



victorious faith

*For everyone who has been born of God
overcomes the world. And this is the victory
that has overcome the world, our faith.*

- 1 John 5.4 (ESV)

VISION 2020



a message from our shepherds

“Faith....the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” We have all read this passage in Hebrews 11 but do we really focus on its meaning? Ask anyone about their faith and most will tell you they have faith or their faith is strong. But what is their faith based upon?

The greatest hope we have is the hope of heaven.

How firm is your assurance of that promise? How convicted are you of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise that sacrifice brings? If our greatest hope in this life is an eternal dwelling with the Lord then what should our lives look like here on this earth?

Faith is so much more than a belief in Christianity. It is more than just being a part of a church. It is the embodiment of everything we do, say, or think. Every action should be measured by a view toward heaven. Every decision we make should be made based on our faith in a future home with the Creator of the universe.

So why do we struggle? Why are we losing our children to postmodernism? Why do our families struggle? Why are Christians questioning the accuracy of scripture? Why is there even a question about what the Bible teaches on homosexual or transgender lifestyles? How is it possible that Christians can accept the theory of evolution as taught in our schools? How can we condone abortion by excusing it over the emotional strain that comes on the one who made a bad decision?

We wholeheartedly agree with Roger Shouse, who wrote:

Our faith is built upon the truthfulness of God's word. The Gospel of John concludes with these thoughts: "these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name." Feelings are hard to describe. God uses evidence, proof, and facts. These undeniable facts lead to conclusions, which builds

our faith.

Our faith is not in each other. Our faith is not in the church. We can let each other down and even disappoint each other. Our faith is not in some historical tradition. It has nothing to do with politics. It's all about the Bible. I believe in Jesus because He is real. How do I know He is real? The Bible.

Through the years I have heard people wonder, "What if none of this is true? What if man actually wrote the Bible?" Christians have responded, "Well, at least I have lived the best life." That's the wrong answer. The Bible is so true, that there is no other possibility. Man could not have written the Bible. God did. There are no plausible alternatives. The evidence is overwhelming. There is too much proof. Internal as well as external evidence is off the charts. The Bible is from God. Absolutely. Positively. Base my life upon it.

This is what our faith is built upon. We believe because it's true. We believe because of the evidence. We believe because of the Bible. And, the more time one spends with the Bible, the deeper, richer and stronger that faith becomes."

Faith is the Victory is our theme for 2020. We will focus on developing an unshakable faith that no one can destroy. In Luke 17.5 the apostles said to the Lord *increase our faith*. That is our hope and prayer for every member, every child, and every guest of this congregation.

Faith is the victory that overcomes the world!

Your Shepherds,



George Wacks



Rich Walker



Russ Robins

November 17, 2019

moving forward

One way to enjoy a summer vacation is a good old-fashioned road trip. Along with family and friends, you pack up the car and just get in and drive, checking out the back roads. Maybe you stop for lunch at a small stream to relax, put your feet in the cool water, or just drive down a road you normally wouldn't take. You discover a small town diner or an old store with antiques. You take a detour to see the sites you've always wondered about, such as a local museum, craft fair, farmer's market, or an Amish bakery.

Without a set destination, you are free to amble and swerve, turn and circle back, or go somewhere you've never been. This kind of leisure trip is enjoyable but, without a destination, you may leave with uncertainty about where you are going, let alone when you will get there. I took one such a drive when we were leaving for California. I just wanted to see where this road would lead - it was hot, middle of the summer, middle of the Mojave desert with Connie and baby Nicole - as we headed to Death Valley Junction (oh, and the gas gauge was on E...).

Jesus said He is coming again (John 14.3). By faith, we trust Jesus' words, and that leads to hope that we will one day be with Him forever. Jesus was resurrected from the dead, "the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15.20). That is the basis for our faith.

When we follow God, when our faith in Jesus Christ guides us, we can know that no matter how many detours appear, how windy, how bumpy, how curvy, or how ever long that road may be, we are sure of our destination. While our path may seem to twist and turn, we hold fast to our faith in Jesus, for He will surely guide us home. This is our victory!

During the first quarter, we will be defining our faith. In the spring, we will consider "Challenges to Our Faith." In the third quarter, we will talk about, "Defending our Faith."

During the fourth quarter, as we finish our road trip, we will consider our final destination and “that time of victory.”

Prepare, map out your course, fix your compass, and set your destination. Peter made a profound statement that resonates even in our postmodern world: *Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved*, Acts 4.12.

2020 goals

evangelism:

- Reignite our evangelistic purpose and plans
- Effective and consistent guest followup
- Explore ways to create a college ministry
- Small group studies / *MeetUp* studies
- Expand our use of social media for advertising / news about the Kettering Church

edification:

- Greater efforts to keep young people faithful (grounding/preparation/training)
- Quarterly classes / webinars on doctrinal topics and evangelistic training

leadership development:

- Leadership classes and mentoring (elders/deacons/ministers/teachers/husbands/wives/etc.)

physical: building and grounds:

- Search for future facility for Kettering Church
- Implement security plan for congregation

our evangelism plan

Sowing the seed of the gospel of Christ is in many ways the same in 2020 as it was in the 1st century. The Word we spread does not need any innovation. The seed will never change, Mark 4.14. There will still be many different reactions to Christ's message. There were some at the foot of the cross who said, *Let's cast lots for His garments,*" Matthew 27.35, and others who said *Surely this man was the Son of God,* Matthew 27.54. The truth of the latter statement is the cornerstone of our faith. Our aim is to share it with others.

Jesus' parabolic usage of farming was brilliant, considering the fact that we still have agriculture even today in 2020. People will always need some form of farming. It's been around and it'll continue to be around. Even still, agriculture has changed. New tools have been invented with which seed can be sown and harvested.

In like manner, we are given liberty in the Scriptures to accomplish the command of Christ to go into all the world and spread the gospel, Mark 16.15, in many ways that those in the first century would not be able. We must utilize every useful avenue that we have available to shift people's focus from the carnal to the spiritual. This means being aware of the technological, information-dense culture that we live in today.

It was not the case that Jesus simply sat and waited for others to come to Him and ask Him questions. Christ came to *seek and save the lost*, Luke 19.10. If our mission is to do the same thing, then we have to have a plan. We are at war. Though we know that Christ is going to be the victor, that does not exempt us from fighting the good fight along the way toward eternity. We need a plan of attack. In order to achieve our goal of reaching the lost, we must work together, Ephesians 4.16. When we work together, we all benefit.

Our plan will accomplish three things:

1. Help to teach those outside of Christ.
2. Provide a safe, smooth transition for new converts.
3. Foster an evangelistic culture at Kettering.

Consider what we can do for the cause of Christ:

- Can you make contact with our guests?
- Can you make friends outside of the church?
- Can you invite people to studies/worship?
- Can you encourage unbelievers and new/weak Christians?
- Can you pray with/for the lost?
- Can you lead/co-lead/participate in a study?

the plan

- **Guest Follow Up:** Invite people and follow up with them. Establish several points of communication with guests and visitors: texts, letters, emails, phone calls, home visits, encouraging them, and connecting with them.
- **Individual and Group Evangelism Workshops:** Studies and discussions meant to equip Kettering family members in sharing their faith.
- **Small Group Pop Up Studies:** Studies inside our community will be posted via the *MeetUp* App at varying times in various locations.
- **Individual Studies:** Over the course of our group studies and guest follow up we need to be looking for openings/opportunities to invite others to study individually as well.
- **Social Media:** Promote everything that the church page posts. Boost event advertisements. (Meetings, studies, etc.) Work to increase likes, comments, and especially shares.

this is my faith

faith comes by hearing

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore ... in all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one, Ephesians 6.13, 16. How strong is your faith? Is it able to withstand the attacks that come your way?

Today, we are experiencing a full frontal assault on faith and godly values. The world is openly committed to destroying it. Influential people from all corners of society now openly call into question things we believe. The faith of many Christians in America is being challenged like never before.

How do you feel about the following applications from Scripture?

1. The Bible affirms creation rather than evolution (Genesis 1.1).
2. Abortion is a sin under any circumstance (Exodus 20.13; Ecclesiastes 11.5).
3. Climate Change will never destroy this planet (2 Peter 3.10).
4. Scripture teaches homosexuality is not normal and is sinful (Romans 1.24-28; 1 Corinthians 6.9-10).
5. God assigns our gender. We have no right to change it (Genesis 1.27; 5.2).
6. Living together before marriage is a sin (1 Corinthians 6.18; Hebrews 13.4).
7. "Aid in Dying" or assisted suicide is sinful (Job 14.5; Psalm 90.10-12).
8. A person's rights do not supercede what God proclaims (Isaiah 55.8-9; Romans 9.20-21).
9. Scripture serves as an objective standard, not our emotions or personal opinions (1 Thessalonians 2.13; 2 Timothy 3.16-17).
10. Marriage is for life (Matthew 19.6-9; Romans 7.2-3).

Are you uncomfortable with anything written above? Each

statement is rooted in the truth of Scripture. Either we believe what God says or we do not. There is no room for anything else. Some things cannot be negotiated.

We need to decide who we are going to be and resolve to not allow the world to move us toward questioning the principles of faith. We must be *strong, steadfast, and immovable*, 1 Corinthians 15:58.

During the first quarter we will stress:

1. Sin doesn't change because culture changes, or because our friends do it. Sin doesn't change because we struggle with it. Sin is always sin.
2. How do develop an authentic faith.
3. The need to stand on what we believe.

sunday schedule

first quarter • december 1, 2019 • february 26, 2020		
date	theme	notes
December	Sin is Always Sin	12/1 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		12/29 - Prayer Service
January	An Authentic Faith	1/5 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		1/26 - Group Meetings
February	Steadfast & Immovable	2/2 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		2/23 - Congregational Singing

adult class schedule

first quarter: december 1, 2019 • february 26, 2020

Sunday/Wednesday Auditorium Class

Salvation by Faith: A Study of Romans 1-11

Teacher: Matthew Allen

DAY	DATE	LESSON TITLE
S	12/1/19	Class Introduction and Overview
W	12/4/19	1.1-7 - Greeting / Introduction
S	12/8/19	1.8-17 - The Righteous Live by Faith
W	12/11/19	1.18-32 - God's Wrath on the Unrighteous
S	12/15/19	2.1-11 - God's Righteous Judgment
W	12/18/19	2.12-29 - God's Judgment and Law
S	12/22/19	3.1-8 - God's Righteousness Upheld
W	12/25/19	3.9-20 - No One is Righteous
S	12/29/19	3.21-31 - Righteousness Through Faith
W	1/1/20	4.1-12 - Abraham Justified by Faith
S	1/5/20	4.13-25 - Promise Realized by Faith
W	1/8/20	5.1-11 - Peace With God Through Faith
S	1/12/20	5.12-21 - Death in Adam; Life in Christ
W	1/15/20	6.1-14 - Dead to Sin; Alive to God
S	1/19/20	6.15-23 - Slaves to Righteousness
W	1/22/20	7.1-6 - Released from the Law
S	1/26/20	7.7-25 - The Law and Sin
W	1/29/20	8.1-11 - Life in the Spirit
S	2/2/20	8.12-17 - Heirs with Christ
W	2/5/20	8.18-30 - Future Glory
S	2/9/20	8.31-39 - God's Everlasting Love
W	2/12/20	9.1-29 - Paul's Greatest Wish

adult class schedule

first quarter: december 1, 2019 • february 26, 2020

DAY	DATE	LESSON TITLE
S	2/16/20	9.30-10.4 - Israel's Unbelief
W	2/19/20	10.5-21 - Salvation for All
S	2/23/20	11.1-10 - The Remnant of Israel
W	2/26/20	11.11-36 - The Mystery of Salvation

your pathway home webcast

Watch every Sunday at 8 AM on Facebook Live as **Matthew Allen**, **Cain Atkinson**, and **Jim Grushon** talk about God's word to a worldwide audience! If you have a bible topic you'd like for them to discuss, send them an email. And, as you watch, don't forget to share the broadcast on your personal feed! To watch, point the browser on your phone, tablet, or computer to facebook.com/ketteringchurch. Be sure to like our Facebook page and each week you'll receive a notification that the broadcast has gone live. This is a great tool to share the gospel with your friends.



challenges to our faith

understanding spiritual warfare

Woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short, Revelation 12.12b. As we stand at the beginning of the third decade of the twenty-first century, it certainly feels as if there is a new intensity to the spiritual war we all face. Now moving well into its second or third generation of young people, we are witnessing greater and greater effects of post-modern thinking. The enemy, in his never-ending schemes, has effectively advanced his agenda in the fertile seedbeds of our educational institutions, media, and entertainment culture. Certainty and objectivity have been almost completely replaced with subjective and ever-changing emotions. And now, we find ourselves coping with matters that were simply taken for granted just a generation ago.

Why is it now acceptable to question the legitimacy of scripture? Why are we doubting longheld biblical positions on marriage and family, sexuality, and gender? Why the sudden desire to cast off long-held beliefs centered objectively on unmistakably clear passages and principles? The simple answer is that for some, *faith has become irrelevant*. Faith and religion, for some, are being sidelined due to antiquated, judgmental thinking that is exclusive in nature. Everyday those in the media, education, entertainment, and corporate culture tell us the new, inclusive, and tolerant way is best. Longheld positions of faith are simply no longer part of the way things are.

So, how do we respond? How can we rise up to the challenge? Of what do we need to remind ourselves? God's way; God's plan is what is best. God has explained why the world came into existence. God has shown us His design for the home and family. God has taught us regarding the sanctity of life. God has instructed us on the need for respect, honor, and

remembering the dignity of other people and products of His creation. In every essence, God's plan is the only plan. We must refuse to allow Satan to corrupt it.

During the second quarter we will stress:

1. Defining our adversary and reacquaint ourselves with winning strategies to ensure his defeat.
2. The need to emphasize how faith is the best alternative to the humanistic worldview. *In an ever-changing world we must learn how to demonstrate the great beauty of faith.*
3. The necessity of the church, as it serves as a place of refuge from an increasingly tenuous and dark world.

sunday schedule

second quarter • march 1, 2020 • may 31, 2020		
date	theme	notes
March	The 21st Century Spiritual Battleground	3/1 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		3/8 - Art Adams Guest Speaker
		3/29 - Young Men's Service
April	The Challenges We Face	4/5 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
4/26 - Group Meetings		
May		5/3 - Elder/Deacon Meetings

adult class schedule

second quarter: march 1, 2020 • may 31, 2020

Sunday Auditorium Class

Defining the Enemy

Teacher: Jason Schofield

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/1/20	Revelation 12 - Where Satan Came From
3/8/20	Art Adams Meeting
3/15/20	Satan's Names
3/22/20	Satan's Companions (Ephesians 6.11-12)
3/29/20	Why Satan Attacks
4/5/20	How Satan Attacks (1) (Eve & Deceit)
4/12/20	How Satan Attacks (2) (Israel & Murmuring)
4/19/20	How Satan Attacks (3) (David & Lust)
4/26/20	How Satan Attacks (4) (Peter & Fear)
5/3/20	How Satan Attacks (5) Demas & Worldliness)
5/10/20	How Satan Attacks (6) (Diotrephes & Pride)
5/17/20	How Satan Attacks (7) (Jannes / False Teaching)
5/24/20	How Satan Attacks (8) Self Deceit
5/31/20	How Satan Attacks (9) Approving of Evil

Sunday Back Classroom

Young Adult Class: Jude (Various Teachers)

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/1/20	Class Introduction & Overview (Atkinson)
3/8/20	Art Adams Meeting
3/15/20	1.1-3 - Contend for the Faith (W. Grushon)
3/22/20	1.5-7 - Punishment for the Ungodly (Rosato)
3/29/20	1.8 - Serving the god of Self (Armstrong)
4/5/20	1.9-10 - Responding to the Ungodly (Atkinson)

adult class schedule

second quarter: march 1, 2020 • may 31, 2020

4/12/20	1.11-13 - The Way of Cain (Price)
4/19/20	1.14-16 - Judgment is Coming (Atkinson)
4/26/20	1.17-19 - People Devoid of the Spirit (Ringle)
5/3/20	1.20 - Build Yourself Up in the Faith (D. McLaughlin)
5/10/20	1.21 - Keep Yourself in the Love of God (Braden)
5/17/20	1.22-23 - Saving Others (Atkinson)
5/24/20	1.24a - Freedom from Stumbling (J. Spargo)
5/31/20	1.24b-25 - Blameless in His Presence (Dekoski)

second quarter: march 4, 2020 • may 27, 2020

Wednesday (1 pm and 7:30 pm)

Colossians

Teacher: Matthew Allen

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/4/20	Class Introduction & Overview
3/11/20	Art Adams Meeting
3/18/20	1.1-8 - Thanksgiving
3/25/20	1.9-14 - Prayer
4/1/20	1.15-23 - Preeminence of Christ
4/8/20	1.24-29 - Why Paul Preached
4/15/20	2.1-7 - Growing To a Firm Faith
4/22/20	2.8-15 - Raised with Him
4/29/20	2.16-23 - Let No One Judge You
5/6/20	3.1-9 - Seek What is Above / Kill Sin
5/13/20	3.10-17 - What the New Self Looks Like
5/20/20	3.18-4.1 - The Household Code
5/27/20	4.2-18 - Final Instructions and Greetings

defending our faith

examining your commitment

During the second quarter we drew attention to what seems like a new intensity of the spiritual battle we face. While the enemy remains the same, his tactics are always evolving ... subtly adjusting to the ebb and flow of cultural whims, societal ideas, and human weakness. The apostle Paul was well aware of the danger Satan poses for Christians. Writing about this, he warned of the possibility of being *outwitted by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his designs*, 2 Corinthians 2.11.

Many of us are familiar with the leadership of Nehemiah, who courageously inspired his people to rebuild the walls of the decimated and destroyed Jerusalem around 458 BC. The first chapter introduces us to his story. Nehemiah received a report that those who had migrated back to Jerusalem eight decades before were experiencing *great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire*, 1.3. In the next verse, Nehemiah says, *as soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven*, 1.4. When have you last wept over the condition of our nation? Next, we read Nehemiah's prayer of confession, reminders of God's promises for restoration, and a request to go to Jerusalem and rebuild the wall, 1.5-11. The rest of the book reveals Nehemiah's story. He acted in faith in order to defend his people and took drastic measures to lead his people closer to God.

How will we respond to what is going on in our times? Many around us, Christians, and those who are not, are experiencing great trouble and shame. Families are being broken down and individual lives are being destroyed by the fiery darts of the evil one. Are we aware of what is going on around us? Has that moved us to mourning and prayers of confession and repentance? Are we prepared to stand in

the gap, moving in faith, and lead those around us toward the God who loves us and who will repair and bring times of refreshing to our lives? God's people don't bury their heads in the sand, or throw up their hands in defeat. God's people stand tall in their commitment, taking the battle to Satan and defending areas of vulnerability. *Prepare your mind for action. Be sober-minded. Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ*, 1 Peter 1.13.

As we go throughout the summer we will stress:

1. How to effectively take the battle to Satan, standing up for God and His ways.
2. How to assemble an adequate spiritual defense.
3. The need to take advantage of the help all around you.

sunday schedule

third quarter • june 7, 2020 • august 30, 2020		
date	theme	notes
June	Defending Our Faith	6/7 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		6/28 - Singing (New Songs)
July	Taking the Battle to Satan	
		7/12 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		7/26 - Group Meetings
August	Built by Jesus	8/2 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		8/30 - Congregational Singing

adult class schedule

third quarter: june 7, 2020 • august 30, 2020

Sunday Auditorium Class

Confirming Your Calling: A Study of 2 Peter 1.1-11

Teacher: Roger Robins

DATE	LESSON TITLE
6/7/20	1.1-3 - Recipients of Divine Power
6/14/20	1.4 - Precious & Very Great Promises
6/21/20	1.5a - Making Every Effort
6/28/20	1.5b - Virtue
7/5/20	1.5c - Knowledge
7/12/20	1.6a - Self Control
7/19/20	1.6b - Steadfastness
7/26/20	1.6c - Godliness
8/2/20	1.7a - Brotherly Affection
8/9/20	1.7b - Love
8/16/20	1.8 - How to be Fruitful & Effectual
8/23/20	1.9 - Don't Ever Forget
8/30/20	1.10-11 - Faith So Strong You'll Never Fail

Sunday Back Classroom

Sharing Your Faith - Cain Atkinson

DATE	LESSON TITLE
6/7/20	James 3.1 - Preparing Yourself to Teach
6/14/20	Ezra 7.10 - Devotion to Study & Preparation
6/21/20	1 Peter 3.15 - Be Ready to Give an Answer
6/28/20	Acts 18.24-28 - Handling Truth Accurately
7/5/20	Paul - How did a Murderer Share his Faith?

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7/12/20	Peter - How did a Jew Share His Faith with Gentiles?
7/19/20	Timothy: How did a Young Man Share Faith?
7/26/20	Moses: How Does a Person Overcome His Limitations?
8/2/20	How Do I Share My Faith with an Addict?
8/9/20	How Do I Share My Faith with a Homosexual?
8/16/20	How Do I Share My Faith with Someone Battling Depression?
8/23/20	How Do I Share My Faith with my Neighbor?
8/30/20	How to Share My Faith Like Christ

2020 summer series

Our Spiritual Defense

DATE	LESSON TITLE
6/3/20	Eph. 1.19-20 - Equipped with Power
6/10/20	Eph. 3.20 - Filled with Confidence
6/17/20	Eph. 6.10-11 - Stand in the Strength of His Might
6/24/20	Eph. 6.12-13 - How to Stand Firm
7/1/20	Eph 6.14a - The Belt of Truth
7/8/20	Eph 6.14b - The Breastplate of Righteousness
7/15/20	Eph 6.15 - The Shoes of the Gospel
7/22/20	Eph 6.16 - The Shield of Faith
7/29/20	Eph 6.17a - The Helmet of Salvation
8/5/20	Eph 6.17b - The Sword of the Spirit
8/12/20	Eph 6.18a - Prayer and Supplication
8/19/20	Eph 6.18b-20 - With all Perseverance
8/26/20	Faith is the Victory

when faith becomes sight

faith is the victory

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world -- our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God, 1 John 5.4-5. Our faith has a purpose. It serves as our strength as we move toward final victory: eternal life.

Have you ever paused to reflect as to what it will be like? What it will feel like to experience life in heaven and see Jesus face to face?

Hebrews 11 sheds light on what must have driven the Bible heroes to press on ... trusting that one day their faith would become reality. Abraham *looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God, Hebrews 11.10. They acknowledged they were strangers and exiles on the earth, and were seeking a homeland, ...a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Abraham and his family trusted that God has prepared for them a city, 11.14, 16. Likewise Moses, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward, 11.25-26.*

The heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 were just like us. Real humans facing real problems in the middle of living life.

- How did they demonstrate victorious faith?
- How did they cope with physical pain and loss?
- What did they do to bounce back from failure?
- How did they win against the devil?
- How are they remembered because of their faith?
- How will we be remembered because of our faith?

Will we have the resolve to lay aside every weight of sin that entangles us, Hebrews 12.1-2? Will we look to Jesus and allow

His faithfulness to the Father inspire us on to victory? Will we respond positively to the spiritual discipline we receive from the Father, Hebrews 12.5-12? Will we live up to our calling of purity and holiness, Hebrews 12.14? Will we run to our Father who dwells on Mt. Zion taking advantage of the access and refuge He provides? *See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. ..Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire,* Hebrews 12.25, 28-29.

As we move through the fourth quarter, we will stress:

1. How faith provides you with the strength to carry on.
2. How Jesus inspires us to victory.
3. How to demonstrate victorious faith.

sunday schedule

fourth quarter • september 6, 2020 • november 29, 2020		
date	theme	notes
September	Strength to Carry On	
		9/13 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		9/27 - Prayer Service
October	How Jesus Inspires Our Faith	10/4 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		10/18 - Workshop on Social Media & Evangelism
		10/25 - Group Meetings
November	Victorious Faith in Everyday Life	11/1 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		11/22 - Congregational Meeting

adult class schedule

fourth quarter: september 6, 2020 - november 29, 2020

Sunday Auditorium Class

Conversations in Heaven

Teacher: Mark Ringle

DATE	LESSON TITLE
9/6/20	Introduction and Class Overview
9/13/20	A Conversation with Noah
9/20/20	A Conversation with Abraham
9/27/20	A Conversation with Moses
10/4/20	A Conversation with Joseph
10/11/20	A Conversation with Joshua
10/18/20	Workshop on Social Media & Evangelism
10/25/20	A Conversation with David
11/1/20	A Conversation with Jeremiah
11/8/20	A Conversation with Paul
11/15/20	A Conversation with Timothy
11/22/20	A Conversation with Gaius
11/29/20	A Conversation with Peter

Sunday Back Classroom

Kingdom Leaders (Elders)

DATE	LESSON TITLE
9/6/20	The Need for Leaders
9/13/20	Leadership: Definitions and Limitations
9/20/20	Leaders are Growers
9/27/20	Leadership: An Inside Job
10/4/20	R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Find Out What It Means

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fourth quarter: september 6, 2020 • november 29, 2020

10/11/20	Shepherds or Strangers?
10/18/20	Workshop on Social Media & Evangelism
10/25/20	Elders, Bishops, and Shepherds
11/1/20	A Man of Influence
11/8/20	The Shepherding Model
11/15/20	More Than Followers
11/22/20	Footwashers
11/29/20	Developing Leadership Habits

fourth quarter: september 2, 2020 • november 25, 2020

Wednesday (1 pm and 7:30 pm)

Heroes of Faith: A Study of Hebrews 11

Teacher: Matthew Allen / Jim Rutter

DATE	LESSON TITLE
9/2/20	The Faith of Abel
9/9/20	The Faith of Enoch
9/16/20	The Faith of Noah
9/23/20	The Faith of Abraham/Sarah
9/30/20	The Faith of Isaac
10/7/20	The Faith of Jacob
10/14/20	The Faith of Joseph
10/21/20	The Faith of Moses
10/28/20	The Faith of a Nation
11/4/20	The Faith of Rahab
11/11/20	The Faith of Gideon
11/18/20	The Faith of Samuel
11/25/20	The Faith of David

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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 Cornerstone 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 Cornerstone 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 Cornerstone congregation has been supporting Bro. Amaya since 2013.*

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Carlos Correa lives in *Barranquilla, Atlantico*. He has been preaching the gospel since 2005. Brother Correa works with two congregations in Baranquilla. Besides this, he also assists with the work in Lorica, San Antero and Manantial. He has recently helped begin new congregations in Guabanano and Pueblo Nueva. *The Cornerstone 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 Cornerstone 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 Cornerstone 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. He has also labored in Quito, Ecuador. 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 Cornerstone 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 Cornerstone congregation has been supporting Bro. Lopez since 2019.*



Andrés López Jerez lives in Bogotá, Distrito Capital. Andres has been preaching the gospel full time since 2013. He currently is serving a full-time work in the thriving city of Zipaquirá. He has served several congregations at the Lord's church including, El Rincon church of Christ in Northwest Bogota, 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 Cornerstone congregation has been supporting Bro. Lopez since 2018.*

cornerstone's 2020 mission in colombia

Over the last thirty-five years, Cornerstone has played a role in the ongoing work of evangelism in Colombia. Beginning in 2011, our congregation has highly dedicated itself to the work there by: 1) growing the number of evangelists to support, 2) traveling to follow up with and train those men, and 3) assisting with benevolent needs among the brethren when necessary. Over the last decade, many of you have contributed out of your own pockets to various facets of the work there. We appreciate the personal communication many of you have with these men and the encouragement you provide. And, we're thankful for various members who have traveled alongside Matthew Allen and Jason Schofield to build up the brethren there.

Our mission in Colombia has certainly been something we can be thankful. We remain committed to the work and as we move forward into 2020, our plan for the work in Colombia will consist of:

- Travel to Ibague to conduct a preacher conference on how to strengthen their local congregations.
- Travel to visit some of our men in their local works, i.e., Bogota, Baranquilla, and Meta.
- Assist each of our men in beginning the process of achieving financial independence from congregations in the US, by giving them tools to teach on giving, planning, etc. In connection with this, as they go through this process, we want to help other congregations in the US connect directly with them in order to provide monthly support, etc.
- Hosting Colombian preachers and brethren who travel to the USA.
- Look at ways to connect via video-conferencing in order to regularly followup for encouragement and training.



VISION 2020



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:

10 am: Bible Class (Sept-May)

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