

Sunday:
9:30 AM
10:45 AM

04-29-18
Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)
Sunday School

Tuesday:
7:00 PM
7:00 PM

05-01-18
Women's Bible Study
Teens for Christ

Sunday:
9:30 AM
10:45 AM
5:00 PM

05-06-18
Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)
Sunday School
Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

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.

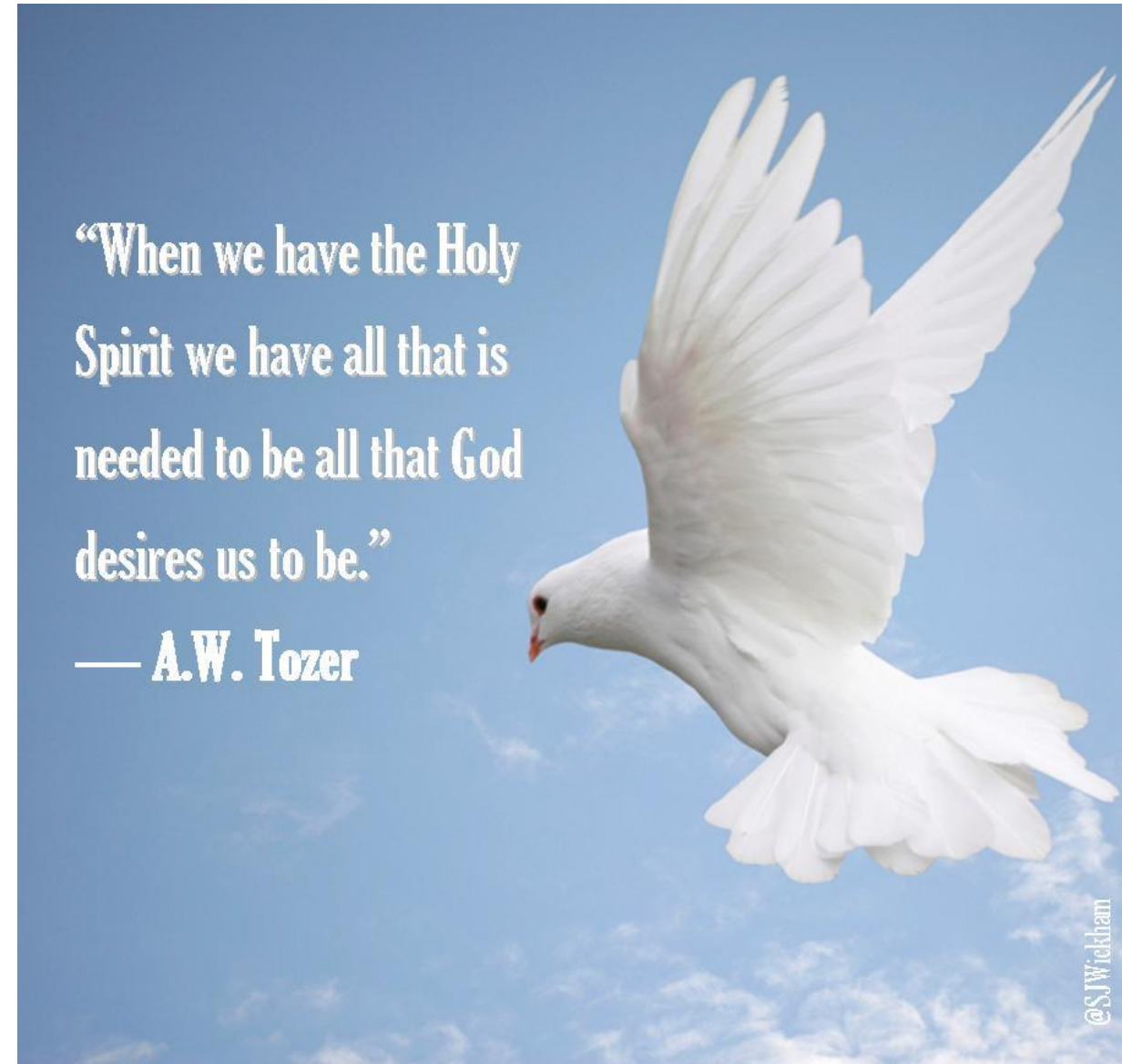
This week the **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm, no 10 am meeting.

The National Day of Prayer is on May 3rd at noon. Prayers will be given at the Van Wert Courthouse.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

29 th -Jenny Pugh	30 th -Bob Bolton	30 th -Ruth Evans
May 2 nd -Audrey Hobbs	3 rd -Kim Coil	3 rd -Deb Fair
3 rd -Eric Pugh	4 th -Rod Eutsler	4 th -Heather Matthews



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Mark Davis
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Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
David Hugh Evans (Pneumonia and Septic infection)
Doris Evans (cancer)
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Larry Howell
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TEACHING POINTS

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Second. The Holy spirit will communicate God’s truth through you.

Third. The Holy Spirit enables you to make a life-changing commitment to God.

Fourth. As the Holy Spirit transforms your life, He will draw us into Christian community.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

Philip parted company with the Ethiopian, and we read that his new disciple "went on his way rejoicing" (v. 39) simply because he had found Christ. Moreover, the Ethiopian undoubtedly felt that on his return to his homeland he would never be bewildered anymore. Now, his life had new meaning and purpose. Even amid heathen unbelief, he would know within himself a Godly Presence that calms and satisfies every human heart. Why not also seek that same peace that God offers to you?

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