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<sup>27</sup> “But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. <sup>28</sup> Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.

-Luke 6:27-28

Dear Salem UM Church Family,  
I was recently reading a devotional that really touched my heart, and this month, I would like to share it with you. It comes from a free devotional called ‘Our Daily Bread’ ([www.obd.org](http://www.obd.org)) and it says, ‘In 1960, six-year-old Ruby Bridges was the first African-American child to integrate an all-white public elementary school in the American South. Every day for months, federal marshals escorted Ruby past a mob of angry parents shouting curses, threats, and insults at her. Safely inside, she sat in a classroom alone with Barbara Henry, the only teacher willing to instruct her while parents kept their children from attending school with Ruby.

Noted child psychiatrist Robert Coles met with Ruby for several months to help her cope with the fear and stress she experienced. He was amazed by the prayer Ruby said every day as she walked to school and back home. “Please, God, forgive them because they don’t know what they’re doing” (see Luke 23:34).

The words of Jesus spoken from the cross were stronger than the hatred and insults hurled at Him. In the most agonizing hours of His life, our Lord demonstrated the radical response He taught His followers: “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:27–28, 36).

This remarkable approach is possible only as we consider the powerful love Jesus has given us—love stronger than even the deepest hatred.

Ruby Bridges helped show us the way.

*Father, You have so graciously forgiven us. Help us today to forgive others who have wronged us.’*

May God look after your loved ones and our church family,

*Pastor Curtiss Cain*

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## Welcome New Choir Director Savannah H.

Please join us in welcoming Savannah as our new choir director. Savannah has received a Bachelor’s Degree in Vocal Performance from FSU, has been educated in Ballet, Jazz Dance & Contemporary Dance. Savannah has also studied opera and performed in several opera’s, her hope is to go on for a Master’s Degree and become an opera singer. She joins us after almost three years at First Baptist Church, Tallahassee as a sanctuary Choir intern and Soprano soloist. Savannah is due to join us in worship on June 17<sup>th</sup> after a singing opportunity in Japan.



We are excited to have her as a music ministry leader and invite you to help Savannah feel welcomed as part of the Salem UMC family.

## Congratulations 2018 Graduates!



We are so proud of all our High School and College Salem family graduates! They are all strong leaders and we can’t wait to see how God uses them to impact the world.

### High School Graduates

- **Kat S.** graduated from Leon High School. She plans to attend the University of North Florida and seek a degree in Political Science.
- **Leah P.** homeschooled, graduated from High School this year. Leah plans to attend Tallahassee Community College and seek a degree in Child Psychology.

### College Graduates

- **Shelby C.** graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Exercise Science.
- **Lindsay B.** graduated from Furman University with a degree in Communications.
- **Don T.** graduated from Florida State University with a degree in Choral Music Education.

## Family Ministry Fun

Memories of March are ones to remember. Youth met at the church for breakfast and a devotional before we left for Wild Adventures Theme Park. Salem had a head count of a twenty as we traveled to Georgia for a fun filled day of laughter and joy. Thank you Salem for making these precious moments that turn to memories possible.

This month we celebrated more than just Wild Adventures. We are celebrating college graduates and high school graduates. Cake, punch, and gifts were available in the fellowship hall to honor our youth that will be attending college soon. Kat Stralow and Leah Pennington are pursuing degrees that will embrace our mission to change the world one day at a time, and I couldn't be more proud. I am seeing amazing things come from Salem, and I want to take a moment to say good job to all the parents, and most importantly glory to the highest!!!!

We have been busy in children's church learning some of the most powerful scripture and lessons young ears could hear. Our children's church teachers are ones for the record books, and really go the extra mile to teach our children. We are honored to have a few new kids that have been joining us, and I am so thankful to God for all the hearts delight the children bring to me and this church.

Sunday school is the place to be! All of the kids meet upstairs in the youth coffee shop room for a little snack and maybe some juice or hot chocolate as we gather to talk about our week, weekend fun, and future plans. All of the teachers and myself gather with the children and at 9:50 we take prayer requests and pray together before we dismiss to class. Mrs. Deborah Fogler takes the children and Mrs. Nettie Loy takes the youth. The classes do crafts, play games, enjoy trips to the prize box, and anything we can think of to help make the Bible Study fun to learn. Sometimes the youth Sunday school class celebrates birthdays with cupcakes and special treats. We are so excited to get new young ones. Please invite any Children and youth you know to join our group!!!!!!

Vacation Bible School is almost upon us, and is the perfect time to invite children of all ages to join us for an adventure of a lifetime!!! See bulletin and newsletter for vacation bible school information. We are also actively seeking volunteers and donations. Thank you everyone for everything you do.

Misty F.

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## News From The Nursery!

We are gearing up for VBS!

The nursery is looking forward to welcoming all the new little ones for VBS. We have fun events planned like crafts, coloring, playing games, listening to music and be silly in God's love 😊! The nursery is available for both VBS children and for the children of our VBS volunteers.

The nursery lessons for the month of June will focus on the scriptures "Teach me your way, Lord, so that I can walk in your truth," (Psalm 86:11) and "The Golden Rule" treat people the way you want them to treat you (from Luke 6:31). June is a busy month and we hope to see your child for VBS June 10-14. In the meantime, don't forget our early Morning Coffee House Worship Service (8:45am), Sunday School (9:50am) and our Traditional Service (11:00am), we would love to see you all there and remember, the nursery is available for your little ones throughout all services!

Don't forget to check out our nursery bulletin board, in the hall, across from the nursery, to see what the children have been doing! Looking forward to seeing everyone this Sunday and looking forward to VBS! Blessings,

Lindy



## A NEW GROUP!!! Beans-&Bibles



Been wanting to study scripture and build new Christian friendships?

Beans-&Bibles is a new small group where you can explore what

God's Word has to say about the things happening in your life right now, while getting to know other fellow Christians. Know a lot or a little about the Bible, you'll still feel as if your part of the conversation.

**Meeting Thursdays, 3pm (beginning June 14<sup>th</sup>) at Poppy's Coffee Shop, down town Havana** (in the Wanderings Furniture store). Any questions, see Pastor Curtiss.

## Lectionary Reading

### June 3, 2018

1 Samuel 3:1-20, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

### June 10, 2018

1 Samuel 8:4-20, Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

### June 17, 2018

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Psalm 20 or Psalm 72  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17, Mark 4:26-34

### June 24, 2018

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49, Psalm 9:9-20  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

## June Birthdays

Becky Tiller	3	Jean Hughes	16
Rich Fogler	5	Brent Rowan	21
Laura Helms	5	Caylee Taylor	21
Pat Baxter	9	Richard Duncan	27
Jan Brouwer	10		

## VBS Preparation

VBS is almost here and this church has been pulling together in amazing ways! We are so blessed with people willing to volunteer and help out in anyway they can. Everyone one of you is a part of changing young lives for the Kingdom of God! As a few last-minute prep items.

**VBS Flyers:** Available at the exists. Additional flyers available upon request (see Misty).

**Volunteers:** Please feel free to dress as if your camping during the week of VBS, (if you don't have any and would like to, cheap outdoorsy clothes can be found at most thrift, store such as Community Cares here in Havana). In your VBS work we invite you to make one of your focuses building personal relationships with kids. Eat at the table with them, worship next to them, right behind them or in front of them. Conversations starters such as 'what school do you go to? What grade are you going into? What's your favor class or favorite TV show, tell me about it? Do you have a pet, siblings, what do you like to do? Tell me more about those things' can help.

**Donations/Loaning Supplies:** If you would like to give towards VBS please make your check or envelope with 'VBS.' If you have camping items you would like to loan the church for decorations please clearly *print your name* on the item and leave it under the desert table in the Fellowship Hall (right of the door leading to the office).

**ROLLING RIVER  
RAMPAGE**  
June 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7:45pm  
Pre-K - Middle School



**Mission Project:** Taking into account the financial situation of many families in our area our missions project will now be a non-perishable food and toiletries drive. We encourage **the whole congregation** to help in any way you are able. Items can be dropped off during VBS or at the Church Office (M-F: 8:30a-12:30p).  
**Registration:** Online registration at [www.SalemUMCHavana.org](http://www.SalemUMCHavana.org) or at the door.

## Readings for June 2018

June 1: Psalms 119:89-176  
June 2: Solomon 1-8  
June 3: Proverbs 1-3  
June 4: Proverbs 4-6  
June 5: Proverbs 7-9  
June 6: Proverbs 10-12  
June 7: Proverbs 13-15  
June 8: Proverbs 16-18  
June 9: Proverbs 19-21  
June 10: Proverbs 22-24  
June 11: 1King 5-6; 2Chronicles 2-3  
June 12: 1King 7; 2Chronicles 4  
June 13: 1King 8; 2Chronicles 5  
June 14: 2Chronicles 6-7; Ps 136  
June 15: Psalms 134/146-150  
June 16: 1King 9; 2Chronicles 8  
June 17: Proverbs 25-26  
June 18: Proverbs 27-29  
June 19: Ecclesiastes 1-6  
June 20: Ecclesiastes 7-12  
June 21: 1King 10-11; 2Chronicles 9  
June 22: Proverbs 30-31  
June 23: 1King 12-14  
June 24: 2Chron 10-12  
June 25: 1King 15:1-24; 2Chronicles 13-16  
June 26: 1King 15:25-16:34; 2Chronicles 17  
June 27: 1King 17-19  
June 28: 1King 20-21  
June 29: 1King 22; 2Chronicles 18  
June 30: 2Chronicles 19-23

## Our Faithful Giving

Our 2018 Budget	\$242,365
Needs Jan - May	\$100,985
Giving Jan - May	\$83,375



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45am - Coffee House Service  
 (Holy Communion Each Week)  
 9:50am - Sunday School  
 11:00am - Traditional Service  
 Youth off for the summer

# June 2018

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

7:45am - Men's Morning Group  
 (Country Kitchen Restaurant Next to Publix)  
 11:00am - Prayer Circle  
 12:00pm – Subs & Scriptures  
 (Subway in Havana)  
 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					1 Church office hours 9-12	2
3 11a: Holy Communion in Traditional Service  12p: Lunch Bunch	4 6:30 p Trustees	5 9a: Moses Baskets  6:30 p. Finance Committee	6 3p: Church Directory Meeting  7:00p: Choir	7  Annual Conference	8  Annual Conference	9  Annual Conference
10	11	12	13  7:00p: Choir	14 3p: Beans-& Bibles	15	16
<p><b>Vacation Bible School - 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.</b>  <b>Rolling River Rampage</b></p>						
17	18	19 9a: Moses Baskets	20 1:30p: Worship Committee  7:00p: Choir	21 3p: Beans-& Bibles	22	23 1p-5p: Greensboro Thrift Store
24 8:45a & 11a: Community Cares offering & Moses Baskets Dedication	25	26	27  7:00p: Choir	28 3p: Beans-& Bibles	29	30