

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Scott's Perspective – “Schedule Who You Want to Become”

Are you on schedule to become who you want to become?

Beth and I spent a weekend in Chicago a few weeks ago, primarily to hear world-famous cellist Yo-Yo Ma play with the Chicago Symphony. (Being married to Beth for 38 years has broadened my interests beyond church responsibilities, and then his sports.)

That Sunday morning we attended worship at Willow Creek's downtown Chicago multi-site church. After some inspiring worship, Willow Creek's founding and main preaching pastor, Bill Hybels, then gave the message (via DVD). The message was part of a series on simplifying life – this week focused on time. What I took away from the message was a very simple yet profound concept: *Don't just schedule your life according to what you want to get done; **schedule your life according to who or what you want to become.***

Most of us put into our weekly schedules various meetings, appointments, tasks, sporting events, etc. These are the things we need to get done for our jobs, church responsibilities, children's activities, etc.

But how many of us put into our schedules what we need to do in order to become who we want to become?

Bill Hybels gave the following example. One day when his daughter was about three or four years old, she very innocently asked, “Daddy, are you going to be at church again tonight?” A perfectly innocent question became the catalyst for some serious soul-searching. Bill grew up with a father who was gone too much. He was determined not to repeat that pattern. He wanted to be a great dad – not just a good dad – but a great dad.

So he asked himself this question: *If I want to become a great dad, how many nights a week will I need to schedule to be at home to spend time with my family?* His answer was “4” – 4 nights a week at home. Up until that time, he would schedule meetings and other things he needed to get done to fulfill his church responsibilities, and then his family would get the “leftovers.” *He changed his schedule in order to become who he wanted to become.*

He began to schedule four nights a week at home with his family. He would actually write into his weekly schedule “home” four nights a week (when he was in town).

Four is not a magic number for every man. But the point is: *we don't become who we want to become by accident. We don't become who we want to become by committing the “leftovers” to that goal.*

Are you on schedule to become who you want to become?

Do you want to enjoy good health and fitness and energy when you are in your 50s and 60s and 70s? *Physical fitness doesn't just happen. You have to schedule exercise and workouts into your daily and weekly schedule.* Putting 30 minutes of exercise into your schedule 5 days a week can change your life.

Good marriages don't just happen. Good marriages take work. That may not sound very romantic to young starry-eyed couples, but it is essential to marriages that not only last 30 or 40 or 50 years – but actually grow richer over time. Date nights need to be scheduled. Weekend get-aways need to be scheduled. Marriage conferences or marriage mentoring need to be scheduled. Time together needs to be scheduled.

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Upcoming Events

- Apr 4 12:30 pm Ladies Lunch at Ia. Machine Shed
- Apr 7 AM Communion After 2nd-1:30 pm Jr. High SS Class to China Café
- Apr 10 Signups for Dare2Share due -Pastor Tony
- Apr 12-14 Dare2Share in Chicago (leave 3:15 Fri.)
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- Apr 14 Nurse Office Open
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- Apr 28 Nurse Office Open AM Communion Annual Meeting during ABFs

Spiritual fitness and spiritual maturity don't just happen either. Most Christians who love the Lord would like to become more Christ-like. It doesn't just happen. Even with good intentions and a good heart, it doesn't just happen. **Are you scheduling what you want to become?**

There is more to growing in Christ-likeness than scheduling certain spiritual disciplines and good habits into your schedule, but there is not less than that. *There are certain habits and disciplines that are essential to becoming spiritually mature and more Christ-like.*

We often think of the spiritual disciplines (Bible meditation, prayer, personal worship and daily quiet time, fasting, solitude, simplicity, submission, etc.) as spiritual activities that we must do in a highly disciplined and structured manner in order to reach God and grow stronger spiritually.

While that is not entirely wrong, I would propose a healthier and perhaps more accurate way of looking at the spiritual disciplines. *What if we regarded the spiritual disciplines as means God has provided for us to become more Christ-like?*

God's ultimate purpose for our lives is to conform us to the likeness of His Son, Jesus. *In order to act like Jesus outwardly, we must become like Jesus inwardly.* We cannot simply ask "What would Jesus do?" in a particular situation and then go out and do it consistently any more than we can imitate a Michael Phelps or David Beckham or LeBron James or Yo-Yo Ma without practicing.

Financial Report

Giving to the General Fund (church budget) has averaged \$12,995 per Sunday for the first four Sundays of March (compared to budget of \$12,374). (The budget for FY 2013-14 starting April 1 will be going up significantly if approved at the April 28 annual meeting).

Giving to the Capital Improvements Fund has totaled \$240 so far in March.

Worship attendance for March has averaged 365 compared to 342 year-ago.

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

Spiritual growth in the likeness of Christ (sanctification or spiritual formation) is a matter of using God-ordained means of connecting with His Life and His Grace so that the Holy Spirit will have freedom to work within us to change us inwardly as only He can. But it doesn't just happen. We need to schedule time with God to become more Christ-like just as we need to schedule time with our family to become a great husband or father.

Are you scheduling who you want to become?

If you are serious about growing in spiritual maturity and Christ-like character, these are some foundational building blocks that belong in your daily and weekly schedule: *weekly worship attendance; weekly Bible study with other believers; daily Bible reading and prayer (personal quiet time with God); regular volunteer service in the church and/or community.*

About 35 of you made a commitment this winter to put the mission course *Perspectives* into your schedule 3 hours every Tuesday night for 15 weeks (mid-January to early May). By making that scheduling priority, your life is changing – your understanding of the Bible and God's Kingdom purposes in the world is changing. *You are learning the value of scheduling who you want to become.*

How about you? Who do you want to be 5 or 10 years from now? *Will you become that person – will you reach that goal – just by wishing it so? **What do you need to put into your daily or weekly schedule now so that you will be able to become who you want to be 5 or 10 years from now?***

Lectio Divina Road Trip - St. Donatus

Don't lose heart: Christ is risen and Spring will come eventually. As I mentioned to some of you last fall, I (Pastor Scott) would like to plan a spring road trip to St. Donatus (just north of Bellevue) in order to practice the spiritual discipline of Lectio Divina while meditating at the Way of the Cross (stations of the cross) nestled in the hillside with a beautiful scenic view of the valley.

The plan would be to caravan to St. Donatus on a Sunday afternoon, walk through the Way of the Cross in silence (for about 45 minutes)-- practicing Lectio Divina (meditation and prayer) as individuals -- focusing on the suffering and death and resurrection of Jesus -- and then meet at a restaurant in Bellevue right on the Mississippi river to eat an early dinner and discuss together our spiritual experiences as we walked and prayed and meditated through the stations of the Way of the Cross. I will explain more later to those interested, but that is the general plan.

It would need to be a decent day weather-wise since this is an outdoor activity. We will plan for **April 14** and use the 21st as a back-up date. We would probably leave mid-afternoon and return early evening. *Older children and youth are welcome to participate if this interests them.*

Please reply to Pastor Scott's email if interested in more info: scottplcbc@esteldridge.com

A Word From Pastor Mark

I believe God is doing a new work at Cornerstone. He is creating in us a desire to export our DNA, vision and passion for vulnerable families into other communities. God is not satisfied with us keeping this vision locally. He wants it transported.

The Deacons and Pastors will be meeting for their annual retreat on April 26-27. The bulk of our time together will be to seek God for His plan for DeWitt. The leadership will be presenting this plan at our Annual Business Meeting during the ABF hour on April 28th. We ask you to be in prayer with us as we seek His direction.

As Pastor Scott shared in his last newsletter article we are looking at doing a multi-site rather than a church plant. A church plant is birthed and then in a few years weaned from the mother church to stand on its own feet. A multi site is "One church in multiple locations." A multi-site is connected to the sending church. We share the same resources, budget, DNA, vision, etc. Some churches have multi site locations outside of their state and country- but yet they are one church.

In preparation for the discussion as leaders let me lay out some details about what a multi-site could look like. I will use questions and answer format to communicate clearly.

Why have a multi-site in DeWitt?

DeWitt is a town of over 5,000 people. It has its own school district. There are 13 churches in DeWitt but there is not a church that has Cornerstone's DNA and vision. The DeWitt vulnerable families and DeWitt schools need the vision fulfilled. We also have 21 families that live north, west, and east of DeWitt.

Who would be the Pastor of the DeWitt Campus?

Andrea and I have been praying and I feel led to accept the Campus Pastor position if we go that route. We would still live in our house and our children would attend NS schools. And I would still have responsibilities in Eldridge while ministering also in DeWitt.

Andrea and I are not excited to be gone on Sundays from you. We love you and are not antsy to leave. What is drawing us there is God really. We are growing comfortable here and comfortableness is an enemy to fulfilling God's will. So we are stepping out in faith and are becoming less comfortable so that people will know Jesus Christ.

He is at work and we believe that God will create many new believers in Christ in DeWitt. We truly expect many new Christians as a result of Cornerstone being in DeWitt. We

also expect many vulnerable families to be significantly impacted as a result of Cornerstone being in DeWitt.

Who would worship from Cornerstone at the DeWitt Campus?

Each family can choose where they worship. If you live in the DeWitt area and still want to travel to Eldridge that is fine. We will not be requiring people to worship at either location. Andrea and I would build a strong team in preparation for the launch from some existing families at Cornerstone. And this summer, Andrea and I would lead an ABF for those who are interested in serving in DeWitt. We would take that time to build great unity, understand the vision, core values, DNA of the church, be equipped in first impressions and sharing the gospel, etc.

What would a worship service look like at the DeWitt Campus?

There will be flexibility in how the service is organized. The main difference will be that the majority of the time we will be watching Pastor Scott's message on a big screen. I have the freedom to preach as much as I desire. So I may be preaching just once a month so I can focus on us building up the church through meeting and reaching out to new people. We will also have a live band to lead worship.

Where would the DeWitt Campus be located?

That location will be determined after a decision is made. We will not be looking to build a building. We will be focused on meeting in an already existing building. We will also be looking for a place for offices and meeting space for youth group, small groups, Celebrate Recovery and other ministries. Cornerstone DeWitt Campus will offer ministries that are present at Cornerstone Eldridge Campus.

What will Pastor Scott do without your presence here on Sundays?

I am sure he will be crying a lot more in the worship services. I could see him wearing a lot more green and yellow and rooting for Oregon so he can feel close to me. The good news is he will get to see me during the week and we will be discussing how God is doing great things in DeWitt which will cause him joy.

Andrea and I will be attending Converge Church Planting Assessment (our denomination) in Chicago the third week of April. They will help to prepare us for the next step as Campus Pastor. Please pray for us as it is a very grueling 4 days.

Are you excited about this possibility? Are you interested in talking with Andrea and me about how you can get involved with us? Please give me a call (285.8080) or email me at zuv4cbc@gmail.com. We'd love to talk with you.

**Christ Is Risen
He Is Risen Indeed!!
Have a Blessed Easter**

Pastor Tony's No Limits News

This last month I got to go to Florida with the band as a chaperone. The band played an amazing concert at the Downtown Disney world resort. And we had four days of walking around the Disney theme parks. I did prove that you can lose 9 pounds just walking non-stop for four days.

But something struck me while at Disney that caught my attention. Disney workers are probably the best trained staff in the world; they go over the top to make little details important. When we got to our hotel room we were welcomed by a Mickey silhouette made of hand towels. And of course the room was well decorated with a common Disney theme. Everywhere you went on campus the staff was very welcoming and friendly. This is a place where dreams come true.

But what caught my attention was a Disney street janitor. It is awesome the way they whistle while they work and sweep up any misplaced crumb that is on the ground. But what was really cool was this street sweep had a note pad hanging at his side which seemed strange until a little girl walked by dressed like her favorite Disney princess. Then the notepad went to work.

"Princess, Princess can I have your autograph?" The look on the young girl's face as she was acknowledged as royalty. A small gesture with a giant effect. That just affirmed her entire imagined world, and she isn't pretending to be a princess but is transformed by a simple act into royalty.

I couldn't help but think, "What if the church put that much effort into making the gospel of Christ a reality in the lives of people we come into contact with?" And then I started thinking of some of the youth we work with who are doing just that....

The girls who weekly show great patience and guidance to show acceptance to a young man who struggles in social environments...Way to go ladies!! The young lady who starts a Bible study and last week led a lesson for not only her peers but for adult coaches...Awesome!! The young man who plans on becoming a pastor some day and is leading Sunday school...So cool!! When our youth are at the front door welcoming people to church, yes, they get it!!

Sermon Series

"Dealing with Life's Difficulties"

Starting Easter Sunday and continuing through April 28, Pastor Scott will be preaching a sermon series that will focus on encounters with the risen Jesus that deal with life's difficulties.

March 31 (Easter): *Dealing with Life's Regrets (Peter & the risen Jesus)*

April 7: *Dealing with Life's Disappointments (Emmaus disciples & Jesus)*

April 14: *Dealing with Life's Doubts (Thomas & Jesus)*

April 21: *Dealing with Life's Sorrows and Fears (Mary Magdalene & Jesus)*

April 28: *Dealing with Life's Ultimate Truth (Saul & the risen Jesus)*

The guy who plays with the little jr. high boys and lets them win without being obvious...That is way cool and hard to do!! The girls who were texting the gospel to friends during a lunch outing...caught me off guard, looked like they were being anti-social...My bad!!

And to the ones who invited the least of these to go to prom with them so no one was left out of the fun. All doing the little things to show God's love in real ways. You guys know who you are, and you don't do it for the attention so I didn't use your names.

But God knows you as well, and He is smiling as you asked the prince and princess of His kingdom for their autograph. Thanks for your Kingdom work, guys.

Up Coming Events April

Wednesday 3rd No Limits Youth Ministry
6:45-8:30

Sunday 7th Jr. High Sunday School Lunch outing
China Café — after 2nd Service \$5

Wednesday 10th No Limits Youth Ministry
Sign ups due for Dare2Share
6:45 -8:30

Fri- Sun 12-14 Dare2Share Chicago
Leave church 3:15
Back Sunday around 3:30 pm

Wednesday 17th No Limits Youth Ministry
6:45- 8:30

Sunday 21 Sunday School Lunch Outing Sr. High
China Café — after 2nd Service \$5

Wednesday 24th No Limits Youth Ministry
6:45- 8:30

SERVE Fest Spring 13/Sunday, May 5

The time of worship service and also amount of time we are serving are changing. **The worship service will begin at 8:15 a.m.** At 9:00 we will go out and serve in the community until noon. This is an exciting change as many of you have wanted to serve for a longer duration of time. We will get an extra hour to serve!

Invite an unchurched friend to join you for this great event. Many people are open to help a good cause. As they **belong** to the group it becomes easier to **become**- become a believer or regular church attender.

Drew's Webb of Worship

As you are likely well aware of by now we are in the process of planning a Sanctuary update. Last fall, the Worship Purpose Team, along with a few trustees, were asked by the Deacons and Pastor Scott to develop a plan for a sanctuary update. The rationale was that the sanctuary has not seen any major upgrades since 1986 and is due for an update. There is also the thought that the current look of the sanctuary does not accurately communicate who we are as a body. Cornerstone is a vibrant, healthy, mature, and growing body, yet our worship space seems to indicate otherwise.

When this task was handed down to the WPT we began to pray about how this would look and what God would lead us to do. In my mind was the idea that, first and foremost, we would like to keep the space feeling reverent, but add some warmth to it. In the back of my mind was the possibility of communicating a sense of God's greatness, as well as a sense of His nearness in the look of the sanctuary. The goal would be that as we gather to worship each week people would feel compelled to fix our gaze upon God...in an inviting warm atmosphere.

That said, every decision that has been made has not been made simply for the sake of change, but rather to help contribute to the overall desired outcome. Here are the changes that you can expect. They will be paid for with voluntary giving by Cornerstone members and attenders and may possibly utilize the Capital Improvements Fund.

- **Carpet:** The carpet that we have could use some updating. It is showing signs of wear and could use a change of color. The prospective new carpet that will be utilized on the floor of the sanctuary and through the foyer (stopping inside the nursery doors and at the ROCK doors) will be more tan in color and have a nice subtle pattern. The foyer will also have a built-in mat that will be great for wiping off your shoes/boots.
- **Platform overhaul:** The platform will be expanded a couple feet forward and also updated to 21st century sound needs. The carpet here will be a solid light brown in color.
- **Chairs:** This issue has been, as was expected, the most sensitive issue. There are some who had hoped that the pews would remain. There are also some who are excited to see chairs incorporated into the space. As a team the majority of us felt that the best thing to do would be to incorporate chairs into the design. There has been much prayer on this issue, and it has been approached with much respect, however, the team decided that chairs would be best since the goal is to update the sanctuary. That said, it should be noted that the new chairs are nothing like the ROCK center chairs or old orange chairs that were used many years ago. The chairs that will be utilized are classy and comfortable, and function just like a pew. They are designed to be connected to each other so that a person is able to sit across 2 chairs and still feel a sense of comfort. Men, do you want to put your arm around your wife or children? That will be just as easy as with the present pews. The chairs will be burgundy in color and also have the distinct advantage of being flexible to allow for different seating configurations.

- **Lighting:** The light fixtures will remain, however, they will be updated so that they do not reflect a specific era of time, but will hopefully have a more timeless feel to them. They will be refinished and LED bulbs will be installed, as well as dimmers to give us better control of the lighting.
- **Baptistry wall:** First of all, the stained glass will NOT be removed. Some people have asked about this and I want to make it clear that we are not removing it. Personally, I think the stained glass adds to the feel of our space and once the large screen is no longer in front of the baptistry the view of the cross will add to the look of the stained glass. However, we will be working to eliminate some of the very dark wood that is on that wall. There is a lot of dark oak in the sanctuary and the desire of the WPT is to soften things up a bit.
- **Wall color:** The walls will all be painted. The front wall will have 2 slightly different colors on it, one for the upper portion, one for the lower oak portion. The 4 side walls will be of another color, which will also be utilized on the wall inside the sound booth. The back wall, including the front of the sound booth will also have a slightly different shade from the others. Each of these colors works with the new carpet and chairs to help add to the freshness of the space.
- **Ceiling:** The ceiling continues to be a slight issue and will constantly need painting unless something more permanent is done. We have decided that this is the right time to install a permanent solution, which is called car-siding. These are basically wooden planks that are installed in the ceiling. They give a nice look to the ceiling and serve to be a permanent solution to the moisture issues that our ceiling inherently has.

Some other smaller things will take place as well. The overall sense is that when this happens everything in the sanctuary and in the foyer (couch and welcome center) will all tie-together visually and give a strong cohesive feel to the design of our worship space and facility. This will reflect a sense of who we are to the community and will give a strong positive first impression to those that walk in our doors for the very first time. At our annual meeting on April 28th (during the ABF hour) you will be able to see a rendering of what the proposed space will look like, carpet samples, AND be able to sit in an actual chair that will be used for the update.

Please be in prayer for this project as we continue to plan out when it will happen. This will be a major project and will take a few weeks. We are hoping to do it this summer, but that is still to be determined. I do know that when it is complete it will be something that we can all be proud of for years to come.

From Sandy Nass, Director of Children's Ministry

Another year of AWANA has come and gone. Thank you to Nick and Sarah Hansel for their leadership and organization of this program that focuses on memorizing the word of God and tucking His word into the hearts and lives of children for eternity. Thank you, also, to the numerous volunteers who committed their time and energy every Wednesday night for the last six months to reach the kids of our community for Christ through AWANA.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we are commanded to "put on the full armor of God so that we can take our stand against the devil's schemes." (Eph. 6:11) Part of the armor is the "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (Eph. 6:17) AWANA is a tool to help us as parents fulfill our responsibility to equip our children with the sword of the Spirit, but what else can we do, especially during the "off season"?

Each week, your child receives a memory verse at Sunday school. The Sunday school teachers have about 45 minutes per week with your kids, so only introduce the verse to the kids. We would love you, as parents, to teach it to them. Do one of the following: post the verse on the refrigerator and have your kids say it out loud before they can open the fridge for their afternoon snack; write it on a notecard and put it on the dash of your car to remind you to ask your kids to say it each time they get into the car (you might actually learn it, too!); have your child say it before they turn on the TV, computer, or iPod; post it on the bathroom mirror so they can read it as they brush their teeth and then say it together as a family at dinner time.

Also, there's an app called "Fighter Verses" from Children Desiring God that you can download onto your smartphone. (Cost about \$1.99) The app will send you a verse to memorize each week, and also has a list of foundational verses for younger kids to memorize. There are 'quizzes' and 'fill in the

blanks' to help you learn the weekly verse. While waiting at the doctor's office, have your kids practice the verse a couple of times before they play "Angry Birds". Compete against them as you wait to see who can learn it most quickly (my money's on the kid!).

Or, BSF has a great recommendation to help develop your own scripture memory program by using a "letter of the day" system. Use the concordance of your Bible to find a verse that begins with each letter of the alphabet and give your kids one verse a day (or week) to memorize working your way through the entire alphabet. This method is easy to review periodically by asking, "What was the 'Q' verse (or the 'B' verse) of the day?"

Don't be overly concerned about kids understanding the meaning of everything they're memorizing; try to explain things as simply as possible, but remember, as they grow older, the Holy Spirit will teach them and remind them. (John 14:26)

As your kids' bank of verses increases, ask them, as situations arise, for verses that apply to that situation. I remember a mom telling me a couple of years ago that her then two or three year old daughter heard her older sister complaining about something, and the younger sister said, unsolicited, "Do everything without complaining or arguing." (Phil. 2:14) The mom was amazed (probably her sister was, too) that her two/three year old was able to understand and apply this Sunday school verse.

Ask God to give you creativity in helping your kids learn His word, and ask Him to give your children the desire to learn it. He is faithful, and He wants us to know His word so He can speak to us through those words, and so we can worship Him with those same words. God bless!

The World at Your Doorstep

What do you think of when you hear the phrase "the world is at your doorstep"? I think of when I lived in Omaha and my neighbors were refugees from Burma and the times we spent on my front porch laughing and trying to learn each others language. I also think of the refugees here in the Quad Cities, a few of which our son Noah and I have had the privilege of meeting. Every month new refugees from around the world are being resettled right here in the Quad Cities through World Relief Moline. Imagine the vulnerability you would feel coming to a new country with very little in your possession and having to adjust to a new language, culture and way of doing things.

The mission of World Relief is "Empowering the local church to serve the most vulnerable." Their vision is that "In community with the local church, World Relief envisions the most vulnerable people transformed economically, socially and spiritually." World Relief Moline has a small staff, but they also rely on volunteers to help welcome and befriend the refugees and to make their transition to life in America successful.

Some of the volunteer opportunities include setting up and preparing apartments for the refugee before they arrive, shopping for groceries so they have food to eat when they arrive, welcoming them at the airport, providing transportation to appointments, tutoring in English and being a friendship partner just to name a few. God wants us to stand for the vulnerable and World Relief provides many volunteer opportunities to do just that.

If you are interested in getting involved you can e-mail Kelly Stewart, Volunteer Coordinator at World Relief kstewart@wr.org. You do not have to travel far to meet someone from another culture and have the opportunity to share the love of Christ with them. The world truly is at our doorstep and it is up to us to reach out.

Submitted on behalf of the Mission's Committee by Tracy Randall



April 2013

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April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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	1 Emma Guge John Hawley Joe McElhiney Jason & Mickey Owens	2 Jani Hoerner Jake Salowitz Monica Sissel	3 Dan Holtz Melissa Holtz	4 Jeannie Newton	5	6 Robert Schladetzky
7 John Arter	8 Katie Gainer Steve McElhiney	9	10 Mike Becraft Sheri Wilford Ruth Williamson	11 Pete Bibens Sharon Hojnacki Dawnetta Van Ee	12 Clint Burklow Kris Proctor Savannah Skinner Dick & Lee Swanson	13
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Sonshine Community Ministries

Prayer Requests:

We have several kids and one teen who has attended a Baptism class with Pastor Mark recently. Please pray for them as they make this important decision to proclaim Jesus as Lord of their lives.

Please pray for our summer programs:

1. Sandlot Baseball
2. VBS
3. Concessions at Bandit Games Fundraiser
(will begin in June)
4. Youth Works' Summer Program
5. Camp

We have several kids that are "aging" out of our After School Programs. They will be attending No Limits. Please pray that they transition well and are welcomed into the Youth program. Please pray that they will grow spiritually as they grow in age.

As Pastor Tony comes on board, we will be making decisions as to the "growth" of Sonshine. Where will God lead us? As I think about this, the "Prayer of Jabez" comes to mind. In I Chronicles 4:9-10 it reads: "Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying "because I bore him in pain". And Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me and that You would keep me from evil that I may not cause pain." And God granted him what he requested." Depending on which Bible you are reading, there are a few different versions of this scripture verse. The one I have quoted is the New King James version. If you read Chronicles, you know

STEM Trip to SE Asia

Pastor Scott and Beth will be visiting their daughter, Emily, and her family in SE Asia (name of country withheld for security reasons) April 29 – May 13. Pastor Scott will be doing some teaching and leading a seminar. Both Scott and Beth will enjoy spending time with their grandkids whom they have not seen in 16 months. And they will have an opportunity to observe (and participate in?) workouts and classes at the gym operated by Mo and Emily.

This will be considered a STEM trip for Pastor Scott and a personal visit for Beth. If you would like to contribute to Pastor Scott's trip expenses, you may make your check payable to Cornerstone STEM with a memo "SE Asia."

Mo and Emily are living in the midst of an unreached people group where there are no known believers among that people group. Your prayers are vitally important so that a beachhead for the Gospel and the Kingdom may be established among this people group. And please remember in any emails or Facebook postings NEVER to mention the name of the country and the name of the family and the "m" word in the same communication.

that it is a lot of genealogy. And in all the "and the dependents of" they stop to single out Jabez. There must be a reason that Jabez and his prayer is mentioned. I like Jabez; not because he caused his mother pain in giving him birth, but because he obviously trusted God.

It doesn't indicate whether he wanted a bigger territory to serve God or just wanted more land to feed his livestock. But, in my "prayer of Jabez", I would like God to expand Sonshine's territory. And I believe that is what He has in store for us as He has led Pastor Tony to join us. But, where is He leading us? Please pray for us as we seek where, what & how. There are so many people who need to hear the gospel and we want to be His hands & feet in reaching them.

And as we look to continue the work we are doing and begin seeking ways to expand (in God's timing and His will), we will need more volunteers. Please pray and ask God how you might partner with Sonshine. Hands on (volunteer), prayer support, financial support. We are seeking to be a strong part of our church's vision to reach vulnerable families in our community.

Thank you for your prayers.

One last thought. As spring/summer (hopefully) arrives and you start having bar-b-ques, graduation parties, picnics, etc. and you don't want to deal with returning nickle cans & bottles, please remember Sonshine. Please call Gerry Hodgett at 563-320-0562 for pick-up or bring to the church and set by the garage. We thank everyone who has been donating their cans & bottles in the past.

God Bless, Jan K/Sonshine Community Ministries

Pregnancy Resources Training

2013 Volunteer Training Dates:

Spring 2013

Mon—Fri, April 29, 30, May 1, 2 & 3
9 am-12:30 pm, Moline Center, 829 15th Street

Fall 2013

Mon-Thur, Oct 21-24
6:30-9:30 pm
& Sat Oct 26 9 am-2 pm
Davenport Center, 2706 W. Central Park

All days of the training session are required to volunteer

To register, call 309-797-3636 or
email kathy@qcpregnancy.org
for more information

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Family News

Our deepest sympathy to:

Jeannette Long and her family upon the loss of her husband, Vernon.

Andrea Zevenbergen and her family upon the loss of her aunt.

*"Blessed be God...the God of all comfort."
II Corinthians 1:3*

Annual Meeting April 28

The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, **April 28** during the ABF/SS hour from **9:45 – 10:30 am**. In addition to the vote on the 2013-14 budget, there will be important informative presentations on the sanctuary upgrade, the multi-site expansion into DeWitt, and a brief report from the Youth Pastor search team. Other reports will follow as time allows.

If you have a question about the sanctuary upgrade project or the multi-site expansion into DeWitt or the youth pastor search, please submit your question in writing (or via email) to one of the pastors or deacons so that we can be prepared to address your question at the annual meeting.



Come and join us on Sunday Mornings:

Sunday School Opportunities

for the Family
Worship Services

9:45 a.m.

8:15 & 10:45 a.m.