



**Sunday:** 07-17-2022 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost  
 9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery  
 (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)  
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

**Tuesday:** 07-19-2022  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible study in the Van Wert Hospital cafeteria  
 led by the Gideons.

**Thursday:** 07-21-2022  
 Noon Van Wert County noon Prayer Meeting at the  
 Niswonger.

**Sunday:** 07-24-2022 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost  
 9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery  
 (nursery with Kevin & Kristen Price)

**Announcements:**

**Van Wert County Prayer Meeting** is at noon at the Niswonger for the month of July.

The Salem **Vacation Bible School** is at 9-11:30 AM on Tuesday-Wednesday July 26-27. Volunteers are needed for a multitude of roles, especially watching kids.

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

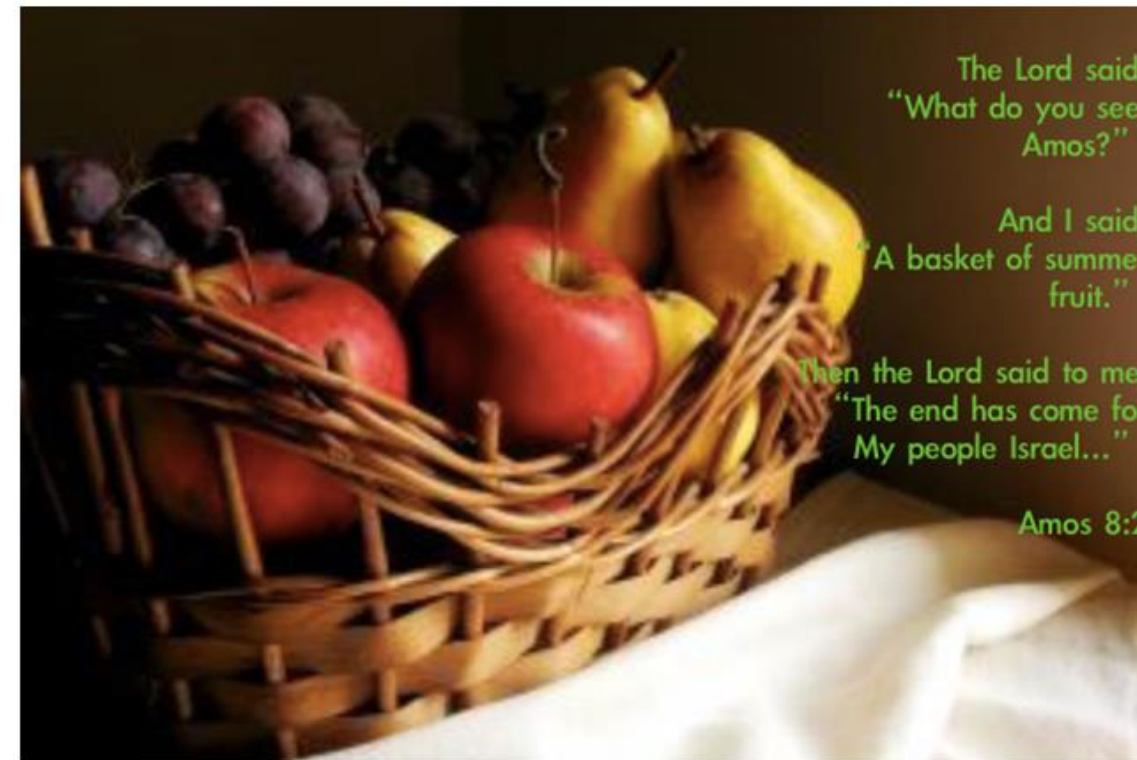
We are so delighted to announce our up-coming **Gymanfa** on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 7:00 pm. Our director, Kevin Fancher, will be joining us from Columbus, Ohio.

**Upcoming Birthdays**

22 <sup>nd</sup> Dave Rees	25 <sup>th</sup> Kent McClure
24 <sup>th</sup> Evan Pugh	26 <sup>th</sup> Brent Price

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

19 <sup>th</sup> Cory & Sylvia McCollow	25 <sup>th</sup> David & Nancy Jo Breese
24 <sup>th</sup> Bill & Ruth Evans	



**Amos 8:1-12**

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**Prayer Concerns:**

Kenzie Bay  
Kathy Comer  
Jim Davis (cancer)  
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma) LaDonna's  
stepdaughter  
Pastor Tom Emery (broken foot healing)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Deb Fair (cancer)  
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Brett Hammons  
Jane Harter  
Jerry Holscher  
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)  
Ann King (cancer)  
LuAnn (family issues)  
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd  
Eileen Lucier  
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Anne Morris  
David Morris (Zeb)  
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Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular  
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Stacy Smith (Covid)  
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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**TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT ONE** – *The people have lost the sense that they are to reflect God in their lives.*

**POINT TWO** – *Having lost their identity, the people pushed the envelope of what is acceptable behavior.*

**POINT THREE** – *God will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or thirst for water, but of hearing the Words of the Lord.*

**THIS WEEK’S VERSE**

<sup>2</sup> *“What do you see, Amos?” he asked. I replied, “A basket full of ripe fruit.” Then the LORD said, “Like this fruit, Israel is ripe for punishment! I will not delay their punishment again.” (Amos 8:2 NLT)*

**ACTION POINT**

Amos was fearful that God was going to reach the limits of divine patience and give up on the people. God is telling Amos that the people have gone on too long in their sins and have neared a point of no return where the nation will suffer an unwanted fate. And that is precisely what happened. Less than thirty years later, Israel fell to the Assyrians, and many of the people were dispersed to other lands. The people of Israel didn't like what they heard. They liked how they lived. They wouldn't listen. They ran Amos out of town. He went home and wrote it all down in hopes that someday, somewhere, someone would hear the Word of the Lord about the way to live with Him and with each other -- and then live it out. Jesus likewise said, *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."* Why not seek the righteousness of God found in reading His Word, and be blessed, not cursed, with judgment?

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