

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Scott's Perspective – “God at Work”

If you didn't know what a spiritually dynamic church body was before, and if you were present last Sunday (Aug. 25) at either of the morning worship services and/or the afternoon baptism service – now you know!

It was an AWEsome Sunday because we witnessed God at work in powerful ways that inspire praise and reverence and devotion to our great God.

Both worship services featured sharing of testimonies of God at work in the lives of our members: working through Respond Ministries in several adoption cases, preparing for the launch of the DeWitt multi-site, answers to prayer, etc.

The afternoon baptism service featured 15 baptisms (and testimonies): 5 children, 2 youth, and 8 adults. Some were new believers. Some had recently returned to the Lord after living apart from him for several years. Some were children with their whole lives ahead of them. Some were adults having made a fresh surrender to Christ after experiencing the misery of slavery to sin. Some were parents now committed to raising their children to follow Christ. Pastor Mark and I both had the privilege of baptizing several – and 3 fathers had the privilege of baptizing a child and/or wife.

A spiritually dynamic church body is one where God is at work – and God is at work at Cornerstone!

The morning worship services were alive with the Presence of God. The frosting on the cake was what we think is record attendance for a non-Easter Sunday: 458 (185 at 8:15 and 273 at 10:45).

After some “summer slump” Sundays – last Sunday was a huge encouragement. It was also confirmation of God's leading concerning the DeWitt multi-site start-up. Of all the needs for the DeWitt start-up, perhaps the

most important and pressing is for PEOPLE: leaders, volunteers, worshipers, pray-ers, children's workers, worship & media & sound team, etc. We are praying that we can start in DeWitt with a worship attendance of 70+ -- AND still have good worship attendance and spiritually dynamic worship at both services in Eldridge. 12 months ago we still had only

one worship service. Soon (end of October?) we will have three services (in two locations). *We are relying upon God to work among us and through us to build up our church body so that we will have three spiritually dynamic worship services on Sunday mornings.*

I am confident that God will do what He needs to do to make the DeWitt start-up successful. It is a “God-sized” assignment that cannot be accomplished by human effort alone (though much effort will be required). There will be many “crises of belief” along the way. Major adjustments by many of us – in DeWitt and in Eldridge – will be required to join God in what He is doing. As we put our faith into action, we will come to know God by experience as we obey Him and He accomplishes His work through us.

Apart from God showing up to do what only God can do, we will fail. Yet I am not losing any sleep over the magnitude of the challenge before us. Why not? (1) I'm not the DeWitt campus pastor; Mark is :) (2) I have confidence in Mark and Andrea; (3) This was not my idea – God spoke to me by the Holy Spirit – through Converge spiritual leaders – and He has continued to confirm His direction in many ways these past 8 months.

I would undoubtedly be much more nervous about the success of this venture if it were my idea. But this is not something I dreamed up. Nor was this the result of a Deacon board brainstorming session. Nor was this the re-

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Upcoming Events

- Sept 1 AM Communion
- Sept 5 11:45 am Ladies meet at CBC for Lunch at Crossroads, DeWitt
- Sept 8 Nurse Office Open
- Sept 11 Noon 50+ Patriot's Day Lunch in ROCK
- Sept 12 7:00 pm Missions Meeting
- Sept 15 11:00 am & Noon Moldova Taco Dinner
- Sept 20-22 Women's Retreat at Pine Lake Christian Center
- Sept 21 7:00 am Trustees: 9:00 am CPC Walk for Life, Bettendorf & Moline; 6:00-8:00 pm Family Fun Night featuring Comedy Sportz/Schwartz adoption
- Sept 22 Nurse Office Open 3:00 pm Leave church for St. Donatus Lectio Divina road trip
- Sept 25-Oct 4 Moldova STEM trip
- Sept 27-29 Men's Retreat at Pine Lake Christian Center

sult of a congregational survey or vote. I am confident the DeWitt multi-site work is of God and not of man. *And there is no question that church-planting is the will of God and is a key component to fulfilling the Great Commission. It is God's will that churches as well as individuals would be fruitful and multiply and reproduce themselves.*

I heard God speak to me by the Holy Spirit – through the head of our Converge denomination, through the head of our MIBC district, and through the head of our Converge church-planting movement – in ways that I could not possibly have arranged or orchestrated even if I had tried. I believe the hand of God is upon the DeWitt multi-site work.

That doesn't mean there won't be obstacles and challenges and ups and downs. There have been and will be. There will be many crises of belief along the way. Our faith will be tested. We must remain strong in prayer. We must rely upon the leading and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. We must trust God to provide all the needed resources. We must not give in to unbelief or discouragement. We must be strong and of good courage – and build one another up and encourage one another and strengthen one another's faith. We will need to make major adjustments to join God in what He is doing – Eldridge attenders as well as DeWitt attenders. *And we must not fret. We serve a great God who is most worthy of our trust and of our praise.*

Those forming the core group of the founding of the DeWitt multi-site church are in for an adventure. They will be tested. They will need to make many adjustments and sacrifices. They will need to pray as never before and trust God as never

Financial Report

Giving to the General Fund (church budget) during August averaged \$12,911 per Sunday (compared to budget of \$13,916). \$100 was given to the Capital Improvements Fund.

Worship attendance in August averaged 356 each Sunday. This includes only 182 in attendance for Converge Serve on Aug. 11 (a very worthwhile event with a significant impact in Moline and in the North Scott area). *Worship attendance the other three "regular" Sundays averaged 414, including 458 on Aug. 25 (a record for a non-Easter Sunday).*

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

Moldova Taco Dinner!

Sunday, September 15

Two Shifts: 11:00 and Noon

All proceeds go toward the medical mission expenses.

before and work hard as never before. And they will come to know and experience God as never before in the process.

Many of you are familiar with this quote by Randy Alcorn: *"Our lives have two phases: one a dot, the other a line extending out from that dot. Our present life on earth is the dot. It begins. It ends. It's brief. But from that dot extends a line that goes on forever. That line is eternity, which Christians will spend in heaven. Right now we're living in the dot. But what are we living for? The shortsighted person lives for the dot. The person with perspective lives for the line. The person who lives for the dot lives for treasures on earth that end up in junkyards. The person who lives for the line lives for treasures in heaven that will never end."*

There are many ways to live for the line. By investing / giving generously of your financial resources to the Lord's work. By bringing people to Christ for their eternal salvation. By using your spiritual gifts to build up the church body and advance God's Kingdom. *And one significant way to live for the line is to get involved in starting a new church that could well bear lasting fruit for God's eternal kingdom well after you have passed from this earth.*

Let us stay strong in prayer. I believe one reason why we are seeing an uptick in God's activity among us is because our prayer meeting attendance (in DeWitt and Eldridge) has increased significantly the past few weeks. *When God's people pray, God works. A spiritually dynamic church body is a praying church that sees God working in response to their praying. The best is yet to come!*

Suggestion Box

In an effort to improve communication and solicit congregational input as we move forward with important faith action steps (DeWitt multi-site, Sanctuary upgrade, new Youth Pastor, ministry to vulnerable families, strengthening senior adult ministry, etc.), the Deacon Board is placing a suggestion box just outside the office door near the elevator. We welcome suggestions or questions by members and attenders on any matter of concern to them. Suggestions **MUST BE SIGNED** and must be in keeping with Scriptural guidelines such as Ephesians 4:29: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

All signed suggestions in the spirit of Ephesians 4:29 will receive a reply from a church leader. Helpful suggestions will be given careful consideration, but no promise is made to implement all suggestions.

Anyone wishing to discuss a suggestion or concern face-to-face with a church leader and/or with a home visit is encouraged to indicate that (with their name).

This is one vehicle to enable members and attenders to voice their ideas and concerns in keeping with our Communication Guidelines.

A Word From Pastor Mark

God is at work in Cornerstone. He is doing a new thing—launching a team to start the DeWitt campus this fall. It is an exciting adventure that the DeWitt Team is on right now. But it is also a road that can lead to anxiety. It creates many unanswered questions. What if people do not come? What if few accept Christ? What if we don't get enough volunteers?

These are all real questions. And none of us can answer them because they have to do with the future. In order to move forward we will need to exercise faith. Hebrews 11:6 gives us comfort, "And without faith it is impossible to please God..." We are in a faith growing process and that pleases God.

As we draw nearer to the launch a great question for each of our Cornerstone members and regular attenders to ask is: **how can I help make Cornerstone Eldridge & DeWitt successful?** Cornerstone DeWitt is part of Cornerstone Eldridge. We are going to be one and yet meet in two places. So your involvement in both places can really help the kingdom of God advance and Cornerstone Baptist Church grow and reach unbelievers and the unchurched.

How can you help Cornerstone DeWitt? Consider coming and worshiping with us periodically. Your presence will add num-

bers and vitality to our group. Consider helping in Jr. Church once every 6 weeks to give our teachers an opportunity to be in the worship service. Consider reaching out to people you know who live in Clinton County and invite them to the DeWitt Campus and then meet them there to get them established. Consider giving a few months of regular attendance with us in the early stages of the launch. If you are an early riser consider helping set up the campus. Pray for us. Encourage us. Seek God and ask what you can do to help Cornerstone to succeed.

Here is the Sunday morning Schedule

7:00-8:30 a.m.	Set-up
8:45-9:45 a.m.	Sunday School/ABFs
10:00-11:15	Worship Service
11:15-12:15	Take-down

If you have any questions or would like to talk please let me know.

We are in this together and that gives me hope!

Pastor Mark

Weekend to Remember

If you are married, the #1 earthly relationship you need to nurture is the one with your spouse (no matter your age, how long you've been married, or the state of your marriage). A great way to do this is to attend a marriage conference. Family Life hosts "Weekend to Remember" conferences in various places and they are great for first timers as well as returning couples.

Here are some options that are somewhat close to the Quad Cities this fall:

Chicago: 10/18-10/20	Milwaukee: 11/1-11/3
Cedar Rapids: 11/8-11/10	St. Louis: 12/6-12/8

Contact Scott and Teresa Bivens for more information, including the possibility of a scholarship. 563-285-7285 or bivstikk@netins.net

Family News

Our deepest sympathy to:

Judi Hodgett and her family in the loss of her sister.

Roseanne Williamson and her family in the loss of her mother.

Dan Holtz and his family in the loss of his father.

Pastor Hideyo and his family in the loss of his aunt.

*"The God of love and peace will be with you."
II Corinthians 13:11*

Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings

The past few Wednesday night prayer meetings have shown better attendance. Thank you to all who have stepped outside of your comfort zone to attend! We have had people in attendance who are quite expressive, and we have had people who are very quiet...and everything in between. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer meetings start at 7:00 and generally end around 8:15. Recently, we've been blessed to have live guitar-led singing, and we hope to have this continue fairly regularly.

As I've said before, if everyone would attend JUST ONE prayer meeting a year, we'd see a huge increase in attendance. Can you try to attend just one in the coming year? You are needed! Teresa Bivens

Fall Retreats

Pine Lake Christian Center, Eldora, Iowa

Women's Retreat — September 20-22 "Simply Jesus"
Incredible worship and challenging messages are the cornerstone of the weekend. Guest Speaker Marlys Krohse

Men & Boys (age 10-17) Retreat — September 27-29
Choose to spend time with men and boys from your church, or alone with God. Lots of activities. Guest Speaker Kevin Hollinger

Interested in registering? Contact Marv V. at 285-9145 for our "timeshare" rates — scholarships available.

Pastor Drew's Webb of Worship

In July I had the opportunity to attend the National Worship Leader Conference in the Kansas City area. It was an enjoyable time and I enjoyed many of the sessions and workshops that I sat through. Some were more helpful than others, but that's nothing new. However, there was one workshop I have not previously heard of in the years that I have been attending worship conferences. That workshop was called "Curating the Songs of Your Church." I was so intrigued by this title and the particular fact that the teacher chose to use a word that speaks to an intentional collection of songs, whether from the last 2 years or from the last 2 centuries (or even last 2 millennia for that matter). The use of the word "curate" implies an intentionality to keeping a certain culture or heritage. It is the action of a person who is considered a specialist on a specific area of interest. While the word often refers to museums and places of that sort its application to the worship-leading context helps set the task ahead of me in a different light. It creates, I believe, a more biblical philosophy behind worship leading.

In worship leadership I am a bit of an oddball when it comes to song selection. I don't gravitate towards stuff simply because it's on the radio; truth be told, I tend to avoid songs because of their being overplayed on the radio! Some of the streams that I drink from in worship music are off the beaten path, a little more obscure if you will. While I enjoy new and current music it is not my philosophy to do every new song that comes out. Interestingly, I also don't mind dipping into some of the classic choruses of the 80's and 90's. Others might typically avoid these songs in their worship leading repertoire, but when a song speaks to me then there is a strong possibility that it will speak to others as well. There are 2 important things that I consider when selecting a song for its inclusion in our services: 1. is it saying something that needs to be said? 2. is the song written well enough that it can be adapted to our context? If it doesn't match both of these criteria then it will often be removed as an option for our worship services. I do realize these points are subjective, but they help guide our musical repertoire.

In that workshop I attended the teacher spoke to issues of song longevity. In this era of YouTube and home recording studios the market is saturated with a lot of new worship music and the typical song life has, unfortunately, shrunk dramatically in the last 10 years. Last year at a conference I even heard some leaders from a well-known church indicate that the song life at their church is typically only a few months and then it is retired. This was painful to hear because it placed so much emphasis on the musical form and new content. I love art and how it is expressed in music, but as a worship leader there is something deeper than that...the words are the primary fuel for propelling a song forward. By utilizing the approach that this workshop speaker promotes a church is able to develop a more well-rounded approach to musical worship.

I came away from this session with a sense that we are onto something at Cornerstone. I've never heard it delineated the way that he did and it was comforting to hear someone speak to issues that I have always practiced in the development of a worship-leading repertoire. I couldn't help but be reminded of something that many people don't know about me: I really enjoy hymns. I grew up in a fairly legalistic household and spent a bit of time in a denomination widely known for its legalism. Hymns, for much of my life were a steady part of our worship music diet in our services. I enjoyed them and the opportunities to connect with God in music. I've always been into music so singing to God was always something I enjoyed, no matter what style. This has come

with me into my worship leadership philosophy. Hymns have always been part of my worship-leadership approach (as well as Cornerstone's model). As a worship leader I have inherited some (not ALL) aspects of postmodernism. One of these key ingredients is a connection to the past. We believe that we are not isolated in time, but rather that we have a connection to those before us. Hebrews 12:1 bears witness to the fact that we are "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses", the saints who have laid the foundation upon which we now stand.

Here at Cornerstone it has been our habit to regularly include hymns in our worship services. This was the case before my arrival 2.5 years ago and has been the practice since my arrival here. Hymns may not be found in literally every service, but the vast majority of our services will be filled with at least one older hymn. Occasionally you may even find that we do 2 or 3 hymns in a service. Sometimes the hymn will be a straight arrangement, sometimes it may be rearranged. Occasionally it could be a favorite of yours, on occasion it may be a lesser-known hymn.

I'll admit that CBC has experienced much change in recent years, but you can be assured that hymns will continually be part of our services. Also, we (as leadership) are trying to be proactive in caring for and valuing our older generations more. As part of this process this fall we will have a Sunday evening worship service consisting of only hymns. In our typical weekly worship services we do mostly newer songs and so we will devote an entire evening to worshipping in songs from the past. You might even get the opportunity to put in a request or 2 to be considered. I would like to add that this worship service is not something only for our older generations, but as a mature multi-generational church, should include our younger generations as well.

Each generation should be writing their own worship songs (something younger generations are doing well and YouTube has enabled the quick dissemination of those songs). Each generation should also be handed the previous generation's worship songs. Not all songs sung in a particular generation are worthy to be handed down, indeed not all can be handed down. However, there are select songs -the very best - in every generation that can, and should, be handed down to those coming behind it. I think ahead to what we'll be singing in 40 years and I am intrigued to hear what new songs younger generations (than myself) will add to the global church's musical repertoire and am equally intrigued to discover what songs from my generation, and those before mine, will continue to hold true. There are certain classics that the worldwide church will be singing for many years. That is all part of each generation commending to the next generation God's mighty works (Psalm 145:4).

As this body of believers moves forward with various projects such as DeWitt and a sanctuary remodel our musical worship will continue to hold songs that span across musical dynamics. Some moments will be loud with exuberance and joyous praise for our Great God. Other moments will be filled with a heaviness of the Spirit's presence as He invades our hearts and convicts in the quietness of a song offered in surrender. These qualities help to make this an unique body, enhance our musical worship, and ultimately serve to create a stronger bond of unity in our midst. The exaltation of our Lord in song unites us in a powerful way. All who might have been here August 25th experienced this as God's greatness was proclaimed through the hymn *How Great Thou Art*. It was a truly moving moment for all of us as His greatness was lifted up in song from all corners of the sanctuary.

From Sandy Nass, Director of Children's Ministries

Kids moved up to their new grade levels on Sunday, August 18. We made a couple changes in our age divisions to best utilize our volunteers; I appreciate your understanding and flexibility in those decisions!

On Sunday mornings, Cornerstone provides two different programs of instruction to our children. Sunday School occurs during the ABF hour, 9:45-10:35, for ages two years through sixth grade. Additionally, we offer Junior Church for our 2 year olds through fourth graders during each of the worship services.

During Sunday School, we continue to use the Children Desiring God curriculum. Preschoolers learn basic truths about God, working through the Old Testament over the course of one year and then through the New Testament the following year. Kindergarteners are learning about their need for a Savior through the "Jesus, What a Savior!" curriculum, 1st and 2nd grades are learning the "ABCs of God" - a focus on the attributes of God. 3rd and 4th grades are learning "To Be Like Jesus" - a study on what it looks like to follow Jesus, and 5th and 6th grades are learning "My Purpose Will Stand" - a study on the providence of God. Please check out the CDG website at: childrendesiringgod.org for information on the vision behind the curriculum.

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers who are committed to teaching every Sunday: Trisha Hunt, Kevin and Sena Hagedorn, Deb Luett, Amy Brady, Lori Major, Lori Swanson, Bob Brady, Marv VanEe, and Jeff and Leslie Pepping. Please be sure to take time to appreciate them and to pray for them; they give up ABF time each week to teach the next generation about Jesus Christ!

We're in need of two Sunday School co-teachers, please see me if you'd like additional information - I promise you will be blessed by teaching; we have amazing kids here at Cornerstone, each created so uniquely, and you will grow in your own relationship with Christ through this work!

We started a new curriculum in Junior Church this year, The Gospel Story Bible curriculum. The curriculum was developed by a children's pastor unable to find materials that focus

on truth about God AND unite the church and family in teaching our children those truths. The Gospel Story Bible is the result of the Holy Spirit's guidance to develop something new to achieve both of those goals. Each week, all Jr. Church classes are learning about the same passage of Scripture at an age appropriate level. The Long Story Short family devotional (available for \$12.00) is to be used at home and provides five, ten-minute devotionals each week, based on the previous Sunday's Jr. Church lesson. Also, there are monthly memory verses for the entire family, shorter passages for the younger kids and longer for the older - including parents. (Personally, I think that should be reversed; preschoolers can memorize things way easier than I can!) If you haven't received your verse packet or devotional, please stop by the welcome table Sunday morning. The kids are starting their memorization with Hebrews 11:1-6 (for the oldest kids and a shorter portion of it for the younger) and will continue to work to memorize that same passage through the end of September. Teachers introduce the verses in class each week; parents, work with your kids at home to actually memorize them!

We had twenty-nine people attend the Junior Church teacher training a couple weeks ago. Thank you! It was a HUGE encouragement to me to see so many willing to take time on a Saturday morning to learn about the new material. God has blessed Cornerstone with so many kids, but also with so many adults who recognize that Jesus Christ is worthy, and are willing to invest a little time to hone their skills in sharing Him with the future Body of Christ.

If you'd like to be part of the Jr. Church teaching team, contact me: sandranass@hotmail.com. The commitment is to teach just two times every twelve weeks. We're in need of teachers at all age levels and especially during the second worship service. If you can't teach, please pray - for our kids and our teachers. Lastly, parents, please have your kids bring their Bibles to Sunday School and Jr. Church each week, especially those in 1st grade and above. They'll be using them! Thank you and God bless!

"One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4

We Are Converge

Baptist General Conference = Converge.
It's a name change. But who are we?

We are U.S. churches, world wide churches, house churches, small groups, missionaries, chaplains, relief workers, student organizations, and much, much more. We are a part of planting new churches the world over. We then strengthen them, disciple them, and teach them to produce new disciples and congregations. We connect with each other and other organizations for optimum strategies in reaching people for Christ. We provide relief and assistance in everything from natural disasters to retirement planning. We are committed to developing communities of Jesus followers who regularly

meet and fellowship with the goal of producing more Jesus followers.

We are Converge. We focus on the least reached people over all the world. We prioritize multiplication rather than addition. Bring people to Jesus Christ with the intention that they also bring people to Jesus Christ. We work within a local culture, from intercity to rural to remote. We teach each Jesus follower in each people group to reach their own neighbors and family, then to the next village, then to the next city, then to the next country.

We are Converge. You are Converge.

Cornerstone Women's Ministry

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” Hebrews 10:23-24

The desire of the Women's Ministry team is to provide opportunities for women to develop a deeper relationship with God. In addition, we would like to help women develop meaningful relationships with other women in various life stages. As our church grows, and also expands into DeWitt, our women's ministry is adapting by “changing things up” in order to **work where God is working**. We want to be vessels to allow God to reach as many women from varying backgrounds and different stages of life as possible. We offer a variety of activities in hopes that if one type of event doesn't meet your needs/schedule, another will. Some of the events we plan throughout the year are: weekend retreats, women's bible studies, Christmas Brunch, "Ladies Night Out" (an evening out at a restaurant with testimonies shared) and various other outreach events.

One change you may have noticed was that many of our events last year were held in DeWitt. This was not intentionally done. God kept opening doors to new locations for us in DeWitt. Now we know why :-). So far we've had two overnight retreats at Grace Lutheran Camp in Dewitt, and have held

Sonshine Community Ministries

For all practical purposes, summer 2013 is over (although with the temp. being in the 90's, it doesn't feel like it). The kids are back in school (can you hear the parents celebrating?). So, as we look back on several successful summer programs, we begin to look forward to our Fall/Winter schedule.

We will begin with fewer kids, because as I shared with you in the last newsletter, we have had several families move. However, I believe God will bring more families into our midst. We will continue to do the work we have been called to do. We know it is not about numbers, it is about sharing the gospel with whom God sends to us.

Tony officially began as a staff member of Sonshine Ministries on August 1. His first official duty was going on a fishing outing with several kids out at Pride Lake at Scott County Park. Mike Granger and 2 of his helpers taught a mini fishing clinic. The weather was beautiful and no kids fell into the lake, so even though nobody caught a fish, I believe we all had fun.

On a more serious note, Tony & I spoke with a mother & grandmother about a young man who has a tendency toward violence; especially aimed at his mother & father. Tony will be following up with the family to give counsel and to work directly with the young man who is only 13.

We have begun the “After School Drop In “ program which is held at Lot 13 on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 for

several "Ladies Night Out" dinners at various locations in DeWitt. As the church expands we will continue to look for ways for the women from Cornerstone Eldridge to meet together with women from Cornerstone DeWitt. We're not sure exactly how this will look yet, but like several other ministries in the church, we are open to God's call to adapt as His will is revealed.

Another desire of the Women's Ministry is to continue to have women growing in God's Word. We have a summer Bible study each year but know the importance of keeping in the Word everyday. Due to different family schedules, not all women are able to make it to BSF or CBS. We have placed several Bible studies in the church library in hopes that small groups throughout the year will use them to stay in God's Word. For more information on the bible studies, please watch for October's Newsletter. There will also be information posted on the Women's Ministry bulletin board outside the nursery.

For questions about different women's events throughout the year, feel free to contact any one of the members of the Women's Ministry team: Deana Trotter, Tammy Bullock, Kathy Wilke, Mollie Hart, Laura Engle, Sarah Payton and Kelly Orcutt.

By Jan Kloss

ages 4 through 6th grade. We brought 20 kids to opening night of AWANA. Right now we only have 2 teens attending No Limits, but we hope that number will grow. We will begin the tutoring program in Sept. I will be having a Ladies' Coffee two Tuesdays a month at Lot 13. Pastor Tony (whose new title is Director of Youth Ministries) will be having a Bible study for young men on Sunday evenings. As always, we will have Sunday School & Lunch for the kids each Sunday following Cornerstone's church services. We look forward to a great new fall/winter season to minister to the needs of our families.

Urban Edge has offered us their 15 Passenger van. We will use this as an opportunity to pick up more kids outside of the mobile home park to bring to AWANA and other activities. We are very grateful to Terry & Lori for their generous offer.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Our 6th annual “Strike Out for Sonshine Bowl-A-Thon” is Sunday, **October 13 from 2:00-4:00 PM** at Bowl-Mor Bowling Alley on Brady St. For the second year in a row we will offer 3 games of bowling, shoes, pizza & pop for \$10.00 each. We will also have a Silent Auction (think Christmas gifts). Please mark your calendars for this fun event for all ages.



September 2013

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1 7:50-8:10 am Prayer AM Communion	2 Labor Day	3 3:30 pm Sonshine After School Program, Mt. Joy	4 6:30 am Men meet at Denny's Restaurant, Dav. 6:00-7:15 pm AWANA 6:50-8:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	5 11:45 am Ladies meet at church for Lunch at Cross- roads, DeWitt 3:30 pm Sonshine After School Program, Mt. Joy 6:30 pm Coed Volleyball in ROCK	6	7
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September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Don Davis	2 Dennis Bender Kim Fairchild Carter Owens Kyle & Lindsey Colson	3 Craig Hebbeln	4 Peggy Goltry	5 Ryan Senkbile Craig & Kathy Hebbeln Kerry & Leslie Skinner	6 Kevin & Stacy Sultier	7 Pastor Hideyo Hayworth Chrissy Keestian Jerry Nigh Jason & Amanda Schwartzhoff
8 Richard Clark Bill & Pat Burton Alan & Wendy Grimme (40 yrs.)	9 Obadiah Hegedorn	10 Catelyn Cook Emily Gehring Creighton & Christine Lease	11 Lori Paulus Stephanie Rice	12 Harmony Hansel Mercie Hansel Jeff Pepping	13 Marc Orcutt	14 Chelsey Blake Amanda Hoxie Andrea Icker Ernerson Reid Rich & Renae Mohr
15 John Dimmon Tom Olsen Jen Postel Dennis & Judy Dean	16	17 Betsy Allen Teresa Bivens Sandy Green Nolan Hagge John & Alice Green Phil & Mollie Hart	18 Tony Phillips Scott & Leah Carlson Jerry & Lora Nigh Pastor Mark & Andrea Zevenbergen	19	20 Dustin & Jenna Lenz David & Susan Newsum	21 Tyler Gehring Bill Gerth Glory Hansel
22 Emily Citac Sarah Harms Jacob Rupe Dale & Julie Farmer	23 Dan Allison Bob Brady Andrew Chapman Shyan Curry Molly Engle William & Stephanie Rice	24 Chad Guge	25 Laura Hebbeln Alec Postel David & Paula Mess Brad & Jill Watts	26 Hailey Kaiser Mike & Vicky Becraft	27 Bailey Boddicker Cassie Carlson Steve Scull	28 Tom Hurr
29 Peggy Grell	30 Victoria Hawley Lorena Seline					

Moldova Trip Updates

Team Moldova leaves in just a few weeks (9/25)! We held a garage sale in mid-August and raised over \$1,300. Thanks to all who helped!

Our next fundraiser – a Taco Dinner – will be on Sunday, September 15. We will serve lunch in two shifts: the first shift directly following ABF at 11:00 and the second shift directly following 2nd Service at noon. All donations will go toward our expenses. (Each of our five medical clinics will cost around \$1,000 each.) We will have a silent auction for a hand-sewn, bed-size (55”x68”), blue and yellow flannel quilt. There will also be homemade baked “take home” goodies for sale.

Several ladies gathered recently to sew eyeglass cases, which is one of the key parts of our method of sharing the gospel. We funnel everyone who comes to the medical clinics through the eyeglass station, where they have the opportunity to hear the gospel. While trying on reading glasses, they are given a free Bible to test their eyesight. If you want to

By Teresa Bivens

donate more reading glasses – of all strengths (\$1 at Dollar Tree by Walmart on 53rd), that would be very much appreciated! Please keep an eye on the bulletin insert for other needed items for our trip.

Please also keep us in prayer: for good health, wisdom, strength and energy as we make final preparations; for spiritual preparation and protection for us and our families; for continued unity among our team; for financial provision; for God to prepare hearts in advance of our visit to receive Him; for our team of helpers in Moldova to be prepared to do the work alongside us; and for God to reveal His plan every step of the way and be glorified!

If you would like to give toward our expenses, please make a check out to “CBC STEM” and put “Moldova” in the memo. Thanks!

Teresa Bivens, Betty Carter, Jacob Connor, and Lucy Schmidt

Special Delivery from Ethiopia...Bringing Matiyas Home

By Deana Trotter

This day has been a long time coming. I am eagerly waiting to hear from Aaron and Laura Schwartz regarding the “official” day that they will be picking Matiyas up and bringing him home. It brings tears to my eyes to think about it. This is the boy we have been praying for over the last 3 years (long before he was born). Now the day is almost here. It is hard to believe. It did not come without tears, frustration, and falling to knees in prayer.

What carries a couple through all of the trials and tribulations that go along with adoption? What allows them to keep persevering when they feel like throwing in the towel?.....Jesus. Jesus loves the lost, the broken, the vulnerable....the orphan. None of those praying on the frontlines knew God’s plan. No one knew Matiyas would have a subdural hematoma. No one knew that brain surgery would be waiting for him as soon as he arrived in Iowa. No one that is,

but God. He knew all along and His plans prevail. He is faithful and He WILL bring Matiyas home from Ethiopia.

Respond Ministries is asking for support in 2 different areas. First, in prayer. The process of bringing Matiyas home has been expedited as it is medically necessary for him to have surgery now. Please pray for God’s protection over Matiyas as he travels and as he goes to Iowa City for his surgery.

Second, please consider making a financial contribution to help offset the cost of travel from Ethiopia as well as upcoming medical expenses. A fundraiser will be held at Cornerstone ROCK Center on **Saturday, Sept 21st from 6:00-8:30**. It will be a FUN Family Night with Comedy Sportz as the entertainment, lots of food available for purchase and a silent auction! Please come out to support Aaron and Laura as they walk through this process.

Sonshine Comm. Ministries Giving

If you are interested in giving to the Sonshine Community Ministries, we encourage you to give directly to them.

If you are giving to the general fund of the ministry, please write “Code #100” in the memo; for Jan, please write “Code #200” in the memo and mail to:

Sonshine Community Ministries
PO Box 244
Davenport, IA 52805

If you are giving to Tony Phillips, please write “Code #300” in the memo and mail to:

Sonshine Community Ministries
PO Box 302
Eldridge, IA 52748

Thanks for doing this — it really helps our bookwork here at Cornerstone!

Sally Howell

Family Fun Night!!!

Featuring: **comedysportz**
quad cities

- with a Silent Auction

When: **Saturday, Sept 21st**
6:00-8:30pm

Where: **The ROCK Center**
Comerstone Baptist Church

Cost: **\$10--Ages 13 & Over**
\$5--Ages 6-12



*Childcare available for 5 and Under.

* COME HUNGRY: Pizza, hot dogs, walking tacos and MORE available for purchase!

Proceeds go to the adoption of Aaron and Laura’s son,
Matiyas Schwartz



Questions? Call Deana 563-349-3204

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support. We ask that you pray that God directs us and gives us wisdom in our ministry and that we are sensitive to His leading.

Matthew 9:35-38 "And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

The inner city is teeming with people who are harassed and helpless and have no "shepherd". There are few, if any, leaders who encourage people to walk in a better way, and plenty of leaders who direct people to keep walking down the same

hopeless path. In the middle of the day there are many jobless adults sitting around on their front steps or in their yards looking helpless and hopeless. There are many children who don't know or don't like their absent fathers. There are angry boys and girls looking for love in all the wrong ways. When we look out into the neighborhoods we see the people like sheep harassed and helpless. We see the women going into Planned Parenthood to end the lives of their own unborn children. Christ's solution is to pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers. We believe that is what is needed in the inner city.

Please pray with us to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the harvest and be willing to be one of those laborers that he sends.

In His Service,
Terry & Lori Major



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.