

*He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us in the kingdom of the Son He loves. We have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, in Him.*

Colossians 1.13-14

# Vision 2011



## ***Our Spiritual Objectives***

Our spiritual family at the Kettering congregation seeks to worship God with reverence, to grow the kingdom by spreading the gospel, to love and edify each other, and to minister to those in need.

Following Jesus as Lord, we strive to do this by:

- ✓ Glorifying God our Father by serving Him, following the example of His Son, Jesus.
- ✓ Diligently studying the Word of God and making prayer a way of life.
- ✓ Putting the Bible to practice in our lives and developing our personal faith.
- ✓ Praising God in our public assemblies and private lives; offering ourselves as living sacrifices.
- ✓ Identifying and employing our individual gifts and talents relying on God's Spirit within us.
- ✓ Strengthening our families and serving as extended family to one another.
- ✓ Strengthening, loving, and serving relationships within this body, our church family.
- ✓ Leading, participating in, and supporting efforts of teaching, evangelizing, and caring for others.
- ✓ Meeting the needs of others to the best of our ability.

Following these thoughts of glorifying God, the elders wish to emphasize:

- ✓ Developing a congregational and individual Christ-centered, needs-oriented focus that is practical and challenges us to grow.
- ✓ Nurturing a closer and more personal relationship with our Lord and with each other.
- ✓ Fostering a greater sense of “community” by serving our neighbors and others within the Lord’s body.

## ***A Place of Healing, Safety, and Hope***

*And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

- Colossians 1.9–12

Our world is full of hurt and disappointment. Life throws out curves. Evil is real. While the spiritual battles going on around us are invisible, the carnage is real. We see it in broken families, embattled marriages, addiction, and a society that is becoming openly hostile to God. The storms of life are real. Throughout our community, people are being battered and broken by the violent and unpredictable waves of life. Where can they find safe harbor? Where can they find a place of rest and healing? Where can they find hope?



During 2011, Kettering Church of Christ is committed to becoming a place of safety, refuge and hope. We want to deepen our trust in God and each other. We are committed to demonstrating the love of Christ with compassion for all. Our mission is to be a rescue station where the lost can find salvation, and those inside Christ can rely on spiritual training, encouragement, and edification from brothers and sisters in Christ.

To begin the process of becoming more aware of our mission, we intend to spend the first part of 2011 helping those within our family build and equip themselves with the skills necessary to care for those who are outside Christ. As we move into the second part of the year, we wish to implement a number of initiatives that will take the gospel deeper into our community – serving as a bright light into an increasingly gloomy and dark world. Very simply, our work will be divided into three phases:

- ✓ **Build:** *Building a Foundation for Evangelism*
- ✓ **Equip:** *Training for Duty*
- ✓ **Execute:** *Taking the Mission Outside*

This booklet has been designed as a practical guide for the year. We urge you to keep it with you and refer to it often. On your calendar, be sure to make a note of the opportunities that have been planned for the year. Remember, as we go throughout the year, our commitment is to glorify God in all we do. We have been *marked out by Him to be made like His Son*, Romans 8.29.



**Summary:** Our 2011 Vision is divided into two sections that will be planned and implemented this year:

**I. Evangelistic Efforts (those outside)**

- ✓ Build/prepare the congregation.
- ✓ Further expand and develop effective guest follow-up.
- ✓ Better use technology to spread the gospel.
- ✓ Mission field and evangelism efforts.

**II. Internal Efforts (Congregational)**

- ✓ Better use technology for edification.
- ✓ Look for ways to strengthen the home.
- ✓ Look for ways to strengthen our church family members.
- ✓ Continue *Our Spiritual Heritage* curriculum for children's bible classes.
- ✓ Conduct a Facility Expansion.
- ✓ Summer Intern Program.

*"Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more."*

- 1 Thessalonians 4.1 ESV



## Build.



*The man of good sense gives thought to his footsteps.*

- Proverbs 14.15

Throughout the first two quarters of 2011, there will be many opportunities for us to study and grow in our understanding of how to take the gospel to the lost in our community. **This is our mission.** As disciples, we are committed to following in the example of Christ, as seen in Luke 19.10 and Mark 16.15. We encourage you to take full advantage of the scheduled opportunities that are listed here:

- ✓ Conduct a class on **New Testament Conversion** to be taught by Jim Grushon.
- ✓ Conduct a class on **An Overview of Isaiah** to be taught by Jeff Padgett and David Pennington.
- ✓ **Sundays in February:** Special series of sermons on *Church Growth* by Matthew Allen
- ✓ **March 6:** **Ken Craig** will present a weekend seminar on *The Big Picture of the Bible*.
- ✓ **April 9-10:** **Harold Comer** will present a weekend seminar on **Church Growth & Biblical Evangelism**.

We will also develop and select tools to be implemented later this year to effectively take the gospel to the lost:

- ✓ Prepare materials to make contact with guests.
- ✓ Develop a plan to reach students at local universities.
- ✓ Add a guest welcome center inside the entryway.
- ✓ Develop more effective follow-up procedures for guests.
- ✓ Revamp our congregational website and effectively use electronic media to increase our congregational visibility and send the message of Christ.

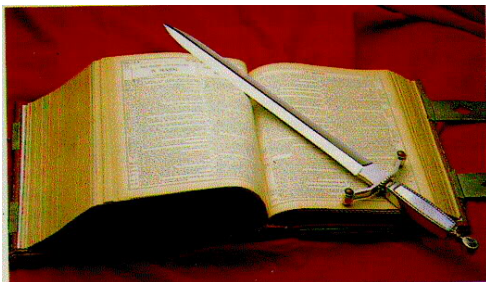
## Building a Foundation for Spiritual Growth

We are committed to providing an uplifting and encouraging environment that assists in spiritual growth:

- ✓ **Conduct a 12 Week Adult Bible Class Training Workshop** – helping teachers develop and improve their skills for teaching Bible classes.
- ✓ Prepare Children's songbook and CD for all members.
- ✓ Update and improve our New Member Packet.
- ✓ Conduct an *Our Spiritual Heritage* Training Class.
- ✓ Revamp the visual technology system inside the auditorium in order to project hymns on the screen during worship. Add visual technology capabilities to the back classrooms(s).
- ✓ **Conduct a Facility Expansion** – Update the look and feel of the auditorium and upgrade seating capacity with up to forty additional seats.
- ✓ **Retool our use of the Dayton Daily News Article** as a means to draw the community to our Website.



## Equip.



*Equipping saints for the work of ministry, building up the body of Christ; Growing up in every way into Him.*

- Ephesians 4.12, 15

Moving into the middle part of 2011, the Kettering family will move to the second phase in becoming a *Rescue Station for the Soul*. We want to help you feed yourself spiritually with the Word of God so that you can grow in your ability to talk to others, 2 Timothy 2.15. We'll help you learn how to contribute, as a disciple of Jesus, to the growth of His kingdom. Some of the highlights of our external focus are:

- ✓ Hold training classes on the **Big Picture of the Bible**.
- ✓ May 8: Bring in **Randy Blackaby** for a report on his work in New Carlisle.
- ✓ Continue the **Summer Intern Program**
- ✓ Continued implementation of updated guest follow-up.
- ✓ **Sundays in July**: Special series of sermons on **Godly Parenting** by Matthew Allen
- ✓ Distribute evangelism tools to congregation – with information on best use practices.



*Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.*  
- Matthew 4.19

## Improving Your Spiritual Life

As we look internally, we wish to focus on:

- ✓ Continue our **Tuesday Morning Study**, the **Tuesday Evening Men's Study**, the **Thursday Bible History Class**, and the bi-weekly **Ladies' Class**.
- ✓ Hold a **Song Leader's Training Course**.
- ✓ Begin a **Home Study on First Principles**.
- ✓ **May 15-18** (Sunday-Wednesday) – **Brent Moody** Gospel Meeting. Theme: *More Like You* – Strengthening and Encouraging Christians in their walk of faith.
- ✓ Conduct a **New Converts Class**, taught by the elders.
- ✓ Conduct the annual **Summer Series: The Manifold Wisdom of God**. Speakers will be individual men from the Kettering Congregation.

## This year, make every effort to supplement:

- ✓ Your **faith** with **virtue**.
- ✓ Your **virtue** with **knowledge**.
- ✓ Your **knowledge** with **self-control**.
- ✓ Your **self-control** with **steadfastness**.
- ✓ Your **steadfastness** with **godliness**.
- ✓ Your **godliness** with **brotherly affection**.
- ✓ Your **brotherly affection** with **love**.

2 Peter 1.5-11



## Execute.



*Put in the seed of righteousness, get in your grain in mercy, let your unploughed earth be turned up: for it is time to make search of the Lord, till He comes and sends righteousness on you like rain.*

- Hosea 10.12

During the third part of 2011, the Kettering family will aggressively reach our community with the life-changing gospel. Some of the highlights of our external focus are:

- ✓ Promote and utilize home study classes on **Marriage, Stewardship, Overcoming Addictions, and Parenting** in our evangelism efforts.
- ✓ **October 16-19** (Sunday-Wednesday) **Zach Lee** Gospel Meeting. Theme: *Remember Your Creator During the Days of Your Youth* – with special emphasis for young Christians and young families.
- ✓ **Begin to follow-up with contacts from local universities.**
- ✓ **August: Each Day I'll Do Daily Devotional Series.**
- ✓ Utilize teams from within the congregation who have been trained in the **Big Picture of the Bible.**

- ✓ **Sundays in September:** Special series of sermons on **Understanding Youth Culture** presented by Matthew Allen.
- ✓ **Sundays in October:** Special series of sermons on **Reasons for God: Questions and Doubts about Christianity** presented by Matthew Allen.

## Stretching Your Spiritual Potential

As we look internally, we wish to focus on:

- ✓ Continue our **Tuesday Morning Study**, the **Tuesday Evening Men's Study**, the **Thursday Bible History Class**, and the bi-weekly **Ladies' Class**.
- ✓ Implementation of classes for various groups within the congregation.
- ✓ Work to actively involve more members in the work of the Kettering Congregation.

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.*

- Titus 2.11-14



# 1 Quarter Sermon Plans

DATE	THEME	SERMON
12/5/2010	<b>Vision Casting 2011</b>	The Power of Our Words
		Biblical Leaders for Today (3)
12/12/2010		The Invisible War
		Maintaining Unity of the Spirit
12/19/2010		Partners with God - Elders
		God's Help in Elder Selection
12/26/2010		Our Adoption as Sons
		<b>Singing</b>
1/2/2011	<b>What It Means to be in Christ (Eph. 1-2)</b>	Christ Fills All in All
		Satan is a Defeated Foe
1/9/2011		Sealed by the Spirit
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Speaker</b>
1/16/2011		Our Great Need for a Savior
		<b>Congregational Meeting</b>
1/23/2011		Saved by Grace thru Faith
		Reconciled in One Body
1/30/2011		Living Beyond Yourself
		<b>Singing</b>
2/6/2011	<b>Church Growth</b>	<b>Jim Grushon Speaks</b>
2/13/2011		The Faith to Change (1)
		The Faith to Change (2)
2/20/2011		Essentials to Growth (1)
		Essentials to Growth (2)
2/27/2011		Challenges of A Growing Church
		<b>Singing</b>



## 2 Quarter Sermon Plans

DATE	THEME	SERMON
3/6/2011	<b>Steps of Strength</b>	<b>Ken Craig Speaks on the <i>Big Picture of the Bible</i></b>
3/13/2011		Great Thoughts
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Speaker</b>
3/20/2011		Great Habits
		Abiding in Confidence
3/27/2011		Persuing Great Christians
		<b>Singing</b>
4/3/2011	<b>Characters in the Shadow of the Cross</b>	Caiphas
		Pontious Pilate
4/10/2011		<b>Harold Comer Speaks on Biblical Evangelism</b>
4/17/2011		<b>Young Men's Service</b>
4/24/2011		Women at the Foot of the Cross
		<b>Singing</b>
5/1/2011	<b>Blessings in Christ (Ephesians 3)</b>	Guest Speaker
5/8/2011		Unfathomable Riches of Christ (3.1-13)
		<b>Randy Blackaby Speaks</b>
5/15/2011		<b>Brent Moody Gospel Meeting</b>
5/22/2011		Clothed with Power (3.14-21)
		<b>Prayer Service</b>
5/29/2011		To God Be the Glory (3.14-21)
		<b>Singing</b>



# 3 Quarter Sermon Plans

DATE	THEME	SERMON
6/5/2011	<b>Kingdom Principles: Matthew 5</b>	Be Angry & Sin Not (5.20-26)
		The Purity Pursuit (5.27-30)
6/12/2011		God's Will on Divorce (5.31-32)
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Speaker</b>
6/19/2011		Christians & Oaths (5.33-37)
		An Eye for an Eye? (5.38-42)
6/26/2011		Loving Our Enemies (5.43-48)
		<b>Singing</b>
7/3/2011	<b>Godly Parenting</b>	A New Perspective on Parenting
7/10/2011		Guest Speaker
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Speaker</b>
7/17/2011		It's OK to be Truthful
7/24/2011		It's OK to Make Mistakes
		<b>Prayer Service</b>
7/31/2011		It's OK to be Different
		<b>Singing</b>
8/7/2011	<b>Each Day I'll Do</b>	An Active Faith
8/14/2011		Improving Family Relationships
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Speaker</b>
8/21/2011		Bridling Our Tongue
8/28/2011		Tearing Down or Building Up
		<b>Singing</b>

## 4 Quarter Sermon Plans

DATE	THEME	SERMON
9/4/2011	<b>Understanding Youth Culture</b>	The Perfect Storm
		Teaching Kids Media Discernment
9/11/2011		Guest Speaker
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Speaker</b>
9/18/2011		Bridging the Generation Gap
		Overcoming Peer Pressure
9/25/2011		Guest Speaker
		<b>Singing</b>
10/2/2011	<b>Doubts &amp; Questions Christians Encounter</b>	Is Jesus the Only Way?
		Why Does God Allow Suffering?
10/9/2011		Will God Send People to Hell?
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Speaker</b>
10/16/2011		<b>Zach Lee Gospel Meeting</b>
10/23/2011		Guest Speaker
		<b>Prayer Service</b>
10/30/2011		Must the Bible Be Taken Literally?
		<b>Singing</b>
11/6/2011	<b>Thanksgiving Spirit</b>	The Thanksgiving Spirit
		Pursuing a Heart of Praise
11/13/2011		The Weakness of Worry
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Speaker</b>
11/20/2011		Thankful Before Thanksgiving
		<b>Prayer Service</b>
11/27/2011		Memories and Our Moods
		<b>Singing</b>



## Summer Series 2011

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING DURING JUNE, JULY, and AUGUST

### *The Manifold Wisdom of God*

DATE	TITLE	SPEAKER
6/01/2011	God's Love	Jim Grushon, Jr.
6/08/2011	God's Word	Wes Grushon
6/15/2011	God's Plan For Families	Russ Robins
6/22/2011	God's Church	Rich Walker
6/29/2011	God's Plan For Eternity	Jim Rutter
7/6/2011	God's Mercy (Savior)	Roy Pyle
7/13/2011	God's Pattern For Living	Dan Spargo
7/20/2011	God's Providential Care	George Wacks
7/27/2011	God's Peace and Rest	Murray Collier
8/3/2011	God's Longsuffering	Jason Schofield
8/10/2011	God's Spirit	Jeff Padgett
8/17/2011	God's Forgiveness	Adam Lohman
8/24/2011	God's Holiness	Matthew Allen
8/31/2011	God's Desire for Prayer	Jason Davis

*To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.*

Ephesians 3.8-10



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## Teen & Adult Bible Class Schedule

DECEMBER 2010 – NOVEMBER 2011

	<b>WINTER</b> 12/5 - 3/2	<b>SPRING</b> 3/6-6/1	<b>SUMMER</b> 6/5-8/31	<b>FALL</b> 9/4-11/30
<b>Sunday High School</b>	<b>Teen Issues</b> Robins/ P. Wacks	<b>Spiritual Heritage</b> Collier/ McLaughlin	<b>Why Believe the Bible?</b> Pyle/Wilson	<b>Spiritual Leadership</b> Boser/J. Pratt
<b>Sunday Adult (1)</b>	<b>Philipians/ Colossians</b> Davis/Rutter	<b>1 &amp; 2 Thessalonians</b> Mullins/ Schofield	<b>1 &amp; 2 Timothy</b> Allen/ G. Wacks	<b>Titus, Philemon, James</b> Walker/Robins
<b>Sunday Adult (2)</b>	<b>NT Conversions</b> Grushon	<b>Becoming an A+ Teacher</b> Allen	<b>New Converts</b> Elders	<b>TBA</b>  Allen
<b>Wednesday High School</b>	<b>Spiritual Heritage</b> D. Wacks/ Braden	<b>From Fear to Faith</b> Jim Grushon Jr.	<b>Summer Series</b>	<b>Spiritual Heritage</b> Morrison/ Davis
<b>Wednesday Adult (1)</b>	<b>1 Samuel</b>  Allen	<b>Isaiah</b> Pennington/ Padgett	<b>Summer Series</b>	<b>Malachi</b> Padgett/ Lohman
<b>Wednesday Adult (2)</b>		<b>Becoming an A+ Teacher</b> Allen	<b>Summer Series</b>	

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

- 2 Timothy 2.15 ESV



## People I Know Who Need to be Rescued

*Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved... Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" (Romans 10.1; 12.12).*

You know dozens of people in desperate need of responding to the gospel. Your heart grieves as you think of brothers and sisters who have turned away from God in unfaithfulness. But, **have you prayed for them?** What could happen if you did? Remember, it is prayer that plugs us into the awesome God of the universe. With that truth in mind, throughout 2011, pick a different person each month and pray for them every single day. Pray for receptive hearts, for opportunities, for wisdom, and boldness. Pray that God might use you to help save them.

January: \_\_\_\_\_

February: \_\_\_\_\_

March: \_\_\_\_\_

April: \_\_\_\_\_

May: \_\_\_\_\_

June: \_\_\_\_\_

July: \_\_\_\_\_

August: \_\_\_\_\_

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October: \_\_\_\_\_

November: \_\_\_\_\_

December: \_\_\_\_\_

## Things I Can do to Build Up the Kingdom

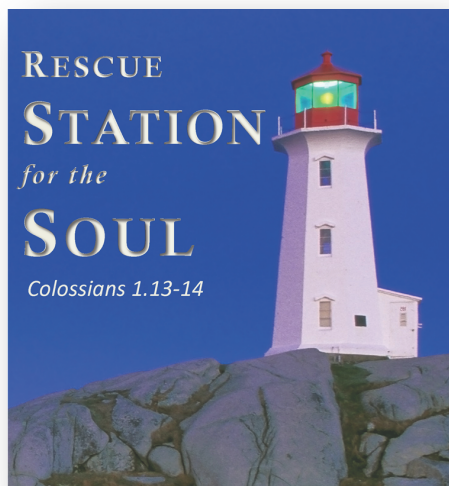
**In an effort to serve others through hospitality, why not invite someone each month into your home or out for a meal?**

January: \_\_\_\_\_  
 February: \_\_\_\_\_  
 March: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**As you look around, are there opportunities to serve? Where can you make a difference? Can you host a singing or small-group Bible study? Can you help an elderly brother or sister around their house? Can you visit someone who is shut-in? Which member could use an extra dose of encouragement?**

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## Vision 2011

*Rescued from the  
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Son*

### Service Times: Sunday:

**9:30 AM:** Bible Classes (Age 2-up)

**10:30 AM:** Praise, Prayer, and  
Preaching

**2 PM:** Afternoon Worship

### Tuesday:

**9 AM:** Bible Class

### Wednesday:

**1 PM:** Bible Class (Oct.–Apr.)

**7:30 PM:** Bible Class



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