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#### THE SUMMER CAMPS

It was that time of the year again, Summer in Europe, meaning two RF camps. One in Holland at an refurbished monastery and the other in England at a public school in Bath.

Like every camp, it was an extended time for reflection, to think about 'how are we going', individually and collectively as a fellowship.. In 'normal' life we are like a ship, sailing along but not realising that weeds are growing on the underside of our 'ship'. In extreme cases, the ship will simply stop moving.

So, we come away from a camp with an 'action-list'



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unless, we are already perfect, in which case an 'action-list' is not needed. Come to think of this, every meeting should result in an 'action-list'. Interestingly the Holland

camp location was where we have now started to have regular Sunday meetings in 's-Hertogenbosch, in one of the southern provinces of Holland. This is historically a mostly Catholic area but the outreaches have turned up a lot of interest and there have been a few baptisms already. Watch this news... So the outreaches at the camp were good to let the locals know where they can go to.

So, we keep on trying in different areas, like we have been doing in the past. Every camp is an investment i



been doing in the past. Every camp is an investment in Revival and vital for our Survival. Pastor Piet Visser

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### **Editorial: Faith and politics**

Bible faith is about sure things.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the <u>evidence</u> of things not seen.

**Politics** is all about making/reaching a compromise between opposing ideas and convictions.

A satirical definition of compromise is: "Reaching an agreement about an issue and/or a course of action where no one is completely happy with".

Mixing Bible faith and politics together is a disaster and it is clear that when politics (compromise) enters the church, God moves out.

Now, people being people, sometimes differences need to be resolved and it was determined many years ago that the way to do this was to call a "council".

According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica a "council" is defined as follows:

"Council, in the Christian Church, a meeting of bishops and other leaders to consider and rule on questions of doctrine, administration, discipline, and other matters".

In front of me I have a list of 56 Church "councils" which were all with one exception, meetings of (*Roman Catholic*) leaders to determine doctrine and resolve differences.

The exception according to *"Wikipedia"* is the first council, held in Jerusalem, and recorded in the book of acts, I quote: *"Council of Jerusalem (or Apostolic Conference) is a name applied by historians and theologians to a Christian Apostolic Age council that was held in Jerusalem and dated around the year 50 AD"* 

"The council decided that Gentile converts to Christianity were not obligated to keep most of the Law of Moses, including the rules concerning circumcision of males".

Since that time there have been 55 more recorded councils in the Roman Catholic Church, all modelled on this way of doing things.

As most of us know, the RF adopted a similar way of running the Church, which seems to work quite satisfactorily

because the Bible is kept central and we are not governed by other conflicting authorities.

However, if we look at the track record of the RC Church we see interesting things. Here is a short list of some councils:

- 8. Fourth Council of Constantinople (869–870) depose been declared deposed by the Pope, an act which the CI
- 9. First Council of the Lateran (1123) addressed invest
- 10. Second Council of the Lateran (1139) reaffirmed L
- 11. Third Council of the Lateran (1179) restricted papa
  12. Fourth Council of the Lateran (1215) defined trans
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   14. Second Council of Lyon (1274) attempted reunion is procedures.
- to council of Vienne (1311–1312) disbanded the Knigl
   Council of Pisa (1409) attempted to solve the Great
- The council is not numbered because it was not conv • 16. Council of Constance (1414–1418) resolved the Gre
- Council of Siena (1423–1424) addressed church ref Not numbered as it was swiftly disbanded.
- 17. Council of Basel, Ferrara and Florence (1431–14-Basel became the apogee of conciliarism. The fathers at
- 18. Fifth Council of the Lateran (1512-1517) addresse
- 19. Council of Trent (1545–1563, with interruptions) adc and strengthened clerical discipline and education. Temporarily attended by Lutheran delegates.
- 20. First Council of the Vatican (1870) defined pope's p interpretation of scripture and the relationship of faith and
- 21. Second Council of the Vatican (1962–1965) addrese ecumenism.

Let's highlight some of them: 19. Council of Trent (1545–1563, with interruptions) addressed church reform and repudiated Protestantism, defined the role and canon of Scripture and the seven sacraments, and strengthened clerical discipline and education. (Temporarily attended by Lutheran delegates)

This council is generally seen as the beginning of the inquisition where millions of protestants were killed.

20. First Council of the Vatican (1870) defined pope's primacy in church governance and his infallibility, repudiated rationalism, materialism and atheism, addressed revelation, interpretation of scripture and the relationship of faith and reason.

The so-called "church father" Augustine was the one who chaired the 13<sup>th</sup> council at Carthage in 416-418 AD.

It was there that a decision was made about baptism by immersion verses "Christening" of babies.

The following statement was published: "We want everyone who denies that

young children by "baptism" (Christening, sprinkling Ed.) are saved from their lost condition and are eternally saved, will be cursed!"

This looks like a very complicated sentence but the statement simply says that babies, through 'Christening' are saved for ever.

Now we know that this is simply not true.

Further quote from Wiki:

"That was the beginning, and to the present day proponents of biblical baptism by immersion, after a personal conversion, are within the traditional churches branded as heretics and churches where this mode of baptism is used, are often depicted as sects!"

So, we are warned. Compromise (politics) will destroy our church as it has destroyed many other churches. All that will be left then is "dead" buildings filled with "dead" people. The only way to prevent this is to keep the Bible central

the Bible centri to everything we do. Only then we will keep what we have now.



#### Ps Piet Visser.

#### Heard from the platform:

- The Lord can do a lot with just a little, so give what you can
- Stop trying to hide, the Lord can see you
- For any new problem, God always has a new answer
- To be popular in the world is a danger signal
- Make sure your treasure is of the Lord
- God is not a vending machine!
- Our calling is to draw men unto Him
- "Can't-Do" is not in God's vocabulary
- Preaching the Gospel sets people free and keeps us free
- Although Jesus was weak after fasting, HE was the influencer
- Be prepared for Jesus's return by using what God has given us to serve others
- If you want to be wiser, read the Bible and believe it
- No matter what happens in our lives, be reassured that God's plan has not changed

# Revival across Europe and the UK

Baptisms in August: 1 in Ireland, 12 in the Netherlands, 4 in the UK (2 pictured)













Jay, Almere



Cynthia, Ireland

















# Corfe Camping and news from the saints in Poole, UK



There were also day trippers and a visitor to the Sunday meeting from the outreach in Swanage. The morning and evening ministry was based on the theme of **1Cor 11vs1:** *"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. »* 

Items, testimonies and talks were great. Encouraging to hear and see some young ones stepping up to be involved during the weekend.

A few rainy times, but people were determined to be part of it. It was a new experience for some and great time for all! Praise the Lord.

#### **Revival Fellowship Poole**

This month has been packed with activities. We went to the UK bath camp which we all thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by our Corfe Camping. Around 65 campers pitched their tents on the hills of Dorset in South West England. This has been

quite popular because its fits in well with school holidays after our UK camp. We had saints across the UK and even from Australia attending.





## Summer Camps in Holland and England

















#### Summer camp in Bath, UK

The motto of Kingswood School, Bath, where the 2023 Summer camp was held is: 'Go quickly along the straight and narrow path.' (From the Latin)

That certainly sums up the mood of this packed and joyful gathering of saints. Folks from all over the world came together, in spirit and in truth, to have an excellent, if tiring, spiritual get together.

We also had a good number of visitors, happy to take a careful and I think entertained look at what we were up to.

I'm not entirely sure of the statistics at this stage, but I think somewhere in the region of 315 saints attended (impressive but cheerful dinner queue), and there were two baptisms and at least one received the spirit. The prayer room was popular with those seeking to receive – both young and old – and it was inspirational to watch their patient commitment, and the support they received.

The meetings? And ministry? Top drawer. Excellent at all points, and just the ticket for all concerned. Check it out on YouTube.

The nature of the site – an eighteenth century grammar school and boarding establishment – certainly lends itself to relaxed fellowship, from quadrangle to terrace, to spreading grounds and hilltop views. And the weather smiled too.

We were blessed to have the presence of a number of overseas pastors and their wives, including Pastor Paul Nobel and Pastor Pieter Visser. This was a good opportunity to have Martin Gladdish of the North London assembly presented to all the saints as a pastor. He smiled bravely.

What shall we say of the food and catering? Outstandingly good. What shall we say of the items and skits? The same. What shall we say of Pastor Steve's jokes? Magic! **Ps Warren Sharrock** 









### Next Gen and Kids Camps, Holland and Czech Republic

#### This NGC was the biggest to date with 50 youngies and leaders attending. We even had the blessing of this being the first NextGenCamp that had international attendees (thanks Julie Campbell!).

We kicked off camp with an inspring talk by Ps Ben about the camp theme "Shine God's Light". This year everyone was divided up into one of three teams: Juda, Benjamin or Levi. Everyday we had more serious sessions followed by what we called "the battle" sessions.

**During the "Smarties game"** our youngies sat together and asked each other questions about the Bible or just random stuff. The questions were colour coded with the same colours that chocolate Smarties have.

*The "cross the line" game* confronted our young folk with situations and opinions challenging them to think about their own thoughts and whether they're in line with the Bible.

**Every evening we finished with a little "inspiration" session**. Everyone got divided up into a group of 3 and was given 2 sticky notes. The assignment was simple: talk with each other about something you've learnt today and write it on one Sticky Note and write an encouragement on the other.

The "battle sessions" were great fun with the three teams competing and especially some of the leaders (enthusiastically) joining in. Team Levi won the NGC-cup this year!





Next Gen Holland



In August the Bible Class children, aged 7-13 years, enjoyed their annual Kids Camp with the camp theme 'Shine God's Light' (Matthew 5:14-16 / Psalms 119:105 / Ephesians 1:17-18). On Friday afternoon, the children and supervisors travelled from the assemblies in Almere, Rotterdam and Dordrecht to gather at the camp site in Lettele, in the eastern part of The Netherlands. During the meetings children shared their testimonies and various brothers led chorus sessions or gave mini talks. The evening sessions were very inspiring and fun with various plays and songs from all children involved. In the afternoons, the children made their own 'glow in the dark' paintings with favorite scripture and engaged in various games. In a nearby forest, the children played the traditional 'Bible smuggling' game which was yet another highlight of Kids Camp 2023.

The future looks bright! Revival Fellowship Rotterdam



We had busy Summer. We started of with our already traditional kids Survivor camp 3 days in a forest sleeping in tents.

Playing games, hiking, cooking over a fire, singing ,praying, talking and also witnessing.

Our young brothers shared few good thoughts in their small talks. We had 9 kids from our fellowship and 3 adults and a Young girl visiting.

**Revival Fellowship Czech Republic** 





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## The Revival Fellowship in:



#### Almere

August was full, having wonderful summer camps, Kids and NextGen camps, closing off the month with 5 people being baptized, 4 also received the Holy Spirit.

Jay, one of the men who got baptized originally living in Swaziland (in Africa), came to visit his mum in Almere together with his wife and daughter.

Simone (his wife), who also got born again 5 years ago, still wanting to follow the Truth but being far away from the fellowship and was not able to go to the meetings, was very excited to see that her husband also got baptized now. After they went back to Africa visited our fellowship in Cape Town and even thought about moving there to be able to be close to the fellowship. Jay is still looking to receive the Holy Spirit so please keep him in your prayers.

There was a night of meet and greet with Ps. Paul and Kathy. Ps. Paul inspired us by sharing testimonies to preach the Gospel, using every opportunity we get.

Furthermore Meina, Mike and Sherika left for Indonesia to visit the fellowship over there late July and the beginning of August. They had a very uplifting time in Bali. Ps Rene and his family joined them in Bali. They also went to Kupang where they visited the family of Ester, shining their light and being a testimony for them too. They travelled across the country and met a lot of new brethren and have heard and seen wonderful testimonies. They brought back a lot of good news of the work of the Lord of that part of the vineyard there.

#### Bristol

The UK Summer Camp in Bath was of course a high point of August

We really enjoyed having Pastor Paul Nobel and sister Cathy with us for a meeting in



Mark 16:15-20 John 3: 1-8 Acts 2: 38 www.revivalfellowship.nl

Bristol before camp, where Pr Paul shared some thoughts on what it means to be in our right mind in

the Lord. Camp was an incredibly full week of blessings and joy, with plenty of chances for us to get to know our brothers and sisters better and strengthen the bonds of fellowship. During camp we had an outreach at the nearby town of Keynsham, between Bristol and Bath. It was well-supported by the saints and particularly by Pastor Jim & the Poole fellowship, whose singing attracted lots of

interest. A man named who was witnessed to on the street came back to a meeting at camp. The next day he decided to get baptised. His mother also came with him, was supportive and asked a lot of good questions. It was great to see so many visitors from afar at our Sunday meetings after camp. It's always very inspiring to hear new testimonies.

Several from Bristol attended the Corfe Camp and returned laden with uplifting words. The double rainbow which appeared over the campsite was a good

symbol of

the Godly nature of the fun being shared there. Even an allergic reaction to some barbecue ingredients couldn't dampen the mood. It was just another opportunity for the Lord to show off his power to heal instantly. God is good!

**Ps Paul and Cathy visit** 

#### **Czech Republic**

After our Survival Camp (see page 5)we organized another of our traditional activities which is a flea market by our hall, we earned some money for a mission fund And during

> that we could speak to the visitors but also sellers and some of them came to look to the hall.( Unfortunately nobody came - yet )

We also celebrated 70th birthday of Pastor Olda. That was fun, we invited his family and they could see the fellowship working together as a great team and it was a very good testimony. We also had visitors from Hungary and England. Of course we also went to a Summer camp to Holland, which was very uplifting.

We started a new activity. Once a month we are going to have a friday meeting/ activity with our next gen which will be followed by a saturday outreach. Our first one was fantastic and we all got built up and are looking forward for our next one.

After camp we started doing more outreaching and have some new contacts. Keep us in your prayers that we get some growth in numbers.

At the moment we are preparing for a 30th anniversary of our Czech fellowship which will be on a weekend 14.10.2023 before our Czech camp 18.10

- 22.10.2023 ( everybody is invited )

#### Dordrecht

August was a month filled with...camps! After camp in Holland the first week of August quite a big number of us



went to camp in England. What a joy to be part of this great family of God! The younger and older children also had a great time at kids camp and nextgen camp. Two people were born again this month.

#### France

We were blessed with lots of Kiwi visitors this month! Sarah from New Plymouth shared her salvation testimony: at 14 years old she was sad at having left her home in South Africa to move to NZ. But she praises the Lord that at that time she came along to a fellowship meeting with an open heart to know the Lord, and soon after attending her first camp she received the Spirit and was baptised. Marité came away from a car accident with a broken sternum. The doctor said it would take at least 6 weeks to start to heal properly. The first week was hard and she felt discouraged. But after just 10 days she was back to walking 5 kms per day and driving her car. She can see the Lord's power in this and has learnt a lot from this testimony. Mari was so ill she



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felt her life slipping away. She praises the Lord her 10 year old daughter Candy was able to call the ambulance and explain the situation. After a few days in hospital and much fervent prayer she came home the doctors found no problems which was a huge relief to our sister!

#### Hungary

Two people received the Holy Spirit this month with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Many of us have grown, learned, overcome challenges and received protection connected to camp or travelling to camp. A sister was unsure about her English but when asked to help with translation for the first time she had the right attitude, overcoming her doubts. After camp she was asked at work to lead a group, communicating in English. A sister on the way home, noticed she had Dutch pamphlets remaining in the car and felt immediately they'll be used. The next day, back in Hungary, she heard a mum and kid speak Dutch so she started a conversation. Not only they came from Holland but Tillburg! The pamphlet had a Tillburg contact on it and the lady was so excited about this "coincidence" that she literary fetched the pamphlet out of our sister's hand. Some of us went to both Dutch and English Camps and came home shining, inspired, ready to do more for the Lord. A brother has contact with a young boy who was healed by God earlier and now prayed and received the Holy Spirit. A visitor received God's Spirit after agreeing to let go his arguments and just let God show His way. A lady received the Spirit in India





through a video call with us. Kids' camp took place with the theme "See the invisible" where they were strengthened in faith and vision, also learning many practical advices to handle everyday challenges from the world.

#### Ireland

We had a few visitors from Australia. Before camp Kris Parsons visited for a few days, we really enjoyed the fellowship and time together. We went on a follow up to our sisters family who were visiting from Germany, they came last year too and came to the meetings. Whilst on the follow up we had prayer with Cynthia to receive the Holy Spirit and encouraged her to continue to pray by herself. The following Sunday they all came to the meeting; Cynthia had received the Holy Spirit late one night whilst praying alone (her young daughter had heard her and asked her the following morning "Mom did you speak in tongues last night?" to which she confirmed "yes".) They also brought a neighbour's child along with them a couple of times. Cynthia's husband arrived on the Thursday and she got baptised in front of the whole family. It was a lovely sight indeed and a great way to kick off summer camp.

On that note, Summer camp in Bath was a



great boost for us. Praise the Lord. After camp we had Pr Roland and Barbara return with us for a week, an extra bonus. We had such a blessed time of fellowship; follow ups, outreaching and enjoyed a lovely day out too. We really enjoyed the visit and it is very much appreciated!

We are now excitedly preparing for our own Autumn Camp in Kerry from Wed 25th until Sun 29th Oct 23. There are still places available, please email Rachael for further information: irishrevivalfellowship@gmail.com

#### Liverpool

We had a great month with one of our visitors baptised and praying for the Holy Spirit.



Some saints from Liverpool were able to visit the Dutch camp, Bath camp and the Corfe camp in August.

We have been doing lots to prepare for our 50 year Jubilee. We had a specific prayer and fast for it in the build up and put some leaflets in letterboxes in our nearby area. We all worked together to make lots of great improvements to the hall prepare some rooms for guests, food to share and leaflets prepared ready for the rally in September.

#### Rotterdam

Hallo everyone there were many opportunities this month to attend a camp. We enjoyed our own summer camp and some of us got to enjoy the Canadian and UK summer camps!!!!

Our young ones also were busy with their own kids & Next Gen camps.

Saturday activities included mini talks and a presentation. Praise the Lord some of our visitors to the meetings were baptised and spirit filled. Bas was one those born again of water and

spirit. He came to install a dishwasher at a sisters work place. She witnessed



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to him and he took hold of what was said and after some follow up came to the meetings where he obeyed Gods Word.

#### Switzerland / Germany / Austria

This month started with the summer camp in Holland. It was wonderful that all of us from Germany, Austria and Switzerland could be there and meet in person. Praise the Lord! It was a real quality time for all of us! Many thanks to our brothers and sisters who organized this great camp and for all the work. We appreciate it very much! After the camp we (Stephan and Zsuzsa) visited the Fellowship in Almere. Thanks to Maarten and Achneta for the great fellowship and the great care.

Then we had the pleasure to fly to Suriname to visit our dear brothers and sisters there. It was a very special experience for us! We had lots of fellowship, one evening with the youngies together. One evening with the "older" ones together. It is a very enthusiastic Fellowship. Definitely worthy to go there and give support. The outreach we did was very



special for us because it is so easy to talk about God with everyone. Even though not everyone wants to do the right thing, you get the respect to talk about God. There was no mocking or even laughing about the gospel. Thank you to everyone there for the great hospitality and fellowship. It was special! We have taken our brothers and sisters into our hearts and definitely want to go back.

#### West London

This month, Mary was baptised after having received the Holy Spirit a few weeks prior. She

was witnessed to by a brother in our fellowship. Also, the husband of our sister Tulia came to a Sunday meeting and received the Holy Spirit at the prayer line. We hope to see him

Brother Simo and family, West London

baptised soon. Tulia, who came back into fellowship after many years, has now seen both her children baptised and received the Holy Spirit within a week of her coming back; great time of rejoicing for all. We have been blessed with many visitors from across the shores, some coming for our summer camp and others for the Liverpool's Jubilee. We have had great ministry, heard fantastic testimonies and have had a blessed time with brothers and sisters we had never met. As was testified by many: we have something very special in the unity we have through the Spirit. One family. Sister Pam Gillespie shared in her testimony how she would not change her trial during cancer as God showed her amazing things. She is very grateful for it all. As she said: you may go through difficult times, but God will never let your face hit the ground. Another sister testified of how when her parents came back into fellowship when she was a young teenager, she knew at her first meeting that she had come home. She rejoices in her life in the Lord and in being used for His work.



### **Testimonies**

My name is Rachael and I'm going to start with my parents. They were baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit with the sign of speaking in tongues.

When I was born me and my parents all went to the meetings. After nine years, one Saturday we were going to a Fellowship outing. We were on the motorway and there was a big traffic jam and it took hours and hours sitting in the car. The pastor said "let's all pray and see if Rachael can receive the Holy Spirit". After 10 to 15



minutes I started to speak in tongues; I knew I had received the Spirit and was so happy. We prayed another ten minutes for the traffic jam and then on the Sunday, in the baptism bath, the pastor asked me some questions, to which I answered "Yes", and so I was baptised.

From then I am so happy to be in the Lord and to be one of God's children.

Rachael, Yorkshire

I have always lived in Wakefield and started married life with a nice bungalow and had two daughters – life was good; but when the girls were 16 and 10 everything went wrong and I found myself divorced and a few years later remarried with still more problems.

When I was in my 50's my sister and I started visiting various churches – Church of England and Baptist – hoping to find some meaning to life. We eventually visited a Pentecostal church which was well supported and where just a few people were said to have been baptised and received the Holy Ghost and spoke in



new language given them by God, and as a result were always happy. However, as much as we tried, we never found anything there.

After some time we were introduced to a pastor from The Revival Centres who had come from Australia to preach the gospel in Yorkshire, we started going to meetings and had the gospel explained properly and so we were baptised and spoke in tongues as the sign of receiving the Holy Spirit, just as the Bible says. I then became happy and content, my life changed. I now fellowship in the Revival Fellowship and I have had 30 years of living in peace with the promise of everlasting life when I die. **Dorothy, Yorkshire**