

Sunday: 09-25- Sunday 16th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*)
10:45 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: 09-27-2022
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria.
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study Romans: Lesson 8

Thursday: 09-29-2022
Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at the Pentecostal Way Church at 1215 Leeson Avenue.

Sunday: 10-2- Sunday 17th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh*)
Worldwide Communion
Peacemaking Offering

Announcements:

The Senior Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 28th, at noon.

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

25 th Darlene Jones	26 th Cindy Barnes	27 th Brian Ellerbrock
27 th Lisa Lloyd	29 th Stephanie Beck	29 th Steve Richards
30 th Jack Blackmore	Oct 2 nd Kory Mullenhour	

Upcoming Anniversaries

28 th Eric & Jen Pugh	Oct 2 nd Kevin & Heather Matthews
7 th Jason & Sarah Kimmet	



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Edie Basham (back surgery)
Dr. Ron Bell
Charles Boroff (heart issue)
Dave Burnett
Kathy Comer
Stephanie Dillon (lymphoma)
 LaDonna's stepdaughter
Pastor Tom Emery (Long Covid healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
Deb Fair (cancer)
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Jane Harter
Jerry Holscher
Sarah Kimmet
Ann King (cancer)
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd
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David Morris (Zeb)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *God will not abandon us if we return to Him.*

POINT TWO – *We can make it through even the very worst times by focusing on the future -- the time when God will finally set things right.*

POINT THREE – *We, like Jeremiah, are called to invest in the future.*

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

¹⁵ *For this is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Someday people will again own property here in this land and will buy and sell houses and vineyards and fields'' (Jeremiah 32:15 NLT).*

ACTION POINT

In our passage, Israel has given their worship to idols and forgotten about God. They also have put their trust in treaties with enemies rather than in the Lord of hosts. On the other hand, although they have abandoned God - God has not fully abandoned them. We can trust God in all circumstances and during all aspects of our lives. In returning to trusting in God, we find the peace that passes all understanding, and God gives us the strength to heed Christ's call. Why not put your full trust in God today?

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