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SALEM FIRST BAPTIST

Pastor
Dr. Andy DeWitt

Dear Church Family,

The Apostle Paul is clear when he writes, ¹⁶ *All Scripture is inspired by God^[a] and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness,* (2 Timothy 3:16). With this in view, you understand how important it is for us to read, think about, and obey Scripture. This month we, as a church, have the opportunity to read the book of Proverbs. There are 31 chapters in Proverbs and 31 days in March. Each day we can read a chapter that corresponds to the day of the month. Not only are we all reading the same passage of Scripture on the same day, we are gleaming wisdom for living. The theme of the book is found in 1:7, *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline.* We live in confusing and complicated days; wisdom is something that we all need.

There is good news on the horizon. The number of active COVID cases is decreasing. I was told that we are at 1% in our area. With the number of infected people decreasing, others being vaccinated, and some who have recovered from COVID, we can see the light at the end of the preverbal tunnel. Please note that we are not beyond it yet and no one is sure when we will be; however, the positive sign is that it is clearly evident that we are moving in the right direction. We are almost at the anniversary of the so called “two-week shelter-at-home to flatten the curve.” Who would imagine that two weeks would extend beyond a year!

Next month, April 16-18, we are privileged to host a Prayer and Spiritual Warfare Conference with Dr. Church Lawless. Dr. Lawless is an expert on the subject and has taught students and missionaries how to navigate through Spiritual Warfare for many years. He is the author of several books including *Disciplined Warriors* and *Spiritual Warfare*. Mark your calendars now; you won't want to miss the sessions when he is with us. Remember what Paul states in Ephesians 6:

¹⁰ *Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength.* ¹¹ *Put on the full armor of of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil.* ¹² *For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.* ¹³ *For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.* ¹⁴ *Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest,* ¹⁵ *and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace.* ¹⁶ *In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.* ¹⁷ *Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God.* ¹⁸ *Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.*

Satan and his hoard will do all that they can to stop us because he knows that *we are part of something great.* But we are not ignorant of his schemes.

Grace and peace,
Andy

READING THE BIBLE THROUGH IN A YEAR

TURNING POINT'S BIBLE READING PLAN

One of the best ways to know God is to become acquainted with the full counsel of His written Word. This reading plan will guide you through all 66 books of the Bible in the coming year.

MARCH

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|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Deuteronomy 26 - 27 | 11 Joshua 21 - 22 | 21 Ruth 1 - 4 |
| 2 Deuteronomy 28 - 29 | 12 Joshua 23 - 24 | 22 1 Samuel 1 - 3 |
| 3 Deuteronomy 30 - 32 | 13 Judges 1 - 3 | 23 1 Samuel 4 - 7 |
| 4 Deuteronomy 33 - 34 | 14 Judges 4 - 5 | 24 1 Samuel 8 - 12 |
| 5 Joshua 1 - 4 | 15 Judges 6 - 8 | 25 1 Samuel 13 - 14 |
| 6 Joshua 5 - 7 | 16 Judges 9 - 10 | 26 1 Samuel 15 - 16 |
| 7 Joshua 8 - 10 | 17 Judges 11 - 13 | 27 1 Samuel 17 - 18 |
| 8 Joshua 11 - 13 | 18 Judges 14 - 16 | 28 1 Samuel 19 - 21 |
| 9 Joshua 14 - 17 | 19 Judges 17 - 19 | 29 1 Samuel 22 - 24 |
| 10 Joshua 18 - 20 | 20 Judges 20 - 21 | 30 1 Samuel 25 - 27 |
| | | 31 1 Samuel 28 - 31 |



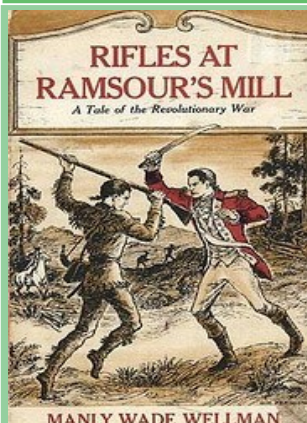
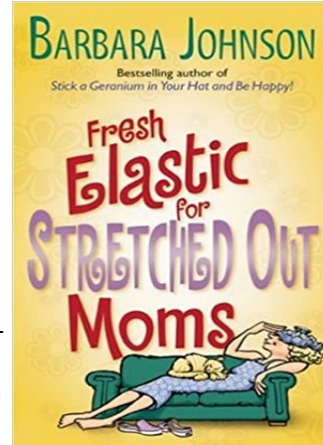
Library News/Trustees



Your Librarian
Sharon Dennis



A favorite for many years, *Fresh Elastic for Stretched-Out Moms* is for all moms whose hearts have been broken by their children. Barbara Johnson understands the hopelessness that they experience when children choose a rebellious lifestyle, sever a relationship, commit suicide, are seriously injured, are caught in an addiction, or engage in any other hurtful behavior. With compassion, understanding, and humor intact, she gently leads readers through a "year of recovery" to a fresh, hope-filled start. Through anecdotes, poems, jokes, poignant stories, and letters, readers will capture Johnson's infectious enthusiasm for life and learn to trust God for victory over depression and despair.



Zack Harper, at the request of his lovely neighbor Grace, enters the North Carolina woods in search of her brother Godfrey, suspected of having joined the Tory forces. Once captured, Zack's innocent story falls on deaf ears and he is sentenced to be hanged. Godfrey's loyalty to his cause does not preclude his indirect part in helping a good neighbor escape and when Zack returns home, he is no longer a neutral but a staunch rebel who responds instantly to Samuel Martin's call to arms. Because of his knowledge of the South Fork area, Zack is sent on dangerous scouting expeditions from which he gleans important information pertaining to arsenals and territory for the Rebels.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR MARCH

I want to thank Kevin Keele, Steve Smith, Keaton Keele, Kory Keele, Troy Keele, and Chuck McLean for the snow removal they have done on the parking lots and sidewalks. With all the snow we had in February it takes a lot of work to clear the snow off these areas. I want to thank Ken Smith for installing a new battery in the church vehicle. I also want to thank all the church members who are changing pew signs in the sanctuary between Sunday morning worship services and helping disinfect the pews, door hardware, railings, and other surfaces to keep a healthy environment for those using the church building.

Since last month, the three oldest boilers downstairs have been repaired and cleaned. Two boilers are operating now and parts for the third one have been ordered and will be installed when the company receives them. The boilers are working more efficiently and rooms on the second floor can now be heated properly. The rusty vent pipes between the boilers and chimney were also replaced.

Dallas Bundy
Chairman of the Trustees

Children's Fun Night



Women on Mission

Our ladies enjoyed a time of catching up with one another at our February meeting. We discussed plans for the next few months. Those in attendance chose a name from a special list of shut-ins and homebound to which they wrote personal notes. The group was encouraged to pray for the person that they had chosen.

It is that time of the year that we are encouraged to support and pray for our North American missionaries through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our help is needed to send and resource thousands of missionaries who are meeting physical needs and planting churches. Our church goal this year of \$7,000 will be emphasized through the month of March.

On Sunday, April 28th Sarah Usery will be sharing in both Morning Worship Services about the ministries offered at Grace Haven. This is a new pregnancy resource clinic in Mt. Vernon which is funded and supported by Illinois Baptist.

Blessings,
Karen Watson



The family of Earline Kohrig would like to express our appreciation to everyone for all the prayers, calls, cards, flowers and memorial contributions during our time of loss. A sincere thank you to Dr. Andy DeWitt for officiating the service. Thanks to the women of First Baptist Church for a wonderful meal. Thank you to Sutherland Rankin Funeral Home, Odin Health Care Center, The Manor at Salem Woods and Residential Hospice.

Tom & Lynn, Tony & Nancy, Giz & Julie

Happy 25th Anniversary
John & Deanna Buerster!

MANOR AT SALEM WOODS—441 HOTZE RD. SALEM:
Faye Wood #103 Mary Anne Rollinson #409

Twin Willows—1600 N Broadway:
Donna Shoemaker

Centralia Estates - 1916 E McCord St.
Barbara Phillips #115


Remember
Our Homebound Members

 *Nursing Home Ministry*

Summary of our last Deacon's Meeting

- Our meeting was delayed a week because of bad weather.
- Discussion concerning possible second ministerial staff position (reviewing the suggestions from church members.
- Discussion about additional deacons to serve our church. More information will be forthcoming.
- Conversation about concerns with some of the agencies within the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Brief conversation in regards of church-life post COVID.



| DATE | GREETER | ON CALL | SECURITY |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| March 07 | Larry Blankenship | Greg Strother | Dale Helpingstine |
| March 14 | Myron Lloyd | Jon Wieldt | Ronnie Donoho |
| March 21 | Roy Rodgers | Gary Watson | Ken Smith |
| March 28 | Ken Smith | Larry Blankenship | Greg Strother |

Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser 2020!

Your church raised \$ 2,233.28

Thank you for your gift, and for being part of this ministry.
You've made a difference in the lives of those we see,
and you are appreciated.



From Pregnancy Care Clinic

**The
mission
moves
forward**






Conceal Carry Recertification
Class will be held on March
27th from 8-12. Call or text
Greg Miller 267-6161 to
Register. The cost is \$50 per
person. You will need to bring
a weapon and 30 rounds of
ammunition.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Prayer Meeting 6AM WMU 9:30AM | 2 | 3 6PM Bible Study Youth Group CIA Praise Team Rehearsal | 4 Food Pantry Host | 5 | 6 Kaskaskia Baptist Association Semi-Annual Mtg. 9:30 at Bethel |
| 7 Church Council Meeting 5PM | 8 American Heritage Girls 5:30-7:30PM | 9 | 10 6PM Bible Study Youth Group CIA Praise Team Rehearsal 7PM Deacon's Mtg. | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS | | | | | | |
| 14  | 15 | 16 | 17 6PM Bible Study Youth Group CIA Praise Team Rehearsal | 18 Food Pantry Host | 19 | 20  |
| 21 | 22 American Heritage Girls 5:30-7:30PM | 23 | 24 6PM Bible Study Youth Group CIA Praise Team Rehearsal | 25 | 26 | 27 Conceal & Carry Class |
| 28  | 29 | 30 | 31 6PM Bible Study Youth Group CIA Praise Team Rehearsal | <i>"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Luke 19:38</i> | | |

Mary Kneemyer
Verna Piper
Jo Stallings
Larry Dodd
Ron King
Darren Smith
Helen Jett
Mackenzie Moheit
Aaron Shockley
Lisa Mazanek
Lilly Moheit
Patricia Crippen
Lynette Wiedle
Gerald Purcell

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Lucille Mills
Rose Ann Fulkerson
Barbara Wells
Steve Brubaker
Nancy Meyer
Jeremiah Vermaas
Melody Webb
Rylan Chancellor
George Kruse
Susan Beasley
Eilonwy Summers
Sharon Dennis
Ivan Quandt

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Our Vision

The vision of Salem First Baptist Church is to become a growing family
Of committed believers with an increasing

•Passion for God •Passion for People •Passion to Serve



Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 to 4:00

Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch

Friday 9:00—12:00 Noon



Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 AM. First Worship Service

10:45AM Second Worship Service

Available on Facebook/WJBD 13:50AM or 92.1FM

*During the 9:30 Worship Service children age 4 yrs. through 2nd grade will meet for Sunday School in the fellowship hall. Children 3rd—6th grade will meet in the CIA room. Several Adult and Youth Life Groups are also meeting at 9:30. Pastor's Class at 6PM Sunday Evenings.

Wednesday Evening

4:45 PM

Women's Chronological Bible Study

5:30—6:00 PM

Media Center Open

6:00—7:00 PM

Adult Bible Study

Youth Group

Praise Team Rehearsal

CIA (Fall-Spring)



*In
God's Grace
each dawn is a gift
and every day a miracle...*