

# A Place to Heal

*“Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”*

- Matthew 11.28-29 (CSB)

## VISION 2021

 **CORNERSTONE**  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR SHEPHERDS

2020... A year that we will never forget. Who would have thought that as we celebrated the arrival of the New Year that within a few short months a global pandemic would bring life as we know it to a standstill? Our churches closed, companies closed, unemployment soared and the stock market dropped. We quarantined at home. Schools closed their doors and parents became the primary educators for their children. Toilet paper and hand sanitizer became scarce commodities.

Fear gripped us as we saw the numbers increasing of people falling victim to COVID 19. People were dying and the projections were grim. Grocery stores were empty. We stayed away from each other. Many of us worked from home but still some of our family here at Cornerstone came down with the virus.

It brought us to the realization that life is fragile and everything can change in a moment. For some life may never be the same. We have become weary. We pray for a vaccine so hopefully we can get back to normal. It reminds us of how special it was to assemble together in the same room and sing without masks. How special was it to shake hands as we greeted one other and give each other a hug as we parted ways? We all long for those days to return.

We long to heal.

This year our theme will focus on that longing as we learn more about helping the Cornerstone Church to be “A Place to Heal.” The focus of this study will be to see the amazing blessings we share in Christ. We want to provide hope to those who struggle. We want to share Jesus Christ and the peace that comes from a relationship with Him.

If we think about it, we cannot underestimate the way God has brought us through this storm. We were able to meet through the technology of livestreaming and Zoom. Drive by showers, grad parties, and birthdays kept us in touch with each other's special days. People gathered to pray from a distance together. Through the darkness of Covid 19 we have stayed together. God has even blessed us with a new facility, new births, new members, and a renewed purpose and excitement for our work in the kingdom.

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How can we not share with our friends the solace we have in Christ?

People are hurting.

They need a place to find a glimmer of hope. We should want them to enjoy the peace that only comes from a relationship with Christ. We desire that they experience the same encouragement we receive when brothers and sisters come along side us to help us through our time on this planet.

In Philippians 4:12-13 Paul said *I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.* Much of the strength God provides is through the relationships we have with each other through Christ.

We have so much to share with a world looking for a better way forward. Let's come out of 2020 and COVID 19 with a renewed resolve remembering the words of our Lord when He said to His disciples in John 14:27: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

We are filled with hope and anticipation for the coming year. 2020 will soon be in the rear view mirror (THANK GOODNESS).

Let's reflect on all God has done to see us through and tell everyone about the Cornerstone Church of Christ: *A Place to Heal*. May God bless you throughout all of 2021,



George Wacks



Rich Walker



Russ Robins

November 22, 2020

## MOVING FORWARD

**B**efore we discuss our plans for 2021 we would like to go back to our 2011 Vision Plan and look at the objectives we set 10 years ago. We set a goal to improve our use of technology for evangelism and edification. We were looking for ways to strengthen our church family. We expressed our hope to bring on a second preacher/intern. And finally, we wanted to expand our facility. Isn't it amazing how God answers prayer? We sing a song "In His Time" and sometimes we become impatient but *He makes all things beautiful, in His time.*

He has been preparing us for this very moment. He has equipped us with so many talented individuals to bring our livestream and technology to life. We are reaching more people than we ever have before. Through COVID-19 we have been able to continue to strengthen each other in our walk of faith together. Cain has joined the work and has been such a blessing to us all. And who can doubt God's providence in providing this facility for us to use and to grow?

All these blessings demonstrate the power of God working through us to accomplish His will. These generous provisions are not for our comfort but for our use to glorify Him and broaden the borders of the kingdom. Now is not the time to think we have arrived or become complacent. It is time for us to rally to the call to fill this building with souls looking for heaven. It is time to allow God to work here at Cornerstone. He will provide the increase if we commit to the work.

Brethren, when we assemble each Sunday to worship God, let's not forget or neglect the guests among us. Some of them have yet to believe. It is appropriate for us to examine ourselves and ask, "What do they see?"

Now more than ever, the fields are white to harvest. People are hurting and searching for hope. They want to find a church that is real and ready to come alongside them in their walk of faith. They are looking for a church that is vibrant and alive. They can find all that here at the Cornerstone Church of Christ.

In his blog, *The Preacher's Word*, Ken Weliever writes:

Extending comfort is one of the approximately 59 "one another" commands found in the New Testament regarding our mutual

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reciprocal relationships.

There are basically two groups of people in the church. One is hoping someone will just come and hold their hand a bit through the hurts of life. And the other group consists of those who are able to extend their hands to the souls of those who are troubled.

The word “comfort” literally means “to call to one’s side.” Thayer writes that the Greek word means “to entreat, to console, to comfort, to encourage, to strengthen, to offer solace.”

Here are 9 situations in which you can find comfort from the God of all comfort and can comfort one another.

- When you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40:28-31.
- When other people forsake you, let you down, or even seek to harm you, read Psalm 27.
- When you feel weak and lack courage, read Joshua 1:7-9.
- When you have financial concerns, read Matthew 6:19-21.
- When you need comfort in old age, read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.
- When you feel life is treating you badly, read Romans 8:34-37.
- When your faith wavers, read Hebrews 11.
- When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.
- When threatened by danger, read Psalm 23.

Our families, our churches, our communities, and our nation today are experiencing a great deal of discomfort. Look to the God of comfort for help and hope. And *comfort one another*.

This year we will focus on being “A Place To Heal.” We will be reaching out to a world that is hurting by utilizing technology and through personal interaction. Toward those who come through our doors, we will put our “coming along side” plans into action. And finally, we will focus on the spiritual grounding of everyone, especially those who may be new to the faith. Throughout 2021 we will be discussing who we are and who the Great Physician is. We will talk about having a heart like Jesus and rejoicing in His healing.

There is a world out there that needs Jesus. They also need the love, hope, and peace that He provides through the Cornerstone Church. Please actively join us in this quest to make a difference for the Lord across the Dayton area ... and beyond!

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTERS

The church in the New Testament was a place to heal. It was a place where Jew, Gentile, young, old, weak, strong, rich or poor could come and be restored to the glory that God intended for mankind. If we intend to be like that church, the way that Jesus designed us to be—then we need to be teaching, reaching out and discipling.

- **Teaching:** delivering and sharing in the teachings of Jesus.
- **Outreach:** efforts to make contact with people in the community for the purpose of finding opportunities to teach. Following up, getting the gospel to those outside.
- **Discipleship:** coming alongside each other for the purpose of diving deeper into a relationship with Christ

All these are crucial to living like Jesus and fully restoring the mission of the church that we read about in the Acts of the Apostles. In 2021, we will continue to grow and explore strategies for reaching out, serving, teaching and coming alongside those who need the healing love of Christ. We have the greatest gift ever given—the gospel that completely redeems and restores souls in need of rest. If we believe in the power of this message and love the people in our community then we will feverishly take advantage of every opportunity to grow in it and advance it.

## Sermons, Classes and Resources

There will continue to be sermons, printed materials, classes, workshops, and videos focusing on equipping and edifying this church. We will continue to focus on equipping every member at Cornerstone to make it home and rescue souls along the way.

## Personal Soul-Winning Efforts

Every member in this church should be consistently seeking to find people who want to know more about Jesus, and pursuing them to the greatest degree that they are capable. Your Shepherds and Ministers stand as a resource for those who need help, advice or encouragement in this area.

## Social Media/Online

Our social media and online presence is an arm of outreach that allows us to be where people's eyes are. The more people who actively like, react or share to our posts extends our reach and helps us reach more people. Being active on our social media page is one way you can help in our effort to reach the community.

## Welcome/Guest Ministry

We aren't letting anyone slip through our fingers in 2021. Every guest we have and contact we make outside of service will be taken note of and followed up with. Leads for people who we can encourage and serve will be available at the welcome center every Sunday for members who want to be a part of this ministry. We will make efforts to reach out to guests with the gospel consistently.

## Small Group Ministry

Small groups are designed for close-range upbuilding, evangelism and discipleship. We already see them informally here, but organizing them around certain purposes along the lines of Jesus mission will boost our growth in spirit, unity and number. (See page 25 for more details)

## Thank You

It is such a pleasure to work with the Cornerstone congregation! We are truly blessed. May we all realize that God has called us to this moment for His glory. May we use it to reach everyone we can with the precious gospel of Christ.

Your ministers,



**Matthew Allen**  
Pulpit Minister



**Cain Atkinson**  
Outreach Minister

## THE PLACE

### *Remembering Who We Are*

**G**od has immensely blessed our family. He has been at work, helping our congregation grow, expand, and prepare for the future. Over the last few years He has helped us navigate a pandemic, face uncertainty, cope with loss, and go through constant change. Looking back we can clearly see His providence with the provision of abundant blessings and the supply of His constant sustaining power through every single difficulty. May we see His guiding hand and how He has brought us to this moment! We believe we have been brought together *for such a time as this*, Esther 4:10.

One of our former ministers, Ken Weliever, has written:

*What do guests see when they worship with our local church family?  
When they pull into the parking lot? When they enter the building? When  
they meet the members? When the service begins?*

*Do they see people who are happy to be together, or seem distant,  
detached, and aloof?*

*Do they feel welcomed, or are largely ignored?*

*Do they hear singing that is enthusiastic and vibrant, or dispassionate  
and dispirited?*

*Do they see worshipers who are alert, attentive and focused, or people  
who are drowsy, distracted, and disinterested?*

*Do they hear a message from God's Word that is carefully crafted to  
spiritually enlighten, encourage and edify, or a disjointed, rambling  
monologue filled with personal opinions and subjective conclusions?*

*Do they feel compelled to worship, or to leave?*

*Do they want to return, or never come back?*

*And do they "declare that God is really among you," or wonder why He  
isn't?*

The Cornerstone church is about soul winning. We are a place of safety, refuge, and hope. This is the place to experience sacrificial love,



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develop a steadfast feeling of peace, and discover the satisfaction of hope in something beyond anything this life has to offer.

Jesus said: *Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light,* Matthew 11.28-30. God is calling us to demonstrate the love of Christ with compassion for all. We want to be a place where the lost can find salvation, and those inside Christ can rely upon spiritual training, encouragement, and edification from brothers and sisters in the Lord.

During the winter quarter we want to emphasize the following:

1. God's Providence.
2. This is Not About Us.
3. Let Him Work.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	NOTES
December	God's Providence	12/6 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		12/13 - Group 1 Meeting
January	It's Not About Us	1/3 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		1/17 - Group 2 Meeting
February	Let Him Work	2/7 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		2/21 - Group 3 Meeting

**SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE****Auditorium Panel Class****Topic: Providence & Purpose****Teachers: Jim Grushon / Matt Ringle**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LESSON TITLE</b>
<b>12/6/20</b>	<b>Recognizing God's Providence</b>
<b>12/13/20</b>	<b>Accepting God's Providence</b>
<b>12/20/20</b>	<b>Being Grateful for God's Providence</b>
<b>12/27/20</b>	<b>Praising God for His Providence</b>
<b>1/3/21</b>	<b>Overcoming Self Doubt</b>
<b>1/10/21</b>	<b>Walking by Faith</b>
<b>1/17/21</b>	<b>Breaking Down Our Insecurity</b>
<b>1/24/21</b>	<b>Seeing Providence in Your Life</b>
<b>1/31/21</b>	<b>God Doesn't Do Things Our Way</b>
<b>2/7/21</b>	<b>Seeing Providence as an Opportunity</b>
<b>2/14/21</b>	<b>Visualizing God's Work &amp; Plan for Your Life</b>
<b>2/21/21</b>	<b>Do Good Unto All (1)</b>
<b>2/28/21</b>	<b>Do Good Unto All (2)</b>

***We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.***

***-- Romans 8.28***

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## SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

### Lecture Hall Class

**Topic: Preparing for a Messiah**

**Teacher: Roger Robins**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
12/6/20	Introduction and Overview
12/13/20	Why We Need a Messiah
12/20/20	The Coming Messiah
12/27/20	A Sacrifice for Sin
1/3/21	The Resurrection
1/10/21	Hope in the Pentateuch
1/17/21	Hope During the Conquest
1/24/21	Hope During the United Kingdom
1/31/21	Hope During the Divided Kingdom
2/7/21	Hope During the Exile
2/14/21	Hope During the Post Exilic Years
2/21/21	God's Great Wisdom
2/28/21	A Look Back

## YOUR PATHWAY HOME

WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOUR JOURNEY TO HEAVEN



MATTHEW ALLEN



JIM GRUSHON



CAIN ATKINSON

LIVE WEBCAST SUNDAYS AT 8 A.M. ET  
INTERACTIVE SPIRITUAL DISCUSSION  
[FACEBOOK.COM/CORNERSTONECHURCHCENTERVILLE](https://www.facebook.com/cornerstonechurchcenterville)

**WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE****Auditorium Panel Class****Led By The Spirit****Teachers: Matthew Allen / Greg Morrison**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LESSON TITLE</b>
<b>12/2/20</b>	<b>A Brief History of the Doctrine of the Spirit</b>
<b>12/9/20</b>	<b>The Personality of the Spirit</b>
<b>12/16/20</b>	<b>The Work of the Spirit in the OT</b>
<b>12/23/20</b>	<b>The Holy Spirit and Jesus</b>
<b>12/30/20</b>	<b>The Work of the Spirit Before Conversion</b>
<b>1/6/21</b>	<b>The Work of the Spirit in Conversion</b>
<b>1/13/21</b>	<b>Baptism in the Spirit</b>
<b>1/20/21</b>	<b>The Indwelling of the Spirit</b>
<b>1/27/21</b>	<b>The Work of the Spirit After Conversion</b>
<b>2/3/21</b>	<b>Sanctification in Daily Life</b>
<b>2/10/21</b>	<b>The Spirit and Spiritual Gifts</b>
<b>2/17/21</b>	<b>The Doctrine of Cessationism</b>
<b>2/24/21</b>	<b>Are There Miracles Today?</b>

*For those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit have their minds set on the things of the Spirit.*

*-- Romans 8.5*

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## WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

### Lecture Hall Class

**Finding Your Way: Navigating Life with God's Blessings**

**Teacher: Cain Atkinson**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
12/2/20	Introduction
12/9/20	Homesick for Heaven
12/16/20	We All Get Lost
12/23/20	Following Jesus (1)
12/30/20	Following Jesus (2)
1/6/21	Our Roadmap
1/13/21	Trailblazers
1/20/21	Help Along the Way
1/27/21	Phone a Friend
2/3/21	Your Conscience is a Compass
2/10/21	Inviting Others (1)
2/17/21	Inviting Others (2)
2/24/21	End of the Road

**Want to know more  
about God's purpose  
for our lives?**

Ask one of our ministers about  
our Growth Track books  
available at the Welcome  
Center.



## THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

### *Jesus offers restoration, redemption, and rest*

When we say our church is a place to heal what we really mean is that we have the source of the healing in our midst and in our hearts—Jesus Christ. Jesus is the great physician and *by his stripes we are healed*, Isaiah 53.5. We are sharing in this healing every day as we grow together as disciples. When people come into contact with the Cornerstone Church, they should see Jesus again and again in newer and deeper ways as they spend more time with us.

There is a popular song by Zach Williams that some of you may have heard. It captures the essence of who Jesus is:

*If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles*

*If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies*

*If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside.*

*There's a better life. There's a better life.*

*If you've got pain He's a pain taker.*

*If you feel lost. He's a way maker.*

*If you need freedom or saving. He's a prison-shaking Savior.*

*If you've got chains. He's a chain breaker.*

We have heard so many things about what faith in Christ brings. Some have said Christianity is nothing but a set of rules and restrictions to keep us in line. Others say being a Christian means God will remove all the challenges in our lives and give us all kinds of earthly pleasures. Jesus is not a butler, a wiseman or a political change agent. None of these are an accurate picture of what Christ really offers.

So, what does Christ truly offer? When we invite people to know Christ, to what are we inviting them? He remakes us and brings

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us back to the glory for which we were created. We believe that the God who created us saw us in our brokenness, stepped down from glory humbling Himself by becoming a servant, and reached into our lives for our good.

So what do we offer? The good news of the coming King. We believe in the life-changing, world-flipping power of the gospel. We can see it in our own lives and we can see it in the lives of each other. We are not ashamed of the gospel!

In the spring quarter, we will examine three things that Christ has done and is doing for us. We will learn how we express praise for these things and how we should respond. We'll discuss how:

1. He makes me new.
2. He saves my life.
3. He calms my fears.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	NOTES
March	He Makes Me New	3/7 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		3/21 - Group 1 Meeting
April	He Saves My Life	
		4/11 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		4/18 - Group 2 Meeting
May	He Calms My Fears	5/2 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		5/16 - Group 3 Meeting

## SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

### Auditorium Panel Class

**Topic: Out of the Ashes: 13 Stories of Redemption**

**Teachers: Matthew Allen / Cain Atkinson**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/7/21	Introduction
3/14/21	The Cleansed Leper
3/21/21	A Paralytic Healed
3/28/21	Woman with the Issue of Blood
4/4/21	Healing Two Blind Men
4/11/21	Healing a Man Unable to Speak
4/18/21	Legion
4/25/21	The Woman Taken in Adultery
5/2/21	Helping the Samaritan Woman
5/9/21	A Sinful Woman Forgiven
5/16/21	The Boy With an Unclean Spirit
5/23/21	A Woman With a Disabling Spirit
5/30/21	The Thief on the Cross

## Share Your Story

We want to hear from you! What has God done in your life? What would you like to see him do? How can we help you get to know Jesus in newer and deeper ways?

Write in to us at [cornerstone-coc.com/shareyourstory](https://cornerstone-coc.com/shareyourstory)



## SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

### Lecture Hall Class

**Topic: Group 1: The Church that Christ Built**

**Teacher: Russ Robins**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/7/21	Introduction: Tell Us Your Story
3/14/21	New Testament Christianity
3/21/21	Nature of the New Covenant & Identity of the Church
3/28/21	The Establishment of the Church
4/4/21	Christ: The Head of the Church
4/11/21	The Eldership
4/18/21	Deacons
4/25/21	Evangelists
5/2/21	The Heart Behind our Giving
5/9/21	The Work of the Church
5/16/21	The Reverence of Worship
5/23/21	The Lord's Supper
5/30/21	Church Music

*In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings.*

*-- Romans 8.26*

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SPRING QUARTER • MARCH 3 • MAY 30, 2021

## WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

### Auditorium Panel Class

**Topic: Revelation: The Ultimate Healing**

**Teachers: Mark Ringle / Matthew Allen**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/3/21	Intro & Chapter 1: The Vision Revealed
3/10/21	Chapter 2 - "To the Churches, Write..." (1)
3/17/21	Chapter 3 - "To the Churches, Write..." (2)
3/24/21	Chapters 4-5 - The Scene in Heaven
3/31/21	Chapters 6-7 - The Seals of Judgment
4/7/21	Chapters 8-9 - Judgment of the Trumpets
4/14/21	Chapters 10-11 - The Little Book, The Witnesses, & The Last Trumpet
4/21/21	Chapters 12-13 - The Woman, The Dragon, & the Terrible Beasts
4/28/21	Chapters 14-15 - The Saved on Mt. Zion & the Doom of the Beast Worshipers
5/5/21	Chapter 16 - The Bowls of Wrath
5/12/21	Chapters 17-18 - The Doom of Babylon
5/19/21	Chapter 19-20 - The Coming of Christ, Doom of Satan, & the Final Judgment
5/26/21	Chapters 21-22 - The New Jerusalem

*Who is this Jesus?*

PURITY mercy passion PRAISE encouraging  
RESPECT patience REVERENCE kindness HOPE CONFIDENCE  
trust LOVE BOLDNESS humility SELF CONTROL  
JOY PEACE dependability MISSION selflessness  
GENEROSITY gentleness knowledge of scripture OPENNESS  
SACRIFICE GRATITUDE HONESTY MEEKNESS thoughtfulness  
empathy wisdom GRACE dedication stewardship  
initiative SERVICE approachability prayerfulness friendliness  
STRENGTH

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## WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

### Lecture Hall Class

**Mark: Mark's Presentation of Christ the Servant**

**Teacher: Jim Rutter**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/3/21	Mark 1 - Christ - The Servant
3/10/21	Mark 2.1-3.12 - The Servant: Miracles & Teaching
3/17/21	Mark 3.13-4.41 - The Servant and the Kingdom
3/24/21	Mark 5 - The Conquering Servant
3/31/21	Mark 6 - Faith in the Servant
4/7/21	Mark 7 - The Servant Teacher
4/14/21	Mark 8 - Miracles and Approaching Death
4/21/21	Mark 9 - The Servant: Transfiguration & Predictions
4/28/21	Mark 10 - Paradoxes of the Servant
5/5/21	Mark 11-12 - The Servant in Jerusalem
5/12/21	Mark 13 - The Servant & the Temple
5/19/21	Mark 14-15.23 - The Suffering Servant
5/26/21	Mark 15.24-16 - Death & Resurrection of the Servant

*"It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

*-- Mark 2.17*

# RECEIVING THE HEART OF JESUS

## *Learning to love the way He loved*

**I**n Matthew 11:29 Jesus says *Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* Jesus promised that we can find peace if we trust and follow Him in faith. He also promised that by walking in His way, we will not just find a place to heal—we'll carry that healing with us wherever we go. It will shine from within and light up this dark world the same way our Savior did.

In this quarter, we'll immerse ourselves in Christ all over again in newer and deeper ways.

2 Corinthians 3:18 says *we all with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory.*" More and more, every single day, we are being changed to reflect the love of Christ. Jesus is uprooting our priorities, doubts, misgivings and hatred. He is replacing it with real and authentic mercy, compassion, justice and holiness. As we look at the world and the people therein, we see them the way Jesus saw them—not with an eye of condemnation or judgment, but with a spirit of grace that desires to help and serve all those who are lost. When we have come into contact with the life-changing power of the gospel, how can we not share the news of God's incredible desire to save?

This is part of the transformation and renewal process that Paul speaks of in Romans 12:1-2 and Ephesians 4:22-24. As we allow ourselves to be transformed, we will begin to see the incredible and desperate need of those in the local community.

Truly, the opportunities are all around. *The fields are white and the laborers are few*, Matthew 9:37. Think of the good Samaritan in Luke 10. He left comfort, stopped his travel, took a risk, and reached into the life of another person to help. Jesus' admonition is -- *Go and do the same*, Luke 10:37.

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Do you have someone that you'd like to see in Heaven? Every day He was on earth Jesus saw those who needed salvation. He had compassion. Real compassion that drove Him to drop everything, leave Heaven and come to those in pain. His work continues, even over the course of your life. When you were at your lowest low and in need of salvation, Jesus was there. He gave his life so He could reach into yours and save it. He would go to any length to have you in Heaven with Him.

As for those we come into contact with... *go and do the same.*

In this quarter, we'll try to capture the heart of our Savior in order to learn how to love the way He loved. We will learn how to:

1. See with the eyes of Jesus.
2. Feel the way Jesus felt.
3. Do what Jesus did.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	NOTES
June	Seeing With the Eyes of Jesus	6/6 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		6/13 - Group 1 Meeting
		6/27 - Young Men's Service
July	Feeling the Way Jesus Felt	
		7/11 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		7/18 - Group 2 Meeting
August	Doing What Jesus Did	8/1 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		8/15 - Group 3 Meeting
		8/29 - Song Service (New Songs)

**SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE****Auditorium Panel Class****Topic: Through His Eyes****Teachers: Matthew Allen / Cain Atkinson**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LESSON TITLE</b>
<b>6/6/21</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
<b>6/13/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Saw the Leper</b>
<b>6/20/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Viewed the Paralytic</b>
<b>6/27/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Saw the Woman with the Issue of Blood</b>
<b>7/4/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Saw the Two Blind Men</b>
<b>7/11/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Viewed the Mute Man</b>
<b>7/18/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Saw Legion</b>
<b>7/25/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Viewed the Woman Taken in Adultery</b>
<b>8/1/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Viewed the Samaritan Woman</b>
<b>8/8/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Saw the Sinful Woman</b>
<b>8/15/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Saw the Boy with an Unclean Spirit</b>
<b>8/22/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Viewed the Woman with a Disabling Spirit</b>
<b>8/29/21</b>	<b>How Jesus Saw the Thief on the Cross</b>

***Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."***

***-- John 8.12***

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## SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

### Lecture Hall Class

**Topic: Group 2 - The Church That Christ Built**

**Teacher: George Wacks**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
6/6/21	Introduction: Tell Us Your Story
6/13/21	New Testament Christianity
6/20/21	Nature of the New Covenant & Identity of the Church
6/27/21	The Establishment of the Church
7/4/21	Christ: The Head of the Church
7/11/21	The Eldership
7/18/21	Deacons
7/25/21	Evangelists
8/1/21	The Heart Behind our Giving
8/8/21	The Work of the Church
8/15/21	The Reverence of Worship
8/22/21	The Lord's Supper
8/29/21	Church Music

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## Tuesday Guest Speaker Series

Christians in the Culture	
DATE	LESSON TITLE
6/1/21	Why This Topic? (Matthew Allen)
6/8/21	Raising a Christian Family in Secular Culture (Mitch Stevens)
6/15/21	Representing Jesus on Social Media (Keith Stonehart)
6/22/21	The Role of the Church in Society (Ken Weliever)
6/29/21	Love & Sex (Clay Gentry)
7/6/21	Christian & Transgender Issues (Todd Chandler)
7/13/21	The Christian and Politics (Roger Shouse)
7/20/21	Christian & Race (Max Dawson / Ruben Prevost)
7/27/21	Can Christianity & Science Coincide? (Buddy Payne)
8/3/21	The Church: A Place of Healing (Art Adams)
8/10/21	Christians & Higher Education (Shane Scott)
8/17/21	Interacting with Other Faiths (Andrew Roberts)
8/24/21	Judges or Messengers (Don Truex)

*...be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the world,*

*-- Philippians 2.15*



### SMALL GROUPS AT CORNERSTONE

**S**mall groups are found in the scriptures, secular history as well as modern churches and are powerful ministries for accomplishing Christ's mission. Paul referred to meetings that happened in the early church as "house to house" gatherings. *Day after day in the temple courts and from house to house they never stopped preaching and proclaiming the good news...* Acts 5.42

What makes a church unified in theory is doctrine... what makes a church unified in practice is community. When we see people meeting together, studying together, growing together and coming alongside one another it is a picture of practical Christian unity. The life of a church is more than what happens in the building. Meeting together with a spiritual purpose will strengthen our bonds as a church family.

In addition to fostering unity, small groups provide a unique opportunity to examine and share the teachings of Jesus. For those struggling in their relationship with Christ, having people to join arms with can make all the difference. For those who want to deepen ties with fellow Christians, a small group is a great way to get connected. They also provide a space for inviting people outside the church to get to know what being a Christian is all about. These kinds of groups have popped up organically already at Cornerstone and in 2021, we will explore three types of small groups, each with unique functions and benefits.

## Small Group Models



2-6 people that come together to give encouragement and help. Teams work with members, guests and outside contacts.

**Focus:** Support, Transparency, Accountability



3-12 people, designed to grow spiritually together and provide a place to bring guests, contacts who want to learn more about Jesus.

**Focus:** Mutual edification, Teaching, Conversion, Discipleship



~10-30~ people. Targeting specific demographics, topics, going through books etc. Men's, Women's, Senior Groups, etc.

**Focus:** Broad, Topical, Community

## Rejoicing in Healing

*This is our story. This is our hope.*

**G**abriela Guzman was dying. Her heart was failing and she had fallen into a coma. The doctors told her husband there was nothing further they could do short of a heart transplant. She was sent to a hospital in Dallas where she awaited the gift of a new heart. That day came 18 months later. When Gabriela awoke from the surgery she said she felt better than she had in years. To save her life someone else had to die.

A year later Gabriela was allowed to meet the mother of her donor. Her son had died and his heart was now beating in Gabriela's chest. Gabriela gently took that mother's hand and placed it on her chest so she could feel the beat of her son's heart. They embraced. They cried together. That meeting was emotional and life changing. Gabriela describes it this way. "My new friend and I have a bond that goes far beyond friendship. She's more like family to me. We have such a beautiful relationship. I don't know how to explain it. We usually talk every other day, and we get together in person twice a year. I love her, my family loves her, and she loves all of us as well."

Gabriela's story should remind us of the intimate relationship we should be experiencing with Jesus. In Romans 5:8-9 Paul said *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*

Isaiah wrote of this healing in chapter 53:5: *But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

We are healed! We have been saved because Jesus gave His life for us. His sacrifice has given us hope for the ultimate healing. A place of no tears, no pain, no death, and no sin. That is what awaits

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us all because of the gift of Jesus's life. Our journey here may be filled with struggles and strife but this is temporary. You have been healed and soon you will experience the joy of heaven that awaits all the faithful.

We have recently experienced the passing of loved ones who have finished the struggles of this life. Their faith has now become sight and they have found the comfort promised to those who believe.

This is our story. This is our hope.

This is our expectation, all because Jesus died for us.

This quarter we will discuss:

- Find it - Finding healing.
- Live it - Life after healing.
- Receive it - Looking forward to eternal healing.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	NOTES
September	Finding Healing	
		9/12 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		9/19 - Group 1 Meeting
		9/26 - Prayer Service (young men)
October	Life After Healing	10/3 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		10/17 - Group 2 Meeting
		10/24 - Song Service (New Songs)
November	Eternal Healing	11/7 - Elder/Deacon Meetings
		11/14 - Group 3 Meeting
		11/21 - Congregational Meeting

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## SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

### Auditorium Panel Class

**Topic: Stories of Healing: How God Has Worked Among Our Church Family**

**Teachers: Matthew Allen / Cain Atkinson**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
9/5/21	The Power of Prayer & Support of God's People
9/12/21	How the Church Helped Me Through COVID-19
9/19/21	How God Delievered Me from the World
9/26/21	How God Brought us to this Church
10/3/21	How God's Family Rescued My Family
10/10/21	How God Sustained Me During Family Trouble
10/17/21	How God Helped Us Through the Loss of our Child
10/24/21	How Cornerstone Helped Me After My Marriage Ended
10/31/21	How God's Providence Led to My Conversion
11/7/21	How God Has Sustained Me Through Grief
11/14/21	How God Delievered Me from Addiction
11/21/21	How God Helped us Find This Church
11/28/21	How God Brought me to Christ



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Sunday Auditorium Panel Class: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:45 am

Wednesday Auditorium Panel Class: 7:45 pm



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### SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

#### Lecture Hall Class

**Topic: Group 3 - The Church That Christ Built**

**Teacher: Rich Walker**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
9/5/21	Introduction: Tell Us Your Story
9/12/21	New Testament Christianity
9/19/21	Nature of the New Covenant & Identity of the Church
9/26/21	The Establishment of the Church
10/3/21	Christ: The Head of the Church
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## 2021 FALL SERIES

### Think on These Things

#### Philippians from a Modern Perspective

DATE	LESSON TITLE
9/1/21	Introduction and Background
9/8/21	1.3-11 - Thanksgiving and Prayer
9/15/21	1.12-18 - The Advance of the Gospel
9/22/21	1.19-24 - To Live is Christ
9/29/21	1.25-30 - Let Your Life be Worthy of the Gospel
10/6/21	2.1-4 - A Life of Humility
10/13/21	2.5-11 - Let This Mind Be in You
10/20/21	2.12-18 - Lights in the World
10/27/21	2.19-30 - Timothy & Epaphroditus
11/3/21	3.1-11 - Righteousness Through Faith
11/10/21	3.12-4.1 - Striving Toward the Goal
11/17/21	4.2-9 - Exhortation, Encouragement & Prayer
11/24/21	4.10-23 - Trusting in God's Provision

*Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—dwell on these things.*

*-- Philippians 4.8*

# REACHING DAYTON ... & THE WORLD THROUGH LIVESTREAM

Our livestream broadcasts (Your Pathway Home; our Sunday/Wednesday Bible classes; and our Sunday Worship Service) have become an essential part of our work. Our broadcast capabilities now allow us to reach members of the Cornerstone family who are unable to attend each week through a computer, Smart TV, tablet, or smartphone. Through social media, we have also attracted a large number of viewers from our community who are not members of the church. On top of that, we have had local brethren from outside the congregation watch, come by to visit, and place membership after attending for a few weeks. Finally, we have also been able to help brethren from around the country whose congregations were unable to meet because of the pandemic. We believe this is a fulfillment of Jesus' *Great Commission* in Matthew 28.19-20: *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*



We receive notes of encouragement all the time, like this one from a viewer from Indianapolis: *Thank you so much for this avenue of worshipping with you all. It is so meaningful for people like my mama who is shut in. It means so much to me as well to be able to help her feel connected to the family of God. We are praying for your family!* Another member of our community who is unable to attend services wrote, *Great service and Bible study. Keep up the good work.* And finally, a seeker from our community said, *Thank you for being such an encouragement to me.*

Can you share the word about our livestream broadcasts? Share them in your Facebook or Instagram feed. Tell your friends about the Cornerstone App. Help us get the word out! We're going to continue to look for new ways to reach out to people. God is always working, blessing, and providing so that His message can get out. We are simply instruments at His disposal. May we continue to seize the opportunity. God will always bless us as we move by faith.

## THOSE WE SUPPORT IN COLOMBIA



**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 brother 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 brother 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's Wáter (Agua de Dios). There are about 12 people there. He also works with another congregation in Ibagúe. *The Cornerstone congregation has been supporting brother 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 brother 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 brother 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 brother Tellez since 2016.*

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**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 brother 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 brother Lopez since 2018.*

# COLOMBIA 2021

Over the last thirty-five years, Cornerstone has played an extremely important role in evangelism in Colombia. Starting in 2011, our church family has dedicated itself to this work through personal relationships with the men we support, providing benevolence when necessary, and initiating in-person training on vital topics for our preachers.

Over the last decade, many of you have contributed out of your own pockets to various facets of this work. We appreciate the personal communication many of you have with these men and the encouragement you provide.

Our mission in Colombia has certainly been something for which we can be thankful. We remain committed to the work and as we move forward into 2021, our plan for the work in Colombia will consist of:

- Travel to follow up with the men we support and encourage their congregations, *if contributions allow*. We are also monitoring the situation with COVID-19 and will make our determination to travel on VISA requirements, whether local congregations are meeting in person, and other considerations as the year progresses.
- Continue to assist our men with 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, 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.



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### 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: Adult Bible Class (Sept-May)

7.30 pm: Bible Classes (Age 18 mo-up)

#### Thursday:

10 am: Adult Bible Class (Sept-May)

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