

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Scott's Perspective – “We're in this Together”

There are many things our church body can accomplish that do not require everyone's participation. Different members are involved in different ministries in accordance with their SHAPE (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences).

So, for example, while every believer needs to care for the widow and orphan (James 1:27), not every believer needs to be directly involved in Respond Ministries or commit to adopting an orphan. We just had a very successful fund-raiser (Family Fun Night Sept. 21) to help with the costs for Matiyas Schwartz' adoption and travel expenses – successful even though less than half of our church body attended.

AWANA requires a large number of volunteers every Wednesday night, but again, that important ministry can be carried out with less than half of our church body participating.

All need to serve and use their gifts to build up the body, but different members serve in different ministries – coordinated and directed by the Holy Spirit for the common good and edification of our church body (I Corinthians 12).

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The vision is like that. ***Becoming a spiritually dynamic body making a significant impact in vulnerable families through our neighborhood schools.*** That vision was not given by God to just a few of our members. *It is for all of us – our entire church body.*

Some people will be more directly involved in helping us become a more spiritually dynamic body. Some people will be more directly involved in ministry to vulnerable families. Some people will be more directly involved in

neighborhood schools. *But all of us can – and must – play some role in fulfilling that vision given by God to our church body.*

Likewise with God's call for Cornerstone to reproduce itself by giving birth to Cornerstone-DeWitt. Fulfilling this calling

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will require the participation of our entire church body – not just those who live in DeWitt and will be part of the core group actually launching the DeWitt multi-site campus. ***One church in two locations – we're in this together.***

To use an analogy, a mother cannot give birth to a baby utilizing her reproductive organs only. Her entire body will play a role in nurturing the baby for 9 months and then in the labor and delivery process. Similarly, the spiritual reproduction of our church body will require the support and participation of our entire church body – not just those actually attending in DeWitt.

Cornerstone Baptist Church is experiencing some labor pangs right now. Last Sunday we commissioned our DeWitt team who will start practicing in DeWitt this Sunday (Sept. 29) and the first two Sundays of October in preparation for the October 20 launch of public worship at the high school media center. *This Sunday – and thereafter – about 35 members of our church body will be missing from our worship services in Eldridge (about half coming from each of our two services).*

I will admit to getting choked up a couple of times last Sunday morning as I looked over at the Zevenbergens worshipping in the front center row and realized that I would not see them there next Sunday or subsequent Sundays (though I'm sure to still get my fill of Oregon Duck highlights from Mark every Tuesday during staff meeting).

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Upcoming Events

- Oct 3 Noon Ladies Lunch at Pizza Ranch, Bettendorf
- Oct 6 AM Communion
- Oct 10 7:00 pm Missions Mtg
- Oct 11 4:30 pm Men's Ministry Fall Kick-off at Steve VonMuenster's home
- Oct 12 7:30 pm “Saturate” at Quad Cities Prayer Center
- Oct 13 Nurse Office Open 2:00-4:00 pm Sonshine Bowl-A-Thon at Bowlmor Lanes, Davenport
- Oct 15 Day of Fasting & Prayer 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting at DeWitt Community Center
- Oct 17 7:00 pm Night to Honor Israel, Calvary Church
- Oct 19 7:00 am Trustees
- Oct 20 8:15 am CBC Eldridge 10:00 am CBC DeWitt 10:45 am CBC Eldridge (New satellite church begins) 7:00 pm CBC DeWitt Youth Group at DeWitt Community Center by water tower
- Oct 26 4:00-6:00 pm Family Harvest Party & Trunk or Treat at CBC Eldridge
- Oct 27 Nurse Office Open 6:00 pm Hymn Sing at CBC Eldridge 7:00 pm CBC DeWitt Youth Group at DeWitt Community Center by water tower

And as I think of the other families that have been such an integral part of our church body who will no longer be worshipping regularly with us in Eldridge – there is some sadness. It won't be the same on Sundays without them. And even more so for them as they will be missing so many friends in Eldridge as they venture forth into DeWitt.

Some of these DeWitt members have been actively serving in our church body for years. They will now serve in DeWitt but will leave holes in Eldridge. *Some of our Eldridge members will need to step up and fill those vacancies.* And there are not enough DeWitt members yet to fill all the needed ministry positions there for worship, sound, media, Sunday School, Jr. Church, nursery, set-up and take-down, etc. *So some of our Eldridge members will need to serve occasionally in DeWitt in addition to serving in Eldridge.* **One church in two locations – we're in this together.**

Another kind of labor pang is financial stress. Eventually as new disciples are made in DeWitt and new members are added to the church, Cornerstone-DeWitt will generate more new income than its ongoing expenses. *But right now we are paying for significant start-up costs before there is any additional income.* Those of you who are business people or entrepreneurs understand this principle of start-up capital preceding new revenue. We will not borrow any money – nor do we need to – to fund these start-up costs. But our checking account balance is lower than it has been for a few years and we have had to draw upon some of our reserves. *Our financial health is still solid – but we do need increased giving now to fund the DeWitt campus in addition to all our mission commitments and ongoing expenses in Eldridge.* **One church in two locations – we're in this together.**

Another cost you will soon be noticing is that of stretching our pastoral staff between the two campuses. Mark is already dividing his time between Eldridge and DeWitt and as time goes on more of his time will be spent fulfilling his ministry as DeWitt Campus Pastor. Starting Oct. 20 you will be noticing that Pastor Drew will be leading worship in DeWitt some weeks and in Eldridge some weeks. **One church in two locations – and Drew is the worship pastor for both campuses and has not yet figured out a way to be in two places at once.**

I have. The same message will be preached in Eldridge and DeWitt thanks to some modern technology. Most of the time I

Financial Report

Giving to the General Fund (church budget) for the first 4 Sundays of September has averaged \$12,590 per Sunday (compared to budget of \$13,916). Giving for the July – September quarter is about the same as year-ago (slightly higher) but well below this year's budget needs. \$200 has been given to the Capital Improvements fund this month.

We are in good financial health as a church body, but our checking account balance is low, and we are absorbing some significant expenditures right now, including the DeWitt start-up costs. Please increase your giving if you are able.

will be preaching live in Eldridge and via video and screen in DeWitt but sometimes the reverse (and once a month or so Mark will be preaching live in DeWitt or occasionally another pastor or deacon).

Our goal is to have three spiritually dynamic worship services in two locations: 8:15 Eldridge; 10:00 DeWitt; 10:45 Eldridge. Our goal is to have 70+ in DeWitt; 150+ at 8:15; and 180+ at 10:45 (as minimums). *If we fall below those numbers in any of those services, we may need some of you to make some adjustments to move temporarily from a higher-attended service to a lower-attended service.* **One church in two locations. We're in this together.**

We need faithful and flexible worshipers and servants. Some of you might be able to worship in Eldridge at 8:15 and then serve in DeWitt at 10:00. Some of you might be able to serve in Eldridge at 8:15, attend ABF at 9:45 and then worship in Eldridge at 10:45. All kinds of possible combinations enabling you to both worship and serve. *Many of us will be stretched.* **One church in two locations. We're in this together.**

All of us will be impacted. All of us have a role to play. One strategic way you can participate is by individual and corporate prayer. **Church-planting is spiritual warfare.** *Church-planting is God's ordained means of fulfilling the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. The Father's pleasure abides on churches and Christians who obey His call to plant churches. And Satan's wrath abides upon the same.*

There will be spiritual attacks against our entire church body and our leadership and especially those who will be on the front lines of launching the DeWitt campus. **Spiritual victories are won in prayer.**

Therefore there will be a Day of Prayer and Fasting on Tuesday, October 15 in preparation for the October 20 launch in DeWitt, culminating with a 7:00 prayer meeting in the DeWitt Community Center. *I especially urge Cornerstone-Eldridge members to attend this prayer meeting to show our DeWitt brothers and sisters that they are not in this alone.* **One church in two locations – we're in this together.**

Day of Prayer & Fasting Oct. 15

In preparation for the launch of Cornerstone-DeWitt's first public worship service Sunday, October 20 @ 10:00 am in the high school media center, there will be a **Day of Prayer and Fasting on Tuesday, October 15.**

We encourage you to fast all day – or at least skip one meal (health permitting) – and devote extra time to prayer. The day will culminate with a Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm in the DeWitt Community Center by the water tower.

This is NOT just for DeWitt attenders. *We urge Cornerstone-Eldridge members to attend this prayer meeting in DeWitt to show our DeWitt brothers and sisters that we are truly* **One church in two locations – we're in this together.**

A Word From Pastor Mark

Last Sunday was filled with many emotions. It was to be the last worship service that we attend regularly at Cornerstone Eldridge. My heart was full of gratefulness at the feelings that were coming over me. It will be 16 years in December that you brought me to Cornerstone. I was a brand new seminary graduate who never had a full-time pastoral position. You took a risk on me. And here you are again taking a risk on my leadership for Cornerstone DeWitt. I am so grateful. I am humbled. It is only because of Jesus Christ and God's grace that I am Campus Pastor.

Though it is sad to think of the changes it is also exciting to ponder all that God will accomplish through Cornerstone DeWitt Campus. I believe many people will become disciples of Jesus Christ. I believe many people will choose Christ and the church over other options on Sundays. I see Cornerstone DeWitt growing and creating space issues down the road.

Jay Wilke suggested ways that you can get involved in DeWitt in another part of the newsletter. We'd love to see you up there worshipping with us or giving a Jr. Church worker a break by serving. There are many ways to benefit the one church in two locations.

I want to encourage those who are in Eldridge to make an impact by inviting people to come to Cornerstone Eldridge. There is more room for more people. Fill the spots of those who left. Get plugged in and serve. Take advantage of the opportunities for you to grow in your relationship with Jesus

by serving. Be a greeter even if you are not scheduled to be a greeter. Go out of the way to welcome someone you do not know. If you are concerned they might be a long-time member just say, "Hi I have not met you before, my name is _____." What is your name?" When you see people sitting in the sanctuary prior to the service go up and shake their hand and welcome them to Cornerstone. Doing simple things like those mentioned above will help Cornerstone Eldridge to thrive. It will also bring joy to my heart. I want both locations to thrive and be their best. I don't want to see either location suffering. Let's all do our part to make each location succeed.

Here is the schedule for the launch @ Cornerstone DeWitt.
Sept 29- Practice with shortened service then go out and deliver invites in the DeWitt community.
Oct 6th- Sunday school/ABFs and worship service for Cornerstone team
Oct 13th- soft launch (inviting a few outside people to give feedback) with Sunday school/ABFs and worship service.
Oct 20th- Cornerstone DeWitt's first service!

Andrea and I would love for you to come up and visit us. It makes it less painful to know that we will still see many of you on a Sunday in the future.

With a grateful heart,

Pastor Mark

People need Hope. You can give it to them this November.

"My Hope America with Billy Graham is a nationwide effort to reach people across the United States with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Following a simple biblical model, My Hope America with Billy Graham combines the impact of video programs with the power of personal relationships. Christians across America will open their homes this November to share the Gospel message with friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors using one of several new evangelistic programs featuring life-changing testimonies & powerful messages from Billy Graham." Please check out myhopewithbillygraham.org/ for more information. Together families from Cornerstone

Eldridge & DeWitt can reach out to those they know who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

My Hope America is designed for you to invite people into your home for food, conversations and to watch a video from Billy Graham. This method has seen millions of people accept Christ in other countries. Let's transform America by taking part in life restorations. If you are interested in receiving training or more info please let Pastor Mark know (zev4cbc@gmail.com). November 3-9 are the dates of My Hope America.

Family News

Our deepest sympathy to:

George Arndt and his family in the loss of his mother.

Sarah Hansel and her family in the loss of her grandfather.

May the Lord's loving promises give you comfort and strength as you walk through this difficult time.

Wed. Nite Pastor Prayer Focus-Oct.

Wednesday, October 2 Pastor Scott

Wednesday, October 9 Pastor Mark

Wednesday, October 23 Pastor Drew

Wednesday, October 30 Pastor Hideyo

Hideyo's Hopes & Hyperbolizes

Hello! ... Ok I get it, enough with the "H" words, but when you're given name's initials of HH, what can you expect?

Well let me first say, "Jewel & I are very happy to be here at Cornerstone and in the beautiful state of Iowa. This fall weather is fabulous. So, this is what changing seasons are like..."

I figured I should use my first CBC Newsletter opportunity to quickly introduce you all to myself and to what's new and happening in CBC Youth Ministry:

1. Wednesday Nights' Jacob of Genesis Sermon Series:

CBC Youth Kickoff on Aug. 21st 2013 was a huge success, we saw over 90+ youth and parent-leaders there. Many laughs and fabulous photos were shared. So, CBC's Wednesday Night youth ministry, known as No Limits, has begun anew, but with the same Love, Hope, and Guidance as it always had, just with a new space and face...

- a) We have rotated the youth room 90 degrees to give Drew more stage room for worship and simultaneously add more seating but taking up less space, while making it a more intimate setting, where the back row of youth worshipers are only 10 feet from me as I teach.
- b) I am "reverently" and "relevantly" retelling the story of Jacob, to the youth because I see great and deep spiritual and theological truth in the journey of Jacob through Genesis. Plus, I also see a lot of similarities between Jacob's and my stories, which isn't saying much, for Jacob in Hebrew means: deceiver, usurper, and he who supplants. But, this way the youth can learn the truth about God and me at the same time.

2. Youth Extras: these are voluntary youth programs your youth can elect to participate in if they desire a deeper level of Christian discipleship and service to the "vulnerable families" of our church mission statement.

- a) B.O.D. (Backing-up Our Discipleship) Squad (Coming in Oct.) = youth service team, which seeks to back-up our claim to be "follower/

lovers" of Jesus, hence His disciples, and "keep [Jesus] commandments" particularly the "greatest commandment," "to love your neighbor as yourself" (all scriptural ideas/truth of the Gospel of John). We will be doing everything from landscaping to "game nights" at Grand Haven.

- b) Carnivores = (Based on King James version of Hebrews 5:11-14) Moving from the "milk" of God's word/teaching to the "meat/solid food" of God's word/teaching (Coming in Oct.) = an In-depth and Apologetics based weekly Bible Study, where we will look at both the deep questions of life and faith as well as the often times superficial answers we throw at them. (Time & Day for Carnivores, TBD)

3. Major Upcoming Events:

- a) Breakaway = Sports, Performing Arts, and Extracurricular Activities Evangelism weekend. This should not be new but familiar to you seasoned saints of Cornerstone. We are again planning on taking CBC youth & their friends to this evangelistic camp/conference at the end of the fall, Nov. 8th-10th 2013, in Des Moines, IA. Exact "prices" and "work your way to pay" options will be announced via a designated Breakaway flyer.
- b) DeWitt Youth Launch = On October 20th we will be launching our sister CBC church site in DeWitt. Our DeWitt Youth Night will be on Sunday nights instead of Wednesday nights. Therefore our first CBC DeWitt Youth Night will be at 7 pm Oct. 20th at the DeWitt Community Center by the water tower. Come one, come all, we'll have a ball!!!

I hope you were able to get a good sense of me and my quirky but fun loving personality, as well as where CBC Youth is at and the direction we are trying to go through my "comparatively short Newsletter." Thank you for reading it, and you're welcome for the length...

Trunk or Treat & Harvest Party October 26th

Free family event to celebrate the harvest season!

Join us Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Eldridge from **4:00-6:00 pm**, for a **FREE** family fun event!

Come dressed in your Halloween costume and enjoy all the games, prizes, and trunk-or-treating!
Dinner will be served as well!!

Games, Face Painting, Prizes, Cake Walk



Pastor Drew's Webb of Worship

This past Sunday we commissioned a group of people to head to DeWitt and be the first members of our video venue there. While that means that much has been accomplished that does not mean that we have everything that we need.

We still need help on the worship and A/V teams. Fortunately things are picking up a little bit with the A/V team and we have added a few new people who are in the process of training. However, there is still a need for people who would like to help run sound. If we had a couple more people who would be interested in running sound then we would have a very strong A/V team in place. The needs in the musical department are even greater. We are still in need of instrumentalists, vocalists, even a worship leader or two. As Cornerstone steps forward in obedience to God's calling us to DeWitt the strain on our worship team is going to be expanding. These needs exist on both campuses. If you play guitar, bass, piano/keyboard, or drums and desire to worship God in song it is possible that He is calling you to join our worship team. It is a joy and privilege to minister in this capacity and you can be assured that if you join us you will have fun as well as receive the blessing of ministering in song. I might also add that we could especially use more male vocalists. It would be great to see/hear more men join in leading our congregation in praise. If you have any questions about any of these positions and time commitments please don't hesitate to ask.

One of the strengths of Cornerstone is our friendliness and family atmosphere. I believe that God has been preparing our congregation for the launch of our DeWitt campus and that He will continue to replace those bodies that are now worshipping in DeWitt. As such, there will continue to be many new guests who walk in our doors each week looking for something, whether it be healing, salvation, friendships, or a church home. We endeavor to give the best 1st impression possible and that means we need people who are stationed at the outside doors greeting people, giving a welcoming smile. We are also in need of welcome center staff. We need both men and women who are friendly and enjoy greeting and meeting people as they enter our facility on Sunday mornings. If this sounds like something you might be interested in doing please contact me about this. As a refresher, if you know of someone that is a first-time guest on a Sunday morning then it would be great if you could bring them to the welcome center, if they have not already been there. There they will receive a gift (which also includes a book and some information about Cornerstone) and given a card on which they can fill out their contact information. This allows us to make contact with the guest on Sunday, as well as to potentially connect with them at a later time. Also, if you are with a first-time guest it's always a good idea to introduce them to a few (not 50!) new people to help them feel welcomed.

Now I'd like to turn your attention to a ministry that I have been working with more this year, the Quad Cities Prayer

Center (QCPC). Back in January we had a week of prayer and that week culminated in a worship night that we called a *Seek and Soak*. We invited Scott Schaefer to come join us in leading worship. That night he, his son and daughter-in-law joined us in leading worship...and it was a very memorable experience. Since that occasion I have been attending times of prayer at the QCPC on Wednesday mornings, as well as also being involved on the leadership team for the *Saturate* (formerly *Seek and Soak*) events. It has been a privilege and honor to minister alongside of the QCPC in various capacities, whether in song or on our knees in prayer. Their heart for God's name to be known is contagious and you can't help but come away from being with the Schaefer's and not feel refreshed.

Through the interactions I have had with them I have been placed in a position where I have been asked to lead worship for a *Saturate* event coming up on October 12th at 7.30pm. That event will, as with all other *Saturate* events, be accompanied by musicians from various different churches. It is a great time of worship lifting up God's name in song and humbling ourselves in prayer. I hope that you might consider joining us for this event, not just this month, but every month (on the 2nd Saturday). It would be great to see this event grow and have a greater impact. It is always a very moving time of worship and I am blessed each time I attend.

For those who may not be aware, the QCPC is now located between Sears and Von Maur at NorthPark mall. You can access it from outside the mall (look for the yellow awning) or from inside the mall through the QCPC's "Connect Cafe" - which is just as good as that big chain coffee retailer!

The last thing I want to remind you of is the hymn sing that we will be having on the evening of October 27th. It will be held in the sanctuary at 6pm. This is NOT an event only for the older generations. This is for Cornerstone...young and old. It would speak volumes about our congregation's maturity to see all generations involved in this service. In an effort to help make it as engaging and personally impacting as possible I would love to hear from people what their favorite hymns are. I will not be able to do everything that is suggested, but will endeavor to do those that the majority are desiring to sing. My hope is that there will be a good number of hymns that make it onto many people's list of preferences. These would then serve as the bulk of what we are doing for that night. The rest would potentially be filled in from some of the other personal preferences. Feel free to email me your list of top 3 favorites or to submit your list in the offering or deposit it in the suggestions box outside the church office. Should you do one of the following it would be great if you would attach your name to it as well. I am excited about this event and the special time that it will be in praising God through the songs of years gone by.

**Classes 201-401 will be offered
Sunday, November 10th from 4-7:30 pm
Contact Pastor Mark to sign up**

From Sandy Nass, Director of Children's Ministries

Effective the first of October, Cornerstone-Eldridge will no longer have Junior Church for our 2nd-4th grade students during either of the worship services.

Why are we making this change? I've sensed God's leading towards this for quite some time, and have been patiently waiting for His timing. I believe the time has come.

There's not a single more important thing a family can do together, than to worship the Lord. Our Sunday morning worship of God consists of worship through singing, through testimonies, through prayer, through giving, through serving, and through the preaching and teaching of the Word in order to apply it to our lives. Giving our children the opportunity to participate in each of these aspects of worship is our joy and our responsibility as parents and as the Body of Christ.

Our children learn to cherish what we cherish. If we cherish Jesus Christ and cherish our kids, it's only natural for us to want to share them with each other. Any parent knows our kids learn more from what we do than from what we say. If they see you, and others, fully engaged in worshipping Jesus, they will know that you cherish Him above all things, and that can't help but speak to their hearts.

Raising children to know the Lord is a partnership between the family and the church. Deuteronomy 6:4 says, "Hear, O Israel..." God is speaking to the nation of Israel, His people, and is telling them to impress His commands on the hearts of their children. He goes on in verse 7 to say "talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." These are the moments of everyday life, moments parents have access to. From my perspective, 'the church' has taken over the responsibility of discipling our children, and I know that I, as a parent, have freely handed over that responsibility, and I'm guessing I'm not the only one. Cornerstone will continue to provide training and discipleship through Sunday School for all ages, and Junior Church for kids through 1st grade. But as parents, it's ultimately our responsibility to disciple our kids, and we must take that responsibility seriously. Having our kids sitting next to us during the sermon creates an ideal opportunity to start spiritual conversations with them.

So, why now? With the multi-site opening in DeWitt, several of our Junior Church teachers are leaving CBC-Eldridge in response to God's call to expand His kingdom there, leaving many vacancies in our Junior Church program. I've been recruiting teachers over the past couple of months, but have not come anywhere close to meeting the need we have to maintain our current classes. I won't increase the number of times our CBC-Eldridge teachers are teaching per quarter because our hope and prayer is that our "troops will be willing on the day of battle", that our current Junior Church teachers will freely volunteer to enter enemy territory and teach occasionally at CBC-DeWitt, until the harvest of new believers there are equipped and trained to lead in the battle themselves.

Pastor Scott often refers to the teaching of Pastor John Piper during his sermons. If you'd like John Piper's perspective on children participating in the entire worship service, please see his article at: www.hopeingod.org/document/family-together-gods-presence The article is excellent and there is a pdf link on the webpage that is also very informative and has suggestions to help your children worship.

Our desire at Cornerstone is not that the 2nd-4th graders will simply learn "to sit still and be quiet" in the sermon (although learning obedience is a great and necessary thing in the Christian life) but as they get used to the language and teaching style of Pastor Scott, that the Holy Spirit will truly begin to work in them. There will, of course, be much the kids don't understand initially, but in time, they will learn. Tedd and Margy Tripp, authors of *Instructing a Child's Heart* said, "We will give our children big truths they will grow into rather than light explanations they will grow out of." Let it be so!

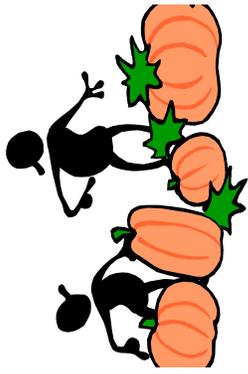
How do we make this transition successfully? Pray, of course! Also, I would encourage you as parents, especially early on, to have your child sit with you rather than with a friend during the worship service so they will get used to listening, and view this as a privilege and not a social opportunity. You, of course, know your kids best and know when they're mature enough to sit with someone else and still pay attention to Pastor Scott's preaching. Avoid entertainment like electronic games or books; establish the expectation that they will listen to the message so your family can discuss it later on (then be sure to discuss it). Model note-taking by doing it yourself and teach your kids to take simple notes – filling in the blanks and writing down the Bible verse addresses to start with.

For those without kids, be patient. There may be a little more whispering and rustling and more incredulous questions like, "Pastor Scott is 61?" as we welcome the 2nd-4th graders in the sermon each week. Let that be a reminder to pray for the kids God has entrusted to us, and a reminder to pray for the parents of Cornerstone as they seek to raise their children to know and love Jesus Christ above all things. Speak words of encouragement to the kids (and the parents), notice how well they were listening, how well they were taking notes, and how well they were following along in their Bibles, then tell them.

I pray that as we move forward in this, parents will see this as a great opportunity to share The Word, Jesus Christ, with your kids. Both are too valuable not to.

I can't end without saying we are still in need of teachers, both at CBC-Eldridge and at CBC-DeWitt. Please contact me if you are willing to join us in this ministry of discipling the next generation, or if you're already teaching, if you're willing to commit to teaching one Sunday each quarter at the DeWitt campus.

May the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be made famous as we move forward. God bless you!



October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 7:45-8:10 am Prayer AM Communion</p> <p>12:30 pm Sonshine Sunday School & Lunch</p>	<p>7 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 8:15 pm Women's Basketball in ROCK</p>	<p>1 3:30 pm Sonshine After School Program 6:30-9:00 pm Archery</p>	<p>2 6:30 am Men meet at Denny's/NW Blvd., Dav. 6:00-7:15 pm AWANA 6:50-8:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>3 NOON — Ladies Lunch at Pizza Ranch, Bettendorf 3:30 pm Sonshine After School Program 6:30-9:00 pm Archery 6:30 pm Coed Volleyball in ROCK</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
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October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jennifer Cram Amy Knoche Mary Sue Ryan Bucky & Anna Marie Percuoco	2 Rod Perrin Ariel Swanson Kent & Chrissy Keeshan	3 Dale Farmer David Newsum Elena Skadal Kris & Sarah Proctor Fred & Julie Tingle Bill & Sheri Wilford	4 Mari Brewer Kent Keeshan Jessica Phillips Hayden Shaw	5 Vickie McElhiney Jim Skadal
6 Jody Boddicker Creighton Lease Marty Sickels Rick Swanson Zachary Wilford	7 Julie Farmer Trevor Gehring Grace Hensel Deana Trotter Bill Wilford	8 Nathan Boddicker Joshua Connor Hope Olson Mallory Owens Tracy Randall	9 Ray Greving	10 Stan & Sally Howell	11 Samuel Brady Lori Major Brad Watts Jim & Dee McGimpsey	12 Bob Granger Mason Watts Bryan & Sarah Payton
13 Sydney Rice John & Kim Hawley	14 Tad Christenson Dana Runge Dan & Vickie McElhiney (35 yrs.)	15 Alisa Condon Edward Mohr	16 Caleb Beer Barbara Wright	17 Laura Engle Adam Kuster	18	19 Tiffany Guge Madison Knoche
20 Julian Arndt Aaron Edmark Seth Major	21 Christine Christopherson	22 Kinzie Johnson Moses Major Dawn Olson Ryan Van Cleve	23 Kari Bender Lauren Blake Joshua Brady Charles Hageman Mark Meyer Pat Reid Shane & Kim Gehring Andrew & Angela Rhodes	24 Peggy Jones Navarre Sissel Rick & Amanda Hoxie Dan & Karla Marti Pat & Jodi Reid	25 Kevin & Laura Munson	26 Emily Swanson Dana & Christy Runge
27 Joshua Beer Trish Hunt	28 Lindsey Colson Brooke Ervin Kaylee Ervin Kim Gehring	29 Ryan Trotter Mac Zevenbergen George & Nicole Arndt	30 Jill Watts	31 John Green, Sr.		

The UrbanEdge

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. We see new children every week for Sunday school and for Thursday After-School Cool Down. We are able to share the gospel and Bible lessons and have great discussions every week.

Forty Days for Life starts tomorrow. This is a world-wide movement to pray for the end of abortion. Churches and Christians from all over the world will be praying on the sidewalks in front of abortion providers in their communities. (16,000 churches in 19 countries) They will be manning the sidewalks, some of them for 24 hours a day with at least one person praying each hour to end abortion at that institution.

Since 1973 it is estimated that between 52 million and 58 million children in the U.S. have died from abortion. One in four women in the U.S. have had at least one abortion by age 45 and it is getting closer to one in every three. Of women who have aborted, 47% claim to be Protestant Christians. Women are in pain. We need to stop the pain by telling the truth; by loving hurting women; and by praying to God to end abortion in our country and around the world. We need to vote for pro-life politicians. We need to educate ourselves and talk about it until we end it.

Planned Parenthood on Happy Joe Drive in Bettendorf performs abortions every day of the week with as many as 20 being performed on Tuesdays alone. That has been going on for eleven years. In the past we have had difficulty staffing the sidewalk for our local 40 Days for Life. Please consider signing up to pray one hour a week on the sidewalk for the next 40 days. We hope to staff it at least in the day-time hours while they are in operation. You can talk to me, Beth

Sonshine Community Ministries

WE NEED YOU!

Men: We need men (or mature teen boys) to help with the "After School Drop In Program" at Lot 13. Boys need men to relate to. Although we ladies do a fine job of nurturing all the kids, I truly believe we need men to make the life changes we are looking for in our boys. We meet Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:30-5:00. Please consider how you might help.

Tutors: I will be meeting with the Principal & counselor at Alan Shepherd Elementary next week to see how we can best reach kids who are struggling in their school work. I believe we will have more kids coming to our tutoring program this year than we did last year. We will probably offer tutoring two afternoons/evenings a week. However, we will let the tutors choose the times that work best for them and the students. Last year we only worked with the elementary age students; I am hoping to include Jr.High/High School students this year. But, one step at a time. If you are at all interested in helping, please call me.

Pearson, or Mari Brewer for details if God is placing this on your heart.

Last week a lady changed her mind and decided to keep her baby. Several weeks before that, a woman came with her 7-year-old son to thank us for being out there. She said she was going to abort him, but didn't do it after receiving literature from the people on the sidewalk. This week a lady came out after having had her abortion. I asked her if she wanted a Bible and she said, "Yes!" I asked her if she would let me pray for her. She came over and I was able to share the gospel with her and pray with her and give her a New Testament. She was very thankful.

Consider what God said in 2 Kings 24:3-4. *"Surely these things happened to Judah according to the LORD's command, in order to remove them from his presence because of the sins of Manasseh and all he had done, including the shedding of innocent blood. For he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the LORD was not willing to forgive."*

God allowed Judah to follow Israel into captivity and "removed them from His presence" because of Manasseh's sins and the shedding of innocent blood in the land -- the innocent blood of their own children.

I am sure He feels the same way about the U.S. and our shedding of the blood of our children. Also note "the Lord was not willing to forgive." We need to repent and pray that the Lord is willing to forgive us.

In Christ's service,
Lori Major
Urban Edge Ministries

SIXTH ANNUAL "STRIKE-OUT FOR SONSHINE BOWL-A-THON" & SILENT AUCTION!

SUNDAY, OCT. 13/2:00-4:00 PM

BOWL-MOR LANES 2952 N. BRADY ST. DAVENPORT

Sign up to be a team leader, get your team of 4-5 bowlers together, ask everyone to get sponsors (friends, family, co-workers, etc.). Collect money, bring to Bowl-Mor on Oct. 13. You and your team bowl free and enjoy a pizza & a pitcher of pop free.

Don't want to bowl? Please find someone to sponsor who is bowling.

Come join us and check out the Silent Auction-there will be lots of nice items to bid on. Do some Christmas shopping. Please help us help those in our community with spiritual & tangible needs.

Call me (Jan) at 563-349-2342 or Pastor Tony Phillips (563-505-0433)

Thank you.
Because Christ Lives,
Jan Kloss

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Cornerstone Service Opportunities – DeWitt Campus

Many of you have heard that there are plenty of opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings at the DeWitt campus.

Here is a list of some specific areas:

*Nursery- at 8:45-9:45 or 10:00-11:15 a.m.- see Michelle Connor

*Children's Sunday School teachers – classes begin at 8:45 – see Sandy Nass or Robin Mays

*Jr. Church teachers – starts approximately 10:20 – see Sandy Nass or Robin Mays

*Set up/break down teams – set up starts at 7:00, could leave by 8:00 to make Eldridge's first service – take down starts at 11:30 – drive to DeWitt after ABF – see Jay Wilke

*Greeters and ushers – simple jobs – smiles and loving hearts required – see Andrea Z.

*Childcare – many parents are involved with setting up and worship practice at 7:00, someone to help entertain/supervise young children would be a blessing – see Andrea Z.

*Media/sound team – these members are needed in both locations – see Pastor Drew

*Worship team members – ditto on needing members in both locations, especially instrumentalists – see Pastor Drew

*Sermon transporter – this is a unique opportunity – the 1st service's message will be recorded onto a laptop – immediately after the 1st service, this laptop needs to be driven to DeWitt so the message can be played for DeWitt's service (sorry, you cannot stop for a donut, but we'll make sure to save one for you in Dewitt) – see Jay Wilke

God has been preparing the DeWitt community for Cornerstone, and vice-versa. The DeWitt campus will not be able to offer everything, but drawing people with dynamic worship and keeping families with the children's program will enable the Holy Spirit to speak through Cornerstone.



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.