



**Sunday:** **04-08-18**  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Ross & Alyssa Evans*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:** **04-10-18**  
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Teens for Christ

**Sunday:** **04-15-18**  
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
Noon Session Meeting

### **Announcements:**

The One Great Hour of Sharing brought in over \$200 of donations for the **Epidemic of Hope**, April 15, 7 pm, **Niswonger event**. Several-time World Series baseball player, **Darryl Strawberry**, will talk on the Van Wert area opioid addiction crisis and his faith journey. Remaining tickets are available by contacting Pastor Hamrick at 419.771.9378.

Pastor Tom will host the **WTGN 97.7 FM Christian radio** prayer time 9 am Friday, April 13.

Hope Chapel is hosting **April's county-wide prayer meeting** today at 7 pm. Their address is 9010 Van Wert Willshire Road (corner with Richey Road). We will host it ourselves in a couple of months.

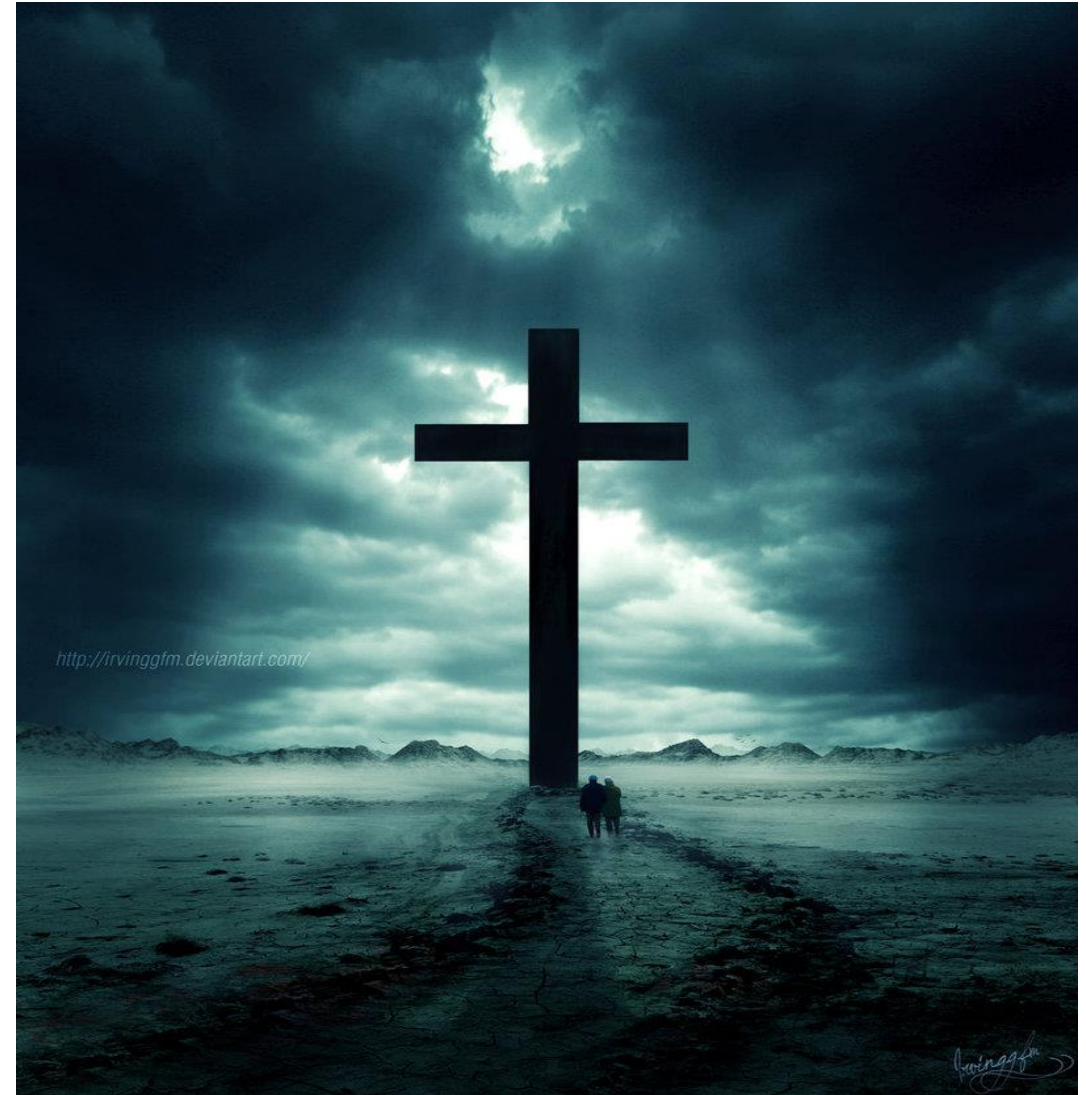
The **Teens for Christ** of youth from area churches meets on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Spencerville Nazarene Church. If you need a ride, call Pastor Tom to carpool.

The **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesdays at 10 am and 7 pm.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the May newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

### **Upcoming Birthdays**

8<sup>th</sup>-Andy Breese                      12<sup>th</sup>-MaKenna Kimmet                      13<sup>th</sup>-Sami Jones  
16<sup>th</sup>-Bill Evans                      16<sup>th</sup>-Anne Morris



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**Prayer Concerns:**

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*Third. We walk by faith, not knowledge.*

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#### ACTION POINT

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