



**Sunday:** 07-16-2023  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Michael & Lindsay Breese*)  
10:45 AM Session Meeting

Thursday 07-20 2023  
Noon Van Wert County prayer meeting is at the Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert. All are invited to pray with other county churches.

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**Announcements:**

**Marjorie Eutsler's** 92th birthday is on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Please shower her with cards and love at: Room 302 Homestead at Town Center, 240 Towne Center Blvd., Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Salem is collecting offerings from the heart to be given to the **Salvation Army**. There is a monthly need, and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month we collect different food. The food for July is cans of fruit.

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Please bring your children and please consider volunteering for big and small roles.

**Keaton Adkins** sent the following thank you to the Presbyterian church: Thank you for the recognition at church and thank you for the Devotion Bible.

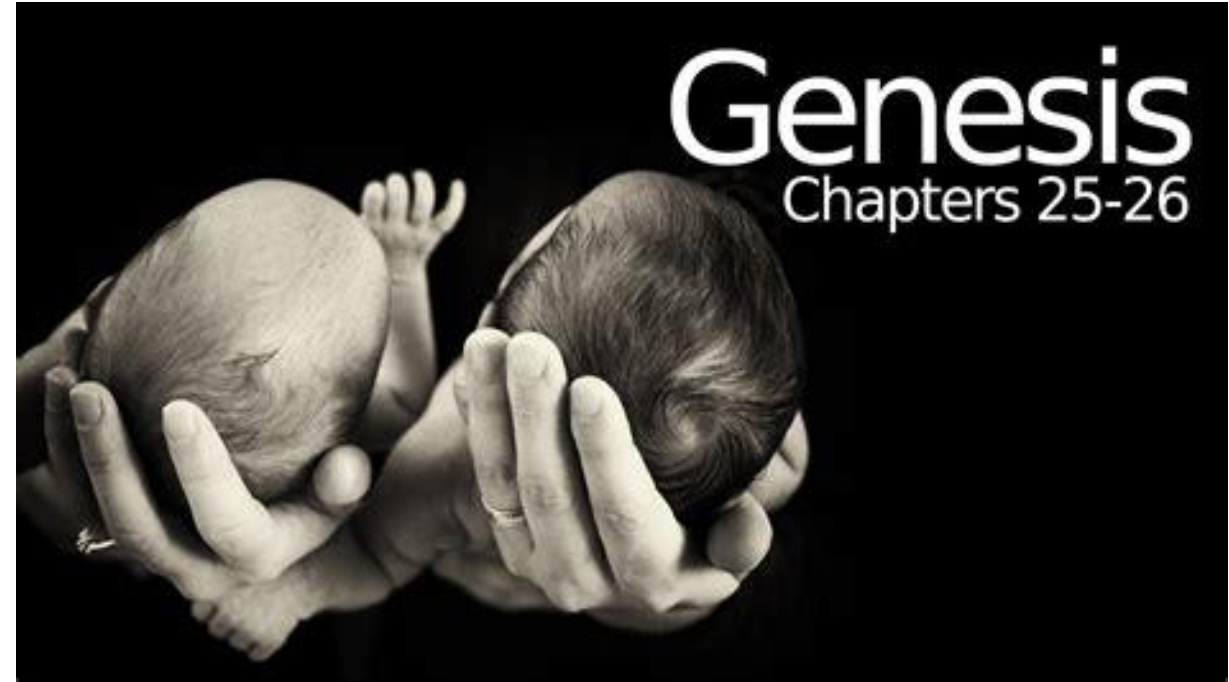
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the August **Newsletter**. Submit them to [secretary@saalemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

16 <sup>th</sup> Ron Owens	18 <sup>th</sup> Marjorie Eutsler	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dave Reese
24 <sup>th</sup> Evan Pugh	25 <sup>th</sup> Charlotte McConnell	25 <sup>th</sup> Kent McClure
26 <sup>th</sup> Brent Price	29 <sup>th</sup> Heather McClure	29 <sup>th</sup> Doug Strickler

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

19 <sup>th</sup> Corey & Sylvia McCollow	24 <sup>th</sup> Bill & Ruth Evans
25 <sup>th</sup> avid & Nancy Jo Breese	27 <sup>th</sup> Jeff & Kelly Lloyd



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Edie Basham (back surgery)  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)  
Dave Burnett (heart issues)  
Lynn Collins (cancer)  
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)  
    LaDonna's stepdaughter  
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid healing)  
Dave Espinoza (lung transplant)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair (cancer)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
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Mandolin Jones (cancer)  
Tony Kahle (leg amputation)  
John Lloyd  
Steve Martz  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Wayne McMichael  
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### TEACHING POINTS

***Point One – Family feuds are a matter of life.*** We may not be able to side-step them. But with God’s help, we can live through them, learn from them, and for the sake of future generations, minimize them.

***Point Two –There are two philosophies of life at work: "Whatever happens, happens" and "Whatever it takes."***

***Point Three – We need to find our real selves in God.*** You are a loved child of God. That is your birthright, and it comes with enormous possibility.

### THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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### ACTION POINT

Jacob matured while he lived away from his family for years, and he learned a lot through his interactions with God and with life. The Bible doesn't tell us what was going on in Esau's life at the time, but he must have been doing some soul-searching. Eventually, Jacob returned to his homeland bringing with him the family and servants and possessions that he had gained. As he approached the border of his old homeland, Jacob learned that Esau was coming to meet him leading a large group of men. The stage was set for a battle. But when they finally met, they fell into an embrace and agreed to live together in peace. We may not be able to avoid family feuds. But, by the grace of God, we can overcome them. So, empowered by God’s grace, we can live with one another. Why not take an assessment of your family hurts and upsets and have an in-depth talk with God how He wants you to respond to others?

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