

Sunday: **06-10-18**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)
10:45 AM Adult Sunday School
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: **06-12-18**
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Friday: **06-15-18**
4:30-7:00 PM Ice Cream Social

Sunday: **06-17-18 Father's Day**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil*)
10:45 AM Recognize Fathers
Adult Sunday School

Announcements:

This week, the **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm.

Please check the **Visitation/Emergency Call List** at the back of the church to verify we have the right phone number and indicate if you can receive text messages.

We still need volunteers and food cooked. Please sign up for the **June Ice Cream Social** this Friday, 4:30 – 7 PM; the sheets are on the back table.

If you would like to visit **David Hugh Evans** or send him a card, his new address is:
800 Ambrose Dr. Room #306 Delphos, OH 45833

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the July newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

10th-Dillon Ellerbrock
14th-Sandra Caffro
13th-Kevin Price
18th-Charlie Good

Upcoming Anniversaries

14th-Jeff & Kim Coil
17th-Bill & Elgarda McGee



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Mark Davis
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David Hugh Evans (Pneumonia and Septic infection)
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First. God allows free will.

Second. Israel no longer trusted God to defend them.

Third. God never gives up on us even though we insist on doing things our way.

Four. All other kings take, but God asks.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

As we look from this story through the whole sweep of human history, we see that things haven’t changed that much. But, the good news is that God is always there to help us pick up the pieces no matter what we do. God did something radical — God gives us a new king, a king for all time. Who is this king? It is the one we call the Christ, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, the one who picks us up when all we seem to be is down, and because of Him, we have the blessed assurance that God will always be with us. That’s why we should always trust in God, for God will never, ever give up on us! Amen.

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