

Adorning the Doctrine of Christ

Reflecting the character of our Savior



*In everything,... adorn the
doctrine of God our Savior.*

- Titus 2.10b

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a message from the elders

The world places a great emphasis on what people wear. A person's apparel can be a sign of either wealth or poverty. It can indicate position and authority. It can become a source of pride or shame. Often, our clothing is an integral part of the social events we attend. Think of how this is true during times of celebration. For example, draw a picture in your mind of the bride's attire at a typical American wedding. This is often *the* event of a lifetime. Only the best will do. For her, the wedding will be filled with memories to be shared fondly as she recalls her special day.

History has given us many memorable wedding gowns. Can you remember Princess Diana walking down the aisle of Saint Paul's Cathedral with 10,000 pearls adorning her gown? In 2006, designers sought to create the most expensive wedding dress in history. It is called the *Diamond Wedding Dress*. Throughout the dress \$12M of diamonds had been woven. It is amazing to observe the lengths some will go to emphasize the special day for the bride and groom.

But, there is more to life than the *big events*. Day by day, it matters what we wear. You may have specific requirements of what to wear at work. Some of our children have expectations on what to wear at school. Our physical adorning is important. Whether we like it or not, how and what we wear makes a statement about who we are. It says something about our priorities, self esteem, and respect for others.

Since this concept is so basic to life, it is no surprise that the Holy Spirit would use this as an analogy to paint a picture of our relationship with Christ. *For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ*, Galatians 3.26-27 (NASU). As God's son or daughter, God has adorned you with new, clean, and pure spiritual garments.

What does it mean to adorn ourselves with Christ? What implications does this have for my everyday life? To *adorn* means to "set in an orderly, becoming fashion." Paul told Titus that Christians (bondservants) are *in everything*, to *adorn the doctrine of God our Savior*, Titus 2.10b. This passage presents a general principle every Christian should keep in mind. We do this by making Titus 2.11-14 a part of every day.

We are to adorn ourselves so that we make the gospel look appealing! This

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involves living so that others will see the natural beauty of the Christ who is *living in us*, Galatians 2.20. In short, we must *sanctify Christ in our hearts so that others will see the hope within us*. And when they ask us about it, we will be *ready to give an answer*, 1 Peter 3.15. When individual Christians grow, mature, and carry out this mission as the “called-out” people of God, the church that Jesus died for fulfills its purpose to glorify Jesus.

This year we will learn how to use God’s word to set our lives into an orderly, becoming fashion. This builds off of last year’s theme on being true to our holy calling. Peter’s words must never be far from our heart: *but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct*, 1 Peter 1.15. You have been called to serve daily as God’s epistle, *known and read by all men*, 2 Corinthians 3.2.

During 2015, we want each member of our spiritual family to develop a greater understanding of what *adorning the doctrine of Christ* means. We want to equip you on how you can apply these principles to your daily spiritual walk.

During **Quarter 1**, we will begin the year by examining the orderly nature of God. How did He set up our world? What can we learn from His ways and how does this apply in our spiritual lives today?

In **Quarter 2**, we intend to learn more about our relationship with God as spiritual priests. God had specific expectations regarding priestly adornment under the law of Moses. Likewise, we will discover *what it means* to adorn ourselves with the spirit of Christ.

Quarter 3 examines the process of clothing ourselves with Christ. Christianity is more than the acquisition of Biblical knowledge. We must take action, doing what is necessary to cover ourselves with Christ. God’s spiritual priests must wear the garments properly.

Finally in **Quarter 4**, we will conclude the year by looking inwardly, so as to guard against hypocrisy. We will also examine our attitude toward our brethren and those in the world. How can we help them see the need to cleanse their garments?

As your shepherds, we are excited to present this year’s vision to the family of God at Kettering. We hope each of you will embrace the quarterly themes and messages and look for ways to “activate” them in your spiritual lives. Our prayer for our congregation and each family is your continued growth so that we all become a “greater reflection for the Lord’s service.”

With love,

George, Rich, and Russ

moving forward

We have just completed a year of concentration on the ever-present need of devoting ourselves to holiness. God is Holy. We are to be like Him, 1 Peter 1.15. Now, as we move forward into 2015 we want to focus on what it means to adorn the doctrine of Christ. This begins with a proper understanding of who and what God is. In the minds of some, there may be a large gap between how God's nature is defined and understanding who God is.

You may be familiar with the first verse in the Bible: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*, Genesis 1.1. But, how long has it been since you took additional time to concentrate on what it says? Genesis begins with an introduction to the Living Beings that created our world. In Biblical Hebrew, *God* in Genesis 1 is written in plural form meaning "mighty ones." The word is transliterated *Elohim*. In English, we often read this as referring to the One, Supreme *God*.

Some may read Genesis 1.1 and come away with the understanding that only the Father was present before the world was created. Such a conclusion is inaccurate. Other texts emphasize Jesus' actions as the One who made the world. Paul said it is by the power of Jesus that *all things hold together*, Colossians 1.17. See also John 1.3; Ephesians 3.9; Hebrews 1.2; and Revelation 4.11. These passages do not contradict what is recorded in Genesis 1. *God* is a general term used to describe deity just as the word *man* expresses the idea of humanity (both male and female). The Scriptures reveal that Deity (God) can be expressed in multiple ways.

Besides *Elohim*, there are at least two other Old Testament words used to refer to God.

- Exodus 6.2-3 - God appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as *El Shaddai*. *El* means "Strength and Power." *Shaddai* means "Almighty." To the patriarchs, Deity was known as **God Almighty**.
- The nation of Israel referred to God as *Yehovah*. This word is translated LORD in our Bible. It means *self-existent* or *eternal*. Many passages use the expression **Lord God** and this should tell us that God is the self-existent possessor of life, unlimited in power and undefined by human wisdom.

No matter how Scripture defines the *mighty ones*, it is clearly seen that Deity wants us to know them and understand the relationship freely offered to us. *The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God*, Psalm 14.2. Paul, writing through inspiration, explained that God has revealed His deep thoughts

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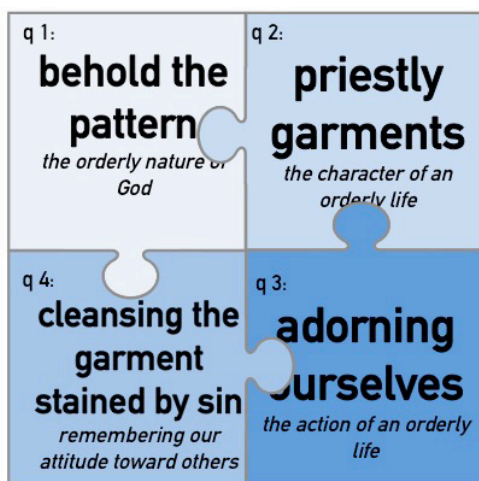
and purpose through the Spirit. God wants us to know Him, 1 Corinthians 2.6-10.

There is no reason that anyone should be confused about who God is, what He is like, or His desire for our well being, because the Bible clearly shows the orderly nature of God. From creation to the end of time, God will not change. His character is defined by loving good and hating evil. This fact will always remain. What made Noah, Abraham, and Moses faithful to God in other ages is the same thing that makes us faithful before Him today. *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures,* James 1.17-18.

Our God is orderly. He is adorned with love, mercy, grace, forgiveness, justice, and peace. His word is ever present so that we may be adorned and consistently reflect our God.

Finally, consider that God Himself *was made flesh* so that we might behold His glory, John 1.1-2, 14. As His child, you have been called to adorn the teaching God demonstrated as He walked among us. During 2015, make it your priority to know God and place your life in order by adorning yourself in the doctrine of Christ. *Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son,* 2 John 9.

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changes for 2015

As you look through our vision plan for this year, you will notice a few changes to our Sunday afternoon schedule. Our purpose is to continue our efforts to provide greater spiritual growth, development, as well as stronger relationships within the Kettering family. For example:

- **Targeted Studies:** *Every fifth Sunday* we will present a study focused on a specific need within the congregation. *Not every targeted study will apply to every member, however, when it does apply to you we ask that you be present.*
- **Song Services:** This year, we will return to having a monthly song service, which will take place *every fourth Sunday*. Most services will be led with a purpose and direction centered around our theme: *Adorning the Doctrine of Christ*. Other services will be dedicated to learning new songs and the messages contained in them.
- **Home Studies:** We believe that a smaller, more intimate setting provides greater opportunity for everyone to grow and participate. Home studies are a great opportunity for every member of our spiritual family to develop stronger relationships with one another. *Your attendance at these studies is important!*
- **Summer Series:** Our summer series will be centered around *Everyday Life as a Christian: Lessons from James*. Like last year, we intend to invite a few outside speakers for selected Wednesday evening Summer Series lessons.

congregational goals for 2015

- Initiate planning on a future facility for the Kettering Church.
- Implement our security plan for the congregation.
- Review the teaching program for our children.
- Finalize plans for Colombia in-country visit.
- Develop specialized classes promoting spiritual leadership.
- Consider the possibility of adding additional deacons to serve the congregation.
- Investigate the use of television advertising that promotes the need for God in our lives.
- Develop a plan for adding a second evangelist.
- Develop a list of resources for members in need, i.e. counseling, financial assistance, etc.
- Investigate the possibility of conducting a special series of classes on financial stewardship.
- To adorn ourselves in the doctrine of Christ every day.

teen bible class schedule

DECEMBER 2014 - NOVEMBER 2015				
	WINTER 12/3 - 2/25	SPRING 3/1 - 5/27	SUMMER 6/7 - 8/30	FALL 9/6 - 11/29
SUNDAY JR/HIGH SCHOOL	Early Days of Church Greg Morrison George Long	Journeys of Paul Dru McLaughlin Joe Christensen	Christ & the Church Wes Grushon Randy Hoffman	The Law & the Gospel Paul Braden Matthew Guy
WEDNESDAY JR/HIGH SCHOOL	Lessons from Job Russ Robins	Life Under the Sun Matthew Allen	SUMMER SERIES	The Mark of a True Christian Rich Jacobs Brandon Reeves

behold the pattern

the orderly nature of god



*Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the
beginning? Have you not understood
from the foundations of the earth? It is
he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshop-
pers; who stretches out the heavens like
a curtain, and spreads them like a tent
to dwell in;*

- Isaiah 40.21-22

Adorn is similar to the word *cosmos*, which is a reference to the beautifully created order of the universe. As the Psalmist exclaimed so well, *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork*, Psalm 19.1. Not only is the universe functional and amazingly precise, it is beautiful! God has adorned our world with breathtaking sunrises and sunsets, gorgeous mountains and valleys, and awe-inspiring vistas. Indeed, in the creation He reached down into darkness and into that which was without *form and void* (chaos) and by His mighty power, spoke into existence the order and complexity of our universe! Given our God, it is not surprising that our universe is the way it is. It is a reflection of the character of it's Divine Maker. Paul reminds us that *God is not the author of confusion (chaos) but peace*, 1 Corinthians 14.33.

God's pattern for living has been revealed in the Holy Scriptures. His thoughts are clear. His expectations are just. They have been given for our good. His ways are likened to a *lamp* to our feet and a *light* to our path, Psalm 119.105. God has fixed boundaries to our desires. He wants us to know, through His word, what is *really* right and what is *really* wrong. God's ways serve as guard posts in order to protect us from eternal death. Our desires are not the standard. We are not the judge of what is right or wrong. God's pattern for living is

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higher because it originates from His perfection. God's standard tells us what is right and wrong, good and bad, true and false.

During this quarter we will:

- See how God has beautifully adorned our world.
- Come to appreciate the beauty of His pattern.
- See how this reality applies in today's church.

sunday schedule

FIRST QUARTER: December 3, 2014 • February 25, 2015			
date	notes	theme	sermon title
12/7/14	Elder/Deacon Meeting	God's Adornment (A Look at the Beginning)	Defining Our Year Ahead
12/14/14	Group 1 Home Study		Adornment in Creation
12/21/14			Adornment in the Garden
12/28/14	Singing: 2.30 pm		How God Adorned the Family
1/4/15	Elder/Deacon Meeting	God's Pattern (Shadows of things to come)	Instructions to Noah
1/11/15	Group 2 Home Study		Instructions to Priests
1/18/15	Group 3 Home Study		The Tabernacle
1/25/15	Singing: 2.30 pm		The Temple
2/1/15	Elder/Deacon Meeting	God's Reality (As Revealed in the Church)	Superiority of Christ
2/8/15	Group 4 Home Study		God Dwells in Us
2/15/15	Group 5 Home Study		Priests of God (1 Peter 2)
2/22/15	Singing: 2.30 pm		The Body of Christ

class schedules

FIRST QUARTER: December 3, 2014 • February 25, 2015	
Sunday Morning	
God's Unchanging Nature	
Teacher: Matthew Allen	
date	lesson title
12/7/14	Psalm 33: The Unchanging Nature of God God is the same forever.
12/14/14	Two Purposes of Creation (1): God's Glory Everything has been created to bring Him glory.
12/21/14	Two Purposes of Creation (2): God's Love Mankind was created to be the object of His love.
12/28/14	God: Our Provider His provisions are for us and toward Him.
1/4/15	God: The Source of Structure His purposes are for the betterment of mankind.
1/11/15	Understanding How The Law of Christ Provides Structure for Life (1) Understanding the purpose of God's law from OT.
1/18/15	Understanding How The Law of Christ Provides Structure for Life (2) Understanding the purpose of God's law from NT.
1/25/15	How has God Structured Marriage? What was God's original design on marriage?
2/1/15	How has God Structured the Home? What were God's original intentions for the home?
2/8/15	How has God Ordered His Church? (1) Understanding the purpose of God's church.
2/15/15	How has God Ordered His Church? (2) How did God order the operation of His church?
2/22/15	The Key to Applying God's Pattern to Your Life Surrendering to God and His way.

class schedules

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Wednesday (1 pm and 7.30 pm)

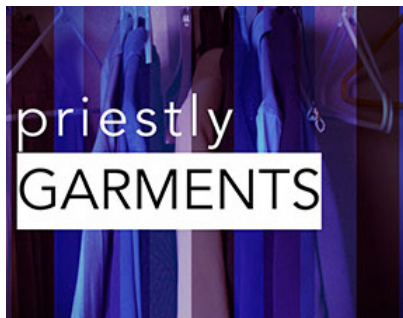
Lessons from Job

Teachers: Jim Grushon & Jim Rutter

date	lesson title
12/3/14	Human Wisdom vs. Godly Wisdom Godly wisdom.
12/10/14	When People Who Trust God Suffer God's part in suffering.
12/17/14	Consider My Servant Job (1) Why does Satan have so much power?
12/24/14	Consider My Servant Job (2) God's trust of His faithful servants.
12/31/14	Job, Personally Questioning God God listens to our complaints.
1/7/15	Friends and Their View of God God allows your exposure to others.
1/14/15	Friends and Their Judgment of You God is the ultimate judge of us.
1/21/15	Job, the Nature of Pity When God does not answer as we want.
1/28/15	A God of Comfort Rather than a God of Confusion The comfort of God.
2/4/15	God answers Job, Why are you questioning me? God provides all the answers we need.
2/11/15	God's Questions to Job Does God have the right to rebuke us?
2/18/15	Job's Repentance God's acceptance of our sin.
2/25/15	Who is God and Why Can I Trust Him? God is faithful.

priestly garments

the character of an orderly life



But 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

Can you imagine serving as a priest during the days of the Old Testament? Think of the tremendous forethought and planning that would be involved in day to day service for our God. What a privilege to serve God by serving others! In great detail, the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy explain the priestly responsibilities. God held those of the tribe of Levi accountable for upholding the qualities He prescribed. They were to perform sacrifices and lead the nation in worship: all for the purpose of the purification of the nation.

In like manner we are called to adorn Christ, being lights in a world full of darkness. We must present ourselves to God as servants who are committed to working within the confines of what He has handed down through His Son. When we do this, we loudly proclaim His excellence and great love for mankind, 1 Peter 2.9.

This quarter, we will:

- Learn more about our relationship with God as spiritual priests.
- Discuss what it means to adorn ourselves with the spirit of Christ.
- Discover what it means to be prepared for the work of ministry.

sunday schedule

SECOND QUARTER: March 1, 2015 • May 31, 2015			
date	notes	theme	sermon title
3/1/15	Elder/Deacon Meeting	The Attributes of the Priestly Garments	If God Clothed the Grass (Matthew 6.28-30)
3/8/15	Group 6 Home Study		God Clothed the Priests
3/15/15	Group 7 Home Study		Set Apart to Wear the Garments
3/22/15	Singing: 2.30 pm		Those Who Wear the Breastplate
3/29/15	Targeted Study: 2.30 pm		The Message in Our Minds
4/5/15		Adorning the Spirit Within Us	The Relationship We Have as God's Priests
4/12/15	Group 8 Home Study		Adorning the Spirit Within Us (1)
4/19/15	Group 9 Home Study		Adorning the Spirit Within Us (2)
4/26/15	Singing: 2.30 pm		Prepared for the Work of Ministry
5/3/15	Gospel Meeting	Preparing to be Priests	David Banning Meeting
5/10/15			Qualifying to be Priests
5/17/15	Group 1 Home Study		How the Law Adorns Our Lives
5/24/15	Singing: 2.30 pm		How God's Forgiveness Adorns our lives
5/31/15	Targeted Study: 2.30 pm		Ready for Service

quarterly targeted studies:

March 29: The Christian and Social Media

May 31: Micah 6.8: *What Does God Require of You?*

class schedules

SECOND QUARTER: March 1, 2015 • May 31, 2015

Sunday Morning

Building Our Spirit in the Image of God

Teacher: Matthew Allen

date	lesson title
3/1/15	The Need to be a Servant
3/8/15	The Challenge to be a Servant
3/15/15	Defeating Our Will
3/22/15	The Effect of the World in the Transformation Process
3/29/15	Coming to Oneself (Luke 15.17)
4/5/15	Letting Go and Sweeping Out the House
4/12/15	How Humility Makes Space for God
4/19/15	Leaving No Space Empty
4/26/15	Overcoming as I Grow
5/3/15	Gospel Meeting - David Banning
5/10/15	Comparing Ourselves to the Standard
5/17/15	Who Can I Help?
5/24/15	Making Myself an Instrument of Peace
5/31/15	Looking and Longing

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

- Ecclesiastes 12.13

class schedules

SECOND QUARTER: March 1, 2015 • May 31, 2015

Wednesday (1 pm and 7.30 pm)

Life Under the Sun: A Study of Ecclesiastes

Teachers: Dick Kelso & Nathan Armstrong

date	lesson title
3/4/15	The Search for Meaning 1.1-18
3/11/15	Life in the Fast Lane 2.1-26
3/18/15	That Wonderful Plan for your Life 3.1-22
3/25/15	Why Does God Allow This? 4.1-5.20
4/1/15	Things Are Not What They Seem 6.1-7.14
4/8/15	Whoever Said Life is Fair? 7.15-8.1
4/15/15	Can We Trust Government? 8.2-15
4/22/15	Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life 8.16-9.10
4/29/15	The Only Way to Go 9.11-10.15
5/6/15	Gospel Meeting David Banning
5/13/15	How Then Should We Live? 10.16-11.10
5/20/15	Before It's Too Late 12.1-14
5/27/15	Why is Life So Hard? Viewing Ecclesiastes in light of the New Testament

adorning ourselves

the action of an orderly life



The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- Romans 13.12-14

During the second quarter, we talked about the concept of priestly garments. In the Old Testament, God presented a detailed description of how these should be constructed and how they should look. They were not to be worn by just any person. Those who put them on had to be from the tribe of Levi and the High Priest had to be from the family of Aaron. After God qualified who could wear the garments, detailed instructions were given regarding what a person should do before putting the garments on.

Now, we want to discuss the process and the need to clothe ourselves with Christ. Now that we know how the garment looks, we must take the action to put it on. People will only see Christ if His spiritual priests wear the garments properly.

During the third quarter, we will:

- Reflect on the purification that is necessary to wear the garments.
- Take a hard look at the attitude of our heart.
- Examine how to properly adorn the garments God has provided.

sunday schedule

THIRD QUARTER: June 3, 2015 • August 30, 2015

date	notes	theme	sermon title
6/7/15	Elder/Deacon Meeting	Casting Off the Common Garments	Making the Decision to Change
6/14/15	Group 2 Home Study		Measuring Your Starting Point: Self Examination
6/21/15			What Does a Repentant Heart Look Like?
6/28/15	Singing: 2.30 pm		Moving Forward with a Humble Spirit
7/5/15		Put on Christ (Our Royal Garments)	What Does It Mean to Walk by the Spirit (Gal. 5.16)
7/12/15	Elder/Deacon Meeting		Conquering Sexual Sin (Gal. 5.19)
7/19/15	Group 3 Home Study		Relinquishing Modern-Day Idols (Gal. 5.20a)
7/26/15	Singing: 2.30 pm		Victory Against Enmity, Strife, and Jealousy (Gal. 5.20b)
8/2/15	Elder/Deacon Meeting		Success Against Anger (Gal. 5.20c)
8/9/15	Group 4 Home Study		Conquering Quarreling and Rivalries (Gal. 5.20d)
8/16/15	Group 5 Home Study		Squelching Your Tongue (Gal. 5.20e)
8/23/15	Singing: 2.30 pm		Winning the Battle Against Your Flesh (Gal. 5.21a, 24)
8/30/15	Targeted Study: 2.30 pm		Not Under Law (Gal. 5.18)

quarterly targeted study:

August 30: Dealing with the Real World: *How to Handle the Stress of Daily Life*

class schedules

THIRD QUARTER: June 1, 2014 • August 27, 2014

Sunday AM Auditorium

Your Work as a Spiritual Priest: (1 Peter 2) Teachers: Rich Walker / George Wacks

date	lesson title
6/7/15	Intro: I'm a Priest (Understanding Your Identity)
6/14/15	2.1: I Must Put Away Some Things
6/21/15	2.3: I Want to Taste the Goodness of the Lord
6/28/15	2.5: I Will Offer Spiritual Sacrifices
7/5/15	2.7: I Am Honored to be a Priest
7/12/15	2.9: I Must Proclaim His Excellencies
7/19/15	2.12: I Will Be Honorable in My Conduct
7/26/15	2.14: I Will Be Subject to Human Institutions
8/2/15	2.15: My Good Will Silence Foolish People
8/9/15	2.16: I Am Free
8/16/15	2.17: I Must Honor Everyone
8/23/15	2.18: I Will Be Respectful of Others
8/30/15	2.20-21: I will Overcome My Fears

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

- 1 Peter 2.15-17

2015 summer series

Everyday Life as a Christian: Lessons from James	
date	lesson title
6/3/15	James 1.2: Teaching in Trial: Count it All Joy
6/10/15	James 1.6-7: Standing Firm in the Waves of Life
6/17/15	James 1.12-15: Facing Temptation with Faith
6/24/15	James 1.19: Slow Down and Listen
7/1/15	James 1.27: Keep Ourselves Unspotted
7/8/15	James 2.1-13: Love: the Demonstration of Faith
7/15/15	James 2.14-26: The Profit of Faith
7/22/15	James 3.1-12: The Power of Faith Over Your Tongue
7/29/15	James 3.13-18: True Wisdom
8/5/15	James 4.1-10: God Resists the Proud
8/12/15	James 4.11-17: Consider Your Brother
8/19/15	James 5.1-6: A Warning Concerning the Physical World
8/26/15	James 5.19-20: Being Your Brother's Keeper

About our Summer Series



Our focus this quarter is all about the day to day activity of Christian life. The book of James is one of the most important epistles addressing this topic. If you are looking for practical suggestions on how to improve your spiritual life, this year's summer series is for you!

Like previous years, men in the congregation will have an

opportunity to study and prepare a presentation in the comfort of our spiritual family. We will also be inviting a few speakers from outside the congregation to speak for us.

Be sure to take advantage of the great spiritual feast offered every Wednesday evening this summer.

cleansing the garment stained by sin

remembering our attitude toward others



And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

- Jude 22-23

What an honor to be clothed with Christ and reflect His image where ever we go. Our goal should be, to the best of our ability, to be *blameless and innocent, children of God, without blemish, in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world*, Philippians 2.15. We must always be aware of the everpresent danger of hypocrisy. It kills our influence with those in the world, and it hinders our salvation.

Not only must we see the importance of representing Christ, we always need to move with care as we interact with brothers and sisters in God's church who struggle with sin. Our job is to help the weak, practice forgiveness when sinned against, and exhibit forbearance. May we never forget that God's church is a collection of forgiven souls who help and encourage each other.

Equally important is our attitude toward those lost in sin. What can we do to raise our consciousness of their great need? How can we become more like Paul in our commitment to do whatever is possible in reaching the lost, 1 Corinthians 9.22-24? Can we see the bountiful opportunity presented to us right here in our own community? Souls of people all around us need to be saved!

During this quarter we will:

- Become more aware of the danger of hypocrisy and develop strategies to be successful against it.

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- Evaluate our attitude toward our brothers and sisters who struggle and challenge ourselves to find ways to encourage them.
- Pray for and consider the opportunities God is blessing us with to spread the gospel to the lost.

sunday schedule

FOURTH QUARTER: September 2, 2015 • November 29, 2015

date	notes	theme	sermon title
9/6/15		When Our Garments are Stained	1 Samuel 2 - The Sons of Eli
9/13/15	Elder/Deacon Meeting		Matthew 23 - The Pharisees
9/20/15	Group 6 Home Study		Rev. 3 - Church @ Sardis
9/27/15	Singing: 2.30 pm		Rev. 3 - Church @ Laodicea
10/4/15	Elder/Deacon Meeting	Reacting to the Stained Garments of a Brother	1 Thess. 5.14 - Helping the Weak
10/11/15	Group 7 Home Study		Gal 6.1-2 - Consider Yourself
10/18/15	Group 8 Home Study		2 Cor 2.7-8 - Forgive & Comfort
10/25/15	Singing: 2.30 pm		Luke 15 - The Self Righteousness of the Sinless
11/1/15	Gospel Meeting	Our Responsibility to the Stained Garments in the World	Don Truex Meeting
11/8/15	Group 9 Home Study		1 Cor 9.22 - Our Attitude Toward Those in the World
11/15/15			Mt 10.16 - The Heart That is Trying to Save the World
11/22/15	Singing: 2.30 pm		John 4.35 - The Fields are White
11/29/15	Congregational Meeting: 2.30 pm		Year in Review: (The White Garments in Revelation)

class schedules

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Sunday Morning

Beautiful Robes of White, Ephesians 4

Teacher: Matthew Allen

date	lesson title
9/6/15	4.1: Walking in a Worthy Manner
9/13/15	4.2: Essential Attitudes: Humility & Gentleness
9/20/15	4.2: Essential Attitudes: Patience
9/27/15	4.2: Essential Attitudes: Love
10/4/15	4.3: Eager to Maintain the Unity
10/11/15	4.4-6: Called to One Hope
10/18/15	4.7-12: Oneness in Purpose: Equipped for Good Works
10/25/15	4.13-16: Oneness in Purpose: Sustaining Growth
11/1/15	Don Truex Meeting
11/8/15	4.17-21: The Stains of the World
11/15/15	4.22-24: The New Creature
11/22/15	4.25-31: The Ongoing Action of Putting Away
11/29/15	4.32: As God Forgave You

looking for the latest information?



Be sure to check out our congregational website for the latest member news, prayer lists, and announcements. Those serving in worship can also check up on where they are serving in Sunday/ Wednesday services. You can also find the church directory, group listings, and recent local guests. Check out the

website today at ketteringchurch.com

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Wednesday Bible Study (1 pm and 7.30 pm)

The Mark of a True Christian: Romans 12 Teachers: Matthew Allen / Jason Schofield

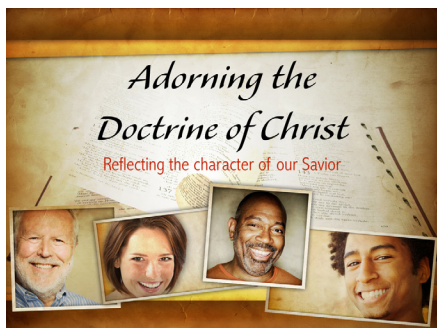
date	lesson title
9/2/15	12.1: Living Sacrifices
9/9/15	12.2: Do Not Be Conformed, Be Transformed
9/16/15	12.2b: Discerning the Will of God
9/23/15	12.3: Do Not Think Too Highly Of Yourself
9/30/15	12.4-8: Where Do You Fit?
10/7/15	12.9: Genuine Love
10/14/15	12.10: Outdo One Another in Showing Honor
10/21/15	12.11: Fervent in Spirit
10/28/15	12.12: Rejoice in Hope
11/4/15	Don Truex Meeting
11/11/15	12.13: Contributing to the Needs of the Saints
11/18/15	12.14: Bless Those who Persecute You
11/25/15	12.16-21: Live in Harmony With One Another

about our daily devotional series

Every September, the Kettering Family spends thirty days focusing on a special Bible topic through daily devotionals. This year, we will focus on our *spiritual sacrifices*. What does it mean to be a spiritual priest? What types of offerings can we make that will be acceptable to the Lord?

Every member will have access to these devotionals through our card packets. You will also be able to access the study through email and on the church website. This will also serve as a great evangelistic opportunity.

As always, there will be extra copies of the packets available to hand out to friends, family, and associates.



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Reflecting the
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Service Times:

Sunday:

9.30 am: Bible Classes (Age 18mo-up)

10.45 am: Praise, Prayer, and Preaching

Tuesday:

10 am: Bible Class

Wednesday:

1 pm: Bible Class (Sept-May)

7.30 pm: Bible Class



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