

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

Sunday: 07-04-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)

Sunday: 07-11-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)

Summer Announcements:

A big **thank you** to everyone that helped plan, provided food, worked, or contributed in any way to the Ice Cream Social that was held on July 18th. It was very successful and everyone enjoyed the great food and socializing.

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.

Van Wert County churches are hosting through July the **on-going Van Wert County-Wide Prayer Meeting**. The next meeting is at **noon, Thursday, July 1st** at **First United Methodist Church** 113 West Central Ave., Van Wert, Ohio. Come to Pray!

Celebrating **Marjorie Eutsler's 90th birthday** on July 18 from 1 to 4 pm at the Lincolnview Community Building. Please join us for appetizers, cake, and ice cream (no gifts please).

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

Marian Morris new address is Homestead at Towne Center, 240 Towne Center Blvd., Rm #210, Van Wert, OH 45891.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

29 th Tom Evans	30 th Shania Profit	Jul 1 st Gloria Leiter
1 st Owen Pugh	2 nd Lynette Lloyd	6 th Charles Boroff

Upcoming Anniversaries

28 th Larry & Sandra Caffro	1 st Jack & Gwenda Blackmore
Jul 4 th Toby & Elizabeth Adkins	



Deaths of Saul and Jonathan - "How the Mighty Have Fallen" 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

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TEACHING POINTS

FIRST - Rebellion against the Lord will culminate in humiliating defeat, but the death of the Lord’s fallen servants is to be grieved, not celebrated.

SECOND - David’s eulogy is full of grace, because he is filled with the grace of God.

THIRD - David’s mourning of his fallen tormentor was also a way of taking responsibility for his own life.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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