

The Pathway Home

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No Delay to Obey

We live in a very blessed culture in 21st century America. We live in a world of options and diverse blessings. Think about this. At the risk of making everyone tune out of worship today in favor of thinking about lunch, fast forward to a post- service lunch decision type conversation. We have options in this regard. For lunch today, you can have food from whatever country you want—sometimes we get into heated debates about this. “I’m thinking Mexican,” someone says. “No! We need to get Italian!” Another voice rings out. “How about a good ol’ burger?” We can go around and around because we have so many options. It’s a blessing and a curse. Mostly a blessing, though.

We love being able to choose things based on our own preference. So, when we start hearing God saying things like “trust and obey” in the Bible, we might be given some pause. We might start thinking if we submit to God we will miss out on all the wonderful options we have in this life. Aside from ‘obvious sins,’ there are constant distractions that keep us connected and/or entertained. The devil likes to use these things to slow us down and keep us constantly pivoting to the next thing—we can do this much that we miss what God wants for us.

That’s why Ananias said this to Paul in Acts 22.16—“Why do you wait?” Paul wanted to learn what it means to follow Jesus and Ananias let him know what the next step in his journey was. “Arise and be baptized...wash away your sins, calling on his name.” Paul was baptized then and there. After that, Paul didn’t slow down or stop. He kept us his job as a tentmaker while he went on spreading the gospel and encouraging disciples to do the same thing. There was no slow down or quit in the apostle Paul.

This same apostle tells us to “imitate him as he imitates Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11.1) Are we eager to obey King Jesus the way Paul was? Do we believe that God’s purpose is higher than our own? Does the love that Jesus brings dwell in us and urge us on to move the way he moved? Are there aspects of your faith that need attention? “Why do you wait?” Don’t delay. Obey God—not out of sense of obligation, but out of an earnest love and excitement for the joy, peace and purpose that will all surely come when you do.

— 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 October 4

ELDER/DEACON MEETINGS...

TODAY @ 2:30

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.

MEAL LIST FOR THE WILSON'S...

We are organizing a meal for **Mike Wilson's** family after the services on Monday. Please email or text **Amanda Fles** (765.532.1612) if you can help with preparing food. Food can be dropped at their home on Sunday afternoon/evening or at Bill and Pam Dean's (where the meal will be held - 649 North Monroe Dr in Xenia) any time after 9:30am on Monday morning.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS...

If you haven't picked up your book, please see Amanda Fles.

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 sign up 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...

Randy/Vicki Mullins through next week; **Emily/Rod McDonald** are in Iowa; the **Wes Grushon family** are in TN.

Additional Notes

Mark Your Calendars

October 13, Tuesday @ 6:30 - 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 October 4

New this week:

Mike Wilson passed away on September 29. Visitation will be at the Newcomer Funeral Home in Beavercreek on October 5th from 10-11 with the funeral following at 11:00. (3380 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beavercreek)
Navy Williams is having pain in her back and was tested for different types of cancer and thankfully it came back negative. She will be seeing an orthopedic doctor to find the cause of her pain.

Vicki Rosato's father (Alex) tested positive for Covid-19.

Butch Sims' niece, Tiffany Harris, had surgery Monday to remove a large cyst and ended doing a partial hysterectomy.

Lolli Mitchell

Those with Hospice Care:

Carl King & Vicki Mullin's sister, Sue Jenkins.

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

Sue Jenkins; Tiffany Harris; Kisha Taylor; Madison DeWitt; Theo Parrish; Mike Marshall; Hummerick family; Collin Schofield, Dennis Mullins, & Seth Robins.

Previously Announced:

Randy Mullin's brother, Dennis, is doing about the same.

Kathi & Gary Stewart have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Continue to Remember

Those ladies expecting:

Lolli Mitchell

Those grieving over the loss of a loved one:

Josie Armstrong's; Mike Marshall; Emily/Rod McDonald.

Those in care centers/assisted living:

Michael Braden; Aubrey Measel, Kermit & Isabelle Copeland, Ronny Gallihar, 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 Hoffinan's son (Randy); Morgan Ringle's grandma; Mary Ann Lohman's father (Maurice Stierwalt); 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 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).

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 things God had created show His glory".

MONDAY

Genesis 1:1

Key Idea: God created the heavens and the earth.

Wisdom for the Day: Prov. 28:13

TUESDAY

Proverbs 8:22-31

Key Idea: Wisdom was with God when He created the world.

Wisdom for the Day: Prov. 28:14

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 40:21-26

Key Idea: God is the sovereign ruler of His creation.

Wisdom for the Day: Prov. 28:15

THURSDAY

Romans 1:18-21

Key Idea: Through God's creation, we can learn of His power and His deity.

Wisdom for the Day: Prov. 28:16

FRIDAY

Psalms 19:1-6

Key Idea: The heavens and the earth declare the glory of God.

Wisdom for the Day: Prov. 28:17

This Morning's Sermon

All in For God

Our text today is one that we may take for granted and pass over the its tremendous significance. Luke 3.23 reveals that Jesus is around 30 years old as His ministry begins. To this point, He has lived in obscurity. Nothing, at this time, would give any indication to His being the Son of God. Now is the time for his earthly ministry to commence. Matthew 3.13 tells us He travels as many as 60 miles to John in order to be baptized.

I. Matthew 3.13-15 - Jesus' Baptism

- A. 3.13 - Jesus _____ from Galilee to John at the Jordan,...
- B. 3.14 - After John finds out who Jesus is, it certainly raises questions in his mind.
- 3.2 - John's was a baptism of repentance.
 - 3.6 - Respondents confessed their sin.
- C. 3.14 - _____ - John kept on trying to dissuade Jesus.
- "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?"
 - Earnestly, strongly, intensely continuing to hinder Jesus...
- D. 3.15 - Allow it for now, because this is the way for us to fulfill all righteousness.
- Jesus wants to do absolutely everything God required.
 - Jesus wants to identify with sinners. He is the sacrificing servant for all.
 - Isaiah 53.12 - Jesus was counted among the _____.
 - Isaiah 53.11 - (Jesus) will justify many and he will _____ their iniquities.

II. Matthew 3.16 - The Spirit

- A. 3.16a - note the first part of the verse ... *When Jesus was baptized,* _____ *immediately from the water.* This is immersion.
- B. 3.16b - The heavens suddenly _____ for him...
- C. 3.16c - the Spirit of God descending like a _____ and coming down on him.
- Luke 3.22 says this was not a vision ... but a physical reality.
 - See Isaiah 61.1: *He has sent me to _____ the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners;*

III. Matthew 3.17 - The Father's Confirmation

- A. 3.17 - *This is my beloved Son in who I am well _____.*
- See Isaiah 42.1: *This is my servant; I strengthen him, this is my chosen one; I delight in him. I have put my Spirit on him; he will bring justice to the nations.*
- B. Note that Jesus is God's _____ Son.
Think deep, rich, profound relationship.

IV. Are You All in for God?

- A. Humility matters.
- B. Your baptism means something.
- C. Embrace your mission.

Conclusion

- A. God loves you more than you can possibly know.
- B. Will you receive Him?

Speaker

Matthew Allen

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3.13-17

Thinking Through

Today's Lesson

- From where did Jesus travel to be baptized by John?
- Why do you think John tried to stop Jesus from being baptized?
- What does it mean to you when Jesus spoke of fulfilling all righteousness?
- Do you think everyone saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus?
- What is one special thing about the Father's statement in Matthew 3.17?

Notes

Answers

He went up	Dove
Pleased	Opened
Tried to stop	Rebels
Beloved	Came
Carry	Heal