

The LAMPLIGHTER

"Let Your Light Shine Before Others"

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Dear New Salem Family,

Welcome to 2022 my friends! Is it as hard for you to believe as me, that we have begun another year? Where in the world did 2021 go? I don't think I have ever felt like a year flew by any quicker than this one. As I was thinking about this month's newsletter, and the new year it would indicate, I wondered what I would wish for you and me in 2022? Here is what I finally settled on:

I want us to be "Better Understanders" of the scriptures we call The New Testament.

(Yes, I know that was not correct grammar, but hopefully it gets my point across.)

Specifically, I wish for you and me to take the time together to better understand how we got the writings of the Apostle Paul and why they are so important to our Christian faith. Thus, I have put together a daily Bible Study called:

"Walking with Paul": A Chronological Reading of the Apostle Paul's Life in the New Testament

I am challenging us all to follow along in weekly Bible Readings that will focus on the life and writings of Paul. I will lay them out in Chronological Order as they were written and/or experienced. This first month we will begin in the Book of Acts and then transition into Galatians, Philippians and 1 Thessalonians.

I can't think of a better way to come out of these difficult past two years, years that have kept many of us separated and away from the church buildings, than to focus on what Paul can teach us about deepening our faith and doing a better job of living it out in this world. If there is anything I have learned over these past two years, it is how much I need the help of my Scripture Brothers and Sisters, and you, my New Salem Family. What do you say we join together to see how much God can teach us, through Paul, in deepening our walk with Christ? I pray you will join me!

Blessings,

Pastor Johnny

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Spend 15-30 minutes each day reading and studying the assigned scripture. Meditate on what the scripture is saying to you and write down your thoughts in a journal or notebook.

1/3/2022	Acts 9:1-31	1/6/2022	Acts13:13-52
1/4/2022	Acts11:19-30	1/7/2022	Acts14:1-28
1/5/2022	Acts13:1-12	The Weekend: Consider at least one thing you have learned about Paul's conversion. Why was it such a big deal for the historical Christian faith?	

1/10/2022	Acts 15:1-41	1/13/2022	Galatians 2:1-10
1/11/2022	Acts 16:1-40	1/14/2022	Galatians 3:26-29
1/12/2022	Galatians 1:1-24	The Weekend: This is believed to be the earliest of Paul's letters. Why do you think Paul was so vigorous in defending his authority to bring this Good News?	

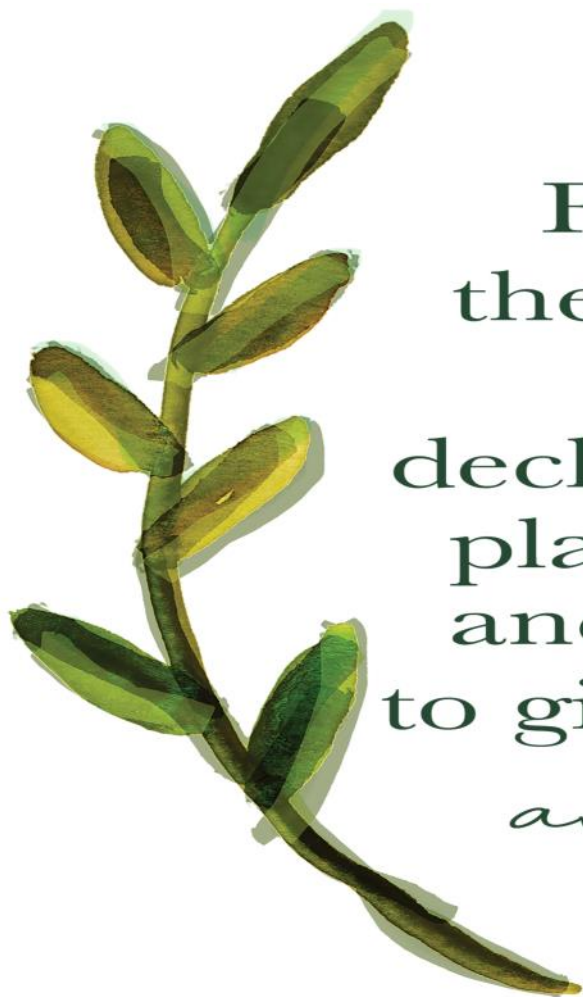
1/17/2022	Galatians 4:1-20	1/20/2022	Galatians 5:16-26
1/18/2022	Galatians 4:21-31	1/21/2022	Galatians 6:1-18
1/19/2022	Galatians 5:1-15	The Weekend: What did you learn about the Doctrine of Liberty and Faith and what it means to have Freedom in Christ?	

1/24/2022	Philippians 1:1-30	1/27/2022	Philippians 4:1-23
1/25/2022	Philippians 2:1-30	1/28/2022	Acts 17:1-34
1/26/2022	Philippians 3:1-21	The Weekend: What do you learn from Paul in this letter about Joy, Humility, and Thanksgiving?	

1/31/2022	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	2/3/2022	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
2/1/2022	1 Thessalonians 2:1-9	2/4/2022	Acts 18:1-28
2/2/2022	1 Thessalonians 3:1-13	The Weekend: What can we learn from Paul in this letter concerning Persecution, Christ's Return, and Christian Living?	

I have in my hand two boxes, which God gave me to hold. God said "Put all your sorrows in the blue box and all your joys in the gold." I heeded his words, and in the two boxes both my joys and sorrows, I stored. But though the gold became heavier each day, the blue was light as before. With curiosity I opened the blue box; I wanted to find out why. And I saw in the base of the box, a hole which my sorrows had fallen out by. I showed the hole to God, and mused aloud, "I wonder where my sorrows could be?" He smile a gentle smile at me and said "My child, they're all here with me." I asked "God, why give me the boxes, why the gold and the blue with the hole?" "My child" God said "the gold is for you to count your blessings. The blue is for you to let go."

-Anonymous



For I know
the plans I have
for you,
declares the LORD,
plans for welfare
and not for evil,
to give you a future
and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

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The service will also continue to be live on YouTube or you can stream it at a later time.

NEW SALEM YouTube CHANNEL LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHWYgOsR5oLamk6gMUWW5yQ>

Deadline for information for the February 2022 edition of "The Lamplighter" is Thursday, January 20th..

SUNDAY WORSHIP

We meet each Sunday at 10:00 a.m for worship. Due to the continuing presence of the Covid Virus we are continuing to follow all of CDC masking guidelines while indoors.

WORSHIP

with us

FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022

1st- Jim Campbell
1st- Ed Clise
4th- Janet Routh
13th- Shirley Flinchum
15th- Jonathan Small
16th- Hubert Allred
20th- Mike Beeson
20th- Ann McDonald
23rd- Carol Slagle
29th- Ronnie Flinchum

Birthdays

2nd- Mitchell & Carla Macon
14th- David & Joyce Capbell
27th- John & Elaine Wilkinson
31st- Ralph & Audrey Wood

Anniversary