Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, August 6th, 2017, 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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The flowers are given to the glory of God Eric & Jen Pugh				
Prelude Lighting of the Candles Welcome & Prayer				
Call to Worship	Psalm 17:1-7, 15	486		
*Hymn:	Groeswen	Welsh hymnal, 42		

<u>Prayer of Confession</u>: God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns, and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and Your power. Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives— to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then, give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. Help us to be made us worthy to bear Your name. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).

Assurance of Pardon

<u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover			
<u>Joys & Concerns of the Church</u> Prayers of the People					
Prayer Response	The Lord's Prayer				

Sermon:	"Struggling with God"	Rev. Thomas Emery
* <u>Hymn</u> :	Llanfair	Welsh hymnal, 44
Time for Children		
Scripture Readings	*Genesis 32:22-31 Matthew 14:13-21 Romans 9:1-5	29 891 1030

*<u>Apostle's Creed</u>: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory – ushers wil * <u>Response</u>	l receive our ti Praise Go	•	Inside Front Cover	
*Prayer of Dedication				
* <u>Hymn:</u> Amazing Grace 236 *Taking the Light into the World				
*Charge and Bened *Congregational Re		ee Fold Amen	Inside Back Cover	
*Those who are able are invited to stand.				
Needed Weekly:	\$1,934.00		\$59,954.00	
Rec'd 07-30-17:	\$1,751.30		\$61,203.89	

Sunday:	<u>08-06-17</u>	C S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)	
10:45 AM	Sunday School	Amazing Trace
Monday & Tuesday:	<u>08-07-17 & 08-08-17</u>	10000
9:30 AM-11:30 AM	Bible School (ages 3-12)	
Saturday:	<u>08-12-17</u>	ada ada
4:00 PM	Street Cleaning-Youth	Amazing grace
Sunday:	<u>08-13-17</u>	
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)	ow sweet the sound
	Guest speaker - Dave Hoose with the Gideons	Tow sweet the sound
5:00 PM	Trustee Meeting	
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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@salemchurch.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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TEACHING POINTS

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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.

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