

The Sonlight

SALEM'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 5th, 2020 Edition



From the Heart

Dear Church Family,

So be honest, are you in your pajamas right now? Get off that couch, throw on some real clothes and get out in the yard and do something! Sorry, that was a little pep talk I have been giving myself a lot lately.

In all seriousness, I do urge us to make the most of these days. We have constant podcasts and content coming your way, so I do hope you are making the time to check out what is being offered on Facebook. This coming weekend the message will be based around the Triumphant Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to begin Holy Week. Jesus knew exactly what he was headed into, yet he headed straight into the viper's den with such faith and purpose. He pushed aside threats and fears and completed God's amazing plan of redemption. I think there is a great lesson in this for us, as we push through the daily grind of "shelter in place" and coronavirus updates. The novelty of the stay at home life has worn off and now we are down to faith and perseverance. Let's prove God stronger than our fears and for that matter stronger than anything else.

Thank you, Salem, for all you do for the Kingdom of God here around Salem and far beyond.

Your Pastor,
J Beckett

Hello Salem Family!

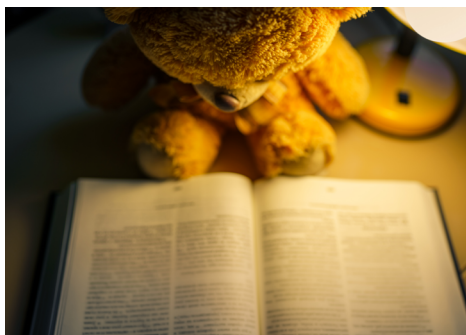
We miss worshipping in person with you, but hope you are staying safe at home. We are pleased to see so many of you joining us online for worship. If you need assistance during this time, or have a prayer request, please reach out to one of our pastors by emailing pastors@Salem-BC.org. You may also email our pastors individually (email contacts in Sonlight). 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.

Online Worship

Please join us on **Sunday, April 5**, for an online worship service, which will be available **at 11:00 AM** and anytime afterwards. You can access this service either from our website Salem-BC.org, or our Salem Baptist facebook page, facebook.com/SalemBC. Be sure to share the service with your facebook friends. Recordings will also be made available on the Salem app in our podcast listings within a couple of days. If you have missed a worship service or interactive online bible study, you can visit our website Facebook Stream Archive page, Salem-BC.org/facebook-stream-archive, to view past posts.



PALM SUNDAY

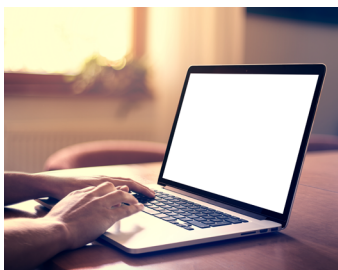


Bible Story Time

Announcing a special treat for your preschoolers, *Kid's Corner*! Each **Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 AM**, Mrs. Lee will be reading online from the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. Your preschoolers can watch from the Salem **Kids' Facebook** page or find the link on our Salem

website Children's Ministry page, Salem-BC.org/childrens-ministry. Don't worry, if you can't join at that time, you can watch the video later. Please convey this message from Mrs. Lee to your preschoolers, *"I miss you and love you all and can't wait until we can gather together again!"*

STAY CONNECTED



Online Bible Study

Join Pastor Justin Carmona on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM** for a live interactive bible study. You can access the bible study on our Salem facebook page, facebook.com/SalemBC.

New Website Page

Is digital church overwhelming for you? Find everything you need to know in one place. Go to the website page Salem-BC.org/covid19-services and view all activities that are taking place during the "shutdown."

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Youth Group LIVE!

The Youth Group is live on Friday nights! Join us **Friday Nights at 6:30 PM** on [Instagram](#).

Virtual Discipleship Group

Students, Pastor Mike is leading a helpful study on the attributes we should see in the life of a devoted follower of Jesus. Let's grow together! **Sunday Evenings at 5:30 PM** on [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#)

GIVING

Everything You Need to Know While at Home



There are several ways you can contribute to the church while we are not gathering on campus. If you prefer checks, please mail your contribution to our office address or place it in the lock box located on the side porch of the church office. We will be checking our mail and drop off box daily. Please mail checks to:

**1205 Salem Church Road
Apex, NC 27523**

GIVING (CONT.)

Online Giving

If you've never tried online giving, now is the perfect time. It's fast, easy and convenient. To give online, click on http://bit.ly/SBC_Give (or go to our website giving page) 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. Click Continue.

6. Choose how you want to give:
 - a. To give a one time donation, click continue as guest.
 - b. To set up a recurring donation, choose Sign in or Create an Account.
7. Select a frequency for the gift (one time, once a month, etc.) and an effective date.
8. Enter your account information (Credit/Debit Card, Checking or Savings).
9. Select "Give"

If you choose to Create an Account, look for an email with instructions on creating a password to sign in and manage your gift.

Text Giving

We also have text giving at Salem. Text [SALEMBCAPEX](#) to **73256** and follow the prompts.

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. If you would like to give to Annie Armstrong, please note on the memo line of your check, or if giving online, select the Annie Armstrong Fund.

EVENT UPDATES

Andrew Peterson – New Date



The Andrew Peterson Resurrection Letters Concert Tour scheduled for April 10 at Salem has been re-scheduled to **Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM**. If you purchased a ticket, it will be honored at this date. If you require a refund, please email heythere@faithevents.com. We hope to see you on our new date, September 14!

COMMUNITY

Church Office

Due to the Wake County stay-at-home order, the church office is closed. Although our office will be closed to visitors, the functionality of the office will continue. We will continue to receive and process donations by mail and are monitoring email and phone messages. If you need assistance please leave us a message at (919) 362- 7327 or email us at info@salem-bc.org.

Contact Us

Please contact one of our pastors or deacons should you, or a member you know, be in need of prayer or supply. Salem has a modest benevolence fund for members who have an urgent financial need. You may reach our deacons by emailing them at deacons@salem-bc.org and our team of pastors at pastors@salem-bc.org. Individual contact information is below:

Sr. Pastor Jeff Beckett jbeckett@salem-bc.org

Pastor Justin Carmona . . . jcarmona@salem-bc.org

Pastor Josh Komis jkomis@salem-bc.org

Pastor Wesley Scoggins . wscoggins@salem-bc.org

Pastor Nick Sennert. nsennert@salem-bc.org

Pastor Mike Cooper. mcooper@salem-bc.org

Pastor Jeff Olds jolds@salem-bc.org

Pastor Daniel Barkley dbarkley@salem-bc.org

You may also contact Sharon Monroe, Ministry Assistant at smonroe@salem-bc.org with prayer requests for our Salem Prayer Warriors.

COMMUNITY (CONT.)

Diapers and Donuts

Unfortunately, the baby shower for Katie Thompson, scheduled for April 5, has been canceled. If you would still like to bless Katie and Mark with a gift of diapers or some other gift, Katie is registered at Target, you can mail it to their address: 1624 Glengarry Drive, Cary, NC 27511
Thank you! ~Lindsey, Ashley & Courtney Thompson

Get Involved! Missions & Service

Helping during COVID-19

If you would like to help with delivery of hot meals or supplies to homebound families and individuals, contact Ashley Moore, of our Missions Committee at honeyash8@gmail.com

Re-entry Backpacks

Prison systems are releasing prisoners with a bond of less than \$5,000, and many people are petitioning to release more. Inmates who don't have a home to go to are released with nothing but the clothes on their back. They are taken to a family resource center where they may be placed in transitional housing, but there is a shortage, and many will end up in homeless shelters. The Outrageous Justice bible study class was planning to make re-entry backpacks for these folks, but are unable to get together to make them. With this more timely need, Amber Douthitt will be making the backpacks herself and dropping them off as they are completed. Amber is still in need of Wal-Mart gift cards for the backpacks. If you would like to help, contact Amber at (919) 562-0244 or crossroadprisonministrync@gmail.com.

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 1 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. For more information visit: wwcm.org.