

2022 Spring Calendar of Events

(Subject to Change)

2/6 – Starting Adult Study Group @ 9 a.m. on “A Life God Rewards” by Bruce Wilkinson. (This group will meet weekly)

2/6 – Congregational Annual Meeting after worship

3/2 – Ash Wednesday

3/9 – Lenten Service 7 p.m. (Bible Study)

3/16 – Lenten Service 7 p.m. (Bible Study)

3/23 – Lenten Service 7 p.m. (Bible Study)

3/30 – Lenten Service 7 p.m. (Bible Study)

4/6 – Lenten Service 7 p.m. (Bible Study)

4/10 – Palm Sunday

4/14 – Maundy Thursday

4/15 – Good Friday

4/17 – Easter Sunday, Communion

4/24 – Rogation Sunday

5/8 – Mother’s Day

5/29 – Memorial Day Service

5/30 – Memorial Day service at the Cemetery 10 a.m.

6/5 – Pentecost Sunday, Communion

We are having Choir practices on Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. and Sundays 9:15 a.m. **starting the week of March 6th.**

Come join us as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies." - **Hudson Taylor**

Plans are in the works for getting a Teen (ages 13-19) Youth Group up and running again at Salem. We hope to kick this off with a "fun activity" and we will be encouraging Salem teens to attend and bring a friend along if they'd like for this kick-off event. More information will be coming in the near future on the specifics once a few more details are hammered out. Tina Randall will be taking the lead on the Youth Group for now, but will appreciate and welcome other adult help as we move forward. Please get contact information (names, emails, phone numbers, and/or addresses) for any teens that are affiliated with our church to her, so she can reach out to them regarding the Youth Group or pass her contact information on to the teens directly. Her email is tinaandjasonrandall@gmail.com and email is probably the best way to contact her with her work schedule. The loose description of the Youth Group moving forward will include a variety of fun activities and service/volunteer activities (and, of course, a Biblical focus) geared toward the interests of and ideas determined by the Salem Teens themselves.

We also want to collect a list of special activities, events, and extra-curriculars (sporting events, musical performances, Robotics Club events, Drama productions, etc.) that our youth are involved in, so all church members can show their support if so inclined. Please send a list of activities to Tina Randall via the above email and she will compile a Master Calendar of Youth Activities that can then be shared with church members. Note, that care will be taken to not advertise our youth's full names on any PUBLIC social media platform (Facebook).



Church Council

2022

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| President: | Rodney Peters (Head Elder) |
| Vice. Pres.: | Drelah Grieger (Trustee) |
| Secretary: | Kate Poort (Elder) |
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| Memorial: | Larry Pierce (Elder) |
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A Prayer for Our Pastor



Lord, let me be a pillar of strength to hold him up, and not a thorn in his flesh to sap his strength, nor a burden on his back to pull him down. Let me support him without striving to possess him. Let me lift his hands without placing shackles around them. Let me give him help that he may devote more time in working for the salvation of others and less time in gratifying my vanity. Let me work for him as the minister of all the members, and not compel him to spend precious time bragging on me. Let me strive to be happy as he serves me less and others more. Amen.

From The Anglican Digest

The primary job of a Pastor as the Scripture defines it is the teaching of God's Word, for the maturing of His saints; to prepare those saints for ministry to others. This is always presented as a series of partnerships. It makes a personal relationship and a walk with God essential.

It is essential for a Pastor to have a relationship with God because of this call to teaching. This relationship with God is essential to those who are taught because the Pastor is not the Holy Spirit or the final authority. Each person owes it to themselves to identify what God wants them to do. We are all responsible for our own decisions.

Covid had made decision making difficult, and often unattractive as it pertains to the church and the commitments required of us. Now we are hearing people say that Covid and its mutations may become a normal part of life, like the flu or other illnesses.

Public health threats are not new. In 1869 the vacuum cleaner was invented. A clean home like we know it today was mostly unknown. Life expectancy was 39 years. Infant mortality was 32%. Nurses today know medicine better than most doctors did in 1869. The normal things we consider as comforts of home, were not present when our church was founded

People went to church with No plumbing, No cars, No A/C, with Pastors often lacking training and tools; compared to today. People saw church as a necessity, partly because of Scripture, partly because of social pressure and partly because of needs.

As a boy, I was taught that risking health and even life, for the gospel was honorable and necessary. We see this in the lives of Jesus' disciples. They were faithful unto death. The Apostle Paul told us, "...to live is Christ and to die is gain".

These examples form my commitments today. Anyone who wants to see me will have my full attention.

All that to say, your decisions must be yours. We do not take the same risks as Paul. They are not available to us. Each person must weigh for themself what risks God would have them choose.

We can conform to the actions of others, but faith that is sustaining in the crisis' is the result of our choices.

