



**Sunday:**  
9:30 AM  
10:45 AM

**07-30-17**  
Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)  
Sunday School

**Tuesday:**  
6:30 AM

**08-03-17**  
Youth trip to the Ark Museum

**Sunday:**  
9:30 AM  
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**08-06-17**  
Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)  
Sunday School

**Announcements:**

Adult Sunday school will take place right after the service.

A Thursday Aug 3<sup>th</sup> youth trip is set to go to the Ark replica museum in N. Kentucky. A church-wide bus Ark trip is being arranged for Saturday September 30.

Vacation Bible School is set for Monday and Tuesday, **August 7-8**, at 9:30-11:30 am. We need volunteers.

The youth street cleaning is set for Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

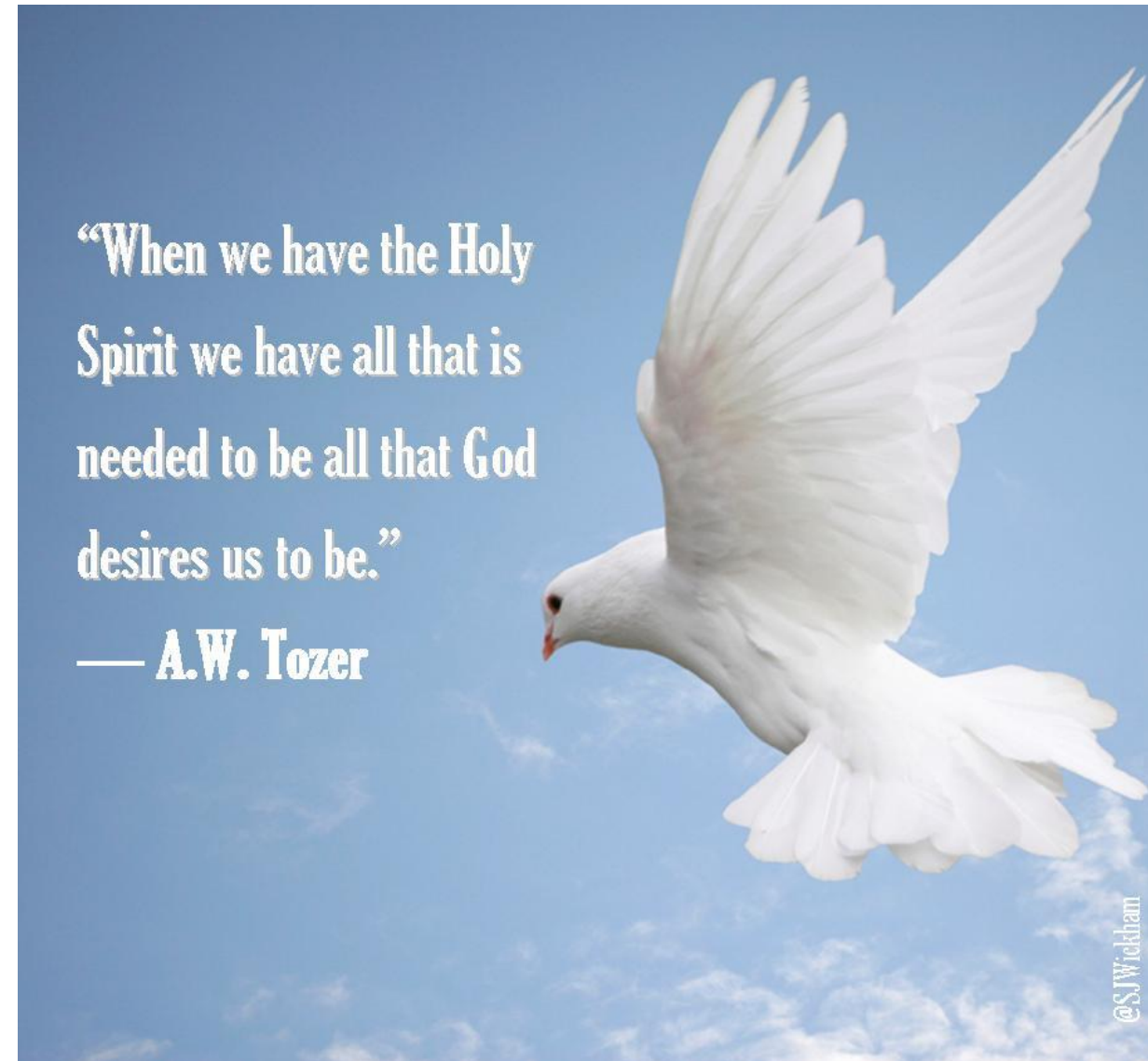
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@saalemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

Jul 31 <sup>st</sup> -Kristyn Jones	31 <sup>st</sup> -Zach Wise
Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> - Phillip Eutsler	4 <sup>th</sup> - Don Owens
6 <sup>th</sup> -Brooke Coil	

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

12<sup>th</sup>-David & Carla Breese



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Elizabeth Adkins (liver issue)  
Violet Ashton  
Leona Browning  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)  
Larry Howell (St. Rita's hospital)  
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)  
Jeremy Hughes (recovering from MRSA)  
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Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)  
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Bill Stewart (brother of Kim Coil)  
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**ACTION POINT** Could this have been part of the wisdom that Isaac and Rebecca saw in sending Jacob to his uncle's house — like the parents who know that the "real world" of work or military service will bring necessary virtues to their undisciplined child? Or was it entirely the hand of God that put Jacob and unscrupulous Laban together? When Jacob left Laban's house, after twenty years of having his heel grabbed, he did not revert to his old ways. He was honest with God about who he was. He was genuine and humble with Esau in their reunion. We are naturally grateful to God when he gives us what we desire: our Rachel. We ought also to be grateful to God, however, when he gives us what we need: our Laban experience. Why not thank God for making all things work together for His and our good?

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