



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 31—Sept 1 | Moldova Missions Trip
- Sept 1 8:45-10:45 am MOPS (E) (see pg 9)
- Sept 2 6 pm AWANA; 7 pm Prayer; 7 pm Jr & Sr High SOLID Youth (E)
- Sept 3 noon Ladies lunch @ The Depot in Donahue
- Sept 6 SERVEFest (see pg 3); 7 pm Jr & Sr High SOLID Youth (D)
- Sept 7 Labor Day
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- Sept 13 AM Communion; Nurse Office Open; 2:30 pm Hymn Sing (see pg 10); 7 pm Jr & Sr High SOLID Youth (D)
- Sept 15 8:45-10:45 am MOPS (E)
- Sept 16 6 pm AWANA; 7 pm Prayer; 7 pm Jr & Sr High SOLID Youth (E)
- Sept 19 7:30 am Trustee Mtg; 8:30 am Walk For Life (see pg 9)
- Sept 20 7 pm Jr & Sr High SOLID Youth (D)
- Sept 22 10 am Young at Heart Lunch (see pg 6)
- Sept 23 6 pm AWANA; 7 pm Prayer; 7 pm Jr & Sr High SOLID Youth (E); 8:30 pm Deacon Mtg
- Sept 27 Nurse Office Open; 7 pm Jr & Sr High SOLID Youth (D)
- Sept 30 6 pm AWANA; 7 pm Prayer; 7 pm Jr & Sr High SOLID Youth (E)

# Cornerstone Connection

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## Pastor Scott's Perspective - "Tis the Season for Letting Go"

First day of school for many. Parents taking students to college. 'Tis the season for letting go.

It begins with kindergarten (or sometimes before). Continues through all the grades. First year of college is a big one. Walking down the aisle at their wedding – even harder. Airport farewells to send off to live overseas – with grandkids -- really hard.

As many of you heard in a sermon a couple of weeks ago, Beth and I have released our daughters to go on many adventures over the years. Each of our girls has an adventurous spirit – and most of their adventures were connected with obeying God's call on their lives.

Between the three of them, they have traveled to North, Central & South America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Probably at least 15 or 20 mission trips total. Maybe more.

Some of the more memorable adventures: *Dropping Erika off at a conference by herself for a week as a jr. higher while the rest of us stayed together as a family at that conference. Putting Erika on a plane for Venezuela as a high*

*school student going on a mission trip with another church group to do mission work in an area that turned out to be more dangerous*

**Letting go feels like losing control. It can provoke anxiety and even fear. It can seem unsafe. It can even feel irresponsible.**

*than we realized before the trip – and similarly with Jill in the Yucatan on a mission trip. Releasing Erika to live in inner city Minneapolis during college and to teach as a young single woman in inner city San Antonio after college. Releasing Emily to join Jill in New York City for several weeks one summer when they were in college – with Emily doing volunteer work in Harlem while Jill did an internship in Manhattan.*

The next summer we put Emily on a plane for a mission trip to Burkina-Faso in West Africa – with an incurable heart condition – Long QT syndrome – that made her prone to passing out. *This was before God miraculously healed her. She did in fact pass*

*out there and was hospitalized a couple of days. And then her trip home was delayed when the US gov't. shut down all Ghana Airlines flights to the US for days – with her heart medicine running out. In addition to many people praying, I was on the phone constantly to the airline, the Dept. of Transportation, the FAA, the State Dept., our senators, and finally the press – until she was finally flown home.*

Then just before Christmas that year we put Jill on a plane for a 2-year mission trip to Nepal after her graduation from college. *There she would learn to navigate the city streets of Kathmandu and the mountain roads of the Himalayas on her used motorcycle. A little scary for us to think about – since one of their team members was killed in a motorcycle accident there.*

Then came my first time walking a daughter down the aisle – and placing her hand in the hand of her husband – symbolizing the transfer of spiritual authority and responsibility for her provision, well-being and protection. First Erika in 2005, then Jill and then Emily in 2007. So grateful for my three sons-in-law.

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## A Word From Pastor Mark

What will win people around us to Christ? What will cause skeptics to trust what believers have to say? What will change hostile and negative perspectives of Christianity by the masses? SERVICE. Service is the best antidote to wrong perspectives toward Christians. When people are on the receiving end of service by Christians

their perspective changes for the better. It is very difficult to speak negatively against or harbor negative feelings toward someone who has loved you well by serving.

Service is helpful in doing evangelism. If we remove service from evangelism people can feel like they are projects to

convert. But when we evangelize and serve it shows we care about them as individuals and we are committed to their well-being.

I believe love expressed through acts of service makes a difference in the world around us. That is why serving in the community is so important. Word

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## Pastor Scott's Perspective *(continued)*

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

*Jeremiah 29:11*

Then the Himalayan mountain lodge incident in October of 2005 with Jill being stricken unconscious with gas poisoning in the shower room – and the long wait of 9-12 hours before hearing she would be ok.

These – and many other -- experiences of “letting go” of our daughters and entrusting them to God’s care and God’s will helped to prepare us for the more permanent farewells we have experienced 3 times now with Mo and Emily and our grandkids.

Difficulty in “letting go” and emotional good-byes are part of the price for having a close-knit family where each member is willing to follow Christ wherever He leads. **But I wouldn’t have it any other way.** It is a source of deep joy and satisfaction to me and Beth to see our girls growing up devoted to Christ, to one another and to us – and selecting committed Christians as husbands – and then raising their children to follow Christ as well.

Many of you parents have had similar experiences of tearful farewells. **Sometimes letting go is the most challenging part of parenting.**

*Letting go feels like losing control. It can provoke anxiety and even fear. It can seem unsafe. It can even feel irresponsible.*

Parents want **safe** kids – but most youth and emerging adults want **adventure, challenge and risk.** Will we encourage them to experience adventure as part of following Christ? Or will they need to seek adventure elsewhere? Beth and I decided to allow – and even encourage – our daughters to live an adventurous faith.

The process of letting go involves moving through these phases/roles of parenting: *from Commander to Coach to Counselor to Consultant.* Some parents excel at commanding young children but struggle to transition to coaching and never do make the switch to counselor or consultant.

The day arrives in every parent-child relationship when the parent is not only no longer in control, but is no longer the driving influence in a child’s life. “Do as you’re told” is no longer effective – or even appropriate. The transition from dependence to independence is a necessary part of growing up into adulthood. This transition takes place during the teenage years.

Bob Hostetler: “Too many of us continue to parent our teenagers in much the same way we parented them as toddlers or grade-schoolers. When our kids begin to strain against the reins, like a horse that’s eager to run, we pull back hard – as though it’s wrong for them to seek independence. But that’s exactly the goal of the teen years. In fact, we should encourage that drive for independence and channel it in the right direction.”

Do you really want your 25-year-old children dependent upon you? Progressing toward independence starts in the teenage years – and it takes years, not months or weeks.

The *Commander* style of parenting does not work during the teenage years – either it will provoke anger and rebellion, or it will stifle independence, self-confidence, responsibility and maturity. There is some back-and-forth interplay between *Coaching* and *Counseling* during the teenage years, but the *Commander* mode is rarely employed effectively at this stage of development.

A good *Counselor* does not tell others how to run their lives; a good *Counselor* listens well, seeks to understand the heart of the other person, clarifies options, guides the process of thinking through consequences of decisions, gives appropriate warnings about the self-defeating consequences of foolish choices, gives wise advice and solid reasons for that advice, and helps people learn and recover from poor choices.

One of the hardest tasks for Christian parents who understand (and perhaps have personally experienced) the damaging consequences of sin is to let their children make mistakes and poor choices as they transition from childhood to adulthood. And still love them. And still be there for them as a wise Counselor.

Few experiences in life are as emotional as driving away from a child’s freshman college dorm – or walking a daughter down the aisle. The task of parenting is far from over – but long gone are the days of commanding and controlling. This is the stage to offer our availability and love and wisdom as parents – while respecting our children’s independence. *Beth and I are now consultants – for the most part giving advice only when asked – which is not very often because our daughters and sons-in-law are growing in wisdom and godliness.*

**Parents: where are you in the process of letting go?** Are you transitioning well from one phase to the next? If you have teenagers, what is your transition plan from where you are now as a family to getting ready to launch your children into adulthood?

September

Food Pantry

needs are

soup, crackers and

chili ingredients.

Please place items on

stand next to

Nursery.

Thank you!

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

travels when the church serves. Word has traveled that some men from our church roofed a vulnerable woman's home recently. Thanks to the men who gave many hours to this project. Word travels when people see our body smiling and enjoying meeting needs. Word travels when people see families serving together in the community.

Jesus spent His ministry years on earth balancing preaching the good news and acts of service. Wherever Jesus went He preached and healed (served practical needs). His messages were powerful; He "taught as one with authority." But His compassion expressed in service won many people over.

Cornerstone seeks to be strong in the Spirit, scriptures and service. In order to have that balance between scriptures- proclamation and service we choose to set aside two Sundays a year to serve in the community (many of you are serving the community on other times as well. Thank you for serving!). And we have been doing SERVE Fest since 2007. Through these Sundays many organizations and people have been touched. And your hard work, joy and smiles have made a difference.

So as SERVE Fest Fall 15 is quickly approaching please take some time to sign up and participate as one Body to positively make a differ-

ence in our communities. And please invite unchurched friends or neighbors to serve with you. Many people would like to serve but don't have the outlet to do so. We can provide that outlet and these guests can rub shoulders with your Christian brothers and sisters.

If you know of needs that can possibly be a future SERVE Fest project please let Pastor Mark or Andrea know so that we can plan for SERVE Fest Spring 16.

Grateful to serve alongside you!

Please keep  
Team Moldova  
in prayer, as  
they are there  
until  
September 10.  
Thank you!

## AWANA & Student Studies, by Melissa Holtz

Awana kicks off on the 2nd of this month and we are extremely excited about where God has been leading us with our Wednesday night children's ministry.!

Registration night went well and we especially benefited from the ease of online registration.

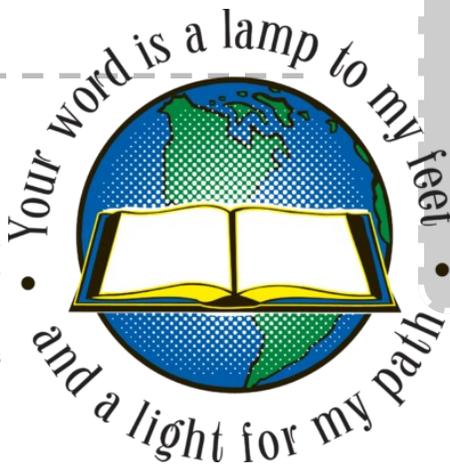
This year AWANA is seeing some changes. Our K-2nd grade children are continuing to experience AWANA as it was traditionally designed. They participate in games, learn from Council Time, and work to memorize scripture during book time. Students at this age are such sponges and it is fantastic time to teach them God's word and have them hide it in their hearts.

As our children mature into 3rd-6th grades we are moving away from the traditional AWANA materials. Instead, God has led us towards a Biblical studies set-up. Through prayer, discussion,

and seeking of materials God has led us to a couple of different study curricula for these students.

- **Our 3rd-4th graders will be studying Hebrews this school year.**
- **Our 5th-6th graders will work through the book of Romans.**

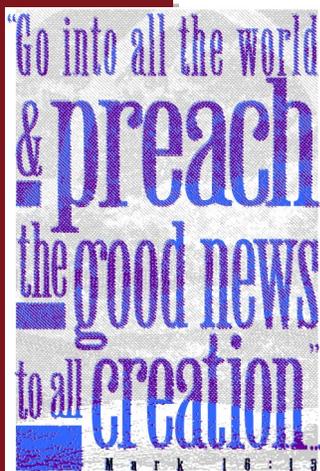
We eagerly await all God has planned for our leaders and students as they study the Word together and help our younger generation grow in their faith and maturity. There's still room for more help too! If you feel God leading you to work with our younger students, please contact Melissa Holtz ([theholtzfamily4@gmail.com](mailto:theholtzfamily4@gmail.com) or 563-676-9035). You can also speak with our Children's Director, Sandy Nass, too! Please continue to pray for all of our AWANA and Student Studies staff, students, and families.



## S.E.R.V.E. Fest—September 6

Please join the CBC family as we serve our communities. Our Schedule for Sunday, September 6:

- **8:30- 9:15 a.m. shortened worship services in Eldridge & DeWitt**
- **9:30-11:45 a.m.- Serve in the community**
- **Noon - Meet back at Cornerstone Eldridge for pizza**



## Pastor Drew's Webb of Worship

There are a lot of things in life that might be slightly beyond my comfort zone. Heights?

Yep, those can often be beyond my comfort zone, but I sometimes venture up into a place that I perceive as being high in order to push myself and to push back the fear that wants to creep in. Occasionally doing something musical feels like it's a bit beyond my comfort zone and forces me to practice - A LOT - to get comfortable enough to play a song or part on Sunday morning. Even some parts of parenting

are beyond my comfort zone, but I step out and do certain things for the sake of my children and their betterment.

These are all things that I often feel like I can will to happen. They're just slightly uncomfortable, I would say most of these don't involve any real sense of trusting in God. There are aspects of my parenting where I am fully trusting God to lead me, but not in the sense of being abjectly helpless. On August 31st I will be leaving with a team to go to Moldova. This is WAY beyond my comfort zone! In fact it is so much beyond my comfort zone that it has placed me in a position where I am trusting God more and more and relying on Him wholeheartedly to get me through this trip.

There are plenty of human reasons to be scared. Any time you are entering into territory where Satan doesn't want you is a dangerous place.

Praying over people and sharing the Good News is something that Satan would much rather us stay out of and so he will do everything he can to prevent us from having our medical clinics and sharing the Gospel. To compound that there is also the issue of language. My command of the Russian and Romanian languages is nonexistent! The vast majority of my missions experience (except for my time in India and Nepal) has been in Mexico, a place where I was able to engage in conversation with people and worship in song in their own heart language.

My inability to speak the languages of the Moldavians has done much to cause me to trust God and His working. Preaching in Moldova will be something purely of the Spirit, His working in me and allowing the translator to further communicate God's words on my behalf. I can prepare, but the results are up to God! He will be faithful to work in this area that is so far out of my comfort zone. I can trust that in my discomfort the Word will go forth and the Body will be built up.

Now, to bring this all back home: I have become more aware, recently, of the fact that everything I do should be more and more dependent upon God and His working. It can be so easy to trust my own gifting and abilities, but that is not God's desire. His desire is that we trust His working, no matter how gifted we might be in a certain area. Sometimes I yearn for those

days when I was in college and my musical talents were lacking. The need then was so strong and for God to work each and every week in my worship leading. Now, I must be more intentional about relying upon Him and not trusting in my own abilities.

I urge you to consider those areas, first, where you are so utterly out of your comfort zone that you desperately need God. Those are the areas that He wants to show Himself through you. Consider 2 Corinthians 12.9: *"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."* At the point of our need and weakness - when we are WAY out of our comfort zone - is where He reveals Himself as the God who provides and shows His strength.

After you have assessed those areas where you are in utter need for God's working consider the areas that you might be endeavoring to do things in your own strength. Give those areas up to Him, no matter how gifted or talented you might be, and trust His working to bring about the fruit that He desires.

Lastly, look for other areas to step outside of your comfort zone and place yourself in a position of complete dependence on God. When we are outside of comfort zone we will come to experience more of His provision and know Him more intimately.

## Church Financial Report

Giving to the General Fund (church budget) the first four weeks of August has averaged \$14,173 per Sunday. This is above year-ago giving but below this year's budget (\$15,038).

*Thank you and God bless you for your faithful support of the Lord's work at Cornerstone.*

## Hideyo's Hopes & Happenings: *Stranger...DANGER?*

As the new 2015-2016 school year has begun, one's mind turns to "back to school" procedures, such as the age-old wisdom of reminding children to: 1) Look both ways before crossing the street... 2) Keep their hands and feet to themselves... 3) Respect their teachers, coaches, school staff, and administrator... 4) AND, finally "**NEVER TALK TO STRANGERS!**"

This talk of "STRANGERS," got me thinking about what I learned at a recent Youth Ministry seminar, and about what we have been trying to teach the more committed youth SOLID for the past few weeks leading up to our Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> S.O.L.I.D. Fall Kickoff. The idea that we've been trying to stress to the "regular/church kids" is the fact that "to their visitor/guest friends, I am a STRANGER..."

That's right, to all the visitors brought to SOLID, from Kickoff Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> through SOLID's summer trips, "I, the Youth Pastor, am a stranger." So, in all actuality, who at first will have a greater chance of influencing and teaching their friends, me... or them...?"

Of course they, the youth Christian believers, and regular attenders, have a greater chance to reach their friends for Christ and the Kingdom of God... until such visitors/guests become regular members of SOLID, and come to know and trust me, and hear the "Truth" more regularly.

But, I'm now wondering if the before mentioned "fact" of "influencing" only applies to youth and their visitors...

As the "Pastor to the Youth," I at most get 3-4 hours spread out over the 2 different days each week, Sun. and

Wed., to speak truth into most youth's lives, unless they have asked for extra-mentoring. If one were to look at how many hours a week holds, 168 hours, one would see that 4 out of every 168 hours, is not a lot of time at all.

You, the parents and/or guardians of such youth, have way more than 4 hours each week to influence your youth...

So, my September question for contemplation is this: "How are you influencing and educating your youth in matters of faith?"

No matter whether or not you regularly open your Bible and teach, lead, or pray before and with your youth, you are influencing them... **How do you manage your time each day, week, and/or Sunday?** And such "time management" may speak much louder than any such "Bible time." Our youth are watching us. Just ask any parent of a teenager, whether or not their teen has ever tired throwing something the parent may have said or did back in the parent's face to make a point or win even the silliest of arguments. I know I did when I was a teen.

In last month's newsletter I asked if our youth were "*too busy to hear and connect with God,*" and on Sun. Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> I preached on how Jesus, our/the church's God, Groom, Lord and Savior, "deserves our lives of service," for the price He paid for us with His sinless life, death, and resurrection...

Well then, let us look at ourselves for a moment. Please, ask yourself these

questions again. "*How am I influencing and educating my youth in matters of faith?*"... "*How do I manage my time each day, week, and Sunday?*"...

Do I cram in as much: work, fun, personal, TV, or child's activities "time" as I can or have to in each day? Do I begrudgingly come to church each week? Do I quickly head home without "serving" or "loving my neighbor as myself" (Matt. 22:34-40) in the: nursery, junior church, Sunday school, Adult Bible Fellowships/ABF's, etc.?

I know, as well as hope, that for most of you reading this newsletter that this is not the case... Hopefully you can say "no" to such questions. However, if a twinge of conviction hits you, like it does me, when such powerful passages of scripture as Matt. 22:34-40 are brought to light... Maybe one should do something about it, and one's weekly and Sunday schedule. For, as Albert Einstein said, "Doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result," is the "definition of insanity."

Funny, some of our Sunday "iron work horses," who never get a break, might be feeling like they are about to go insane from overuse and burnout. Perhaps you and I can help them and CBC with that...

Just a little something to think about... otherwise we might find the youth we worry, love, and pray for so much, a STRANGER to the church, the faith, and scariest of all, a STRANGER to Jesus Christ. "Depart from me, I never knew you..." (Matt. 7:23) Jesus' words from Matthew chapter 7, yup, now there's a little something to think about...

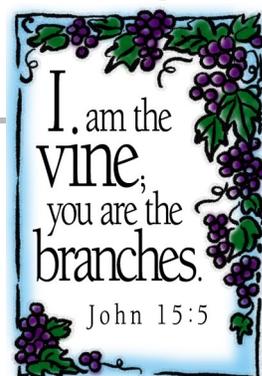
## Family News

*Congratulations to Lee & Tracy Randall on the birth of their son, Owen who was born July 31, weighing 7 lbs, 8 oz.*

*Our deepest sympathy to the Christopher-son family on the loss of Christine's aunt. Also, to the Hodgett family on the loss of*

*Judi's mother, Madeleine Gaul. And to the Orcutt family on the loss of Kelly's grandfather.*

*May the God of all comfort be with you as you have said farewell to your loved ones.*



# SEPTEMBER

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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pastor Hideyo Hayworth Jerry Nigh Jason & Amanda Schwarzthoff	<b>8</b> Richard Clark Bill & Pat Burton Alan & Wendy Grimme	<b>9</b> Obadiah Hagedorn Larry & Carolyn Blustrom	<b>10</b> Catelyn Cook Emily Gehring Creighton & Christine Lease	<b>11</b> Lori Paulus	<b>12</b> Harmony Hansel Marcie Hansel Jeff Pepping
<b>13</b> Marc Orcutt	<b>14</b> Chelsey Blake Andrea Ideker Emerson Reid Rich & Renae Mohr	<b>15</b> Jen Postel Dennis & Judy Dean	<b>16</b> David & Judith Holt	<b>17</b> Betsy Allen Teresa Givens Mike Rollings John & Alice Green	<b>18</b> Scott & Leah Carlson Jerry & Lora Nigh Pastor Mark & Andrea Zevenbergen	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Dustin & Jenna Lenz David & Susan Newsam (35 yrs.)	<b>21</b> Tyler Gehring Bill Gerth Glory Hansel	<b>22</b> Jacob Rupe Dale & Julie Farmer	<b>23</b> Dan Allison Andrew Chapman Shyan Curry Molly Engle Dylan Snyder	<b>24</b> Chad Guge	<b>25</b> Alex Postel David & Paula Mess	<b>26</b> Mike & Vicki Becraft
<b>27</b> Bailey Boddicker Phillip Graham Steve Scull	<b>28</b> Dillon Randel	<b>29</b> Peggy Grell	<b>30</b> Victoria Hawley Lorena Seline Isaac Stanley			<b>2015</b>

## Fall Pine Lake

### Retreat Info

**Women's  
Retreat  
Sept. 18-20  
"Seasons of Life"**

**Men & Boy's  
Retreat  
Sept. 25-27  
"Man Up God's Way"**

**Each camp is \$50.  
For more information  
visit  
[pinelakecamps.org](http://pinelakecamps.org)**

## From Sandy Nass, Director of Children's Ministries

As a new school year begins, it's a great time to start (or continue) a family time of worship. Parents, we have the primary responsibility before God of teaching our kids (Deut. 11) about Him. One way of doing so is to have family worship/devotions. Here are some tips to help you get started:

1. Pray – for direction, perseverance, commitment, willing hearts...
2. Set a simple goal – do it once a week, at a specific time, to get started and build from there.
3. Choose a resource. Try ONE of the following or choose one of your own:
  - A. Parent Resource/GIFT Pages – these are pages that complement the lessons being taught in Sunday School. Sunday School teachers can either email them to you or give you a hard copy.
  - B. Old Story New – this is the devotional that works alongside our Jr. Church lessons. The weekly lessons have five, ten-minute devotionals (choose one per week to start) that reinforce the lesson being taught in Jr. Church (or can stand alone if your child is no longer in Jr. Church). There are tips in the front of the devotional to help you use it. See me if you'd like a copy.
  - C. Sermon notes – each week Pastor Scott lists a series of questions on the bulletin insert that you can use at home as a follow up to Sunday morning's sermon.
  - D. AWANA handbooks – if your child is in AWANA, use the handbook; it has more than memory verses in it.
  - E. The Bible – choose a book of the Bible and start reading it together as a family.
4. Open your family worship time with prayer. Read the Scripture that goes along with the lesson as a family. Try to get everyone to participate in some way: reading, praying, asking or answering questions. Ask the given questions, or think of some of your own. Then, pray for each other. (A helpful hint for wives that may or may not be based on personal experience: if your husband is leading your family worship, let him.)
5. Be flexible; things won't always go as planned. Expect some resistance, from your kids and from the enemy (BTW, your kids are NOT the enemy, be patient with them:).
6. Keep it short, just a few minutes to start and build from there.
7. Give yourself and your kids grace. It takes time to build new habits, you may forget – it's ok! His mercies are new every day. You may feel awkward, unprepared and ill-equipped. It's ok! It will get easier with time. Your kids may pout. It's ok! Let them know you're doing what God has commanded you to do, and they can take that up with Him.
8. Let me know if you're starting (or continuing) family devotions. I'd love to pray for your family, specifically. [sandranass@hotmail.com](mailto:sandranass@hotmail.com)

Also, a special 'thank you' to those teachers who taught Sunday School over the summer! I heard lots of appreciation from our 'regular' school year teachers who were able to have some time off from the classroom to reconnect with the adults in our church, take care of family needs, and simply be refreshed. What a blessing you were to the teachers AND especially to the kids!

I hope all of you will pray for our Sunday School and Jr. Church teachers, as well as, our AWANA and mid-week Bible study leaders! If any of you would like to join the Children's Ministry team, please contact me at the email above. What an honor it is to see CBC's kids grow in their knowledge and love of our LORD!

God bless us as we raise this next generation to know Him!

## Coping with Grief Support Group

If you or someone you know is coping with the loss of a spouse, a grief information and support ministry is beginning on September 22 at Eldridge United Methodist Church (EUMC) (604 S. 2nd Street, Eldridge).

The EUMC Grief Support Ministry is in its second year of offering specific support to Widows and Widowers.

Topics covered include "Your New Reality, Finding Your Way, and Traveling a New Path."

Attend these no cost dates:

Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm

- Sept. 22, 29 & Oct 6-education & info
- Oct 20-support group
- Nov 5 (Thurs) & 17-support group
- Dec 1 & 15-support group

RSVP or for more information, call EUMC office at 285-4314.



## MOPS, My (Your?) Next Chapter, by Leslie Pepping

As a mother of two young ladies who both just spread their wings for college, you can imagine all the reminiscing and mixed emotions I have had the past few weeks and the adjustment for my husband and I with our new empty nest. I look back and wonder how time flew by so quickly. I can still vaguely remember the daily schedule and demands of caring for two toddlers, 13 months apart. I am so thankful the blur is due to God carrying us through that extremely happy, but demanding time in our lives.

As a “stay-at-home mom”, with no children at home to “mom” on a daily basis now, my prayer lately has been “What’s next Lord?” And God has made it abundantly clear that my next chapter is MOPS. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) exists to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ. As a vulnerable group, mothers of young children need to be reached with the love of Christ.

And beginning September 1, MOPS is coming to CBC! As the need to provide support for moms in our

area is so great, it seemed a natural fit with our church mission when MOPS International contacted CBC almost 9 months ago. Sara White, mother of 3 young children, is leading the charge for MOPS, and I am heading up the MOPPETS preschool program available for their children. We have several CBC women who are participating in MOPS, as well as a handful serving in leadership and training for MOPS and MOPPETS. We also have a couple men who will be helping with the care and instruction of the children! :) MOPS is meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 8:45-10:45 am through May 3. **Membership and dues are required for MOPS and registration for children ages infant thru Kindergarten is necessary.** Currently we have almost 20 children registered. We have had to put registration on hold due to spaces available based on the number of leaders we have secured and babies on the way.

We would love to be able to open up MOPS to anyone in the area needing this support, but we need more leaders. If you are a:

- Stay-at-home mom or dad

- Empty-nester like myself
- Home-school parent with school-age children who can also help (*maybe as part of your curriculum*)
- Retired
- Or just know that your schedule allows for you to share your love for 2 hours once or twice a month

### We welcome you so that we can welcome more moms and their toddlers!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sara White at 563-210-6653 or [chad.sara.white@gmail.com](mailto:chad.sara.white@gmail.com) or Leslie Pepping at 515-249-7491 or [lesliepepping@msn.com](mailto:lesliepepping@msn.com).

So while I won’t be getting a puppy anytime soon, my next chapter of “mothering” involves showing the love of Jesus to approximately 20 preschoolers and their moms! And trusting God, that number will grow!

## BOGO

Family Life “Weekend To Remember” BOGO offer is available from August 31—September 14. Use the discount group code of “CornerstoneBaptist” when signing up online at [familylife.com/weekendtoremember](http://familylife.com/weekendtoremember).

The next local conference will be held in Cedar Rapids from November 6-8. Scholarships are available. Contact Teresa Bivens if there is a need at [bivstikk@netins.net](mailto:bivstikk@netins.net).



## Heroes! Walk for Life 2015

Youth Group Superheroes...Unite!

Saturday, September 19 @ 9 a.m.  
Ben Butterworth Parkway  
55th & Old River Drive  
Moline, IL

Or  
Veterans Memorial Park  
1645 23rd Street  
Bettendorf, IA

Register online @ [qcpregnancypartners.org](http://qcpregnancypartners.org)  
Register alone or as a team!

Great prizes! Including chances for a t-shirt, \$200 Family Christian gift card, or a top fundraising team to win a victory celebration!



## Upcoming Prayer Summit

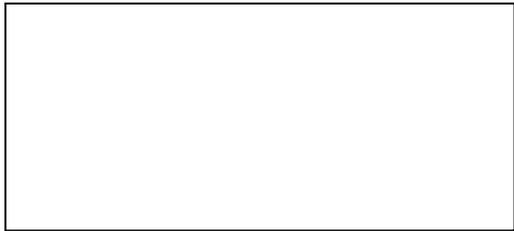
Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 24. Brenda Schaefer of the Quad Cities Prayer Center will be at CBC for a PRAYER SUMMIT. She will encourage us to develop a deeper personal prayer life and also a stronger corporate prayer life.



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## Moved? Changed Churches? by Office Staff

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If you have moved and/or changed churches and no longer wish to receive our monthly newsletter or periodic mailings, we need your help to update our mailing list and remain good stewards of our resources. Please email your address change or desire to be removed from our list at [office4cbc@gmail.com](mailto:office4cbc@gmail.com) or call 562-285-8080.

No action is necessary if you wish to continue receiving our mailings. Thank you!

## Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social

Join in the fun for a "Precious Memories" Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social on



Sunday, September 13  
2:30-4:30 pm

Hosted by  
Pleasant View Baptist Church  
6400 Crow Creek Road  
Bettendorf, IA 52722



Children are welcome to join in singing in the sanctuary. If you'd prefer, childcare can be provided if you call in advance 563-332-5233 to reserve a spot for your child.

### Come and join us on Sunday Mornings!

	CBC Eldridge	CBC DeWitt (DeWitt High School Media Center)
Family Sunday		
School Opportunities	9:45 am	8:45 am
Worship Service	8:15 & 10:45 am	10:00 am