

Stop Being Uneasy about Your Life

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Worry has more questions than answers, more work than energy, and thinks often about giving up. There's not enough time, luck, credit, wisdom, or intelligence. We're running out of everything it seems, and so we worry. But worry doesn't work. You can dedicate a decade of anxious thoughts to the brevity of life, and not extend it by one minute. Worry accomplishes nothing. God doesn't condemn legitimate concern for responsibilities but rather the continuous mind-set that dismisses God's presence. Destructive anxiety subtracts God from the future and tallies up the challenges of the day without entering God into the equation. Jesus gives us this challenge: *"Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else and live righteously; and he will give you everything you need"* (Matthew 6:32-33).

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:27-29

North: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD.

South: *All the families of the nations shall worship before him.*

ALL: **For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

North: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down.

South: *Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.*

ALL: **I shall live for him.**



Lesson: 1 John 4:12-16

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.



Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said, *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.*

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

SALEM FAMILY EVENTS



We will all be together again soon!!!



Yes, it's that time again (almost)! Council meeting Tuesday, 11 May @ 6:30!!!



Announcements....

- Please arrange to pick up your donation envelopes for 2021; they are available at the Church's building. Please keep Salem in mind as you can financially; this is one way to show your gratitude to God for the gifts/blessings you have received. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



- Mother: (noun) -- One person who does the work of 20. For free
- Cleaning with kids in the house is like brushing your teeth with Oreos.
- There is nothing more awkward than the moment you realize you're getting a double-cheek kiss.
- I once got a text from my mom where "You're amazing" autocorrected to "You're adopted."
- I can't tell the difference between a rose and a dandelion. So, when it came time to fix up my garden, I had no clue which plants to keep and which ones to remove. Until, that is, my mother gave me this handy tip: "Pull them all up. If it comes back, it's a weed."
- A couple invited some people to dinner. At the table, the wife turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

