



# Cornerstone Connection

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 1 7:15 pm All Campus Prayer (E); 8:30 pm Elder Meeting
- Nov 2 11:30 am Ladies Luncheon at Pizza Ranch
- Nov 5 AM Communion; 4-7:30 pm Blueprint 201-401 Classes; 4-7 pm SOLID Youth Bonfire
- Nov 7 MOPS
- Nov 9 6 pm Evangelism Purpose Team Meeting
- Nov 10 9:30-11 am Food Pantry
- Nov 11 7:30 am Trustee Meeting; 9 am—3:30 pm Intelligent Faith Conference
- Nov 12 Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due
- Nov 14 9:00 am Young at Heart Pancake Breakfast
- Nov 19 6 pm North Scott Community Thanksgiving
- Nov 21 MOPS
- Nov 22 No Evening Church Activities
- Nov 22 - 24 CBC Offices Closed
- Nov 30 7:00 pm 5th Thursday Night of Worship

## Pastor Scott's Perspective — "Disciples Make Disciples"

**Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*The heart of this command – called the Great Commission – is to **make disciples**. What is the will of God for Christ-followers? To be a disciple and to make disciples. Disciples make disciples. A disciple who is not making disciples is not really a disciple because a disciple obeys all that Jesus has commanded us – and Jesus has commanded us to make disciples of all nations. **True disciples make disciples who make disciples.***

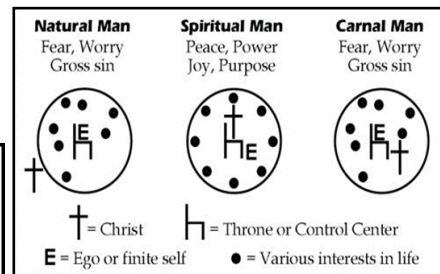
**II Timothy 2:1-2** You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you (Timothy) have heard from me (Paul) in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men (like Titus), who will be able to teach others also.

Paul disciplined Timothy who disciplined Titus who disciplined other faithful men who would disciple others also. This is the main thrust of **The Timothy Initiative (TTI)**— and I saw it being practiced in Nepal on my recent trip there.

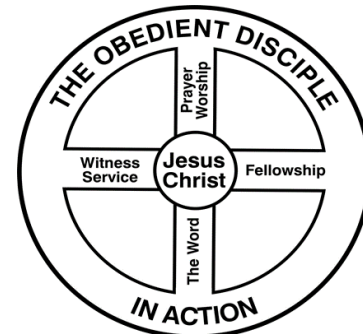
**"Every believer a disciple; every disciple a disciple-maker. Disciples make disciples."**

In one small house church fellowship in the mountains, we met four generations of believers who had all come to Christ within a year. *That means that person A led person B to Christ who led person C to Christ who led person D to Christ – all within a year.* These Nepali believers lack our facilities and programs and resources and Bible knowledge – but they understand and practice this: **disciples make disciples who make disciples.**

So... if we are called to make disciples... what is a disciple?



*First of all, a disciple is a believer who has placed Christ – rather than Self – on the throne or control center of his or her life. Here is another depiction of a disciple:*



*A disciple has Christ at the center – the hub of the wheel – with balanced vertical and horizontal spokes – and is impacting the world by living in obedience to the will of God.*

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## A Word From Pastor Mark

I am excited to embark on my seventh mission team opportunity with Cornerstone. This kind of project really speaks to me. I love helping people experience God's love by doing practical things. And I love serving alongside such quality people as we have at Cornerstone. We are blessed to be part of a church

that is made up of people who love to serve in the power of the Holy Spirit, who love to make an impact in others' lives.

It is not only me who sees Cornerstone's uniqueness, it is those who are the recipients of our SERVE Fest; it is those who are touched by our service in New

Orleans, Joplin, Moldova, Africa, Bahamas, etc.

Dan Moore from Operation Blessing has experienced Cornerstone's uniqueness through the four trips to New Orleans. When I let him know we were coming to help in Texas he was

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## Pastor Scott's Perspective (continued)

To become a disciple-maker in obedience to the command of Christ, you must first become a disciple with Christ on the throne – Christ at the center – of your life. **Be filled with the Spirit and abide in the Word and be devoted to prayer.**

But don't stop there. Don't be content with just your own spiritual health and growth. Don't be content to be just a good church member who is active in our fellowship.

*The first step is to follow Christ, yes, but then the command is to make disciples. Every believer a disciple; every disciple a disciple-maker. Disciples make disciples.*

How about you? Will you commit to becoming an obedient disciple who makes disciples who make disciples? Will you ask God to give you a passion for His Kingdom and a heart for the lost? You're not sure how to go about making disciples? Are you

willing to be trained?

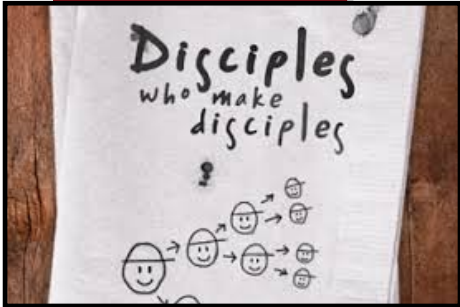
*The Timothy Initiative provides training materials: Disciples Making Disciples. You will be equipped, engaged, and held accountable to share your faith with others. You will learn by doing how to lead someone to Christ, disciple them in their faith, AND mentor them to do the same with their disciples. This is "Obedience-based discipleship" – not just filling in the blanks in a workbook but actually "learning by doing."*

Some of the lessons focus on the Spirit-filled Christian life, learning how to share your story of how you came to be a follower of Christ, and learning how to share the Gospel message. Other lessons focus on assurance of salvation, prayer, daily devotions, how to study the Bible, knowing God as our heavenly Father, and life in the church.

**But this is NOT just a discipleship class** involving filling in the blanks in a workbook (though it does include that). **The key to obedience-based**

**discipleship is doing the actions steps – and holding one another accountable for following through on those steps of action.** Some of the actions steps include praying for people to come to Christ, sharing your story and the Gospel with five pre-Christians, praying with people around you who need Christ, memorizing some Scripture verses, sharing the Gospel with more pre-Christians, and establishing a regular habit of daily devotions and prayer.

**If you are interested and willing to be part of this disciple-making training, please contact one of the pastors in Eldridge or if you are in DeWitt contact Pastor Mark.** The schedule will depend on who signs up and when they are available. There may be more than one group. **This opportunity is open to youth and adults of all ages!**



## Heart Shot Archery Center, by Kelly Orcutt

The new Heart Shot Cornerstone Archery Center is now open, and we'd love for you to come check it out! We are open every Tuesday & Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Family friendly and open to all.
- No archery experience required, we have instructors to help you.
- We have bows and arrows for you to use, or you can bring your own.

Heart Shot uses the foundational techniques of archery and ties them to your faith in God. **A HEART FOR GOD IS OUR AIM!**

In addition we are asking for your help to please join Heart Shot in our James 1:27 service day in the community. This is a day where we bless many women by getting their homes ready for winter. Many hands make light work. We will have donuts and juice at our Davenport Range (located at Adventure Church) at 9:30 a.m. We will then split into service groups, assign addresses and work until all is done! If you have it, please bring yard equipment, such as rakes, bags, trimmers, hedge trimmers, ladders, etc. Please contact one of the following people if you are interested in helping out or have any questions: Kelly Orcutt at 563-370-7074, Marc Orcutt at 563-370-7974, or Marv Van Ee at 563-528-9142.



## A Word From Pastor Mark *(continued)*

very excited. Here was his response, "Awesome!!! Mark it has been way too long. Thank you for bringing a team!!! As always your teams come ready to make a difference. Thank you in advance and people in TX thank you."

Team Texas leaves Oct 29 and arrives home Nov 5th. We will be serving with Operation Blessing in Beaumont, TX. We are asking for prayer and financial support. You can write a check to Cornerstone STEM and in the memo put "Texas 17." The money you give will be split between the team members. Thank you for your prayers and your financial support.

As Team Texas met to discuss the trip I explained that ministry starts when we

leave the church all the way down and back. There are many opportunities to speak about Jesus on the drive down there, while we are working with OB and on the drive back home. When a large group goes into a gas station or restaurant or rest stop people take notice. When a group is smiling and laughing and showing love people notice. That is why it is important to be prepared for those opportunities. 1 Peter 3:15 (NLT), "Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it."

I can remember stopping in a Walmart with a team from New Orleans. Everyone was smiling and loving each other and some women stopped and asked me a

question. They said, "Is your group part of the wine tour?" They saw the happiness and connected it to wine :). We connected our joy and love to Jesus and His Church. After explaining who we were they said "I wish we could go to your church." We are blessed to be part of Cornerstone.

I look forward to seeing how God shows up in and through us!

Grateful to serve alongside you,

Pastor Mark

## C.L.A.S.S. 201 - 401 on November 5th

**CLASS 201-401 are being offered on Sunday, Nov. 5th from 4-7:30 p.m.**

### **CLASS 201 Blueprint for Maturity**

This is the second class of Cornerstone's four basic life classes. Since these classes build on each other, it is required that you first attend CLASS 101 (unless you are already a member of CBC). We will be discussing three basic truths about spiritual growth — spiritual growth is not automatic; spiritual growth is a process; spiritual maturity takes discipline.

If you have been a believer in Christ, CLASS 201 will remind you of the need for practicing spiritual disciplines and will encourage you to develop them more fully in your life. CLASS 201 will help each of you to progress in the Christian life. No matter what stage of life you are in, this class will be helpful. CLASS 201 is a prerequisite for CLASS 301.

### **CLASS 301 Blueprint for Ministry**

This is the third class in Cornerstone's four basic life classes. This class focuses on helping you to discover your S.H.A.P.E. Your effectiveness in ministry increases when you can discover your S.H.A.P.E. — your spiritual gifts (s), heart, abilities, personality and experiences. These ingredients will help you to know where you should be ministering. After the class there will be counselors that can help you discover your S.H.A.P.E. and help you to find the right ministry to be a part of.

### **CLASS 401 Blueprint for Missions**

This class is the fourth class in Cornerstone's four basic life classes. This class focuses on extending your ministry out to others.

We give you two tools to effectively share the gospel, help you craft a powerful testimony, and to help to see the world through Christ's eyes.

This class will help you to be world class Christians. As you reach the fifth and smallest concentric circle you will be equipped to bring in the uncommitted and help them move through the bases too.

**Please contact Pastor Mark at [zev4cbc@gmail.com](mailto:zev4cbc@gmail.com), Pastor Steffan at [steffannass1@gmail.com](mailto:steffannass1@gmail.com), or call the church office at 563-285-8080 to register for your CLASS. A pizza dinner will be provided.**

## Men's Ministry, by Fred Ricaurte

More and more as I see the lack of integrity from those that hold political office and from the entertainment industry and sadly even from the Church, I am convinced that we, as men of Cornerstone, need to raise the bar in our own personal walk with Christ. If we are not different than the men of the world then what's the point in professing Jesus as Lord of our lives if He is not? I strongly urge us all to call on the Holy Spirit to give us the conviction and the power to live in a manner worthy of the One who gave us eternal life. Amen!

## CBC Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

November 22nd

There will be NO Evening church activities.

November 22-24th

The CBC Church Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!

## Church Financial Report

Giving to the General Fund (church budget) for the first four Sundays of October has averaged \$14,060 (compared to budget of \$15,866).

Thank you for your support of the Lord's work at Cornerstone.

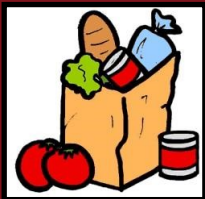
## Pastor Drew's Webb of Worship

### November Food Pantry Items

**“Breakfast items, canned chicken, tuna spam, & egg noodles”**

**Please place donated items on the cart outside the nursery.**

**Thank you!**



There are different ways to respond to the trials in our lives. We can ignore them and pretend they'll go away. We can fret over them and overanalyze the problems and all their nuances and intricacies. Lastly, we can pray over them and express them to God.

When I think about the options we have when facing trials in our lives I can't help but think about and be impressed by Job. He lost EVERYTHING! Job lost all his children, his property, his servants, and even his health, yet "in all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong" (Job 1.22).

Frankly, I can't imagine being in such a place. I can't help but think that if I lost everything in my life I'd likely end up sinning somewhere along the way. It would be all too easy to have an ill thought in this situation and to do some sort of wrong - yet Job did not do this. Job was able to remain upright and stand in his integrity. In Job 2.9 his wife even condemns him for walking in integrity and told him to "curse God and die."

This calls us to question how Job could maintain his integrity in light of such difficult circumstances. How is it that Job could lose everything in his life and still hold fast to God? I believe the answer is simple - he had a posture of worship. This does not mean that Job was always singing praise songs to God. It did mean, however, that Job's thoughts and feelings about God did not change even though his circumstances did.

If Job could declare that God was good, faithful, holy, just, and righteous before the tragedies in his life then he could continue to proclaim those characteristics after the feelings of pain and loss had set in.

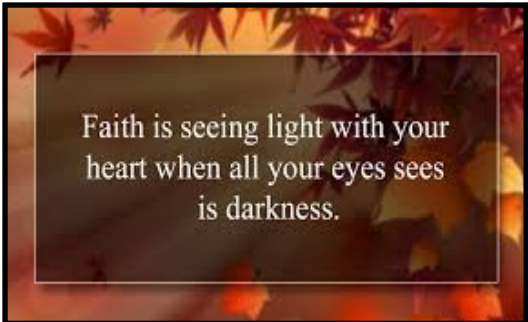
In Job 1.20 Job is clearly shown to be grieving. He had torn his robe and shaved his head - both signs of the grief that he was experiencing at that moment. Yet in spite of this we are quickly given a glimpse of Job's worship. He understood that God is in control and expressed worship to God in the midst of his grief - "Blessed be the name of the LORD" (Job 1.21).

When you begin with the wrong perspective regarding God then you will attribute characteristics to Him that are not part of His nature. Job's wife was ready to dispense with God. She had the wrong perspective about who He is. Job had truly ordered the things of his life around God and His character, thus expressing worship to God in the midst of grief was not out of the question.

It is important to state that God doesn't require some sanitized version of our thoughts and emotions before expressing them to Him. We have the confidence that He can handle whatever we throw at Him. If we are frustrated and our faith is waning God wants to hear it. When we take our problems and struggles in the faith

to Him those are acts of worship. We can ask God "why?" We can express our doubts. We can even be angry in the middle of the trial.

Maintaining the faith that God will work through the trial and that he truly does have our best interest in mind (Romans 8.28) is life-changing. When we understand His purposes and ways are not ours and that His ways are higher than we can imagine (Isaiah 55.8-9) then we are able to more easily come to grips with the notion of worshiping God in the middle of the storm. Take everything you have to Him. Take all your pains, cares, and anxieties to Him. He wants to hear about it and He cares for you and your life (1 Peter 5.7). This is truly turning the problems over to God's care and handling, entrusting Him for the future, providing a basis for our continual worship of God no matter what life may bring.



## Save the Dates! - "The Art of Marriage"

the art of  
**marriage**

getting to  
the heart of  
God's design



On February 9th & 10th, Cornerstone will be having a couples weekend presenting God's design for marriage.

Marriage, the way God intended it to be, is a true art form. That's why for more than 40 years, FamilyLife has been helping couples understand God's plan for relationships. The Art of Marriage weaves together expert teaching, real-life stories, humorous vignettes, and more to portray both the challenges and the beauty of God's design.

Mark your calendars early. More details to come.



## Pastor Steffan's Reckless Obedience

"There is no such thing as a free lunch" - A core maxim of economic theory made popular by Milton Friedman.

Simply stated, it expresses the truth that nothing in life is free. Nothing.

Yes, the lunch that I ate yesterday was free...to me, but only because a generous member of the congregation paid for it.

The books I check out from the library cost me nothing, but are they free? Certainly not. There were either purchased with library funds, donated by a patron who purchased them with his/her funds, or donated directly by the publisher, in which case they paid the cost.

Nothing is free.

It may sound strange, but this was one of the lessons that David and Francis struggled to understand after arriving in the United States. While in the orphanage, they paid for nothing. Their food, their clothing, their sports equipment, meager as they were, were all paid for by others through donations. As they were never asked to give anything for what they received, they came to believe that everything in life operated this way.

And, of course, their arrival in the U.S. did little to change this mindset. Again, they were given food, clothing, shelter, toys, etc., all at no cost to them. Our church and our community were extremely generous in caring for them. Everything in life was "free." Free to them, that is. Indeed, all that they received had been purchased at a cost. They just did not ever see the cost.

The result. Entitlement, ingratitude, and a lack of understanding of the true value of what they had been given. They began to take everything for granted.

Part of the challenge these past four years has been instilling in them a grateful heart and helping them to understand the value of all that they

have, the value of all that they have been given. To understand that there is no such thing as a free lunch.

Both boys have made significant progress.

How are we doing as a church? Entitlement? Ingratitude? Do we fully understand the value of what we have been given? Or do we believe that somehow, in terms of our salvation, there is such a thing as a free lunch?

We speak of grace. We sing of grace. We are saved by grace and stand daily in His grace. Grace is a good gift from a good, good father. But is it free?

Free to us? Perhaps. At no cost? Most certainly not.

May we, as a church, never forget the great price that was paid for our sin and our salvation. The grace that God has lavished upon us so freely, came at a great cost.

First, the cost to the Son.

As was shared during a recent sermon, when we fully understand what Jesus endured, willingly endured, hanging on that Roman cross, we can do nothing else but fall on our knees in humble adoration and everlasting gratitude.

Although much is made of the physical pain of crucifixion, the pain the Jesus suffered, the anticipation of which that caused him such anguish, that he sweat blood the night before the crucifixion, the anticipation of which that caused him such anguish that he cried out to God asking for "this cup" to be taken from him, had nothing to do with the cross itself.

Jesus had no fear of the Roman soldiers. Jesus had no fear of any man.

But Jesus knew God, and Jesus was well aware of the coming fury as God poured out his holy, righteous and just wrath for all sin for all time against his only son. As is recorded in Jeremiah 25:15 and Isaiah 51:17, the coming cup of wrath was a judgment due to all,

that Jesus willingly took upon himself.

Grace came at a cost. Jesus paid dearly. May we never forget.

Second, the cost to the Father.

March 21, 2017, was a day that will ever be etched in my mind and on my heart. So often, without warning, a sight, a smell, or something will take me right back to that day, that moment, and the tears again begin to flow. My last moment with him was to feel his heart beat for the last time. No father should ever have to watch his child die.

But that is exactly what God the Father endured to the price to pay for my salvation.

I cannot fathom the depth of his anguish as he looked on as his son died a criminal's death. I cannot fathom the depth of his anguish as his son endured the wrath that I deserved. I cannot fathom the depth of his anguish as he turned away from his son at the moment of his greatest need.

Grace came at a cost. God himself paid dearly as well. May we never forget.

Grace is the source of our salvation. A good gift from a good, good father. May we never take it for granted. May we never forget the cost.


### Special Prayer Meeting

The next Night of Prayer and Worship will be at **7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1st at CBC Eldridge Campus** in room 216.

Please join us, as we seek to join Him to accomplish His kingdom purposes.

# November 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ryan Doty	2 Evelynn Bradley Deac Ryan Jody & Marcia Boddicker	3 Warren Hodge Dennis & Mickey Blake Doug & Deb Halstead	4 Mary Brink Sarah Proctor
5 Jacqueline Wilke	6	7	8 Tresha Ambrosy Nick Hansel	9 Frank Ellis James Wheaton Joe & Megan Roy	10 Hannah Budler Adam Wilke Audrey Wilke Andy & Amanda Ranfeld	11 Marv Van Ee Chuck & Jan Agan Dave & Donna Allbrook
12 David Engle Carol Hartbecke	13	14 Chuck Arnold Louise Collins Emma Stanley	15 Franziska Kipper Susie Newsum Lynden Zevenbergen	16	17	18 Judy Dean Jeff Halterman Judi Hodgett
19 Larry Brewer	20 Jordan Hageman Kim Hawley Todd & Michelle Connor	21 Veronica Kohler James Simmons Becky Waack	22 Tim & Kathy Doty	23 	24	25
26 Emerson Olsen	27 Marcie Bradley Alivia Roy Ryan & Diana Senkbile	28 Connor Nass Andres & Darlene Arana	29 Scott & Teresa Bivens	30 Ingrid Gerth Ryan Reid		

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

# NOVEMBER 2017

## Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 AM Communion 7:45-8:10 am Prayer (E) 8:45 am SS &amp; ABF (DW) 9:45-10:30 am SS &amp; ABF's (E) Pastor Drew - Preaching 4:00-7:30 pm Blueprint 201-401 Classes 4:00-7:00 pm SOLID Youth Bonfire</p>	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>12 Nurse Office Open 7:45-8:10 am Prayer (E) 8:45 am SS &amp; ABF (DW) 9:45-10:30 am SS &amp; ABF's (E) Drew Robertson - Preaching, (CONVERGE Missionary) Operation X-mas Child Boxes Due</p>	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>19 7:45-8:10 am Prayer (E) 8:45 am SS &amp; ABF (DW) 9:45-10:30 am SS &amp; ABF's (E) Pastor Scott - Preaching (E) Pastor Mark - Preaching (DW) 6:00 pm North Scott Community Thanksgiving</p>	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>26 Nurse Office Open 7:45-8:10 am Prayer (E) 8:45 am SS &amp; ABF (DW) 9:45-10:30 am SS &amp; ABF's (E) Pastor Scott - Preaching</p>	27	28	29	30		



1 6:30 am Men's Bible Study meet @ Denny's, NW Blvd., Dav.  
6:00 pm AWANA  
7:15 pm All Campus Prayer (E)  
7:00 pm SOLID Youth  
8:30 pm Elder Meeting

2 9:00 Women's Bible Study meet at Green Thumbers  
11:30 am Ladies Luncheon @ Pizza Ranch  
6:30 pm Coed Volleyball in ROCK  
6:30-8:30 pm Heart Shot

3 9:30-11 am Food Pantry

4 7:30 am Men's Bible Study in room 216  
9:30 am Heart Shot Service Day Event

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6:30 pm Prayer (DW)  
6:45 pm Bible Study & Prayer (E)  
7:00 pm SOLID Youth  
8:30 pm Youth Pastor Search Team

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## Serving Texas, by Pastor Mark

Team Texas 17 has officially been formed. Seven men and five women are going to be serving vulnerable families by mucking their homes (taking the homes down to studs so mold, etc can be removed). We are working with Operation Blessing in Beaumont, Texas. The date of our trip is October 29- November 5th. We will be housed in a church in Beaumont.

God is so good! Through the support of our church family, we were able to raise \$3,340 which exceeded our goal of \$3250! At this point we will not need to access STEM money. Any extra money that comes in from the congregation or outside sources will be given to Operation Blessing. We are blessed by a church that is committed to vulnerable people no matter where they live!

We are asking for your prayers for our team. Below is a list of the team members and ways you may pray for us.

### Team Texas 17:

Andy Anderson, Mike & Vicky Becraft, Teresa Bivens, Brent & Tammy Bullock, Melissa Chapman, Keith Curry, Bill Hagge, Shelbie Hagge, Dustin Henningsen, Farrah Ketron, Pastor Mark Zevenbergen



### Prayer Support:

Please pray for safety traveling to and from Texas.

Please pray for good unity and spiritual growth.

Please pray for us to be lights wherever we go.

Please pray for strength and for God's wisdom and power to show up on the worksite each day.

Please pray that we would be a blessing to Operation Blessing.

Please pray that our families would be safe and experience God's pleasure and protection while we are gone.

Please pray.... whatever else God might lay on your heart.

## North Scott Community Thanksgiving Service

This year's North Scott Community Thanksgiving Service will be at CBC-Eldridge on **Sunday, November 19th at 6:00 pm** with Pastor Carrie La Plante preaching.

Join us for a time of worship, congregational sharing, testimonies and giving thanks. There will be a Thanksgiving offering of both food and money. The food will be given to the North Scott Food Pantry. And the money will go to the North Scott Clergy Group fund that is used to give money to CareLink for people in need in our community.



## Family News

Congratulations to Lee & Tracy Randall on the birth of their new little boy, Seth W., born on October 1st, weighting 7 lbs., 2 oz. and 20 inches long.

Congratulations to James & Barbi Wheaton on the birth of their new little girl, Sybil Grace, born on October 12th, weighting 7 lbs., 5 oz. and 19 inches long.

Congratulations to Pastor Scott & Beth on the birth of their 13th grandchild, Jude Hawkins Morris, born on Oct 24th, weighting 7lbs., 6 oz. and 20 inches long. Proud parents of new little boy are Kyle & Erika.

Our deepest Sympathy goes out to the following families.  
Jesse Dvorak & family on the loss of his mother, LuAnn.  
The Osterberg family on the loss of Ozzie.



## Sonshine Community Ministries, by Jan Kloss

Greetings! October has been a very good month for several reasons. Let me share with you!

Oct. 11: We took 25 kids to the "Pride of Wapsi Pumpkin Patch". The Rotary invites us each year. The kids look forward to this special outing. They get to feed goats, play, share a meal, visit with medics and sheriff, have a hayrack ride and pick out their own pumpkin. The weather was perfect.

Oct. 15: Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Strike-Out for Sonshine" Bowl-A-Thon. What a blessing! It was very well attended and over \$5,000.00 was raised. I thank EVERYONE who attended, helped, donated, purchased a Silent Auction item, or participated in any way. It is such an encouragement that so many come to our event. (Maybe it's to watch me do the "Turkey Dance") Anyway -we appreciate you joining us and

we look forward to our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual.

Oct. 19: "A Night to Honor Israel". Wow! What a -I struggle to come up with the right word-powerful night. Wonderful music, dynamic speakers, a sanctuary of like-minded people!! There was a dance and music during the offering: "No Longer Slaves" that was so beautiful that we had tears and goose bumps. The keynote speaker was Erick Stakelbeck, Director of Christians United for Israel and presenter on TBN's "Watchman Program". The "Watchman" is a program that keeps us updated on what is going on in the Middle East in relation to the persecution of our Jewish friends. Jewish towns and villages throughout Israel are being assaulted by terrorist missiles and suicide bombers. Thousands of Jews have been killed in cold blood. These attacks will continue. We must stand up and be counted and declare

our support for Israel. Mr. Stakelbeck gave us a very distressing outline as to what is going on in the Middle East and I was feeling pretty discouraged. But, then he gave us the Good News! God is in control! And He loves the Jews and they are His chosen people. Let us stand with our Jewish friends and next year, if you are able, attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual "Night to Honor Israel". You will be glad you did.

So thank you, friends, for supporting us in our service to kids and families in our community. Soon you will have an opportunity to help as we ask you to help us with our annual Christmas drive. We will have information soon.

## Operation Christmas Child

There have been over 70 boxes taken by our fellow CBC'ers to fill! Thank you for joining with us to bless thousands of children around the world and share the love of Jesus with them. If you would like to fill a box or make a monetary donation, please contact Dee McGimpsey at 563-285-8100 or Deb Allison at 563-349-9797. Boxes will need to be returned by November 12th.



## Youth Pastor Search Team Update, by Brent Bullock

The Elders have established a group to work towards hiring our next Youth Pastor. We have already started meeting. Members of the youth pastor search team are: Carolyn Bjustrom, Brent Bullock, Pastor Drew, Katie Gainer, John Hawley, Stan Howell, Sandy Nass, Ryan Reid, Pastor Scott, Fred Tingle, and Ryan Trotter

Hiring is an act of worship. Our purpose as a search team is to honor and worship God by discerning who is His man and to put him on a path to succeed. As our model, Jesus prayed before He hired (see Luke 6:12-13). We are praying and seeking who God will send as our next Youth Pastor.

Selecting someone for a position of leadership is not being taken lightly by the search team. Finding the right individual for our next youth pastor is the result of following a consistent and systematic process for hiring. The team is applying principles and processes from *The*

*Five Attributes; The Six Disciplines of Predictive Hiring; and The Ideal Team Player*. These principles can take the guesswork out of hiring by applying the benefits of a predictive hiring process. The six disciplines of a predictive hiring process we are applying are: Alignment, Recruitment, Assessment, Screening, Offering, and On-Boarding.

The team is currently discussing and working on Alignment. Alignment is creating common definitions and expectations around what is a "great hire". First, we are discussing "What does success look like in this role". This is an area where we, as a body of Christ, need to have a common definition and be on the same page, in order to help whoever we hire succeed in this role. The second area we are discussing is "What is the profile for this individual". This is beyond job duties and qualifications. We are looking at the 5 C's - Character, Chemistry, Competence, Calling, and Contribution for this position (based on *The Five*

*Attributes*). We look to create a candidate profile for this position.

When the team arrives at a definition for success and a candidate profile, we will be reviewing and validating this with the Elders. Additionally, we will also be sharing this with our entire body as we will be moving towards the Recruitment step.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any team member. Additionally, please join us in praying for who God is calling to be our next Youth Pastor.

For God's Glory,  
The Youth Pastor Search Team

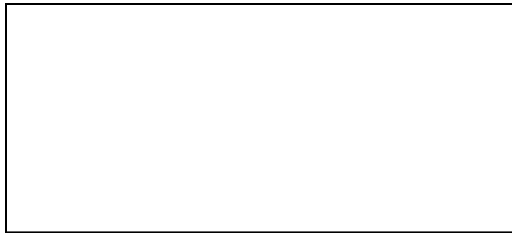
## Upcoming Youth Events

- ◇ Nov. 5th 4-7 pm Bonfire—meet at the church at 3:30 pm to carpool
- ◇ Nov. 22nd No S.O.L.I.D. due to Thanksgiving Holiday
- ◇ Dec. 1-2 Planet Wisdom Conference & Convention in Twin Cities, MN (\$50 per/youth)

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*November  
8th*

*9:00 am*

*Pancake Breakfast  
at CBC Eldridge*



**Come and join us on Sunday Mornings!**

	CBC Eldridge 775 E Le Claire Rd	CBC DeWitt 320 2nd Street
Family Sunday		
School Opportunities	9:45 am	8:45 am
Worship Services	8:15 & 10:45 am	10:00 am

## A Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference

It's time to schedule a Weekend to Remember for yourself and your spouse. Even if you're a happily married couple, there is always something you can improve on. If you've attended before, there's a special alumni track for you, too!

- Cedar Rapids: November 10-12
- St. Louis: December 1-3

For more information AND to receive a discount, contact Scott or Teresa Bivens:  
bivstikk@netins.net.



**November 5th**

