

The Pathway Home

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God Does What We Cannot Do

So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

— John 11.41-44

In John 11, the brother of Mary and Martha, Lazarus, had died. Jesus came to raise Lazarus from the dead. When He did, some inside the crowd moved away the stone. Jesus called out for Lazarus to exit the tomb. When he did, he was wrapped in burial clothes. Jesus told the witnesses to unbind him. Surely Jesus could have commanded the stone to be moved, commanded Lazarus to be lifted out of the tomb, and spoken words to remove the burial clothes from Lazarus. But, they could move the stone, Lazarus could get out of the tomb, and they could remove the burial clothes. Jesus did what they could not do – give a dead body life.

What does this mean for us? God, through Jesus, made us the church, the people of God. We have been resurrected from spiritual death to life in Christ. God did what we could not do. We have been adopted into God's family and made His people. As His church, we have the responsibility of becoming spiritually mature. God allows us to be His children, and He encourages us as His children, but He will not make us do anything. God works as we work. He does what we cannot do. Make a commitment today to do what you can do – move forward in your life toward spiritual maturity – and then rely on God to take care of the rest.

— Matthew Allen

WELCOME!

If you are our guest today, we are honored you chose to worship with us. We want you to feel comfortable and at home with the Kettering family and we hope you'll visit with us again soon!

RESTROOMS

Men's and women's restrooms are located in the rear of our auditorium. Handicap accessible restrooms for men and women are located in the back hallway of our classroom wing

FOR SMALL CHILDREN

There is a nursery / cry room in the back of the auditorium. You can see into the auditorium from there and the Lord's Supper will be served there too.

OUR FAMILY AT WORK

We believe the church can do all of the work God has given it to do: teach the gospel, build up the members, and help needy Christians. (1 Peter 2.9-10, Ephesians 4.15-16, Romans 15.25).

All other "good works" are the responsibility of individuals. Featured in our family news each week, you will find both. A church focused on the work God has given it to do. Within this church are Christians doing their part individually to encourage and build up the family. (Matthew 5.16, Hebrews 10.24-25, Galatians 6.9-10).

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CONNECT IN PERSON SUNDAY

Children's Devotional 9.30 am

Bible Classes 9.45 am

Praise, Prayer, & Preaching. 10.45 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 1:00 and 7.30 pm

THURSDAY

Bible Class 10:00 am

Family News

Week of July 5

PLEASE BE SURE...

to remove all your belongings from the building today. The new owners will take possession tomorrow. If you have a key to the Bigger Rd. building, get that to us **today** so we can turn them all over to DKBC.

NAME CHANGE...

As of tomorrow, our new name, **Cornerstone Church of Christ**, will become effective. Changes will be announced tomorrow with new contact information for our postal mail address, social media accounts, church email, and website address. Be looking for that information through email. We plan on keeping the same telephone number.

REGARDING UPCOMING SERVICE LOCATIONS...

Please stay tuned for communication from our shepherds regarding the service location for next week. Our Wednesday Bible Study will be online.

NEW MEMBERS...

Kyle & Lolli Mitchell placed membership with us last Sunday. Please take time to contact them: 1268 Fudge Dr. Beavercreek, OH 45434
Email Address: icer22x@gmail.com Number: (575) 443-4968

JIM GRUSHON SR., HAS MOVED...

Jim Grushon Sr., moved out of the Trinity community last week and is currently living with **Mike & Debbie** until **Jim and Pam** move into their new home.

OUT OF TOWN:

Emily McDonald, in FL; **Roy & Lynne Pyle** will be returning from Colorado this evening; The **Livingston** family is in TN. The **Dru McLaughlin** family is out of town.

Additional Notes

Mark Your Calendars

DRIVE-BY BABY SHOWER FOR PAIGE TRIPLET. July 19 from 2-4
BACK TO SCHOOL POTLUCK will be **August 8** at noon at the **Allen** home.
2020 PIG ROAST will be **October 10** at the **Allen** home.
2020 MEN'S RETREAT will be **November 13-15** at Cowan Lake State Park.

In Your Prayers

New for the Week of July 5

New this week:

- **Carol Schwegel's grand-daughter, Ashley Robinson**, surgery went well so in 2 weeks they will do the other leg.
- **Emily McDonald's** brother-in-law **Kevin**, now has lymphoma through his arms and legs. The doctors are trying an experimental treatment.
- **Amanda Fles'** cousin, **Timothy**, will be released from prison this week after causing a car accident years ago.
- **Randy Mullins** brother, **Dennis Mullins**, is going to be starting the same drug they tried a month ago and hoping he does not have the same reactions. He will start it on Monday, July 12th.

Those diagnosed with Covid-19:

- **Dan & Donna Teater's grand-son** in FL, **Andrew Healy**. He's feeling better and waiting for another test result to see if it is negative.

Congratulations:

- Twin girls were born to **Dan & Sarah Dekoski** on July 1st. **Lexie Mae** weighed 7lb & 1oz & **Lydia Jane** weighed 6lb 9oz. All are doing well. If you wish to **provide a meal** for the family contact **Amanda Fles** or go to the website <https://mealtrain.com/mn3y26>.
- **Dan & Donna Teater** had a great-grandson born on July 1st. **Rally** was born to **Andrew & Katie Healy** and weighed 8lb 14oz.

Previously Announced

- **Marge Christy** passed away and was buried Thursday. Please keep **Bob Hoopes** and the family in your prayers.
- **Emily McDonald's** friend in VA, **Tim Quinn** passed away and the funeral was Friday.
- **Barbara Chavez's** sister's address - **Brenda Bevil**, Sub-Acute & Rehabilitation Center, 809 Fremont Ave. Los Altos, CA 94024

Continue to Remember

Those recovering from surgeries:

Dick Kelso; June Livingston; Mike Rosato; and Vicki Mullins.

Those grieving over the loss of a loved one:

Emily McDonald; Bob Hoopes; Mildred Thompson, Melissa Zehring.

Those ladies expecting:

Davina McLaughlin; Nicole Tipton & Lolli Mitchell.

Those in care centers/assisted living:

Michael Braden; Aubrey Measel, Kermit & Isabelle Copeland, Ronny Gallihar, Felanese Webb.

Those with various ongoing health issues:

Lynne Pyle's sister (**Vicki Miller**); **Connie Curry's** son (**Mark**); **Connie Walker**; **Chris Fles'** nephew (**Levi**); **Shannon Key's** father (**Eddie Rose**); **Lenora Holland**; **Carl King**; **Kevin Elkins**; **Joyce Hoffman's** son (**Randy**); **Morgan Ringle's** grandma; **Mary Ann Lohman's** father; **Mike & Christa Wilson**; **Nathan Armstrong's** uncle (**Robert Aber**).

Those battling cancer:

Randy Mullins brother **Dennis Mullins**; **Connie Curry's** son (**Nathan**); **Oscar Arias**; **Shane Brown's** mother; **The Allen's** neighbor (**Janice Kubina**); **Dan Spargo's** young nephew (**Mack Moriarty**); **John Key's** father (**David**); **Juanita Hellard's** nephew (**Scottie**); **Emily McDonalds'** friend (**Jody Baize**); **Mike Rosato's** friend (**Jeff**); **David Williams'** mother (**Rosemary**); **Cheryl Wacks'** mom & **Dick Kelso's** sister (**Marlo Sigler**); **Vicki Rosato's** friend (**Lauren Patrick**); **Nathan Armstrong's** cousin (**Kaitlin Aber**).

CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Every week we are blessed with guests visiting our services. Thank you for sharing your time with us today! We hope you've been blessed by our worship.

We are here to help you on your spiritual journey. Life can be hard. If you need advice or help navigating it's curves, we are here for you. One of our ministers or shepherds would love to serve you.

FAMILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

"We must worship and serve God in both spirit and truth."

MONDAY

Acts 10:24-26

Key Idea: *Being sincere, while doing the wrong thing, is not enough to please God.*

Wisdom for the Day: Prov. 25:3

TUESDAY

Revelation 2:2-5

Key Idea: *Doing the right thing, while having the wrong attitude, is not enough to please God.*

Wisdom for the Day: Prov. 25:4-5

WEDNESDAY

Philippians 1:9-11

Key Idea: *We must have all three; love, knowledge, and discernment.*

Wisdom for the Day: Prov. 25:6-7

THURSDAY

Ephesians 4:15

Key Idea: *We should speak the truth, and we should speak it in love.*

Wisdom for the Day: Prov. 25:8-10

FRIDAY

John 4:19-26

Key Idea: *We should worship in spirit, and we should worship in truth.*

Wisdom for the Day: Prov. 25:11-12

This Morning's Sermon

Crossing the Jordan

Joshua 4 captures a climactic event in Israelite history. For the previous 40 years the nation has been wandering in the wilderness. Now, *finally*, the time has come. They're going to cross the Jordan and finally stand inside Canaan's land. But the river was at flood-stage, overflowing its banks. This event, for a new generation, parallels the Red Sea crossing. This is God's signature that He is good to His word. Today, we're going to talk about what happened at this pivotable moment in Israel's history and see how it relates to the pivotable moment our church family is in right now.

I. 12 Stones from the River

- A. Joshua 4.2-3 - God commands Joshua to choose _____ men to gather 12 stones and carry them to where they would make camp in Gilgal.
 - 1. 4.8 - The 12 men bring them up out of the river bed, to the promised land.
 - 2. 4.5-7 - tells us why. They were going to be stacked there as a public sign...
 - 3. 4.23-24 - *This is so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord's hand is _____, and so that you may always fear the Lord your God*

II. Today, We Start our own Crossing

- A. As we prepare to move, it is important to recognize how we got here.
 - 1. Psalm 77:11-12: *I will remember the Lord's works; yes, I will remember your ancient wonders. I will _____ on all you have done and meditate on your actions.*
 - 2. Markers give us the opportunity to speak to the next generation about times when God has been faithful to us.
- B. Back to Joshua 4...
 - 1. 4.6-7 - *What do these stones mean _____? Therefore these stones will always be a _____ for the Israelites.*
 - 2. 4.9 - There was also a private memorial.

III. We Reflect on our own Memorial

- A. 54 years in this location. Around 60 years of work as a congregation. 35 in Colombia ...
- B. So many memories in this building. We've worked, prayed, and studied together here.
- C. Decades of selfless leadership by 13 men who have served as shepherds.
- D. 13 ministers who have served among us in various capacities.
- E. Many others there is not time today to mention.
- F. The legacy is not about a _____ ... it's **about** _____ ...
 - 1. In is in this that nothing will change when we move. The mission remains the _____.

IV. Conclusion

- A. Joshua 4.15-18 - the description of the departure of the ark of the Lord out of the Jordan is every bit as dramatic as it's approach to the river. God again worked the impossible. So let us go. Let's cross our own Jordan today.
- B. Ephesians 3:20-21: *Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us – to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

Joshua 4.1-11

Thinking Through Today's Lesson

1. What was notable about the condition of the Jordan River as the Israelites approached?
2. What was the purpose of the men carrying 12 stones out of the river?
3. Why did Joshua create his own memorial? Where did he place it?
4. Who are some people you remember as playing a significant role in impacting your life at Kettering?
5. Why are moments like this so important to pause and remember?

Notes

Answers

Strong
Reflect
Memorial
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Same
Building
To you
People