



**Sunday:** 07-29-18  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*)

**Tuesday & Wednesday:** 07-31-18 & 8-1-18  
9:00 AM Vacation Bible School 9:00 to 11:00

**Sunday:** 08-05-18  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*)

### Announcements:

The upcoming **Vacation Bible School** event will be held on Tuesday, July 31 and Wednesday, August 1st 9:30-11:30 AM. Helpers are needed. The sign-up sheet is on the back table or see Carol Emery.

The next **Communion** is August 5<sup>th</sup>.

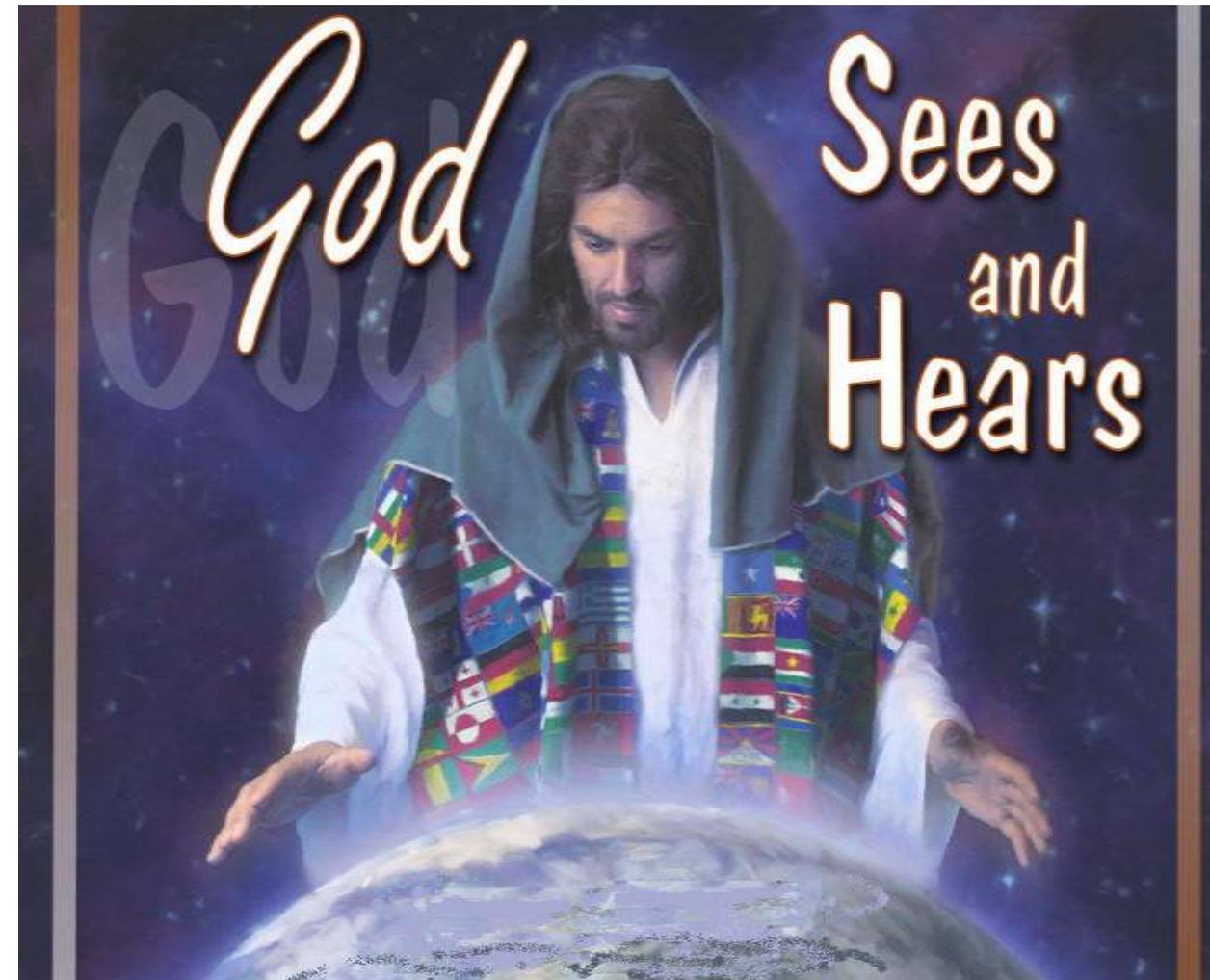
**August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**, Salem is hosting the **County-Wide prayer meeting** (we will need light meal items and volunteers).

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

### Upcoming Birthdays

29<sup>th</sup>-Heather McClure  
31<sup>st</sup>-Kristyn Jones  
Aug 4<sup>th</sup>-Philip Eutsler

29<sup>th</sup>-Doug Strickler  
31<sup>st</sup>-Zach Wise  
Aug 4<sup>th</sup>-Don Owens



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Mark Davis  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
David Hugh Evans  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Brenda Foust (serious stomach problems)  
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)  
Barbara Lewis (heart attack, friends of Evelyn Martz)  
Iris Linton (newborn hospitalized with blocked bowel)  
Linda Lissey (cancer)  
Jim Lloyd (healing from leg surgery)  
Mary Ellen Lloyd  
Bob Louth  
Becky Martz (health problems)  
Marian Morris  
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)  
Kim Owens  
Dorothea Plikerd  
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)  
Brent Price (recovering from heart attack)  
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 POINT – We choose between Christ-likeness and evil.

SECOND POINT - We are accountable to God for the way we live our lives.

THIRD POINT – God shows us how to break the cycle of sin.

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#### ACTION POINT

The lessons in all this are simple but hard. First, the Devil is close at hand tempting us. That’s true whether it is a young child who grows comfortable with lying or an adult who acts out sexually. Second, the Devil is not so hard to overcome. Speak up to him saying “no,” and you’ll be surprised how he flees from you. David’s lack of struggle with the Devil meant that others got hurt seriously. However, the account shows us that there is hope for David as well as for you and me that God isn’t finished with us yet!

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