



**Sunday:** 09-01-2019  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
4 to 6 PM Meal fellowship  
7:00 PM Gymanfa Ganu

**Sunday:** 09-08-2019  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)  
10:45 AM Peace Making Offering  
5:00 PM Sunday School  
Trustee Meeting

**Sunday:** 09-15-2019 Blessing of the Tractors  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)  
11:00 AM Potluck dinner

**Announcements:**

**Senior luncheon** will start back up on September 26th at noon.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays:**

1 <sup>st</sup> -Elizabeth Adkins	1 <sup>st</sup> -Kim Ebel	3 <sup>rd</sup> -Pete McCollow
4 <sup>th</sup> -Claudia LeValley	4 <sup>th</sup> -Katie McClure	11 <sup>th</sup> -Landon Price
12 <sup>th</sup> -Jackson Dunlap		

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

8<sup>th</sup>-Paul & Doris Price  
11<sup>th</sup>-Doug & Jan Jones  
15<sup>th</sup>-Bob & Denise Pugh



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*September 1, 2019*

**Prayer Concerns:**

Kylee Ball (surgery)  
Connie Bassett (breast cancer)  
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)  
Peggy Burnett  
Billie Coalson (Agent Orange)  
Jackie Coalson (COPD)  
Barry Coil (stroke)  
Kathy Comer  
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)  
Jim Davis (cancer)  
John Davis (eye surgery)  
Cathy Donnal (health issues)  
Kent DuCheney (surgery)  
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)  
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)  
Aaron Francis (broken leg)  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)  
Bill Harmon (cancer)  
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)  
Tim Huster (cancer)  
Jan Jones (health Issues)  
Paula Jones (healing from fall)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser  
(colon cancer)

Linda Lissey (cancer)  
Bob Louth (heart problems)  
Bob Louth, Jr. (prostate health)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
Carol Matthews(Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Sarah Miller (health issues)  
Gwen Montez (surgery)  
Marian Morris (failing health)  
Dorothea Plikerd  
Terry Profit (chemotherapy)  
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)  
Deb & Steve Sheppard (health issues)  
Bruce Taylor (had a liver transplant)  
Martha Jean Evans Vasquez  
Doug Wierwille (cancer)  
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)  
Noah Wyatt (brain surgery)

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### **TEACHING POINTS**

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### **THIS WEEK’S VERSE**

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### **ACTION POINT**

Think about the image Jesus had in mind in the story in the Book of John when it says He was at Jacob's well with the Samaritan woman. Jesus said to the woman: "Everyone who drinks of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life" (John 4:13-14). When the woman asked for some of this living water, this water for living, Jesus didn't just give her a cup and say: "Here, have some." Instead he told the woman about her life. He asked her to look at her life and how she was living it. To look at the cracks in her life, meant her life didn't hold water. That's what Jeremiah was asking the people of Israel to do. To look at their lives (not their pottery). We all need to look at what holds water, at what makes sense and what doesn't, to get closer to the ways of God.

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