

Sunday: 07-01-18
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)

Sunday: 07-08-18
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

The **Salem Camp Clay** youth swim event is July 26 all day. Let Pastor Tom or Liz know how many passes you will need.

Let's give **Brent Price a birthday card shower**. His birthday is on July 26th and his address is PO Box 645 Venedocia, OH 45894.

The upcoming **Vacation Bible School** event is now on Tuesday, July 31 and Wednesday the 1st 9:30-11:30 AM.

The next **Communion** is August 5th.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

1st-Gloria Leiter
2nd-Lynette Lloyd
6th-Herman Wienken

1st-Owen Pugh
6th-Charles Boroff

Upcoming Anniversaries

1st-Jack & Gwenda Blackmore

4th-Toby & Elizabeth Adkins



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Mark Davis
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Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
David Hugh Evans
Doris Evans (cancer)
Jim Francis
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Lori Hunter (amputation)
Tim Hurbert (cancer in lungs & pancreas-friend of Barb Good)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Carol Lee
Barbara Lewis (heart attack, friends of Evelyn Martz)
Jim Lloyd (healing from leg surgery)
Bob Louth
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Marian Morris
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Kim Owens
Dorothea Plikerd
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Brent Price (recovering from heart surgery)
Joyce Profit
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Bobbie Spyres
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)

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TEACHING POINTS

FIRST - Rebellion against the Lord will culminate in humiliating defeat, but the death of the Lord’s fallen servants is to be grieved, not celebrated.

SECOND - David’s eulogy is full of grace, because he is filled with the grace of God.

THIRD - David’s mourning of his fallen tormentor was also a way of taking responsibility for his own life.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

David was anointed to be the future king. He knew that the Lord is his protector (4:9), and he waits on the Lord to fulfill his promise. On several occasions, David came close to death and wavered in his faith. But to his credit, he did not force the issue by killing Saul or by trying to seize the throne following Saul’s death. Instead, David delivers a respectful eulogy of Saul and Jonathan. Judah and Israel soon recognize David as God’s choice to be Saul’s successor. Through David’s military exploits under Saul, the Lord has previewed His future king for Israel; finally, the people, recognizing David’s gifts and calling, willingly anoint him as their king in recognition of God’s purposes for him and the nation. David’s story gives us the comforting knowledge that “*all things work together for the good*” if like David, we trust in God. Likewise, let us trust in God that His eternal promises to us, will also come true in God’s perfect timing.

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