

The Sonlight

SALEM'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 22nd, 2020 Edition

Hello Salem Family! We miss worshipping in person with you, but hope you are staying safe at home. Please join us this Sunday, March 22nd for another Online Worship Service (details inside the Sonlight). If you are isolated and unable to leave your home and need assistance during this time, or have a prayer request, please call the church office at (919) 362-7327 or contact us at info@salem-bc.org. At Salem our mission is to glorify God, make disciples who pursue Jesus, and share His story. We pray that God will use us during this time of uncertainty to glorify His name and offer support and hope to those around us.



From the Heart

I hope everyone was able to find a way to see the Facebook recording of the worship service last week. Pastor Nick read an awesome Psalm and intro'd the service. Jeff and Daniel brought us some really well-chosen

songs with lyrics scrolling, and the message was from Mark 4, "Jesus Calms the Storm." It was a blessing to be a part of the ministry. The Facebook stats show over 3,500 reached and over 1,800 views on the service, so it seems like it got pretty good traction. However, it would make a huge impact if several more of you who are highly active on Facebook decided to "share" the service next week. It is a small thing that can make a big difference. So, the plan going forward is to stream a digital service again this weekend. And then mid to late next week re-assess where things stand and listen carefully to the directives coming from state health officials. So please stay tuned. Unfortunately, it does appear the social distancing is likely to continue for at least another month or more.

I have asked the staff to pass this message along to all ministries and committees they liaison with: "I urge all staff, committees and ministries of Salem to go into full austerity mode immediately. Please curtail any and all spending, save what is only absolutely essential. We can push back scheduled projects, repairs and updates. Hold off on planned purchases, and adjust all thermostats in our mostly empty buildings to start with."

Together we can weather this storm. Also, we urge those who are able, to continue to graciously give of tithes and offerings. With the social distancing going on all around us, resulting from viral spread precautions, it had me thinking about finding any silver linings I could in the situation. Here are a few I came up with:

1. We have a chance to re-learn the doctrine of the Church. Church is not an address, edifice, or institution it is the Body of Christ in the world, being salt and light;
2. These times also give us the chance to be a good neighbor. Instead of buying two years' worth of toilet paper we can buy two weeks' worth and leave some for our neighbors. We can support local and small businesses. We can look after the elderly in our flock and in our neighborhoods and make sure they are well supplied.
3. These times could help us re-connect with family. Take small day trips somewhere, bust out the board games, gather in small huddles with your BFG groups, do a home improvement project together, serve someone in the neighborhood.

Whatever we do with our time, let's try to help one another not give in to worry and fear. These times will pass, and God will not put more on you than you can bear. If you hear about a Salem person in crisis, PLEASE LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY!

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

*Your Pastor,
J. Beckett*

STAY CONNECTED

Online Worship Service

This weekend we will not meet on campus for worship or activities. Instead, we will record and stream a worship service, which will be available on **Sunday, March 22 at 11 AM** and anytime afterwards. You can access this service either from our website, Salem-BC.org, or our Salem BC facebook page, facebook.com/SalemBC. Recordings will also be made available in the Salem app and on our podcast within a couple of days. Be sure to share the service with your facebook friends.

GIVING

We understand that this is a time of financial uncertainty for everyone, including the church. More than ever we must step out in faith as we give to our church and others, trusting God to provide for our needs. If you would like to know how you can contribute to the church while we are not gathering on campus there are many ways. If you prefer checks, please make sure you mail your contribution to our church office address:

1205 Salem Church Road
Apex, NC 27523

If you've never tried online giving, now is the perfect time. It's simple and easy to make a one time payment or to set up recurring payments online. To give online, go to http://bit.ly/SBC_Give and follow the these prompts:

1. Enter the giving amount
2. Select a fund (General, Annie Armstrong, etc.)
3. Click on "+ add more" if you would like to give to more than one fund.
4. Enter your email address
5. You may continue as a "guest", enter your password if you have already set up an ACS account, or confirm your email to create an account. (Creating an account allows you to save payments, set up a recurring gift, make changes to your profile information, edit registrations, and view your giving information anytime by logging in to your account from our website link.)
6. Select a frequency for the gift (one time, once a month, etc.) and an effective date.
7. Enter your account information (Credit/Debit Card, Checking or Savings).
8. Select "Give"

We also have text giving at Salem. Text [SALEMBCAPEX](https://text.giving.org/SalemBCAPEX) to **73256** and follow the prompts.

EVENT UPDATES

The following events have been cancelled or postponed. We will continue to evaluate the situation on a week by week basis and keep you informed of any additional changes.

Women's Bible Study

The start date for the Women's Wednesday night Bible Study, *Life Lessons from Women in the Bible*, has been postponed. If you have registered for the study, please check your email for updates from Tammy Pressley.

Spring GriefShare

Salem's Spring GriefShare Class will resume once our campus re-opens. If you have registered to attend, Kay Raymond will email you directly once that date has been established. You may also check Salem's group listed at griefshare.org for updates.

Angel Tree Easter Party

The Angel Tree Easter Party for children of prisoners and their families or caregivers that was planned for Friday, April 3, has been postponed to **Saturday, June 6**. Amber Douthitt will send the new sign-up information and details when they are worked out.

Easter Eggstravaganza

We are sorry to announce that our Easter Eggstravaganza, planned for Saturday, April 4, has been cancelled. We want everyone to stay safe.

Women's Worship Night

The Women's Worship Night planned for Tuesday, March 31 has been postponed to a later date to be announced.

March Craft and Crop

Formerly scheduled for March 27 - 28, the March Craft and Crop event has been canceled.

The Story of Easter

The Salem Explorers' trip to Pine Grove Baptist Church to attend the drama, "The Story of Easter" on Friday, April 3, has been cancelled.

Panama Mission Trip

The Panama Mission Trip planned for April 4-9 has been postponed to a later date to be announced.

KID'S MINISTRY

Kid's Seedbed Class

A Kid's Seedbed Class is planned for **Wednesday, May 6 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in C227**. A parent must attend with their child. Register at [Salem-BC.org/childrens-ministry](https://www.salem-bc.org/childrens-ministry).

COMMUNITY

Church Office Hours

Beginning Monday, March 23, the church office hours of operation will be adjusted to **Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, until further notice. Even though you may not be able to reach us by phone after 1:00 PM, we will still be checking our email. Please feel free to email us at info@salem-bc.org. You may also contact our deacons, if needed, at deacons@salem-bc.org.

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](https://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.

Prayer

Did you know that Salem has a weekly Intercessors' Prayer List? We also send out daily prayer emails, when needed, to our Salem Prayer Warriors, who are committed to interceding in prayer for others. If you have a prayer request that you would like to share with the church body, please submit it by contacting Sharon Monroe at smonroe@salem-bc.org. If you would like to be a Prayer Warrior and receive prayer requests, please let Sharon know as well.

Get Involved!

Missions & Service

Helping during COVID-19

If you would like to help local families without transportation, or elderly shut-ins with delivery of hot meals, contact Ashley Moore, of our Missions Committee at honeyash8@gmail.com

MissionApex Lunch bags

You can also contact Ashley at honeyash8@gmail.com, if you would like to help create breakfast and lunch bags for kids at MissionApex who typically receive lunch at school. Easy-to-use items to include are listed below. You can create one or as many bags as you want. (Feel free to include a note or scripture if you want to.) Contact Ashley for delivery information. Items to include:

- Ramen noodle meals
- Individual microwavable macaroni and cheese
- Frozen pizza rolls
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Ritz crackers
- Fruit—bananas, oranges, apples, grapes, etc.
- Cheez-its
- Chips
- Gummie fruit snacks
- Canned Chef Boyardee (ravioli, spaghetti)
- Lunchables
- Yogurt

Western Wake Crisis Center

One way we can help those in our community that are worried about having food to eat and being able to pay their basic bills is to donate to the Western Wake Crisis Center. The Western Wake Crisis Ministry in Apex is providing curb-side pickup from 11 AM to 2 PM, Monday–Thursday, as well as emergency assistance with rent and other needs. Direct financial contributions are the most help in allowing them to meet the growing critical needs of our neighbors. Click here for more information: [wwcm.org](https://www.wbcm.org).