



**Sunday:** 05-01-22 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 9:30 AM  
 Worship with Pastor Tom Emery  
*(nursery with Liz Hobbs)*

**Tuesday:** 05-03-22  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study- cafeteria at V.W. hospital  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Thursday:** 05-05-22  
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at the Van Wert  
 County Courthouse in Van Wert

**Sunday:** 05-08-22 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 9:30 AM  
 Worship with Pastor Tom Emery (recognize Mother's Day)  
*(nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)*

**Announcements:**

The **Women's Bible Study** will continue to be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

There is a **clean-up day** scheduled at Memorial Park on Wednesday, May 4 at 10 AM.

**Landon Price's graduation party** is on May 22 from 5 to 8 at the Middle Point Community building. This is an open house.

The **Senior Luncheon** will be held at noon on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Come enjoy food, fellowship, and white elephant bingo at the Lion's Club.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Audrey Hobbs	3 <sup>rd</sup> Deb Fair	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kim Coil
3 <sup>rd</sup> Eric Pugh	4 <sup>th</sup> Rod Eutsler	4 <sup>th</sup> Heather Matthews
6 <sup>th</sup> Emma Jones	7 <sup>th</sup> Josh Lloyd	8 <sup>th</sup> Bob Pugh

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

15<sup>th</sup> Steve & Lindsay Richards 19<sup>th</sup> Bart & Rosemary Strick 20<sup>th</sup> Mark & Messy Zielke



**Saul looking on as Stephen is martyred.**

# Acts 9:1-20

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Kathy Comer  
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma) LaDonna's stepdaughter  
Pastor Tom Emery  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair (cancer)  
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Charlie Good  
Brett Hammons  
Jane Harter  
Jerry Holscher  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Ann King (cancer)  
Claudia LeValley (cancer)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
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Anne Morris  
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The account shows how Jesus is at work in the world. The Lord gives a vision to both Ananias, a disciple from Damascus, and Paul about what happens next (9:10–12). Ananias at first objects because of Paul’s reputation, but Jesus responds, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry My Name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel” (9:13–16). Ananias then goes to meet Paul so Paul may regain his eyesight and be filled with the Spirit (9:17–19). Almost straightaway Paul begins to preach Jesus as the Son of God in the synagogues of Damascus, puzzling those who knew of him only as an opponent of Christ (9:19–22).

#### **TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT ONE** – Much more goes on in the spiritual world than we are aware.

**POINT TWO** – If you are a “True Believer,” hold your beliefs lightly and keep searching for the real truth and answers in Christ.

**POINT THREE** – Conversion is when you have your life turnaround.

#### **THIS WEEK’S MAIN VERSE**

“He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains” (Acts 9:3 NLT).

#### **ACTION POINT**

Romans 8:28 NLT tells us that “God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” The life of Paul shows how God is at work in this world. He transformed a murderous zealot into the Christianity’s greatest church planter. God will not give up on you. Why not turn your heart over to Him right now!

Men mocked Jesus’ humility, but He will be praised for His strength. He was butchered like a Lamb, but He will receive the honor of a mighty King. He was rejected in shame, but He will be celebrated in glory by the whole universe. He became a curse for the sinner, but He will receive much more honor above that given to a saint. Praise the “Lord of Lords.”

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