

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5.16

Vision 2012



A Message From the Elders

In 2011, our theme was "The Rescue Station for the Soul." Our plan is to always be that place of rescue for the soul. Future themes will complement that ultimate purpose. The logo we developed uses a lighthouse to demonstrate the beacon of hope that the church here at Kettering needs to be to our community and to each other.

A lighthouse without a light is simply a tall building without a purpose. It is the light shining through the darkness night after night that leads the ship and its sailors safely to the harbor. A church must illuminate the light of the joy and hope found in Jesus Christ to guide each traveler home.

Matthew 5.14-16 says:

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Our theme for 2012 will be, "Let Your Light Shine....Glorify Your Father." It is our prayer that you will look into the planning for the year presented in this booklet and join in the effort. The elders have developed classes, sermons, special studies, the summer series, and gospel meetings to help us grow in our efforts to shine as lights to the lost and in our relationships to each other.

As you read through this presentation we hope you will think of ways you can be a part of this effort. Find something you can do to encourage some lost soul or encourage someone in our spiritual family and then do it. Turn the light on in your life and let it shine. Together we can be that city set on a hill never to be hidden and with God's blessing, be that light shining brightly for all the world to see.

Have a great 2012!

George, Jim, Rich, & Russ



As We Move Forward

In November, the elders announced our commitment to focus greater attention to our reverence to God during our Sunday worship service and to build a stronger, more committed and interpersonal spiritual family. With these objectives in mind, we outlined some changes for the year.

Our worship is an expression of honor, adoration and praise unto God. Several visitors have positively commented on our devotion and attitude. They have told us how encouraged and uplifted they were by our reverence during the worship. We will start our day with study time with our children. Our goal is for them to know they too have a soul that God loves and we are servants to them. We want to take this time to encourage them. After our morning Bible Study time, we will assemble to "stand in the presence of the Lord." Every aspect of our worship is to focus the congregation in our praising of God's name as holy. Our goal is for every member and guest who experiences our worship to be encouraged and to leave uplifted. At the conclusion of the morning worship service, we will dismiss for the remainder of the day.

We will continue to meet in the afternoons for 4th Sunday singing and 5th Sunday "special" services (e.g. young men's, prayer, etc.). We will also continue to meet on Sunday afternoon during Gospel Meetings.

Our hope is that many of you will invite other families into your home to strengthen our relationships one with another. We want to emulate the pattern we see in Acts 2.46. On eight Sundays this year we will schedule our group meetings at a location away from the building. We want to develop our relationship as a spiritual family away from the four walls of the building. Our experience is, some of the greatest growth has taken place in the homes of others while sitting around a table sharing each other's faith and experiences in the Lord's service.

Let's consider one another and how to provoke one another unto love and good works. Let us prefer and edify one another, and challenge everyone to give time in service to every member. Let's pray together, read the Bible together, recognize the weak and take their burden upon ourselves. Let the light of Christ be seen in us.

Understand

WHAT WE WAR AGAINST



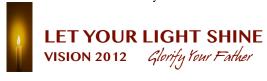
The revelation of Your words brings light and gives understanding to the inexperienced.

- Psalm 119.130

Satan and his forces live to make war on those who live inside a relationship with Christ, 1 Peter 5.8. Though his ultimate destiny is the eternal darkness and fire of hell, Satan has made it his aim to take as many with him as possible, Ephesians 6.10-13. Spiritual darkness is not passive and those who dwell therein are void of a relationship with God. There is no more desperate or hopeless situation than to be separated from our Creator.

With every fiber of our being, we must resolve to fight off darkness at every turn. We're not alone in this war. We stand in the strength of Jesus and wear the protective armor of God. With God on our side, we are guaranteed victory over darkness. The only way the darkness will overtake us is if we surrender to it. This year we'll look at practical measures you can take to heighten your commitment to Christ. We will encourage you to hold on to God's hand each day and trust in God no matter what. Satan will give it his best shot, but you don't have to become his prey.

As we begin the new year, we want to develop a more thorough understanding of spiritual darkness and what it means to be separated from God. When we fully realize where we've come from, we will more



fully appreciate the joy of coming into God's marvelous light, 1 Peter 2.9, and the plight of those still wandering in darkness.

To achieve these spiritual principles and better understand the adverse effects of spiritual darkness, the Kettering Family will focus on these areas:

REACHING THE LOST: (Evangelism)

- ✓ Fine tune and execute our guest follow-up plan.
- ✓ Begin to effectively use our guest welcome center.
- ✓ Look for opportunities to further expand evangelism.
- ✓ Publish and distribute a series of tracts on first principles of the gospel.
- ✓ Fine tune and begin presenting the *Big Picture of the Bible* to the lost.

STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY: (Edification)

- ✓ Conduct a class on *Understanding Darkness* by Matthew Allen.
- ✓ Conduct a scripture study on *Philemon/James* by Jason Schofield.
- ✓ Sundays in January: special sermon series on *The Deadliness of Sin* by Matthew Allen.
- ✓ March 4-7: Ken Weliever will deliver a special series of lessons on The Challenge of Darkness.
- ✓ Implement a class for new Christians: What Kind of Soil Are You?

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

- 1 Peter 2.9 ESV



Walk

LIVING IN THE LIGHT



If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- 1 John 1.7

Through His death on the cross, Jesus paid the penalty for our sin. We have been purified through His blood. Now, moved by gratefulness for His precious sacrifice, we commit our lives to Jesus and wear His name. By walking in the light each day, we identify ourselves with Him.

Paul spoke of the need 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. In the spirit of Colossians 1.10, this year our topical classes and sermon series will focus on practical suggestions on how to put Christianity into practice in daily life. This spring, we'll discuss four ways our congregational family can promote the unity we share in Christ. We'll learn how to recover from the wrong turns we take and how to fix the mistakes we make.

We will also be challenged to grow in our personal development in service to each other. Through our congregational group studies, we will learn how to raise the level of our spiritual vigilance by building positive habits that make the most of our time and resources. Writing to the Galatians, Paul encouraged the early Christians to look for every opportunity to *do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith*, Galatians 6.10. We intend to put Paul's advice into action. We will actively look for ways to strengthen and build our relationships with all members from our youngest children to our oldest members.



In order to accomplish these goals, the Kettering family will focus on these areas:

REACHING THE LOST: (Evangelism)

- ✓ Continue regular followup with guests and contacts.
- ✓ Sundays in June: special sermon series on Questions I Want to Ask
 God, by Matthew Allen.
- ✓ Refocus on how we support foreign evangelism.
- ✓ Initiate planning on home study classes to reach our community on the following topics: *Marriage*; *Parenting*; *Overcoming Addiction*, *etc.*
- ✓ Initiate planning on how to evangelize local colleges and universities.
- ✓ Plan and develop *first principle* lessons to record on DVD for distribution to prospects.

STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY: (Edification)

- ✓ Conduct eight congregational studies on Walking in the Light.
- ✓ Continue a class for new Christians on *Growing in Christ (Blossom)*.
- ✓ Work on developing and strengthening personal relationships inside the Kettering family.
- ✓ Become more committed to the mentoring and spiritual development of our young people.
- ✓ Conduct a class on *Christ in Me* by Jim Grushon.
- ✓ Conduct a scripture study on Hebrews by Jason Davis.
- ✓ Continue the Tuesday AM/Tuesday PM classes; Thursday Bible History Class; Friday Men's Study; and bi-weekly ladies classes.
- ✓ May 13-16 Brian Anderson will deliver a special series of lessons on *The Blessing of Being in the Light*.
- ✓ Study the need for and possibility of holding a VBS during the summer of 2013.
- ✓ Elders will evaluate the need for adding additional deacons to serve the Kettering family.

Illuminate

DRAWING OTHERS INTO THE LIGHT



You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

- Matthew 5.14

Our world contains many people who are in darkness. They are vulnerable to Satan's ways and have succumbed to his temptations. All over our community people struggle and what is most tragic about their plight is that they do not know God and do not know how to give things over to Him. These are the ones we need to touch. There is a way for us to be a light to those who do not know how God can provide rest and comfort.

From this point forward, our desire should be to live each day walking in the light so that we will illuminate the world with the influence of Jesus Christ. We let our light shine by being productive in the Kingdom. As God's own possession, we are to become a people who are *zealous for good works*, Titus 2.14. We serve, not through the words we speak, but by the things we do, 1 John 3.18. How can you more effectively reflect or illuminate Christ to an increasingly dark world?

Whether at home, in work, at school or play, we should determine to do good things to bring glory to the Lord and illuminate His path. This year, we want to heighten our understanding of how our good works reflect and illuminate God.



To accomplish these goals, the Kettering family will focus on these areas:

REACHING THE LOST: (Evangelism)

- ✓ Conduct home study classes to learn to illuminate the way of Christ in our marriages, parenting and daily living.
- ✓ Look for opportunities to share the light of Christ to those who suffer from the darkness of addiction and failed relationships.
- ✓ October: Special sermon series on *Every Minute Counts*, by Matthew Allen
- ✓ Become more visible in our local colleges and the Dayton community.
- ✓ Continue to use *Big Picture of the Bible* presentations to the lost.
- ✓ Distribute first principle DVD's to prospects.
- ✓ Continue the congregation's activity in foreign evangelism.
- ✓ Use professional media to increase awareness of the Kettering Church to the local community.

STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY: (Edification)

- ✓ Target New Christians with a class on *Bearing Fruit*.
- ✓ Conduct a Daily Devotional Series during September.
- ✓ Conduct a scripture study on 1, 2 & 3 John by George Wacks.
- ✓ October 14-17 Andy Cantrell presents a special series of lessons on *How to Illuminate Jesus Through Our Life.*
- ✓ Explore ways to improve the presentation of *Our Spiritual Heritage* and to help illuminate the way of Christ to our young people.

I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.

- Philemon 1.6 ESV



Facilities Improvement

- ✓ Review building security procedures.
- ✓ Mount additional video projectors in back classrooms.
- ✓ Finish painting in classroom areas of the building.
- ✓ Investigate possibilities of installing a new sign facing Bigger Road.
- ✓ Work on plans for proposed parking lot expansion.
- ✓ Add additional lighting to the parking lot.
- ✓ Consider the need for possible auditorium and classroom expansion.

Technology/Media

- ✓ Market congregational website through google search, online ads and social media.
- ✓ Reevaluate more effective ways to use electronic media in light of evangelical objectives.
- ✓ Hold congregational training sessions on how to use the member section of our website.
- ✓ Explore video recording capabilities for auditorium classes and preaching service.
- ✓ Explore possibility of video streaming to the internet.
- ✓ Evaluate how to more effectively use electronic media to increase congregational visibility and spread the gospel to our community.
- ✓ Finish the video feed project from the pulpit to AV room so that presentations can be run from the pulpit area.

I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

- 1 Corinthians 9.22 ESV

1st QTR Sunday Service Schedule and Planned Sermon Series

Date	Monthly Theme	Sermon Title	
12/4/11		Jesus is the Light of the World	
12/11/11		David Galloway Preaches	
12/11/11	The Light of the World	Congregational Meeting - 2 PM	
12/18/11	the World	Called to be the Light of the World	
12/25/11		Jim Grushon Preaches	
1/1/12		Understanding Sin	
1/8/12		How Thoughts Become Sin	
1/15/12		The Absolutes of Sin	
1/22/12	The Deadliness of Sin	The Consequences of Sin	
1/22/12	0.5	Song Service - 2 PM	
1/29/12		Living Free from Sin	
1/29/12		Young Men's Service - 2 PM	
2/5/12		Keys to Godly Stewardship	
2/12/12		Giving With Liberality	
2/12/12	Christian	Congregational Study - Time/Location TBA	
2/19/12	Stewardship	Managing Our Time for Spiritual Growth	
2/26/12		Russ Robins Preaches	
2/26/12		Song Service - 2 PM	

2nd QTR Sunday Service Schedule and Planned Sermon Series

Date	Monthly Theme	Sermon Title	
3/4/12		Ken Weliever Gospel Meeting	
3/4/12		Song Service 2 PM; Preaching Service 3 PM	
3/11/12	All Things New	New Life: New Outlook & Priorities	
3/11/12		Congregational Study Time/Location TBA	
3/18/12		New Life: New Love for Old Relationships	
3/25/12		New Life: New Hope for the Future	
3/25/12		Song Service - 2 PM	
4/1/12	The Power of One: Philippians	Rich Walker Preaches	
4/8/12		One Mind; One Spirit (Philippians 1.27)	
4/8/12		Congregational Study Time/Location TBA	
4/15/12		One Purpose (Philippians 2.1-2)	
4/22/12		One Goal (Philippians 3.12-14)	
4/22/12		Song Service - 2 PM	
4/29/12		One Secret (Philippians 4.11-13)	
4/29/12		Prayer Service - 2 PM	
5/6/12		Where Am I Going?	
5/13/12	The Next Step	Brian Anderson Gospel Meeting	
5/13/12		Song Service 2 PM; Preaching Service 3 PM	
5/20/12		Fixing Wrong Turns	
5/27/12		Using GPS (God's Planning System)	
5/27/12		Song Service - 2 PM	



3rd QTR Sunday Service Schedule and Planned Sermon Series

Date	Monthly Theme	Sermon Title	
6/3/12	Questions I Want to Ask God	Is Jesus the Only Way?	
6/10/12		Jason Schofield Preaches	
6/17/12		Will God Send People to Hell?	
6/17/12		Congregational Study Time/Location TBA	
6/24/12		Must the Bible Be Taken Literally?	
6/24/12		Song Service - 2 PM	
7/1/12	God is Big Enough	To See Me Through the Storm	
7/8/12		To Remove My Doubts	
7/15/12		To Uproot My Fears	
7/22/12		To Heal My Disease	
7/22/12		Song Service - 2 PM	
7/29/12		To Conquer My Sin	
7/29/12		Young Men's Service - 2 PM	
8/5/12		Back to School Challenges	
8/12/12	Back to School	Sincere Speech	
8/12/12		Congregational Study Time/Location TBA	
8/19/12		Overcoming Peer Pressure	
8/26/12		So, You Want to be Popular?	
8/26/12		Song Service - 2 PM	

4th QTR Sunday Service Schedule and Planned Sermon Series

Date	Monthly Theme	Sermon Title	
9/2/12		Loving the Light	
9/9/12		God Has a Purpose for My Blessings	
9/16/12	Delle	Seeing God More Clearly	
9/16/12	Daily Devotional Series:	Congregational Study Time/Location TBA	
9/23/12	Sharing the	Our Children Need Light	
9/23/12	Light in Me	Song Service - 2 PM	
9/30/12		If You Were the Only Light, What Would the World See?	
9/30/12		Young Men's Service - 2 PM	
10/7/12		You Have a Purpose	
10/14/12		Andy Cantrell Gospel Meeting	
10/14/12	Every	Song Service 2 PM; Preaching Service 3 PM	
10/21/12	Minute Counts	You Can Make a Difference	
10/21/12		Congregational Study Time/Location TBA	
10/28/12		You Can Leave a Legacy	
10/28/12		Song Service - 2 PM	
11/4/12		How Do We Cultivate Joy?	
11/11/12		The Difference Between Joy & Pleasure	
11/11/12	The Joy of Christian	Congregational Study Time/Location TBA	
11/18/12	Living	The Power of Our Joy	
11/25/12		Let God Fill Your Life With Joy	
11/25/12		Song Service - 2 PM	



Summer Series 2012				
Every WEDNESDAY EVENING during JUNE, JULY, and AUGUST				
LIVING IN THE LIGHT				
DATE	TITLE			
06/06/12	Let There Be Light			
06/13/12	How Light Affects Darkness			
06/20/12	Old Testament Men Guided by the Light			
06/27/12	When the Light Went Out in Israel			
07/04/12	The Glory of the Light of the Lord			
07/11/12	For You Are the Light of the World			
07/18/12	7/18/12 Hiding It Under a Bushel			
07/25/12	How Light Conquers in Conflict			
08/01/12	The Light of the Glorious Gospel			
08/08/12	Walking in the Light			
08/15/12	/12 Sending the Light			
08/22/12	Reflecting the Light			
08/29/12	08/29/12 Focusing on Endless Light			

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

- Ephesians 4.11-13 ESV

As we grow in our relationship with Christ, we need to grow in our confidence in sharing our faith with others. The Summer Series provides men with an opportunity to study and prepare a presentation in the comfort of our spiritual family. This is also an opportunity for the congregation to support and encourage those men who make these presentations.



Teen & Adult Bible Class Schedule						
DECEMBER 2011-NOVEMBER 2012						
	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL		
	12/4 - 2/29	3/4 - 5/31	6/3 - 8/29	9/2 - 11/28		
SUNDAY HIGH SCHOOL	Who is God? Murray Collier	God's Plan to Save Us Jim Rutter	Debate Class Matthew Allen	Obedience Dan Spargo		
SUNDAY ADULT (1) TOPICAL STUDY (AUDITORIUM)	Understanding Darkness Matthew Allen	Into the Light Matthew Allen	Christ in Me Jim Grushon	Reflecting Christ Matthew Allen		
SUNDAY ADULT (2) SCRIPTURE STUDY (BACK CLASSROOM)	Philemon / James Jason Schofield	Hebrews Jason Davis	1 & 2 Peter Paul Braden	1, 2, & 3 John George Wacks		
WEDNESDAY HIGH SCHOOL	Genesis Nathan Armstrong	Exodus - Deuteronomy Travis Sims	Summer Series	Joshua/ Judges Adam Lohman		
WEDNESDAY ADULT (1) TOPICAL STUDY (AUDITORIUM)	Spiritual Warfare Matthew Allen	Those Who Walked by Faith Matthew Allen	Summer Series	Citizens of the Kingdom Matthew Allen		
WEDNESDAY ADULT (2) CHRISTIAN GROWTH (BACK CLASSROOM)	Soil Russ Robins	Blossom Jim Grushon	Summer Series	Bearing Fruit Rich Walker		

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil."

- Hebrews 5.12-14 ESV

Would you be interested in helping with our teaching program? Or, if you are interested in team teaching one of our classes, please let one of the elders know.



2012 Congregational Studies

- 1. February 12 How We Deal With the Darkness in Our Lives: We all have issues to overcome and Satan constantly works to discourage us in our walk. We want to learn how we can help each other deal with the darkness in our past and present life.
- **2.** March 11 Bearing One Another's Burdens: What practices must we put in place so that we can better encourage each other? This meeting will focus on goals we can set in order to help one another serve each other more effectively.
- 3. April 8 Why Hasn't the Light Consumed Me? What are some common problems of failure? How can we fight off losing hope when we succumb to failure? How can we become more steadfast even when sin seems to win?
- **4. June 17 Keeping the Light Burning:** What activities must we engage in so that we continually stoke our spiritual fire? What are daily habits we can develop in order to make the most effective use of our time and activities?
- **5. August 12 He That Thinks He Stands Take Heed:** Self reliance leads to spiritual failure. How can we shift our focus off of self and on to God? Where does our hope come from and in what do we trust? We will explore what role obedience plays in our life while contrasting what it cannot do for us.
- **6. September 16 We Are His Workmanship:** Why are we obedient servants? How much power does our example have in influencing others to better service? We all have an influence be it for good or evil. Our works will be made manifest.
- **7. October 21 People Who Have Shown You the Light:** Who are those who have made a positive spiritual impact on your life? How can these memories help you as you move forward in your spiritual life?
- **8. November 11 A Light for the World:** Our mission is to bring the light to those who are lost. Think practically. You are the light of the world. How can you make a difference inside your home, at work or in our community?



Our Mission

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 and 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 an 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.

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

- Ephesians 4.15-16



How You Can Help

As we enter into the new year, we should be looking for ways to *Let Our Light Shine and Glorify Our Father*. Here are some suggestions on how you can help put our plans into action:

- 1. Seek opportunities to encourage others.
- 2. Worship with reverence and sincerity.
- 3. Determine to be a positive influence, not a negative one in the church.
- 4. Talk to one another. As you get to know your fellow Christians, you will know what is going on in their life and ways you can help and encourage.
- 5. Send a card to the sick.
- 6. Use the directory to send a random card to a brother or sister.
- 7. Be an example in your attendance at all assemblies.
- 8. Call a member mentioned as sick. Ask if there is something they need.
- 9. When a list goes up, fill it up!
- 10. When you hear of something that needs to be done, don't think of reasons why you can't help, but determine to help.
- 11. Notice brothers and sisters who have a more difficult time because of sickness, etc., and let them know you appreciate their example.
- 12. Find someone you do not know well and invite them into your home.
- 13. Find a teacher of one of the children's classes and see if there is something you can do to help them.
- 14. Determine to be active in the teaching program in some way.
- 15. Talk to one of the deacons and see if there are any projects they are working on in which you can help.
- Give.
- 17. Increase your giving if possible.
- 18. Thank your Bible class teachers for their efforts to help you grow.
- 19. Introduce yourself to a guest and welcome them.
- 20. If you see a guest looking for a place to sit, move over and let them sit by you.

Serving Jesus by Sharing Jesus



Service Times:

Sunday:

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

10:45 AM: Praise, Prayer, and

Preaching

Tuesday:

9 AM: Bible Class

Wednesday:

1 PM: Bible Class (Sept.-May)

7:30 PM: Bible Class

DEACONS:

Murray Collier Wes Grushon Adam Lohman Roy Pyle

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