShare Facilitator

The Salem GriefShare Team is expanding and in need of facilitators, both men and women. GriefShare is a 13-week, video-based, small group seminar. If you are new to GriefShare, you would begin as an apprentice or co-facilitator as you learn the much needed ministry. For more information, contact Kay Raymond at (919) 632-1352 or [kayisblessed@yahoo.com](mailto:kayisblessed@yahoo.com).

## MEMBERSHIP AT SALEM

### Adult & Student Seedbed Classes



Our next Adult and Student Seedbed Classes will meet on **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 [Salem-BC.org/upcoming-events](http://Salem-BC.org/upcoming-events).

## KIDS MINISTRY

### Kid's Seedbed Class

The next Kids' Seedbed Class will be on **Wednesday, May 6 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 [Salem-BC.org/childrens-ministry](http://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**. For more information and to sign-up go to [Salem-BC.org/student-ministry](http://Salem-BC.org/student-ministry).

### Middle School Mission Trip

This summer the Middle School students will be going on a NC Baptist's Deep Impact mission trip to Red Springs, NC from **July 27 – 31**. Students will have the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel in a variety of ways. Find out more and reserve your spot at: [Salem-BC.org/student-ministry](http://Salem-BC.org/student-ministry)

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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### 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

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### Women's Bible Study

Whether wives, working women, or leaders, the women in the Bible represent a rich heritage of faith and service. In this Bible Study, *Life Lessons from Women in the Bible*, Rhonda Harrington Kelley takes you on a fascinating journey into the personal lives, culture, and circumstances of more than 30 Bible women. Join us as we explore each woman's relationship with God and her role in His plan. You'll discover important lessons for your own walk of faith through this study. The study meets on **Wednesdays, March 25 – May 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in Room D132**, and is led by Tammy Pressley. Register at [Salem-BC.org/discipleship-classes](http://Salem-BC.org/discipleship-classes).

## SENIOR EXPLORERS

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### 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](mailto:fekeover@gmail.com).

### The Story of Easter

The Salem Explorers (Senior Adults) will be going to Piney Grove Baptist Church in Williamston, NC to attend the drama, "The Story of Easter" on **Friday, April 3**. This is an excellent outdoor drama presented by church members. You may bring stadium seats, cushions, blankets, etc. if desired. The chartered bus will leave the church at **3:00 PM** with a late anticipated return time. Dinner will be on your own at a prearranged restaurant. Contact Marie Holt for reservations at [holtsf4jesus@earthlink.net](mailto:holtsf4jesus@earthlink.net) or (919) 417-8337. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, March 22.

## SPECIAL EVENT

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### 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 [Salem-BC.org/upcoming-events](http://Salem-BC.org/upcoming-events) for more information and to purchase tickets.

## COMMUNITY

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### 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: [Salem-BC.org/finance-admin-job](http://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](mailto:financesearchsbc@gmail.com).

### Diapers and Donuts

Lindsey, Ashley and Courtney Thompson would like to invite you to join them for diapers and donuts on **April 5 in the Café area of Bldg. D from 2 – 4 PM**. Katie and Mark Thompson are having TWIN girls in May. Come celebrate with us and bring diapers of all sizes to help support the sweet new additions. Questions? Email Lindsey Thompson at [lindseythompson02@gmail.com](mailto:lindseythompson02@gmail.com).

## Last Week's Snapshot: March 1, 2020

	Attendance: 874
	Last Week's Giving: \$48,563.72
	Weekly Budget: \$37,817.17
	YTD Giving: \$340,761.26
	YTD Budget: \$340,354.56
	Building Debt Retirement Fund (Given Last Week): \$4,156.00
	YTD Annie Armstrong Offering: \$1,289.40

## This Week at Salem

Sunday, March 8	
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
	Student Ministry D-Groups
Wednesday, March 11	
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, Manhattan Clam Chowder

**Entrée and Sides:** Chicken Parmesan, Baked Ziti, Sautéed Broccoli, Garlic Bread

**Kid's Menu:** Hot Dogs

Visit [Salem-BC.org/Wednesday-meal](https://Salem-BC.org/Wednesday-meal) to see prices and menus for this month.



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