



*Jennings Road Church of Christ  
1124 Jennings Road, Van Wert, OH*

[www.jenningsroad.org](http://www.jenningsroad.org)

*Pastor David Ray, Jr.*

*\* Worship Service – 10:00 AM*

*Also on YouTube & Facebook Live \**

**March, 2021**

### ***We believe...***

*...that Jesus Christ is the one and only  
Son of God, who died for our sins  
and rose from the dead.*

***1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 3:16***

*...that the Bible is the inspired Word  
of God – a lamp unto our feet and  
light unto our path.*

***2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105***

*...that every person has worth in God's  
eyes, and that all have sinned and  
fallen short of the glory of God.*

***Romans 3:23***

*...that forgiveness of sins and the  
promise of eternal life are available  
to those who trust in Jesus Christ  
as Savior and Lord.*

***John 3:16***

*...that those accepting Christ should  
repent of sin, confess their faith, and  
be baptized by immersion into Him.*

***Romans 10:9; Acts 2:38***

*...that the church is the body of Christ  
on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit  
to bring the lost to Christ and the  
saved into a nurturing relationship  
with Jesus.*

***Ephesians 4:1-16***

***The Jennings Road Church of  
Christ exists to glorify God by  
turning unchurched people into  
fully devoted followers of Christ.***

## **March 2021 Sermon Series**

### **Mountain Tops**

God loves the mountains. Mountains are mentioned more than 500 times in the Bible! We've learned where God is in the valleys, now we'll find him on the mountains as well.

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**Ararat**

**Gen 8**

"But God remembered..." is how chapter 8 of the first book of the Bible begins and is a timely message for any day. If you ever feel like God has abandoned you and there's no hope, imagine how Noah and his family felt on the famous ark after a month and a half of flooded waters.

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**Sinai**

**Exodus 19:3-6**

Moses has led his people from Egyptian slavery into the desert of Sinai. He climbs a mountain there to meet with God, getting direction for the people wandering in a wilderness. If we follow God's words here, will it help guide us today as well?

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**Olives**

**John 8:1-11**

Jesus walks into a mountain temple to teach the people gathered around him. Instead, a group of church leaders crashes his lesson with a "sinful" woman they toss before him, using her as a trap for Jesus. What does Jesus think about churches that marginalize people, especially broken women?

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**Transfiguration**

**Matt 17:1-9**

As Jesus comes closer to the end of his earthly ministry, His Father wants to make sure His Son is aware of the spiritual support He has. So, Moses and Elijah show up....wait, aren't they DEAD??? And could you imagine what it would have been there for that moment? Thankfully, we don't have to imagine; Peter, James, and John were there - and their reaction is our own.

## Youth News

Youth Group meetings are temporarily suspended.  
Remember to support each other by prayer and encouraging words!  
Stay positive! We WILL get through this together!



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,  
just as in fact you are doing. *1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)*



You can reach the youth group through their Facebook page [jrccyouthgroup](https://www.facebook.com/jrccyouthgroup) or email [JrccYouthGroup@outlook.com](mailto:JrccYouthGroup@outlook.com)

### *Prayer Requests & Praises*

*Pastor Dave – health*  
*Rosie Miracle – health*  
*Jerry Miracle – health*  
*Kenisha Seibert – health*  
*Modesta Taran - health*  
*Donna Klinger - Lupus*  
*Carol Thomas – Parkinson's disease*  
*Julie Kuhlhorst – physical & emotional pain*  
*Wilma Peterson – Parkinson's disease*  
*Marie Ray – health*  
*Jennie Glaze – health*

***Please let Anita Searl know of any changes  
needed to the prayer request list.***



### **Pray for our Military & families**

*Kirsten Roberts – Marines*  
*Jayden Dickson – Air Force*  
*Josh Leiter – Marines*  
*Lee Clay – Marine*  
*Jeffrey Kinner – Navy*  
*Josh Ray – Marines*



**Spring forward!**  
**Set your clocks forward 1 hour**  
**Sunday, March 14th!**

*Nolan Washington - Navy*  
*Michael Kapangma-Air Force National Guard*



## Happy Birthday

*3/1 Jeffrey Kinner*  
*3/5 Keith Langdon*  
*3/6 Kaitlin Adam*  
*3/6 Jen Adams*  
*3/8 Ralph Jessee*  
*3/12 Ryan Wermer*  
*3/15 Mike Springer*  
*3/17 Tom Bilimek*  
*3/18 Mason Young*  
*3/24 Denae Bishop*  
*3/31 Alexis Dowdy*

*Palm Sunday*  
*March 28*



## **March Serving Schedule**

**Greeters**

**Prayer Room**

**Cleaning**



**Servers :**

**Communion Prep:**

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### **Jennings Road Church of Christ Leadership**

**Pastor:** David Ray, Jr.

**Elders:** Keith Langdon Earl Bledsoe Matt Langdon

**Ministry Leaders:**

**Music/Worship:** Matt Langdon

**Administrative:** Anita Searl

**Maintenance/Servers:** Greg Roberts

**Financials:** Johnna Roberts

**Hospitality:** Jamie Ramos  
Deb Bledsoe

# 10 Foundation Stones of the Church

## No. 10: Praise

by Jerry Harris (Christian Standard)

A few weeks before the pandemic's arrival in early 2020, my wife and I drove to Grand Island, Nebraska, to speak to a conference of rural churches from across the state. We had the privilege of encouraging 125 leaders. That was a pretty long trip, even in a hybrid vehicle, so we needed to stop every so often to fill up with gas. If we were to run out of gas, it would be pretty silly to get mad at the car. It's our responsibility to fuel up when needed. In a similar way, we need regular fuel stops to keep us moving forward in our spiritual journeys.

**Praise (#10)** is the last foundation stone of the church recorded in Acts 2:41-47. Praise normally rises out of circumstances . . . it's a response to something good. Praise is like your car . . . it needs fuel to fire up. But sometimes the circumstances aren't good or at least they don't seem good and it can affect the outflow of praise. We would like to believe we would praise God in spite of our circumstances, but there's no denying that circumstances can get the best of us, especially in these times. Since circumstances can be so critical to having an attitude of praise, consider a new approach. How about creating the right situation by drowning out the lower-story circumstances with the upper-story circumstances? Living out the 10 directives in Acts 2:41-47 does exactly that; it provides a different set of circumstances and fuels up our spiritual lives with praise. Let's review the foundation stones I've written about over the last several months.

**We start with Baptism (#1):** Baptisms remind us there is victory, that lives are changing, and that people are becoming new creations in Christ. In a world that seems headed for Hell, we are reminded that people are finding their way to Heaven . . . and that's gas in the tank!

**We rely on Biblical Authority (#2):** I have people who teach me, watch over me, coach me, keep me out of the ditches, and who will come to my rescue. I don't have to bear all of the responsibility myself when I'm under authority. That's gas in the tank!

**We focus on God's Word (#3):** Spending time hearing and digesting God's Word together serves to both calm me down and fire me up. I get power for living, hope in the struggles, and counsel in the confusion. More gas in the tank!

**We deliver that Word (#4):** Preaching connects with me in my circumstances. It reminds me that with God, it's personal. It's being delivered to my kids, my friends, my coworkers! Gas in the tank!

**We have Fellowship (#5):** I'm surrounded by hundreds of people just like me; they're in my small group, at my church, and in thousands of other churches. We have a collective voice and impact, and we work together as one to make a difference. More gas in the tank!

**We center on Communion (#6):** When storms rage and winds blow, the Lord's Supper is the anchor that holds us to the solid rock of Jesus. We remember the price and we cherish the scars while we expectantly wait for his return. Gas in the tank!

**We speak and listen to our Father in Heaven (#7):** He hears and answers our prayers. He provides for our needs. He holds our future, fights our battles, calms our seas, and heals our diseases. Gas in the tank!

**We have Spiritual Gifts (#8):** We can feel the power of our purpose. We know what it feels like to fit in, contribute, and make a difference. We serve together, shoulder to shoulder, unique and unified. Gas in the tank!

**We share what God has given us and are fulfilled through Giving (#9):** There's nothing like watching God take our offering, join it to others, and work a miracle that couldn't happen otherwise. Gas in the tank!

That's how praise is fueled. That's how circumstances are changed. That's how we live in the upper story.

Not long ago, I was driving to work and the lower story was grinding me down. Negative conversations were playing in my head, I had no peace, I was tired from the weekend . . . and it wasn't even 9 in the morning! Then I remembered my "92s," which I take twice a day.

"It is good to praise the Lord . . . proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night" (Psalm 92:1-2).

I remembered that Jesus *loves* me, no matter what.

I can't just believe it; I need to proclaim it.

I don't have to understand it and it doesn't have to make sense; I just need to proclaim it.

I don't need evidence for it and I don't need to defend it; I just need to proclaim it.

I don't need to dissect it or measure it; I just need to proclaim it!

Later that same day, in the evening, I took my second dose of 92 . . . *faithfulness*.

"Well, Lord, I'm still here, you're still here. We made it," I prayed. "Someday I won't still be here . . . I'll be there. And that will be the greatest faithfulness of all!"

When we remain grounded in our Lord and Savior through these foundation stones, we will keep our tanks full by making faith our priority.