

Sunday: 08-14-2022 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
10:45 AM Session Meeting
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Tuesday: 08-16-2022

7:30 AM Men's Bible study in the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria led by the Gideons.

Thursday: 08-18-2022

Noon Van Wert County noon Prayer Meeting at the Trinity Friends in Van Wert.

Sunday: 08-21-2022 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM Worship with Gideon speaker Ray Etzler (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)
Gideon Offering

Announcements:

Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at noon at the Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert for the month of August.

The 2022 Gymanfa Ganu is on Labor Day Sunday, September 4th. The meal begins at 4:30 PM and the singing begins at 7 PM.

There is a **sign-up sheet** at the back of the church to bring salads/desserts for the light supper served on September 5th for the Gymanfa Ganu.

We welcome **Ray Etzler** on 8/21/22 who will be leading worship as Pastor Tom visits his daughter Christina pursuing her Archaeology degree in Washington University in St. Louis.

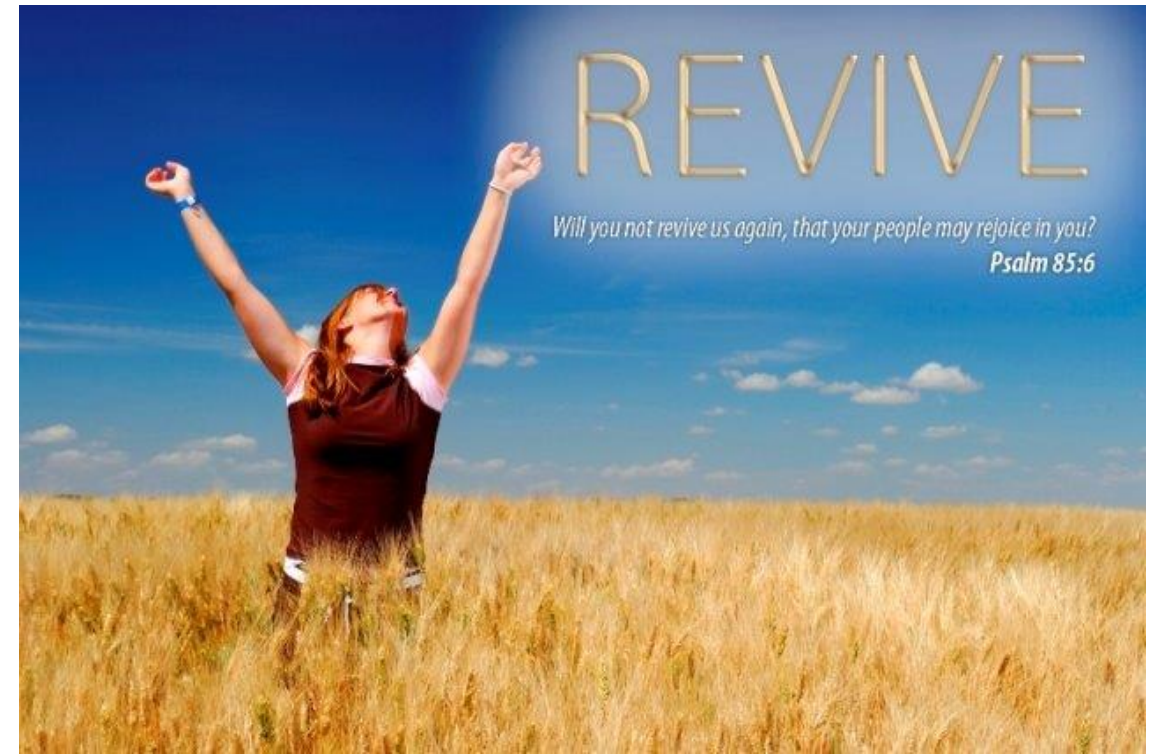
Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the upcoming **September newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

19th Melia Richards 20th Austin Kimmet 22nd Jan Jones

Upcoming Anniversaries

17th Kory & Tamara Mullenhour 27th Tom & Carol Emery



Isaiah 5:1-7 c.f. Matthew 21:33-41,43

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POINT TWO – “Yes, spiritually,” if you are looking at how spiritually connected the two nations America and Israel really are. What we can do is trace our spiritual heritage. America’s spiritual heritage existed long before our physical nation ever did. Our Christian heritage can be traced back to Christ, Himself. No other nation on earth can claim the rich Christian heritage that we can.

POINT THREE – Most scholars believe about the “nation” or people mentioned in Matthew 21:33-43 that Jesus is speaking about, is the Church, the Body of Christ. When the workers in the vineyard killed the Son, (whom we know as Jesus), the vineyard was given over to others. In doing so, God raised up Gentiles to carry the Gospel of Christ to the nations of the earth after Christ’s death was approved by the religious Jews.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

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ACTION POINT

Isn’t it interesting that America is the only nation that can claim to have been founded on Christian principles? It has spread the Gospel across the planet more than any other nation. We are also the only nation in the world that can trace its origins and prophetic patterns to Israel. I conjecture that America, the superpower, will not exist in the last days, because our work will be done, our spiritual privileges will be returned to Israel, and the Church will go home to meet their Savior in the air. Let us in the meantime pray for the revival of America. Let us take seriously our duties as Christians to spread the Gospel and to revive the Church.

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