

Sunday: 2024-07-28
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards*)

Tuesday: 2024-07-30
 7:30 AM The Men's Bible Study meets at the Orchard Tree Restaurant
 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

Wednesday 2024-07-31
 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

Thursday: 2024-08-01
 Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets at the Pentecostal Way Church.

Sunday: 2024-08-04
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)

Announcements:

The **Vacation Bible School** is set for July 30 and 31 from 9 to 11:30 AM; all are welcome!

Salem is collecting Offerings from the Heart of 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 canned fruit and August is Mac & Cheese.

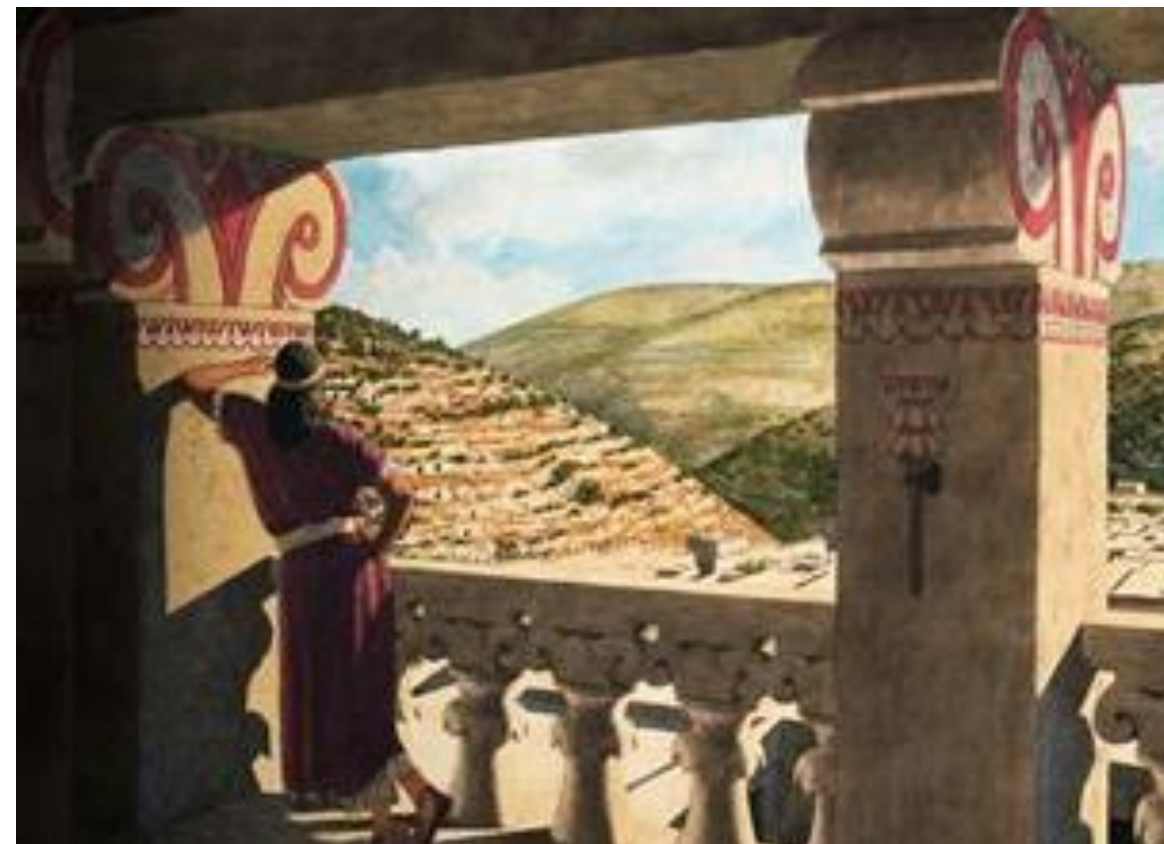
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the August newsletter.

Upcoming Birthdays

29 th Heather McClure	29 th Doug Strickler	31 st Kristyn Jones
31 st Zach Wise	Aug 4 Phil Eutsler	4 th Don Owens

Upcoming Anniversaries

31st Jason & Danielle Lloyd Aug 10th Tyler & Morgan McConnell



David overlooking Bathsheba

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

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