

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday** – 8:00 AM – Community Prayer @ The Gathering Place
- **Wednesday** – 6:00 PM Meal. Study starts @ 6:30 PM
- **Thursday** – 6:30 AM Men's Group @ Church



Ministry/Service Opportunities

We're thrilled to share **current ministry openings** at Gateway Church Monroe—**opportunities** to use your **time and talents** to help spread God's love.

- **Sunday Morning Coffee & Building Prep**
- **Children's Ministry Worker/s**
- **Monthly Connection Breakfast Coordinator**

Upcoming Events

Children's Ministry Coming Soon!

Safety First: Check-in/out, registration, and incident reporting in place.

Welcoming Space: *Safe and fun* for kids to **learn** and **grow** in **God's Word**.

Launching Soon: Final details coming shortly!

We can't wait to welcome your family!

FREE Drive-In Movie

Thursday, September 25th @ 6:30pm

- **FREE** entry, **RSVP required**
- **FREE** small popcorn and drink when you arrive
- **(2) FREE** giveaways, combined value of **\$500.00**
- **Bounce house** for kids!



RSVP (scan QR code OR...)

Text: "Movie Night" to 515-868-3860

Email: IowaSeniorLiving@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study - OCTOBER

Women's Bible Study is starting back up this **October**. Details to come!

Men's Group Series

Thursday's @ 6:30am

**Experience Jesus.
Really.**

Author: John Eldridge

Slow down, quiet the noise, and encounter Jesus in the middle of everyday life, not just on Sundays.



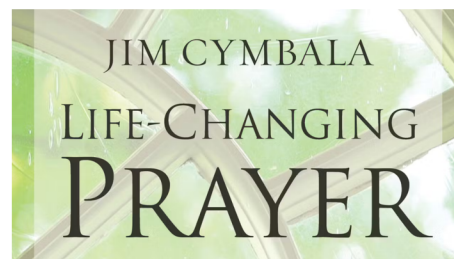
Wednesday Nights

DINNER at 6:00 PM, Study at 6:30 PM.

Life-Changing Prayer

By: Jim Cymbala

6-week video study on approaching God's throne of grace with **confidence** AND **discovering** how **prayer can truly transform your life!**



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Message Notes

Ephesians 1: 1-2

*Daily Sunday Follow Up Bible Studies posted Mon-Fri on
Facebook AND gatewaychurchmonroe.com/blog*

Scripture Reflections for Worship Service

God's Vision Transforms Our Perspective: God sees the world and us through a lens of boundless creativity and possibility, inviting us to align our perspective with His to discover new opportunities for growth and purpose.

Below are selected verses that reflect the worship theme, "God's Vision Transforms Our Perspective," paired with reflective questions to encourage personal application of God's creative and transformative perspective.

1. Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

- **Reflective Question:** How might embracing God's higher perspective open your eyes to new possibilities in a situation where you feel stuck?

2. 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'"

- **Reflective Question:** Where in your life might God see potential or value that you or others have overlooked?

3. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

- **Reflective Question:** How can seeing yourself as a new creation in Christ inspire you to pursue a fresh opportunity or purpose?

4. Romans 12:2 (NIV)

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

- **Reflective Question:** What is one area of your life where renewing your mind with God's perspective could lead to transformation?

5. Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

- **Reflective Question:** How does knowing you are fearfully and wonderfully made by God change the way you view your own potential?

6. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

- **Reflective Question:** What hope or future opportunity might God be inviting you to see through His lens of possibility?

God’s Introduction of a Believer

My beloved friends, it is My joy, as your Creator and Redeemer, to introduce My cherished child, _____. They are not defined by past choices, present circumstances, or missed opportunities. I see them through My eternal purpose and boundless love.

I chose _____ before time began to be holy and blameless, handpicked by My will (Ephesians 1:4–5). Their yesterdays do not dictate their todays, for My grace has redeemed and reshaped them for My purposes (Ephesians 2:8–10). I call _____ My saint, set apart by My calling in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:1). They walk in relationship with Me, rooted in My love and strengthened by My Spirit (Ephesians 3:16–19). My grace and peace empower _____, shining as My light in this world (Ephesians 1:2, 5:8–9). I have destined _____ for My glory, their future shaped by My plans (Ephesians 1:11–12).

This is _____, My beloved—forgiven, transformed, and loved beyond measure. Celebrate their place in My story, walking boldly in My grace!