

Sunday: 2025-05-11 4th Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Michael & Lindsay Breese*)
Mother's Day recognition

Tuesday: 2025-05-13
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets at the Global Methodist Church
at Crawford and Walnut Streets.
7:00 PM The Women's Bible Study meets downstairs.

Thursday: 2025-05-15
Noon The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets in the Prayer
Room at Salem Church.

Sunday: 2025-05-18 5th Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
10:45 AM Baptism
Session Meeting

Announcements:

Salem gives **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the food we collect for May is cereal.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **June Newsletter**. Submit them to: PastorTomEmery@live.com.

Pete McCollow's address before June 11 for cards or letters is: VA Medical Center, Building 410, Room 316, 4100 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45428.

Upcoming Birthdays

12 th Sandy Clayborn	15 th Dane Ebel	16 th Chance Mosier
17 th Mary Jane Haines	17 th Delayna Profit	17 th Stacia Profit
17 th Katey Lloyd	19 th Holden Price	22 nd Dawson Kimmet

Upcoming Anniversaries

15 th Steve & Lindsay Richards	19 th Bart & Rosemary Strick
20 th Mark & Missy Zielke	



The Greeted Saints Clothed in White Robes

Revelation 7:9-17

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Prayer Concerns:

LaDonna Allenbaugh (shoulder & elbow surgery)
Dave Burnett (heart issues)
Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)
Kim Coil (foot surgery)
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
Millie Fletcher
Ellen Friesner
Cecil Foust (heart surgery)
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Charlie Good (prostate cancer)
Sheryl Hefner (cancer)
Carla Hillabrand (medical issues) sister to Nancy Breese
Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher
Jim Lloyd (at Van Wert Manor for heart & foot issues)
Pete McCollow
Mary Lou Morgan (Eleanor Morgan's daughter)
David Morris (Zeb)
Steve Muhlenkamp (cancer) Jen Pugh's stepdad
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Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)
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The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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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 in this world and to bring glory to God.

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

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

THIS WEEK’S MAIN VERSE

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.
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ACTION POINT

John's Revelation vision has brought hope to millions of believers. When we feel like giving up, falling prey to Babylon's attraction, or 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, and 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 age. God's saving work 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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