



What About Tomorrow?

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

- Proverbs 27.1 (ESV)

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A Message from our Shepherds

Tomorrow.... If only we knew what tomorrow has in store. Solomon said it best in our text for the year when he said *for you do not know what a day may bring*, Proverbs 27.1. Each year when we begin our planning we consider the needs of our congregation. Looking at everything we see happening around us we could not help but consider the concern and anxiety we all have for what lies ahead. For example, ...

Children wondering what the next day at school might be like. Husbands and wives worrying about the stability of their homes. Good employees concerned about losing their jobs or after being laid off wondering where they will find their next opportunity. Maybe it is coping with an illness or dealing with the reality we are running out of tomorrows. Even more sobering, what kind of country will we have 20 years from now. Could we lose our religious freedom? How will our families cope? How will we remain faithful in a world moving away from God?

These are questions we can't ignore. Tomorrow is unpredictable. It is ever-changing and full of unplanned events that can bring extreme joy or intense pain. Everybody's tomorrows are different. No two are exactly alike. James sums it up in James 4:14: *yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes*. Life goes by so quickly.

We have some among us that are in their nineties. The 90 year old has experienced 32,850 tomorrows. Yet looking back they seem like just yesterday. The world is a different place today than it was 20, 30, 40, or 60 years ago. The challenges of tomorrow are much different than those of the past. It requires us to look forward in a more purposeful way. It requires self-evaluation of our current spiritual condition and

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intentional planning for tomorrow's challenges.

A favorite verse of scripture is found in Solomon's writing in Ecclesiastes 9:11: *Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all.* Did you catch that? Time and chance happen to us all. There is no avoiding it. We will have good tomorrows and bad tomorrows. The question is how well will we cope with whatever tomorrow brings.

What is your spiritual plan for tomorrow? What is the plan for your family, or your role in this church family? How do you cope with the hard things tomorrow brings? How do you respond to tomorrow's successes?

Once we understand the uncertainty of tomorrow we can develop a life plan to deal with any situation that comes our way. The key is to plan rather than react. Paul said in Ephesians 4:13-14 *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, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

Before we know it we will run out of tomorrows. What will we leave behind? How will we be remembered? What mark will we have left on this planet when tomorrow starts without us?

At the end of every day we look forward to the next. Let's plan this year for whatever tomorrow brings.

Your Shepherds,



George Wacks



Rich Walker



Russ Robins

November 18, 2018

Moving Forward

During our 2018 theme, we spent the year considering how *God Has a Plan for You*. Each quarter we considered our future and hope and the responsibility to seek it with all our hearts (Jeremiah 29.11, 13). During the first quarter, we considered God's eternal purpose for us and how He brought that to fulfillment by Jesus' death on the cross. In the second quarter, we stepped into a study of the role of the Church as a place of refuge, comfort and hope. As we went through the third quarter, we saw the need to deny self in order to allow God to reign in our lives. Lastly, we spoke about us grasping and taking hold of His eternal promises and the daily commitments needed to make heaven a reality.

We also saw 2018 as a turbulent year. In almost every 24-hour news cycle there was yet another story, news feed, or social media blog with more and more confusion, anger, hate, loss of life and destruction. We noticed an uptick in how our members were struggling with loss of employment, making ends meet, living paycheck-to-paycheck, and uncertainty. We heard the apprehension in the conversations of many with family members: pressures of abuse, children who are struggling, mental issues, and death of loved ones. We have single parent households, marriages under stress, and kids that are faced with violence all around them. Materialism is impacting families, we have grandparents raising their grandchildren, and the list goes on.

Anxiety is defined as feeling uneasy, tense or apprehensive in response to stressful or threatening circumstances. It is a normal reaction to stress. At times, it may actually help a person deal with tense situations and it may also help one to be more alert or careful. However, when anxiety becomes an excessive irrational dread of everyday situations, it becomes a disabling disorder. There is a great need for medical attention in dealing with stress, anxiety or PTSD. But, one means we often overlook is the Word of God and

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the benefits of meditating and praying.

God said, through Paul, *do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*, Philippians 4.6-7.

So, this year's theme is focused on studying "What about Tomorrow"? In many disciplines, you conduct a baseline study as a means to measure deviation. The purpose is to provide an information base against which to monitor and assess an activity's progress and effectiveness during implementation and after the activity is completed. This year, we will start the first quarter by establishing our spiritual baselines. During the second and third quarters, we will dive into seven core areas as we assess and look for ways to deepen our dependency on God and improve our spiritual relationship with our Savior. Finally, during the fourth quarter we will spend some time looking at what it means to have a spiritual legacy for those we leave behind.

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, Joshua 24.15. Joshua had made up his mind. Knowing he was responsible to give an account of his life to God, he decided to serve the Lord. Furthermore, as head of his household, he set himself to the task of leading and influencing his family to do the same.

David said, *I will be careful to lead a blameless life.... in my house*, Psalm 101.2. Being blameless does not mean that David considered himself sinless; rather, it means that he was determined to be mature. He desired to grow up in God.

So as we conclude the year, our question for every member will be: *what godly heritage are you leaving behind?* Don't let the anxiety of today paralyze you. Start a godly heritage. Let it begin with you. Say, as Joshua said, *as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord*, Joshua 24.15.

0 = Never; 1 = Sometimes; 2 = Often; 3 = Usually; 4 = Always

	q1	q2	q3	q4
KNOWLEDGE				
1. I make time to read my Bible each day.....				
2. I come to Bible class prepared to contribute where possible.				
3. I am working on a list of Scriptures to memorize.				
4. I feel confident in examining teaching, ideas, and lifestyles to see if they are consistent with God's word.				
FAITH IN ACTION				
1. I make time to identify and deal with bad habits.				
2. My speech and behavior pleases God.				
3. I am careful to concentrate on things that are encouraging and spiritually minded.				
RELATIONSHIPS				
1. I work to promote peace in my family, at church, and at work. I can be trusted with difficult and delicate matters.				
2. I try hard to be tactful. I work to anticipate how my words will affect others.				
3. I am a forgiving person.				
SERVICE				
1. I know what my spiritual gifts are and I'm using them regularly.				
2. I serve people both inside and outside the church.				

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3. I am prepared to sacrifice my resources for the benefit of those I serve.

EVANGELISM

1. I am able to clearly explain the gospel to a lost person.
2. I regularly look for ways to share my faith.
3. I am concerned with helping young Christians grow up and become more mature in the faith.
4. I regularly pray for the salvation of specific non-Christians I know.

WORSHIP

1. I pray at least once each day.
2. When I come to worship, I am prepared to do so with awe, humility, and gratitude.
3. Worship is a part of my daily lifestyle; it is not simply an event I attend.

STEWARDSHIP

1. I contribute monetarily on a regular basis to the work of the Lord's church.
2. I am managing my household finances well.
3. I open my home to brethren and friends.

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Everyone falls somewhere on the spectrum from performing poorly to doing well spiritually. Where is your starting point?

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Needs Improvement

On Your Way

Doing Well

Assessing Where You Are

Doing the right thing now, so you can prepare for tomorrow.

As we look around our nation we see distressing things. Many Americans are anxious about their future, stressed out, and on edge. People can be very nice to us and in a moment's time, become unreasonably angry for the slightest word or mistake. Increasingly, people are being incited to violence over simple differences of opinion. Our families are not together like they once were and many children are almost raising themselves. Media and culture continually criticize Christianity and our values. Materialism is being pushed down our throats. Many Christians are distracted like never before. We seem to have more things than we ever had and yet are less content.

While Christians obviously live in the world, we are not of the world. *If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you*, John 15.19. How is the world affecting you? How good are you at coping with your stress? Are you allowing it to derail your spiritual life? Your family life? Your peace of mind? How you answer these questions will ultimately depend on the amount of time you choose to spend in self-reflection.

Self-examination is a prominent theme in Scripture. God calls upon us to open our heart and mind to honest evaluation and make corrections where necessary. *Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? -- unless you fail to meet the test*, 2 Corinthians 13.5.

How did you feel after you went through the examination on the previous two pages? Honest evaluation may bring to light some things you don't like. There may be matters you already knew about, but have been indefinitely putting off. Whatever it may be, it is important to build a plan to deepen your relationship with

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God and harmonize your actions with His will. Planning is biblical and prudent. Proper stewardship of our physical life, financial life, and spiritual life is called for throughout God's word. *The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps*, Proverbs 16.9.

As we move through the winter, we will endeavor to cover the following three teaching objectives:

1. Learn why the topic we're studying this year is of such great importance.
2. Examine Biblical principles for self-examination and then look for ways to do so in a timely and practical manner.
3. Devise a spiritual life plan that will assist us in navigating our tumultuous world and prepare for the life to come.

Sunday Schedule

First Quarter • December 2, 2018 • February 24, 2019

Date	Theme	Notes
December	What Makes Us Nervous About the Future?	December 2 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
January	How We are Coping with the Present	January 6 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		January 27 - Group Meetings
February	Building Your Spiritual Life Plan	February 3 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		February 24 - Singing

Adult Class Schedule

First Quarter: December 2, 2018 • February 24, 2019

Sunday Auditorium Class

Seven Habits of a Highly Effective Christian

Teacher: Matthew Allen

DATE	LESSON TITLE
12/2/18	Ed Major: Class Introduction
12/9/18	Assessing Your Foundation
12/16/18	Habit 1: Be Proactive
12/23/18	Becoming a Transition Person
12/30/18	Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind
1/6/19	Habit 3: Put First Things First (1)
1/13/19	Service Cancelled (Snow)
1/20/19	Service Cancelled (Snow)
1/27/19	Habit 3: Put First Things First (2)
2/3/19	Habit 4: Think Win-Win
2/10/19	Habit 5: Understand: Then be Understood
2/17/19	Habit 6: Synergize
2/24/19	Habit 7: Sharpening the Saw

Sunday Back Classroom

The Fruit of the Spirit

DATE	LESSON TITLE
12/2/18	Class Introduction by the Elders
12/9/18	Background: Walk by the Spirit (Armstrong)
12/16/18	Love (Price)
12/23/18	Joy (W. Grushon)
12/30/18	Class Cancelled

Adult Class Schedule

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1/6/19	Peace (Braden)
1/13/19	Service Cancelled (Snow)
1/20/19	Service Cancelled (Snow)
1/27/19	Patience (Dickey)
2/3/19	Kindness/Goodness (Price)
2/10/19	Faithfulness (W. Grushon)
2/17/19	Gentleness (Braden)
2/24/19	Self-Control (Dickey)

First Quarter: December 5, 2018 • February 27, 2019

Wednesday (1 pm and 7.30 pm)

Acts

Teacher: Matthew Allen

DATE	LESSON TITLE
12/5/18	Acts 1
12/12/18	Acts 2.1-21
12/19/18	Acts 2.22-48
12/26/18	Acts 3
1/2/19	Acts 4
1/9/19	Acts 5
1/16/19	Acts 6-7.41
1/23/19	Acts 7.42-8.12
1/30/19	Acts 8.13-40
2/6/19	Acts 9
2/13/19	Acts 10-11.18
2/20/19	Acts 11.19-13.13
2/27/19	Acts 13.14-14

Addressing The Anxieties in Your Life

Becoming effective today so you can be prepared for tomorrow (part 1)

During the first quarter we covered the need for self-examination and assessment. This is certainly a Biblical principle (2 Corinthians 13.5) and is absolutely necessary if we wish to chart our spiritual progress moving forward.

As we move into spring and summer, we will begin addressing each spiritual domain of operation. How much attention are you giving to incorporating God's word into daily life? Is the pursuit of spiritual knowledge an integral part of your life? Is this revealed in your participation in Bible class, teaching others, and in directing your day to day decisions?

When it comes to the various relationships you have, are you aiming for the best? Marriage is not to be taken for granted. Parenting is a continual challenge, no matter how old your children are. Navigating the ins and outs of extended family, in-laws, can be daunting. Practicing forgiveness and overlooking faults is made possible when we live inside Jesus' expectations: *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another*, John 13.34-35.

Finally, what progress are you making when it comes to the domain of spiritual service? Did you go through the spiritual exam on pages 6-7 again? Are you making progress? Have you made time to think about and write down the spiritual gifts God has blessed you with? How are you currently employing those gifts? Are you living with the expectation of receiving more spiritual gifts as you labor every day in the kingdom? Who are some people in the family you can encourage? *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*

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knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, Ephesians 4.11-13. The work of service will go on until He comes again.

During the spring quarter we will accomplish the following three teaching objectives:

- 1. Look to develop purposeful ways/methods to increase our level of spiritual knowledge.
- 2. Learn how to move toward the best type of relationships in marriage; family; children; work; and church.
- 3. Be challeged to serve and encourage others in the church and in the community.

Sunday Schedule

Second Quarter • March 3, 2019 • May 26, 2019		
Date	Theme	Notes
March	Knowledge	March 3 - Wilson Adams Meeting
		March 10 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		March 31 - Singing
April	Relationships	April 7 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		April 28 - Group Meetings
May	Service	May 5 - Elder/Deacon Meetings

Adult Class Schedule

Second Quarter: March 3, 2019 • May 26, 2019

Sunday Auditorium Class

Developing an Unshakeable Faith

Teacher: Jim Grushon

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/3/19	Wilson Adams - Spring Meeting
3/10/19	Getting Through Rejection
3/17/19	Facing Temptation
3/24/19	Going Against the Crowd
3/31/19	When Others Are Wrong
4/7/19	When the Law is Ignored
4/14/19	When You Feel Like Giving Up
4/21/19	When You Have a Lot to Lose
4/28/19	When No One Will Listen
5/5/19	When Facing Idols
5/12/19	When Others Are Against You
5/19/19	When Your Reputation is on the Line
5/26/19	When There's a Cross to Bear

Sunday Back Classroom

Co-Parenting With God

Teacher: George Wacks

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/3/19	Wilson Adams - Spring Meeting
3/10/19	Homeland Security
3/17/19	Parents: Meet Your Child
3/24/19	Whatever Happened to Discipline
3/31/19	Shaping the Defiant Will

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4/7/19	What Makes a Family Strong
4/14/19	Impacting Your Kids for Life
4/21/19	Becoming a Hero to Your Kids
4/28/19	The Dysfunctional Family
5/5/19	Sibling Rivalry
5/12/19	Building Esteem in Your Kids
5/19/19	The Tough Teen Years
5/26/19	Ten Things I Want My Kids to Know

Second Quarter: March 6, 2019 • May 29, 2019

Wednesday (1 pm and 7.30 pm)

Acts

Teacher: Matthew Allen

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/6/19	Acts 15
3/13/19	Acts 16-17.15
3/20/19	Acts 17.16-18
3/27/19	Acts 19
4/3/19	Acts 20
4/10/19	Acts 21
4/17/19	Acts 22
4/24/19	Acts 23
5/1/19	Acts 24
5/8/19	Acts 25
5/15/19	Acts 26
5/22/19	Acts 27
5/29/19	Acts 28

Addressing the Anxieties in Your Life

Becoming effective today so you can be prepared for tomorrow (part 2)

During the spring we began to address each of the seven spiritual domains of life. During the third quarter, we will continue this pursuit. The sure way to become more confident about the future is to put wise measures in place today demonstrating trust that God's way is best.

This is certainly seen when we examine our faith in action. Many in our spiritual family have decades of experience in gaining knowledge about God's word. We regularly sit at the feet of mature Bible teachers who work hard to share their insights into God's word in a practical way. How adept are we in applying that knowledge into daily life? Are we implementing God's will into our daily choices and decisions? *In your thinking, be mature*, 1 Corinthians 14.20b.

As we think ahead to the future, how is the growth and well-being of the church on our mind? Are we prepared to explain from the Scriptures vital points on the uniqueness of God's church? If someone asked us about getting to know Jesus, could we, with confidence, explain the gospel of Christ? It was Paul who said, *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person*, Colossians 4.5-6.

We will also discuss the importance of private and corporate worship. How strong is our prayer life? What are some ways we can engage God more in prayer? How much alone time are we scheduling to be with God? Do we appreciate the time in communion with God during the Lord's Supper? When we come together for corporate worship, do we do so with a spirit of awe, reverence, and respect? *O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love*

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is better than life, my lips will praise you, Psalm 63.1-3.

During the summer quarter we will accomplish the following three teaching objectives:

1. Work on practical solutions that will help us put our faith in action on a daily basis.
2. Reignite our passion for church growth and evangelistic opportunities.
3. Strengthen our personal and corporate worship ties to our heavenly Father.

Refer to pages 6-7 and chart your spiritual progress from the beginning of the year until now. Are you seeing growth?

Sunday Schedule

Third Quarter • June 2, 2019 • August 25, 2019		
Date	Theme	Notes
June	Faith in Action	June 2 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		June 30 - Singing
July	Evangelism/ Church Growth	
		July 14 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		July 28 - Group Meetings
August	Worship	August 4 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		August 25 - Prayer Service

Adult Class Schedule

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Sunday Auditorium Class

Encountering God's Presence in Worship

Teacher: Russ Robins

DATE	LESSON TITLE
6/2/19	Worship in America
6/9/19	Defining Worship
6/16/19	Worship: What is Needed?
6/23/19	Worship: Getting Ready to Meet God
6/30/19	Listening to God
7/7/19	Approaching God with Humility
7/14/19	Mean What You Say with God
7/21/19	Take God Seriously
7/28/19	Two Elements of Worship
8/4/19	Two Products of Worship
8/11/19	Two Challenges for Worshipers
8/18/19	Psalm 100 - Rendering Honor to God
8/25/19	Psalm 100 - Opening the Door to God

Sunday Back Classroom

Led by the Spirit

Teacher: Matthew Allen

DATE	LESSON TITLE
6/2/19	Who is the Spirit?
6/9/19	The Personality of the Spirit
6/16/19	The Holy Spirit and Jesus
6/23/19	The Spirit's Work in our Conversion
6/30/19	The Spirit's Work in our Repentance

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7/7/19	The Spirit's Work in Sanctification
7/14/19	Placed in the Body of Christ
7/21/19	The Gifts of the Spirit
7/28/19	The Spirit's Help in Understanding the Word
8/4/19	The Spirit's Help with Prayer
8/11/19	The Spirit's Intercession
8/18/19	The Spirit's Leading
8/25/19	The Spirit's Assurance

2019 Summer Series

A Time for Everything

A Study of Ecclesiastes 3.2-8

DATE	LESSON TITLE
6/5/19	3.2a - A Time to be Born and a Time to Die
6/12/19	3.2b - A Time to Plant and a Time to Gather
6/19/19	3.3b - A Time to Break Down and a Time to Build Up
6/26/19	3.4a - A Time to Weep and a Time to Laugh
7/3/19	3.4b - A Time to Mourn and a Time to Dance
7/10/19	3.5a - A Time to Cast Away Stones and a Time to Gather Stones Together
7/17/19	3.5b - A Time to Embrace and a Time to Refrain from Embracing
7/24/19	3.6a - A Time to Seek and a Time to Lose
7/31/19	3.6b - A Time to Keep and a Time to Cast Away
8/7/19	3.7a - A Time to Tear and a Time to Sew
8/14/19	3.7b - A Time to Keep Silence and a Time to Speak
8/21/19	3.8a - A Time to Love and a Time to Hate
8/28/19	3.8b - A Time for War and a Time for Peace

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

Understanding the reality of death

What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes, James 4.14b. Some day we will reach the end of our journey here. Either the Lord will return or we will take our last breath and step into eternity. What will your destination be? What will you leave behind? How will you be remembered? Have you asked yourself those questions? It seems uncomfortable to think about our end of life scenario but it is a topic well worth our consideration.

First, how prepared are you to face eternity? Are you confident in your salvation? Has your life here been an illustration of a life lived for God? If tomorrow was to be your last day what would you do? What would you say to those you love? What actions would you take to take care of those things left undone? Are there wrongs that need to be corrected? How will you be remembered? This unknown author said it best.

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours, days.

All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else. Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed. Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear.

So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived. At the end, whether you were beautiful or brilliant, male or female, even your skin color won't matter.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured? What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance. What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught. What will matter is every

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act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others. What will matter is not your competence, but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you. Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice. Choose to live a life that matters.

During this quarter we will focus on:

1. The need to become a better steward of the resources God has blessed us with.
2. Understand the reality of death.
3. Let's work to make our legacy a lasting example of a Godly life.

Refer to p. 6-7. How are you growing? Is there progress?

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Date	Theme	Notes
September	Stewardship	
		Sept 8 - Ralph Eldridge Meeting
		Sept 15 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		Sept 29 - Singing
October	Preparing to Face Eternity	Oct 6 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		Oct 27 - Group Meetings
November	What Will Your Legacy Be?	Nov 3 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		Nov 17 - Congregational Meeting

Adult Class Schedule

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Sunday Auditorium Class

Our Attitude Toward Death, The Resurrection, and Eternal Life

Teacher: Matthew Allen

DATE	LESSON TITLE
9/1/19	A Door That Swings Only One Way
9/8/19	Ralph Eldridge Guest Speaker
9/15/19	Facing Death
9/22/19	Lessons Learned in the Grip of Grief
9/29/19	What Happens When We Die?
10/6/19	The Resurrection Changes Everything
10/13/19	The Power of the Resurrection
10/20/19	The Resurrection Chapter (1)
10/27/19	The Resurrection Chapter (2)
11/3/19	The New Testament on Heaven (1)
11/10/19	The New Testament on Heaven (2)
11/17/19	What Jesus Said About Hell & Judgment
11/24/19	Revelation's Picture of Heaven

Sunday Back Classroom

Facing Your Giants

DATE	LESSON TITLE
9/1/19	Class Introduction by the Elders
9/8/19	Ralph Eldridge Guest Speaker
9/15/19	Facing Your Giants (J. Spargo)
9/22/19	What Giants Do to Us (Matt Ringle)
9/29/18	The Falling of Giants (D. McLaughlin)

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10/2/19	Five Smooth Stones (S. McLaughlin)
10/9/19	Finding Ways to Keep Going (D. Dekoski)
10/16/19	Inviting Giants (M. Grushon)
10/23/19	Family Giants (M. Rosato)
10/30/19	The Giant That Got David (1) (J. Spargo)
11/3/19	The Giant That Got David (2) (J. Spargo)
11/10/19	The Battle Before Us (Matt Ringle)
11/17/19	The Battle Within Us (D. McLaughlin)
11/24/19	We Are Conquerors (S. McLaughlin)

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Wednesday (1 pm and 7.30 pm)

Revelation's Portrait of Heaven

Teacher: Matthew Allen

DATE	LESSON TITLE
9/4/19	1.1-3 - Introduction
9/11/19	1.4-8 - He is Coming With the Clouds
9/18/19	1.9-20 - Jesus is Alive Forevermore
9/25/19	2.1-17 - Heaven is For Conquerors (1)
10/2/19	2.18-3.6 - Heaven is For Conquerors (2)
10/9/19	3.7-22 - Heaven is For Conquerors (3)
10/16/19	4 - The Throne in Heaven
10/23/19	5 - The New Song (1)
10/30/19	5 - The New Song (2)
11/6/19	19.1-5 - A Place of Rejoicing
11/13/19	19.6-10 - The Marriage Supper
11/20/19	19.11-20.15- The Defeat of Satan
11/27/19	21 - New Heaven and the New Earth

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Oscar Arias lives in Villamaria, Caldas. Brother Arias has been preaching since 1999, and in Villamaria since 2011. Since 2013 Oscar has assisted with the new work taking place in Ecuador's Galapagos Islands. Besides preaching in various places around Colombia, He also makes yearly preaching trips to Brazil and Peru. *The Kettering congregation has been supporting Bro. Arias since 2019.*



Carlos Julio Rameriz lives in Cali, Valle del Cauca. Besides his work with one of the churches in Cali, Brother Rameriz travels throughout western and southern Colombia working with various churches of Christ. He has helped establish congregations in Pasto, Buenaventura, Palmira, and Popayan. He began preaching full time in January 2013 and has served as a shepherd for the Cali church since 2017. *The Kettering congregation has been supporting Bro. Rameriz since 2013.*



Rafael Amaya lives in Ibagúe, Tolima. He has been preaching the gospel since 2000. In 2005, he helped begin a new work in the neighborhood of Las Gaviotas in Ibagúe. Beginning with two families (6 individuals), the church currently numbers about 30 people. He also teaches twice a month in a village called God Wáter (Agua de Dios). There are about 12 people there. He also works with another congregation in Ibagúe. *The Kettering congregation has been supporting Bro. Amaya since 2013.*

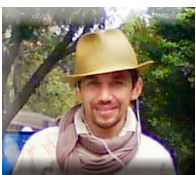
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Carlos Correa lives in *Lorica, Cordoba*. He has been preaching the gospel since 2005. Brother Correa works with five congregations in northern Colombia. Besides working with churches in Lorica, San Antero and Manantial, he has recently helped begin new congregations in Guabanano, San Jose de Palmito and Pueblo Nueva. *The Kettering congregation has been supporting Bro. Correa since 2013.*



Wilson Valbuena lives in *Villavicencio, Meta*. He has been preaching the gospel since 2008. Besides his work in Villavicencio, Brother Valbuena also works with congregations in Acacias, Castilla La Nueva, and Fuente de Oro. Around 35 Christians make up the church in Villavicencio. *The Kettering congregation has been supporting Bro. Valbuena since 2015.*



Julio Caesar Tellez lives in *Bogotá, Distrito Capital*. He has been preaching the gospel since 2000. Brother Tellez labors with the Bolivar church on the south side of Bogotá. Besides his work in Colombia, he also works each year with congregations in Ecuador and Mexico. Originally from the Colombian mountain town Vélez, Julio Caesar's wife, Nibia is from Mexico. The couple has two boys, Esteban and Sebastian. *The Kettering congregation has been supporting Bro. Tellez since 2016.*

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Alvaro Sepulveda lives in Manizales, Caldas. He was baptized into Christ in 2004. Since then he has served congregations in the departments of Caldas, Risaralda, Valle de Cauca, and Narino. In 2016, Brother Sepulveda moved to Ecuador where he worked with one of the local churches in Quito. In 2018, Brother Sepulveda moved back to Colombia where he began work with the church in Manizales. Since his return the church has focused on unity, growth, and leadership. *The Kettering congregation has been supporting Bro. Sepulveda since 2018.*



Fabian Aicardy Lopez lives in Acacias, Meta. Brother Lopez began preaching in Bogotá in 2012. Since early 2017 he has worked with the small congregation in Acacias. Fabian also assists in preaching for other congregations in Meta, including the Fuente de Ora church. Brother Lopez regularly partners with Wilson Valbuena in many evangelistic endeavors around SE Colombia. *The Kettering congregation has been supporting Bro. Lopez since 2019.*



Andrés López Jerez lives in Bogotá, Colombia. Andres has been preaching the gospel full time since 2013, serving the El Rincon church of Christ in Northwest Bogota. He also assists other local churches around Bogotá in their work, including Libertador, Chia, and Soacha. Andres also serves as an English-Spanish translator for preachers visiting Colombia and continues in English training to grow in this work. *The Kettering congregation has been supporting Bro. Lopez since 2018.*

We Are Here for You

Over the two previous years your shepherds have committed themselves to developing a greater understanding of "what shepherds are in the Lord's church." In the Bible, the concept of a shepherd is very detailed. We believe that first, and foremost, the shepherd is a servant. Our mindset is on the health and well-being of the flock. Our hearts are given to the care of the sheep as seen in Ezekiel 33.2-7; Psalm 78.71-72; Jeremiah 3.15; and Acts 20.28.

Jesus said, come to Me all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you shall find rest for your soul, Matthew 11.28-30.

We want each member of our family at Kettering to know we are here for you. Who knows what tomorrow will bring? It could be a tough day. We want to help you as you journey through life's struggles. Our plea is for you to lean on us, call on us any time day or night, and we will be there. We want to help you. We want to pray for and with you. Please feel comfortable in reaching out to us.

In addition to our availability on the first Sunday afternoon of the month, beginning in December and continuing thereafter, we will be meeting every Thursday at the building and be available for spiritual counseling, encouragement, and prayer. Please know our conversations will be treated with respect and kept in the confidence. **To help you in making an appointment, we have placed a sheet on the bulletin board inside the main entryway. If you want to meet with us, please place a check mark in the box by the date you wish to meet.** Please take advantage of the spiritual resources and encouragement you have right here among you.

Your Shepherds,
Rich, Russ, and George



VISION 2019



Service Times:

Sunday:

9:30 am: Children's Devotional

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

10.45 am: Praise, Prayer, and Preaching

Wednesday:

1 pm: Bible Class (Sept-May)

7.30 pm: Bible Class

Thursday: *(seasonal, see web for details)*

10:30 am: Bible Class

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