

Today:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

05-31-15

Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Lizz Hobbs)
Adult Sunday School Class

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM

06-07-15

Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
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Announcements:

You are invited to the **Graduation Party for Andrew Emery** today from 4:30 to 7:00 pm downstairs.

You are invited to the **Graduation Party for Jordan Young** on Saturday, June 6 at the Lion's Club building from 1-4 pm.

The **100th Gymanfa Ganu** will be celebrated this year at Salem Church on Sunday evening, September 6. If you have any ideas, photos, or information, please submit to the church office or a member of the music committee. Jean Owen's email address is joytrips@watchtv.net

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 18 and 19, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Please see Carol Emery if you are willing to volunteer your help!

Birthdays This Week:

6/2 Barb Owens
6/6 Cassy Emery

Anniversaries This Week:

6/2 Ron & Barb Owens

May 31, 2015



Rooted in our heritage and called into God's future, we proclaim in new ways the unchanging Good News of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

Salem Presbyterian Church
Venedocia, Ohio

Established 1848, Built 1898

Prayer Concerns:

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Ralph Eversole (several conditions)
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Serving our Country:

Micah Linger
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
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Rev. Thomas Emery
“No Condemnation” Romans 8:1-17
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TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *Our sin nature is too strong for us.*

Teaching Point Two: *We can overcome our circumstances by God's love.*

Teaching Point Three: *God reminds us who we are.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death (Romans 8:1-2 NLT).

ACTION POINT

We are asked to see a whole new way of living life. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are asked to hear some stunning and unbelievable Good News. God is the source of all life. God knows all parts of us, all of our identity, and all of our idolatry. God knows us and still wants us. God loves us and calls out to us to hear and receive and believe the Good News. Paul's point is not to get us out of the world, but rather to get us back into the world and deeper into ourselves as children of God, as authentic human beings. Pray for God's strength in living in this world.

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