

# The Pathway Home

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## Why We Livestream

Seven months ago this evening this congregation conducted its first online Bible class. It was a Wednesday class, with Jim, Cain, and myself teaching on the last half of the first chapter of Colossians. John, Dylan, Collin, and Jason were behind the camera frantically trying to make everything work. If I remember correctly, around 8:10 the livestream went down. At that point we had the most viewers in our short history of broadcasting as the Kettering Church. The minutes we were off the air were stressful ... and I remember the struggle to regain the flow of our thoughts once we did go back on the air with about 7-8 minutes left on the program. Once we reached 8:30 and the program went off the air, we all caught our breath. Had it not been for the dedication of our volunteers that night ... and now hundreds of times since March 18, we would not be able to do what we're doing today. We've come so far since then.

And so many of you have let us know of your appreciation. Thank you. We've certainly worked hard to improve the quality of what we're doing ... and the way we deliver it. Our elders have firmly committed to this ministry, investing thousands of dollars in equipment and software. While we still have some bugs to work out with the system in the new building, we're making progress every week. Thanks again for your continual encouragement and patience.

Our livestream broadcasts (Your Pathway Home; the Sunday/Wednesday auditorium classes; and the Sunday Worship service) have become an essential part of our work. Today there are a number of our brethren at home on self-quarantine. We have a number of brothers and sisters who are unable to get out to services anymore and watch each week. We are also attracting a large number of viewers from the community who are not members of the church. Some of those individuals are sitting in our pews today. And finally, we are helping our own brethren from around the country whose congregations are not meeting due to the pandemic. We receive notes of encouragement all the time, like this one from our brother Collin, who has been confined to his dorm room: *throughout the last few months, this has been my first time to be completely online for a service. What a great blessing it is to have it while I am locked in my dorm!* Thanks Collin for sharing this!

Can you share the word about our online broadcasts? Share them in your Facebook or Instagram Feed. Tell your friends about the Cornerstone App. Help us get the word out!

As we reflect on last January when the calendar turned over to 2020, there are so many things that have changed. Life will never be the same. Pandemics do that. But out of these great difficulties, God has been working, blessing, and providing so that His message can get out. We are simply instruments at His disposal in His momentous plan to share the good news. May we continue to seize the opportunity ... for as long as the pandemic lasts ... and on from there. God will always bless us as we move by faith.

— Matthew Allen

## 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](http://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 18

### 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.

### NEW ADDRESS...

**Bob & Peggy Zehring** have moved and their new address is 2641 Allister Circle, Miamisburg, OH 45342.

### COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS...

...at Cornerstone are changing. Throughout the rest of October we will be shifting the way we communicate general congregational news from email to our blog at [cornerstone-coc.com](http://cornerstone-coc.com). Recently, we replaced the email discussion list *kettering family*, with the Facebook group *Cornerstone Family*. If you're on Facebook and not a part of this please see **Matthew Allen**.

...we will reserve email and the One Call system for urgent and very important congregational announcements. Other than that, general discussion and communication will fall to the Facebook Group ... or on the Cornerstone App.

...one of the most important communication tools you have to receive information is your smart phone loaded with the Cornerstone App, which is a free download off your favorite App Store.

...more details to come.

### TRAVELING...

**Cain Atkinson** performed his sister's wedding ceremony yesterday in Clearwater Beach, FL. He returns this evening. **Rich/Tina Jacobs** are in FL; **Matthew, Becky, Zackary, Donna, & Loretta** are traveling to Ft. Smith, AR later this week for **Carl's** graveside service on Saturday afternoon. Zack & Donna return Monday, 10/26. Matt, Becky, & Loretta return Thursday, 10/29.

## Mark Your Calendars

**October 25 @ 5:00** - Young People's Sing, Devo & Bonfire - This is for the high school class and those in their 20's. Location is at 2369 Upper Bellbrook Rd. Xenia, OH. Questions contact **Amanda/Chris Fles** or **Cain Atkinson**.

**November 1 @ 2:30** - Elder/Deacon Meetings

**November 10 @ 6:30** - Ladies Bible Class

**November 13-15** - 2020 Men's Retreat at Cowan Lake State Park.

**November 22** - Congregational Meeting, 2.30 pm

# In Your Prayers

## Week of October 18

### Congratulations:

**Kyle & Lolli Mitchell** had a baby girl born on October 15 weighing 9lb 5oz and 21 inches long. **Havilyn** and family are now home doing fine.

**Jonathan & Autumn Wilson** had their baby boy this week. Garret Levi weighed 9lb. Jonathan is Mike Wilson's son.

### New this week:

**Butch Sim's** niece, **Tiffany Harris**, who had surgery recently has found out her cyst was malignant.

**Jason Schofield** is undergoing continued testing.

**Connie Walker**, who will be having neck surgery on 10/28.

**Vicki Mullins** sister, **Sue Jenkins** is in the hospital because of her degenerative brain disease.

**Cheri Moody** is out of ICU but remains in the hospital. The doctor says she might be discharged the beginning of this week.

**June Livingston's** father & **Meredith Sullivan's** grandfather, **Bill Embry**, is declining rapidly and has only a few days to live.

**Aubrey Measle** has dementia and his son **Brent** is having a hard time witnessing his dad, so please keep them both in prayers.

**Randy Mullins'** brother, **Dennis**, is stabilized and still receiving treatments. **Kendra Schofield's** classmate, **Danica Vermillion**, fell out of a tree and has multiple fractured vertebrae's.

**Chris & Scarlett Smith** (from West Elkton church) just lost their son.

**Randy & Lynn Hobson's** daughter **Megan** remains in the hospital after having several fractures in a car accident. The Hobson family worships with the family in Brownsburg, IN.

### Address' are on the bulletin board:

**Cheri Moody; Jonathan/Autumn Wilson; Sue Jenkins; Tiffany Harris; Kisha Taylor; Theo Parrish; Mike Marshall & Dennis Mullins.**

## Continue to Remember

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

**Loretta King & the Allen family.**

### 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**); **Chris Fles'** nephew (**Levi**); **Shannon Key's** father (**Eddie Rose**); **Kevin Elkins; Joyce Hoffman'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**); **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**).

## WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

- Use the COLLECTION BASKET inside the entryway.
- MAIL a check to Cornerstone Church of Christ; 5051 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, 45440
- Go ONLINE to [cornerstone-coc.com](http://cornerstone-coc.com) and click on the GIVING tab.

**Thanks for your generosity!**

## FAMILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

**"The Christian's outward quality of life is the result of godly character in the inner person."**

### MONDAY

**Luke 6:43-45**

**Key Idea:** A quality life is not possible without a quality character.

**Wisdom for the Day:** Prov. 28:23

### TUESDAY

**James 2:27**

**Key Idea:** The Christian's life is positively good and not merely the negative absence of sin.

**Wisdom for the Day:** Prov. 28:24

### WEDNESDAY

**Romans 12:1-2**

**Key Idea:** The Christian's way of life is a triumph of Christ like character over circumstance.

**Wisdom for the Day:** Prov. 28:25

### THURSDAY

**Philippians 3:8**

**Key Idea:** The Christian enjoys a lifestyle that is truly "excellent".

**Wisdom for the Day:** Prov. 28:26

### FRIDAY

**Matthew 5:6**

**Key Idea:** Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled.

**Wisdom for the Day:** Prov. 28:27

# This Morning's Sermon

## Triumphant Prayer

### Introduction

In Luke 22 as Jesus approaches the garden of Gethsemane, Satan's goal is still the same as it has since Jesus' baptism: keep him off the cross. The final 12 hours of Jesus' life, with Jesus completely alone to face it all - is Satan's final and most severe temptation. Christ's sorrow in facing death as the sin-bearer is incomprehensible. It is here on the Mount of Olives, where one of the greatest spiritual battles in history takes place .... and the means Jesus is using to win is prayer. What can we learn in the text that will inspire our faith?

### I. Luke 22.40 - Expectation

- A. Luke 22.40 - *When He reached the place, he told them, “\_\_\_\_\_ that you may not fall into temptation.”* Satan is going to use Jesus' holiness against him.
- B. They enter the garden.
  - 1. Mark 14.32 - *sit here while I pray.*
  - 2. Mark 14.33 - Peter, James, and John observe him becoming \_\_\_\_\_ distressed and troubled.
- C. Want to be victorious? Expect temptation and be ready with prayer.

### II. Luke 22.41 - Affliction

- A. Luke 22.41 - *Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer.*
  - 1. Matthew 26.39 - *Jesus fell \_\_\_\_\_ and prayed.*
  - 2. Mark 14.33 - *Jesus was deeply distressed and \_\_\_\_\_.*
- B. In order to triumph over sin - we first have to experience the assault of sin.
- C. Victory comes by loving holiness; hating sin; and praying for strength.

### III. Luke 22.42 - Submission

- A. Luke 22.42a: *Father, \_\_\_\_\_, take this cup away from me....*
  - 1. Mark 14.36 - *abba Father... a term of endearment.*
  - 2. *Take \_\_\_\_\_ away... Cup in the OT is often associated with judgment.*
- B. Luke 22.42b - *Nevertheless... not my will, but \_\_\_\_\_, be done.*

### IV. Luke 22.43-46 - Restoration

- A. Luke 22.43 - *Then an angel appeared to him, strengthening him.*
- B. Luke 22.44a - why the angel came: *being in anguish, he prayed more \_\_\_\_\_,...*
- C. Luke 22.44b - *and his sweat became like drops of \_\_\_\_\_ falling to the ground.*
- D. Luke 22.45a - *When he got up from prayer and came to the disciples...*
- E. Luke 22.45b - he finds the disciples sleeping
- F. Luke 22.46 - *Get up and pray, so that you won't fall into temptation.*

### V. As We Close

- A. What about us? Will we allow Jesus' victory to inspire us in our own struggles?
- B. Will we allow this to fill our hearts with love and motivate us to further obedience?

### Speaker

Matthew Allen

### Scripture Reading

Luke 22.39-46

### Thinking Through Today's Lesson

1. How does Mark 14.34 & Matthew 26.38 describe the intensity of the conflict Jesus is experiencing in the garden?
2. How can we draw inspiration from Luke 22.43 and Hebrews 1.14?
3. As Jesus and the 11 enter the garden, what does he instruct them to do?
4. According to John 17.5, what is Jesus' greatest desire?
5. How can you draw strength from Jesus' statement in Luke 22.42?

### Notes

### Answers

Facedown	Yours
Fervently	Deeply
Troubled	Pray
If you are willing	Knelt
This cup	Blood