

Sunday: 05-08-22 **4th Sunday of Easter- Recognize Mothers**
 9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery
(nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)

Tuesday: 05-10-22
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study - Cafeteria at V.W. hospital
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 05-12-22
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at the Church on the
 Horizon, 634 N. Washington, Van Wert.

Sunday: 05-15-22 **5th Sunday of Easter**
 9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery
(nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

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

Thank you, for those who participated in the **clean-up day** at Memorial Park last Wednesday.

Janet Mohr would like to thank everyone for sending cards and prayers from Salem Presbyterian church on behalf of her husband, Byron Mohr.

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 24th. 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@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

8 th Bob Pugh	10 th Rex Lloyd	12 th Sandy Clayborn
15 th Dane Ebel	16 th Chance Mosier	

Upcoming Anniversaries

15 th Steve & Lindsay Richards	19 th Bart & Rosemary Strick	20 th Mark & Messy Zielke
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The Greeted Saints Clothed in White Robes

Revelation 7:9-17

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What a spectacle! You who want to make heaven a narrow, restricted place, sparingly populated with a pious few, might need to reconsider with this truth: heaven is for the multitudes. And the question is asked, “Who are these in white robes and where did they come from?” John is told: “They are those who have come through the great tribulation” Revelation 7:13).

TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – God is in the process of redeeming a multicultural people, and we should join him in the mission. We were given the Great Commission as our marching orders to live out in this world.

POINT TWO – The great gathering has won a victory, but they have triumphed and conquered through suffering and sacrifice.

POINT THREE – Those wearing the white robes are no longer wounded but rather victors. Everything they endured was worth it.

THIS WEEK’S MAIN VERSE

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¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:18-19 NLT).

ACTION POINT

John's Revelation vision has brought hope to millions of believers. When we feel like giving up, falling prey to the attraction of Babylon, when the cost of discipleship seems too great, we need to remember that the victory is already ours — thanks be to Jesus. One day we shall join those who have gone before us, we will join in the grand celebration before the throne of God and Jesus.

God's ongoing work of salvation continues in our day and time. The saving work of God continues through us as we seek to live out our faith as modern-day disciples of Jesus Christ. We share our faith with others, hoping and praying that the seeds of faith that we plant will take hold.

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