

The Sonlight

SALEM'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 10th, 2020 Edition



From the Heart

Hello Salem! This is a good day because today we are one day closer to being together as a church family. I have been encouraged by all of

the stories I have heard about how Salem is continuing to be the Church in spite of us not being able to meet in person. I guess the church really isn't a building after all. If you have any needs at all please reach out to our deacons, BFGs, or pastors. We are called to serve and love each for the Glory of God. Let us as a church continue to do that.

Though we are not able to meet in person, Salem is still doing all we can to continue the life and ministry of the church. I am grateful that it is the Lord who is in control and he has brought so many wonderful people to Salem to make this happen. I am grateful for the incredible team who puts together our worship service every Sunday. Many of them are volunteers and they are using their gifts and talents in an exceptional way.

The staff has begun to look at re-opening options that adhere to the laws of our state. We will be working with various committees and ministries in order to make this happen as safely as possible. This will probably look different compared to our usual Sunday morning for a bit because we will be following the guidelines for each phase. We appreciate your prayers as we work towards this goal.

Finally, Sunday is Mother's Day. I know that this day has different meanings to so many people. I pray wherever you are today that you are able to find comfort in Isaiah 66:13 — As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you. I am grateful for all of the moms who have loved so many so well at Salem. I pray that whether you are a mom or not, whether you have a good relationship with your mom or not, whether you are mourning the loss of your mom, wherever you are — that you would be comforted by our great God today and every day. May we continue to find comfort in his grace and mercy.

Megan and I love you and are here for you.

Justin Carmona
Pastor of Families and Group Life

Hello Salem Family! We miss worshipping in person with you, but hope you are staying safe at home. Please join us for **online worship this Sunday at 11:00 AM** (details are further in the Sonlight). If you need assistance or prayer during this time, please reach out to our pastors by emailing them at pastors@Salem-BC.org. At Salem our mission is to glorify God, make disciples who pursue Jesus, and share His story.



Women's Worship Night

Salem Women, join us **Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 PM** for an uplifting night of praise and worship just for you! This online service will be available for viewing on our Salem Facebook page, facebook.com/SalemBC.



Website Redesign

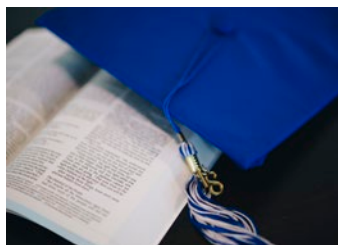
Have you heard? Salem has a new and improved website. You will still be able to find us at the same

location, Salem-BC.org, and all of your saved links remain the same. The new website is designed to be user friendly for those searching for more information on visiting Salem. It may take a little while to get used to the new format, so we encourage you to explore and discover. If you have trouble finding anything there is a search feature present in the upper-right of every page, or if you need more help feel free to contact us at media@Salem-BC.org for further assistance.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Senior Salute

On **Sunday, May 17** we will recognize our graduating high school seniors during our 11 AM online service and in the Sonlight for that weekend. Also, at **5:30 PM**



on **Sunday, May 17**, we will share a Facebook video program for the youth and their family! . Seniors, we are so proud of you, and we want this to be a special day, in spite of the lock-down.

Vacation Bible Awesomeness

Vacation Bible Awesomeness is our epic summer student gathering! During VBA, we will learn from Philippians 1:6 about the work Christ is doing in us from "Start to Finish". Each night will feature a crazy theme, games, and Bible teaching. It's the perfect opportunity to invite your friends to come and hear about Jesus. VBA is taking place the evenings of **August 10-13** and is absolutely FREE! Sign up at Salem-BC.org/student-ministry and share the link with your friends so you all can get a free t-shirt. See you there!



Girls' and Guys' Groups

Groups for high school and middle school girls meet on **Wednesday's at 4 PM** on **Zoom** and we've also started a brand new group just for guys which meets at the same time. If you'd like to join in this fun and spiritually uplifting group, just email Pastor Josh at jkomis@Salem-BC.org or Pastor Mike at mcooper@Salem-BC.org, for the link.

Youth LIVE!

On **Friday nights at 6:30 PM** the Youth Group goes LIVE on Zoom! Join us for a fun game, brief devotion and small group time with your favorite leaders. Check your student ministry email for instructions to join the group.

STUDENT MINISTRY (CONT.)

Camp Caswell Update

Caswell is still on! We are so excited to still be going for a slightly shortened week, **July 13-16**. The 2020 camp theme is "CALLED" based on 2 Timothy 1:9. Camp is for students who have completed grades 6-12. Because of the shortened week, the cost of camp will be reduced. Watch for more details in your student ministry email!

KIDS MINISTRY



Kids' Church

Kids! Make sure you join Pastor Scoggins, "P-Dubbs", on **Saturday mornings at 10:30 AM** for Kids' Church online. Kids' Church is available for viewing at 10:30 AM and after on [Salem Kids' Facebook](#) and YouTube: bit.ly/Kids_Youtube.

Kids' Corner

Parents, make sure your preschoolers don't miss this special treat, *Kid's Corner* with Mrs. Lee Nourse! 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 from our website, Salem-BC.org/kids-ministry. Don't worry, if you can't watch at that time, you can view the video later on our website or on Facebook.

VBS - New Date

Due to Covid-19 guidelines on gatherings, we have re-scheduled our morning and evening Vacation Bible School to the week of **August 10-14**. If you have already registered for VBS, we hope you can join us in August and you do not need to register again. If you have yet to register, you can still sign-up by going to Salem-BC.org/vbs-2020. We hope you can join us in August!



COMMUNITY (CONT.)

Worship Services

Please join us online, **Sunday, May 10 at 11:00 AM** as we worship together as a church family. The online service will air at 11:00 AM, but will also be available anytime afterwards. You can access the services either from our website Salem-BC.org, or our Salem Facebook page, facebook.com/SalemBC. Be sure to share them with your Facebook friends. If you have missed a worship service or interactive online bible study you can visit our Facebook Stream Archive page on our website at: Salem-BC.org/facebook-stream-archive to view past posts. If you do not have access to the Internet in order to watch the sermons online, please contact our office at info@saalem-bc.org, to request a CD.

Virtual Church Conference



The next quarterly Church Conference will be held online, **Sunday, May 17 at 6:35 PM**, via *WebEx*. While this meeting is open to the entire congregation, you must be a Salem

member in order to vote. Please look for information on how to join the meeting in next week's *Sonlight*. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at info@saalem-bc.org.

College Graduates

Parents, we would like to recognize our college graduates in the *Sonlight* for all their hard work. If you have a son or daughter that graduated from college this past December or in May, please let us know by emailing us at media@saalem-bc.org by **Monday, May 11**.

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 Baptist Church Facebook page facebook.com/SalemBC.

Online GriefShare

Great news, Salem GriefShare will be meeting online while our campus is closed. Online meetings will begin on **Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 PM**, but you can join in at any time. For more information and registration go to griefshare.org/groups/121606.

Get Involved!

Missions & Service

Serving during COVID-19

The current pandemic presents an incredible opportunity for the church to show the love of Christ to our community. If you would like to stay informed of opportunities by receiving emails about local mission projects, please contact Ashley Moore at honeyash8@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

Listed below are just a few ways you can help our local community. Visit our website at Salem-BC.org/local-missions-volunteer-opportunities for more information and opportunities.

Deliver Meals or Groceries

Help with the delivery of hot meals or supplies to homebound families and individuals, contact Sharon Monroe at smonroe@Salem-BC.org for a sign-up link.

Adopt-a-Unit

Bible Fellowship Groups (BFGs) or individuals can contribute to adopt-a-unit for donating catered meals or treats for hospital or EMS workers on the 'front lines' working with COVID patients. The primary purpose will be to share the love of Jesus. If you are interested in organizing your small group to adopt a unit, contact Sharon Monroe, Ministry Assistant, at smonroe@Salem-BC.org.

Write a Letter or Note

Send an encouraging note or letter with scripture to some of our homebound members or to first responders to be included with the adopt-a-unit catered meals. Contact Sharon Monroe, Ministry Assistant, at smonroe@Salem-BC.org.

Donate \$ to the Food Bank

Currently the Western Wake Crisis Center in Apex has enough food, but could use monetary donations to help families with other needs, such as rent and health care costs, as this crisis stretches on. To make a donation, go to wcm.org/financial-donations.

GIVING



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

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 and click "Giving" and then the "Submit a Donation" button) and follow 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 to manage your gift.

Text Giving

Did you know that we have text giving at Salem? Just text **SALEMBCAPEX** to **73256** and follow the prompts.

STAY CONNECTED

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:

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

Pastor Josh Komis jkomis@salem-bc.org

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Pastor Jeff Olds jolds@salem-bc.org

Pastor Daniel Barkley dbarkley@salem-bc.org

Please contact Sharon Monroe, Ministry Assistant at smonroe@salem-bc.org with prayer requests for our Salem Prayer Warriors. We want to pray for you.

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. The best way to reach us is by emailing, info@salem-bc.org.

Last Week's Financial Snapshot: May 3, 2020

♥	Last Week's Giving: \$35,295.97
	Weekly Budget: \$37,817.17
📅	YTD Giving: \$656,463.14
	YTD Budget: \$680,709.11
🏠	Building Debt Retirement Fund (Given Last Week): \$3,445.00
	YTD Annie Armstrong Offering: \$14,249.00

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