

Sunday: 05-09-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke)

Tuesday: 05-11-21
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 05-16-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Toby and Elizabeth Adkins)
Pentecost Offering
10:45 AM Session Meeting

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 PM.

Mother's Day is today, and we will be recognizing Mothers at the service.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

10 th Rex Lloyd	12 th Sandy Clayborn	
15 th Dane Ebel	16 th Chance Mosier	17 th Mary Jane Haines
17 th Delayna Profit	17 th Stacia Profit	18 th Ione Owens

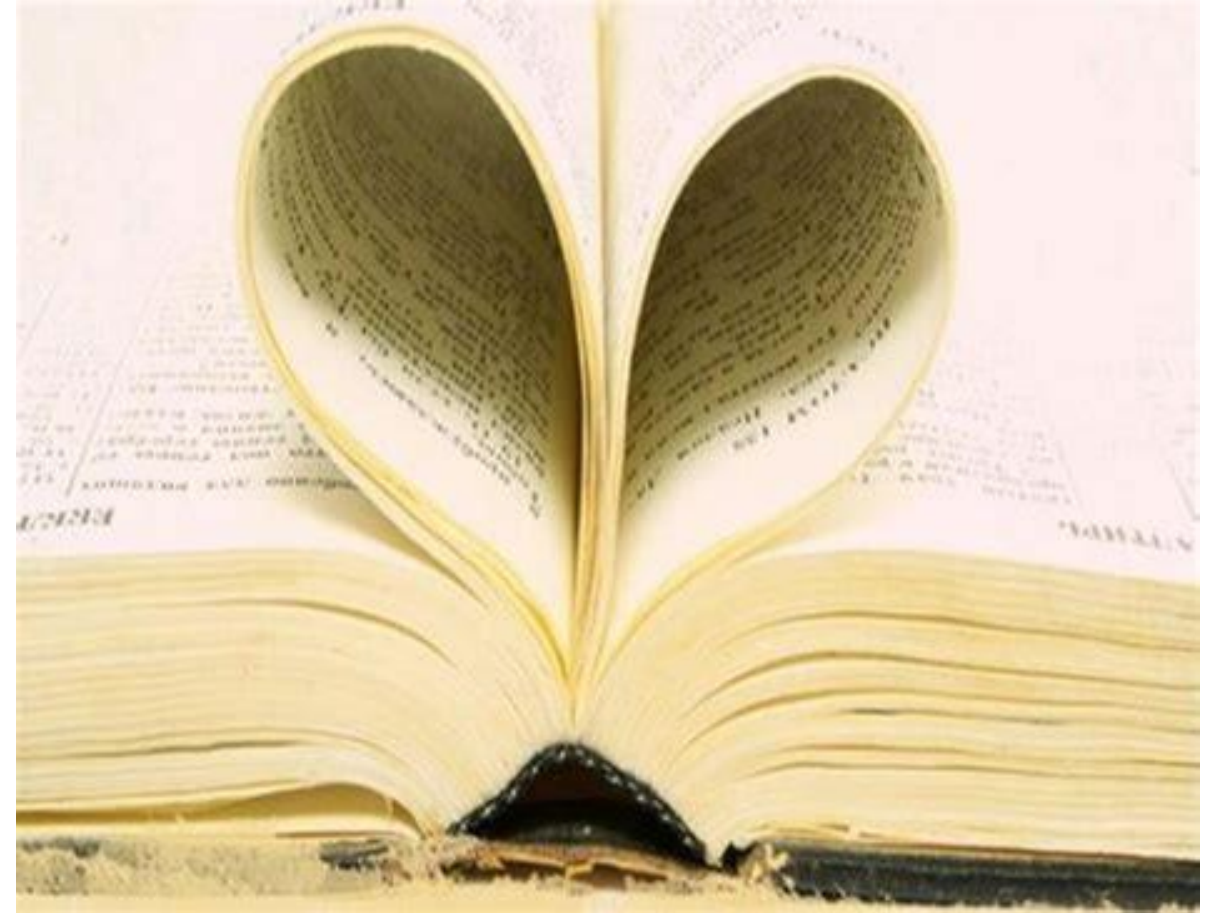
Upcoming Anniversaries

13 th Jerry & Marylin Foust	15 th Steve & Lindsay Richards
19 th Bart & Rosemary Strick	20 th Mark & Missy Zielke

Hymnal Dedication-We present these hymnals to the glory of God and for service in the life of this congregation. Let us pray:

- Eternal God, we thank You for the gifts of music and song through which creation has offered You praise and thanksgiving, confession, lament, prayers, and petitions.
- May this new hymnal inspire our own songs in times of joy and sorrow.
- Enable us to sing in one voice as Your gathered people, and to join in harmony with all who worship You.
- By Your grace, may the words and melodies shape our faith for years to come,
- and in ways that forever give glory to You.

We pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen



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Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
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Inara Febus (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
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Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
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Second. There is no partiality with God.

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ACTION POINT

The salvation to the Gentiles originated with the Gospel that "God sent to the people of Israel" (10:36). Peter emphasizes that "all the prophets testify about Jesus" (10:43). Thus, the Gospel of Jesus Christ that is now reaching to the Gentiles is not an accident in history. The fact that this Gospel to the Gentiles is preached by the leader in the Jerusalem church also points to the continuity between the Jewish and Gentile churches. God wants everyone to have the abundant life in Christ. God is at work in the world orchestrating events; why not open yourself to be used by God in building His Kingdom? Why not tell others about this free-gift of eternal life if you have put your faith in the Lordship of Christ?

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