

Sunday: 01-28-2024
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris*)

Tuesday: 01-30-2024
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the VW Hospital Cafeteria
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 02-01-2024
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at Good Shepherd Nazarene Church, 1145 W. Main St., in Van Wert.

Sunday: 02-04-2024
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Kevin & Kristen Price*)

Announcements:

Corbin Evans has had a serious car accident. His address is 9650 Willshire-Ohio City Road, Ohio City, Ohio 45874.

Please sign up for the new **2024 Flower Calendar**.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on the acceptance of the **end-of-year reports** today.

The **Offering Envelopes** can be found on the white table in the prayer room; please sign your name beside the box number you take for the year 2024.

For our offering to the Salvation Army the month of February, they have requested **canned meat**.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

28 th Scott Fair	1 st John Lloyd	3 rd Elizabeth Holscher
30 th Doris Price	1 st Ashley McClure	4 th Andrew Emery
30 th John Smith	2 nd Lindsay Breese	
31 st Carrie Jones	2 nd Jerry Holscher	



The Jonah 3:1-10

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 Lynn Collins (cancer)
 Pastor Tom Emery (long Covid healing)
 Marjorie Eutsler
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 Shana Fryer
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TEACHING POINTS

First. God has universal love for all people.

Second. You cannot outrun God.

Third. Repentance leads to real change.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, He changed His mind and did not carry out the destruction He had threatened. (Jonah 3:10 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Jonah obeys Yahweh as a grateful response to the deliverance that God has afforded him in chapter 2. God’s deliverance provides no “cheap forgiveness” that allows its recipient simply to bask in the salvation won. Rather, along with grace, there is always the demand of God’s expectation of an obedient response, because God saves you for a purpose. God has a purpose for this world, and God saves us to further that plan. As Psalm 130:4 puts it, “*But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared (respected)*” (ESV). God expects the obedient response of those who are saved. Are you open to a change of plans? You have been walking in your way. Are you willing to step along in His way? Only a willingness to change directions and your invitation to Christ to come into your life can do that.

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