

Sunday: **06-13-21**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)
10:45 AM Session Meeting
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Friday: **06-18-21**
4:30-7 PM Ice Cream Social

Sunday: **06-20-21**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)
Father's Day Recognition

Sunday: **06-27-21**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards)

Summer Announcements:

Please sign up for the **June Ice Cream Social** (sit-down) **June 18, 4:30 – 7 PM**; the sheets are on the back table for volunteer time slots and for making food.

The **Senior Luncheon** is on **Wednesday, 23rd, at noon**. For a ride call Kim Coil at 419.667.2391 or Marylin Foust at 419.667.4934. Bring a bagged gift to exchange.

There is a **Music Committee** Meeting on Wednesday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm.

We will have a Salem float in the **June 26 Spencerville Parade**. If marching, be at the rally point at the High School after 3 PM. The **parade begins at 4:30 PM**. Fireworks are in the evening.

The congregation is invited to celebrate **Dominic Adkins** upcoming graduation. The graduation celebration will be held **Sunday, July 4th, from 3-9 PM** at his home at 15584 Ohio City-Venedocia Road.

Vacation Bible School is **July 27-28th 9:00 to 11:30 AM**.

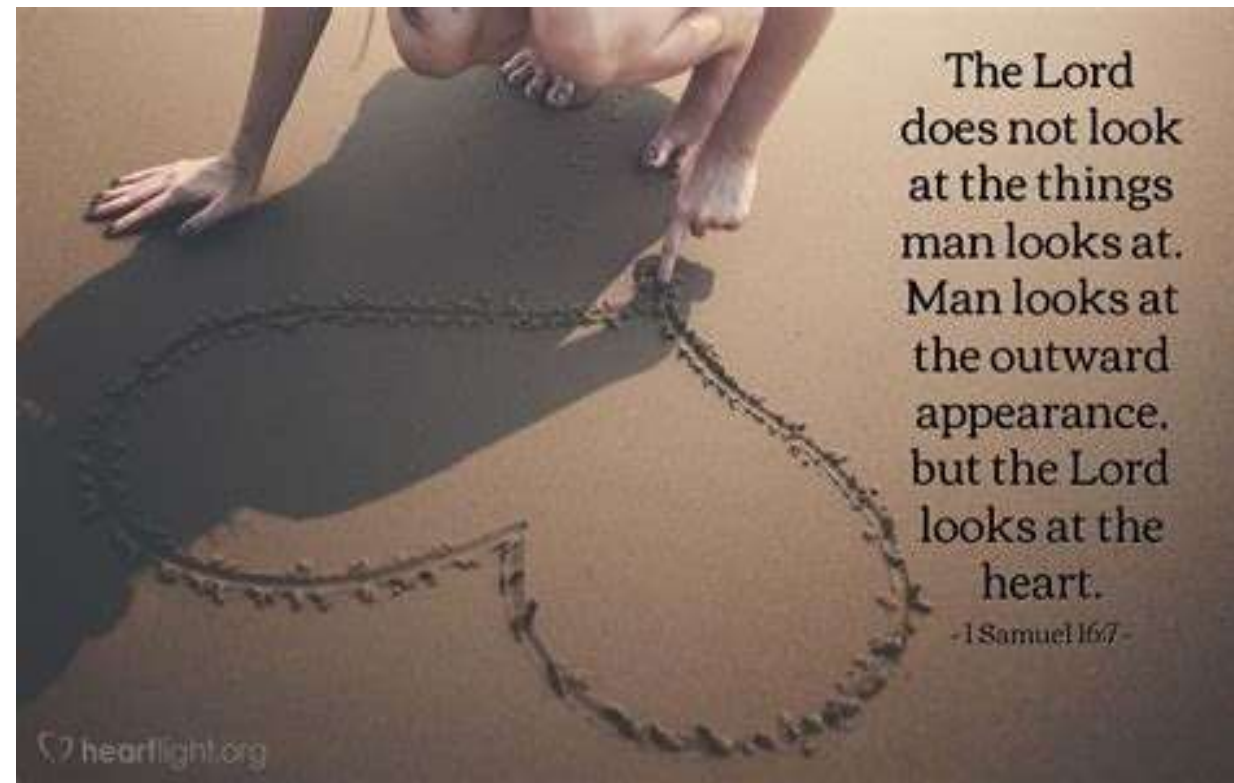
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the July newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

13th Kevin Price 14th Sandra Caffro 18th Charlie Good

Upcoming Anniversaries

14th Jeff & Kim Coil 17th Bill & Elgarda McGee 22nd Todd & Jayne Morris
24th Owen & Karen Pugh 25th Rex & Lisa Lloyd 28th Larry & Sandra Caffro



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