

Sunday: 08-06-17
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil*)
 10:45 AM Sunday School

Monday & Tuesday: 08-07-17 & 08-08-17
 9:30 AM-11:30 AM Bible School (ages 3-12)

Saturday: 08-12-17
 4:00 PM Street Cleaning-Youth

Sunday: 08-13-17
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris*)
 5:00 PM Guest speaker - Dave Hoose with the Gideons
 Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Adult Sunday school will take place right after the service.

Vacation Bible School is set for Monday and Tuesday, August 7-8, at 9:30-11:30 am. We need volunteers. Remember to invite neighborhood kids; the handouts are on the back table.

The youth street cleaning is set for August 12 at 4 pm.

We are organizing a bus trip to the Ark Encounter in September.

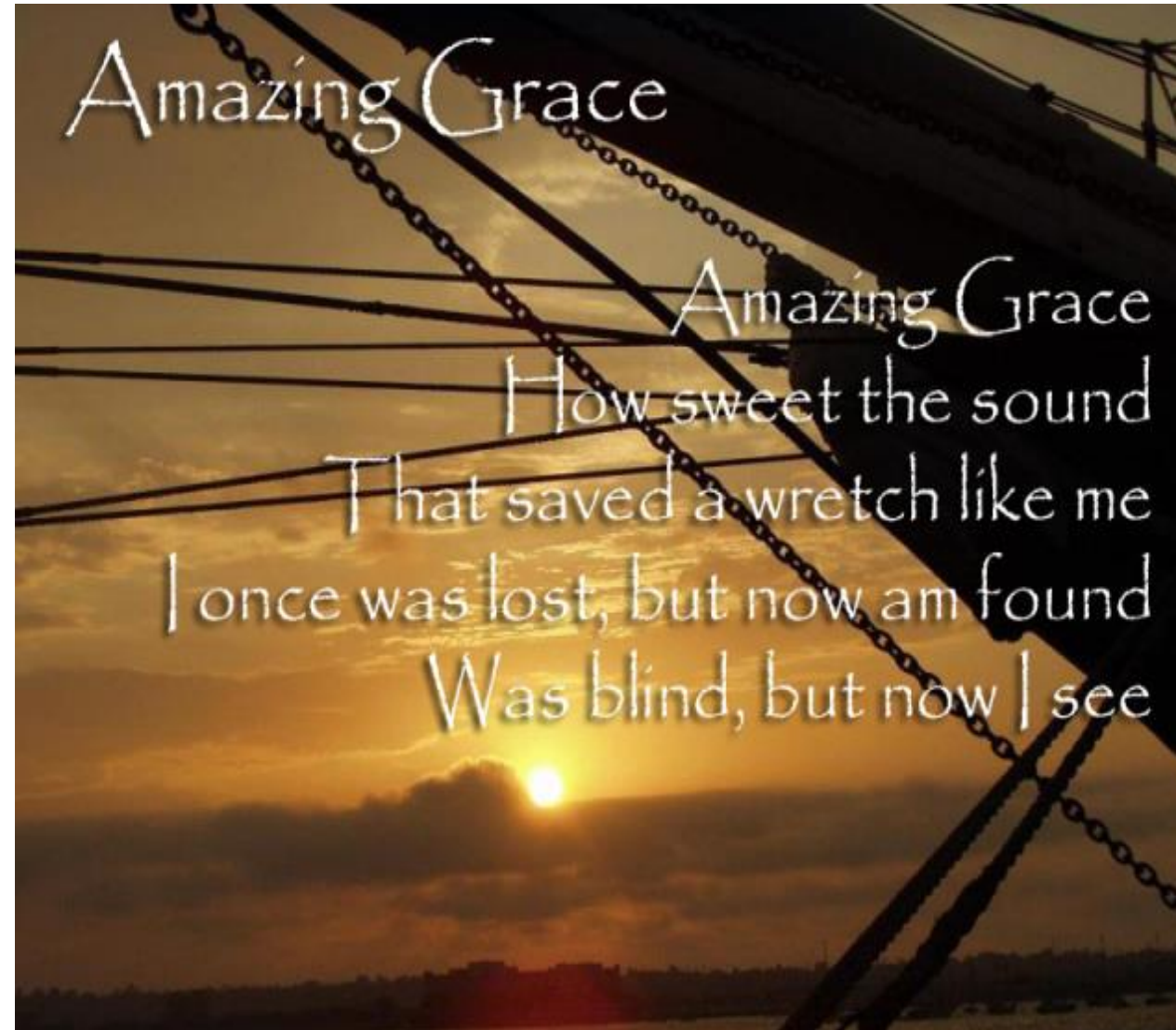
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the August newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

6th-Brooke Coil
 11th-David Hobbs
 9th-Denise Pugh

Upcoming Anniversaries

12th-David & Carla Breese
 17th-Kory & Tamara Mullenhour



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Violet Ashton
Matt Blackmore (recovering from a stroke)
Leona Browning
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)
Larry Howell (St. Rita's hospital)
Linda Howell
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Jeremy Hughes (recovering from MRSA)
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
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Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
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Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
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Joyce Profit (cataract surgery)
Bob Pugh (arm healing)
George Siler (physical therapy)
Bill Stewart (brother of Kim Coil)
Marilyn Stockton
Keith Stoller (surgical complications)
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren S.)
Warren Summersett (cancer)
Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)
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Condolences to the family of Norma Adam

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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – We need to understand that God is the Master of the universe and not ourselves

Point Two – Only a fool attempts to live his life apart from God.

Point Three – We all have names in our lives that we need to abandon.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

An insight from the passage is that one commendable virtue is Jacob’s consuming hunger for God. “*I will not let you go unless you bless me*” (32:26). The result of this meeting with God is that Jacob’s name is exchanged to Israel, meaning “*to contend with, strive.*” As with Abraham in chapter 17, a new name indicates a new destiny. This is the first evidence of solid spiritual transformation in Jacob’s life. What name have you been given from your family upbringing: failure, unwanted, the black sheep...? God can also give you a new name if you yield to Him; perhaps, your new name will be: wanted, desired, and a child of God.

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