

# The Pathway Home

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## Good News: The King is Coming

Another day, another grievous headline. Plagues, natural disasters, injustice on every hand. On top of this, constant division and consternation. Red takes, blue takes, the left says this, but the right says that...its inescapable now a days. It seems like all news is bad news—there's fear to be had from every angle of every story....so long as we're counting on earthly kings to solve our issues. Truth is, every man is broken in their own way. From the poorest and least known to every ruler in every country.

So, when we look to the world expecting to find real peace, we won't. It's nothing new. While we may hold our own opinions, our ultimate solutions are not left or right—they are upward. We believe in a coming King. One that will knock off every earthly empire and bring forth His own kingdom and care for His own nation. *"And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people."* Daniel 2.44.

So, in a news cycle of constant bickering, hot takes, anger, and conflict—here is some good news.

- Some 2000 years ago, a Jewish child was born and laid in a manger surrounded by animals, cradled in the arms of a virgin as the prophet spoke. (Isaiah 7.14)
- That child would come from the line of Abraham, who was promised long before that his offspring would bring salvation to every nation, as said Moses. (Genesis 22.18)
- The child would become a man, who loved harder than anyone ever thought possible, as the prophet spoke. (Isaiah 61.1-2)
- He would be rejected, beaten and killed...for our sake, as the prophet spoke. (Isaiah 53)
- He conquered death...as the psalmist said he would. (Psalm 16.10)
- ...and He will take all of our pain and wipe every tear from our eyes. Just like his beloved friend saw. (Revelation 21.4)

So, what have we to fear? Nothing. Not when we know our King is coming to set things right. It's time for us to remember the promises of God, hold your heads high and reignite your zeal. In the face of whatever is to come...Let's bring glory to God like never before. Amen.

- Cain Atkinson

### WELCOME!

We want you to feel comfortable and at home with the Cornerstone family and we hope you'll visit with us again soon!

### RESTROOMS

Handicap accessible restrooms are located in the entryway.

### FOR SMALL CHILDREN

Our nursery/cryroom are both accessible from inside the entryway. The nursery is just behind the auditorium. The cry room is to your right and just down the hall. The Lord's Supper will be served in both places.

ONLINE AT CORNERSTONE-COC.COM

## 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 WITH US ONLINE OR IN PERSON SUNDAY

Your Pathway Home	8:00 am
Bible Study	9:30 am
Worship	10.45 am

## WEDNESDAY

Bible Study	1:00 pm
Bible Study	7.30 pm

# Family News

## Week of September 27

### CONTACT FOLLOW UP MINISTRY...EVERY WEEK

Be sure to stop by the welcome center and pick up **this weeks contacts** and guests you can follow up with. If you know of someone you would like added to the list contact Cain. See **Cain** for more information.

### ELDER/DEACON MEETINGS...

Next Sunday - October 4 @ 2:30

### OUR FLOWER FUND...

...is low. If you would like to contribute please see **Pam Grushon**.

### BOBBIE MARSHAL...

A relative of **George Wacks** was baptized into Christ.

### 2020 MEN'S RETREAT...

...is still on! We have room for you if you'd like to sign up. The retreat will be **November 13-15** at Cowan Lake State Park. **Deadline to sign up is October 11**. A signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Cost is \$100. See **Matthew Allen** for payment and details.

### IMPORTANT CHANGES ARE COMING...

...with the way we communicate with the congregation. **If you have a smart phone, please download the Cornerstone App**. (It's a free download at the App Store or on Google Play.) Over the next few weeks we will be shifting away from using email as a primary communication tool and begin using the App and our blog to get information into your hands. We also encourage you to utilize the *Cornerstone Family* group on Facebook. If you are not a part of that, please see **Matthew Allen** for details.

### COMING SOON...

...access our **livestream and on-demand videos** on your Roku device or SmartTV. We will also be available on your Apple TV device. No smartphone or tablet needed. Be sure to spread the word!

### TRAVELING...

...**Rich/Connie Walker** are in Lexington; **Emily/Rod McDonald** are in Iowa; **Roy/Lynne Pyle** are in Aspen, Colorado; **Lenora Holland** is in TN; **Wes Grushon family**; **Braden family**; **Matthew & Zack Allen** will home from SD Sunday evening.

## Additional Notes

## Mark Your Calendars

**October 13, Tuesday** - Ladies Bible Class at the building. It will be the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Contact **Amanda Fles** for more information.

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# In Your Prayers

## Week of September 27

### *New this week:*

**Kathi & Gary Stewart** have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Gary has no symptoms as of Friday.

**Dave Pennington** will be having another procedure on the 30th.

**Vicki Mullin's sister, Sue Jenkins**, has degenerative brain disease and are considering hospice.

**Carol Schwegel's granddaughter Ashley**, will not be having surgery on her arm but will have to wear a compression sleeve at night. She will be seeing a doctor for vain therapy.

**Randy Mullin's brother, Dennis**, had surgery Thursday to put a drain tube in his bad lung. He wishes to thank everyone for the cards and prayers.

A friend of the **Ringle's, Brian Koch**, has a blood clot in his lung and is home from the hospital on medication.

### *Those at home with Hospice Care:*

**Carl King & Mike Wilson.**

### *Those who lost loved ones:*

**Josie Armstrong's uncle, Jon Boser.**

**Emily McDonald's brother-in-law Kevin.** They are in Iowa to be with family. The memorial service will be in Iowa sometime in October.

### *Address' are on the bulletin board (hall way near the front entrance):*

**Kisha Taylor; Madison Dewitt; Theo Parrish; Mike Marshall; Hummerick family; Collin Schofield, Dennis Mullins, & Seth Robins.**

### *Previously Announced:*

**George & LeAnn Long** request prayers for their son, **Branden**, who is receiving treatment in Indianapolis.

**George Wack's** great niece who is 8 years old, **Madison Dewitt**, is home from the hospital. She was diagnosed with meningitis and West Nile virus.

## Continue to Remember

### *Those ladies expecting:*

**Lolli Mitchell**

### *Those grieving over the loss of a loved one:*

**Mike Marshall; Nathan Armstrong; Sadonna Schofield; the Hummerick's.**

### *Those in care centers/assisted living:*

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

### *Those with various ongoing health issues:*

**Seth Robins; Dr. Chandra; Barbara Chavez's sister (Brenda Bevil); 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; Kevin Elkins; Joyce Hoffman's son (Randy); Morgan Ringle's grandma; Mary Ann Lohman's father (Maurice Stierwalt); Mike & Christa Wilson; Nathan Armstrong's uncle (Robert Aber).**

### *Those battling cancer:*

**Theo Parrish** (age 2); **Dan Spargo's friend (Dave Nitcher); Kay Moore; Kathy Stewart's friend (Janice Spicer); 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 friend (Mack Moriarty); John Key's father (David); Juanita Hellard's nephew (Scottie); Emily McDonald's 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).**

## 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

**"The local church is where Christians worship and work together."**

### MONDAY

**Matthew 16:18**

**Key Idea:** Jesus Christ promised to build just one church.

**Wisdom for the Day:** Prov. 28:8

### TUESDAY

**Ephesians 1:22-23**

**Key Idea:** Jesus Christ is the head of the church, which is His body.

**Wisdom for the Day:** Prov. 28:9

### WEDNESDAY

**Romans 16:16**

**Key Idea:** Groups of faithful saints in various localities are known as "churches of Christ"

**Wisdom for the Day:** Prov. 28:10

### THURSDAY

**Acts 11:26**

**Key Idea:** A local church assembles together.

**Wisdom for the Day:** Prov. 28:11

### FRIDAY

**1 Thessalonians 1:3**

**Key Idea:** A local church does the Lord's work.

**Wisdom for the Day:** Prov. 28:12

# This Morning's Sermon

## Holy Confidence

What do you think of you? Many of us struggle with the balancing act of self-esteem. Sometimes we feel worthless. Even at the times when we feel on top of the world—we eventually fail. When we try to draw confidence from ourselves, eventually the well runs dry... more self-esteem is not the answer to our confidence problems. Only in Christ can we find real confidence—the kind that can conquer even death. *“The Lord will be your confidence...”* (Proverbs 3.26.)

### I. The Gospel of Self

- A. The self esteem dilemma. We are designed with an inner “quest for confidence.”
  - 1. “I’m not that important.” ...you are, according to God. *“Look at the birds of the air...are you not of more \_\_\_\_\_ than they?”* Matthew 6.26
  - 2. “I’m the best.” Well, the world doesn’t revolve around you. *“If anyone thinks they are something they are not, they \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.”* Galatians 6.3
- B. This desire can become twisted when we try to find confidence within ourselves
  - 1. 2 Timothy 4.3 *“...having \_\_\_\_\_ they will accumulate for themselves teachers...”* Still the religion of self is preached.
  - 2. There is a religion today...called secular humanism.
  - 3. We are the only “gods,” and we can rebuild Eden if we try hard enough.
- C. Humanism has its own gospel...and it’s broken.
  - 1. “Mankind is supreme...” History has proven this to be false.
  - 2. ...we will fail, and ultimately we will reach an end. What then?

### II. The God of No Limits

- A. Psalm 90.2... “\_\_\_\_\_ to everlasting,” but sometimes we try to put God in a box...
  - 1. We sometimes see God in one lens...judge, engineer, servant, buddy...
  - 2. Exodus 3.14, “\_\_\_\_\_” He is the eternal being—being itself. He was there before space, matter or time.
- B. Unlimited Power
  - 1. Romans 1.20 This infinite power seen in all creation, and ultimately in us.
  - 2. 1 Peter 1.3. *“He has caused us to be born again to a living \_\_\_\_\_.”*
- C. Unlimited Love
  - 1. Mark 12.31 says to *“Love your neighbor as \_\_\_\_\_.”*
  - 2. Pop Psychology says that no one is truly altruistic...they’re probably right... but God is. What purpose would God have to create us, other than love?

### III. Live Like You’re God’s

- A. Don’t Be Preoccupied or Distracted (Confidence equates to knowing where you’re going.)
  - 1. Do not become displaced. Matthew 6.33 *“Seek \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom.”*
- B. Love and Move Like Jesus
  - 1. Matthew 28.19-20. Sacrifice, risk and invest. “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- C. Put Your Full Confidence in God
  - 1. Our well will run dry...God will not. He is greater. What can he do?
  - 2. Ephesians 3.20 “to him who is \_\_\_\_\_ to do far more.”

The world says “build yourself up.” The world says humans are the the greatest good. The scriptures give us a superior alternative. There is a love beyond the love that the world can offer—the redeeming love of Christ. Do you know that love? Are you living with the confidence that comes from knowing Jesus?

## Speaker

Cain Atkinson

## Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:26

## Thinking Through Today's Lesson

1. What happens when we look to ourselves for the answers to life?
2. Who is the God of Heaven and why should we put our confidence in Him?
3. What does God see when He sees His children?
4. How should we live if we have been redeemed?
5. Where can we get the confidence to bring our faith into every corner of our lives?

## Notes

## Answers

Itching Ears	Value
I Am That I Am	Hope
Everlasting	Go
Yourself	First
Deceives	Able