

# THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Pastor Scott's Perspective – "The Law of Sowing and Reaping"

**"That's not fair!"** How often have you heard – or said – those words? And indeed, life in this fallen world sometimes is unfair. *But I suspect that the real problem for many of us is the times that life is fair – and we are reaping what we have sown.*

Sometimes our health problems are genetic or due to injuries or circumstances beyond our control. *But sometimes our health problems are due to overeating or unhealthy eating or not enough exercise or not enough sleep or mishandling stress or poorly managed emotions or sinful lifestyle choices.* Sometimes we are reaping today what we sowed 30 years ago – or have been sowing regularly for the past 40 years. *"The wages of sin is death" is true on many different levels.*

The same can be said of financial problems or marriage & family problems or educational or vocational or other problems – *sometimes due to the unfairness of life in a fallen world – and sometimes due to reaping what we have sown.*

Of course, we like to credit our successes in life to the law of sowing and reaping while attributing our problems and failures in life to the unfairness of life in a fallen world. *Truth be told, did not God's grace play a part in many of our successes – and did not our sins and foolish choices play a part in many of our problems and failures?*

The law of sowing and reaping is taught clearly in Galatians 6 and II Corinthians 9.

**Galatians 6:9-10** Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow

wary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

*To sow to the flesh is to gratify the desires of the sinful nature. To sow to the flesh is to live for Self rather than loving God and others. To sow to the flesh is to live for the dot, not the line. To sow to the flesh is to seek first the things of this world rather than the Kingdom of God. To sow to the flesh is do what seems right in your own eyes rather than to obey God's Word.*

Those who sow to the flesh – those who gratify the desires of the sinful nature – will reap corruption and destruction. They will be vulnerable to many miseries in this life – but even if they manage to avoid temporal sorrows – they will face God's judgment. *"Those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."*

*To sow to the Spirit is to walk in the Spirit, to follow the leading of the Spirit, to rely upon the Spirit's power to obey God's Word, to do what pleases God. To sow to the Spirit is to seek first God's Kingdom rather than living for Self. To sow to the Spirit is to live for the line, not the dot. To sow to the Spirit is to live humbly and submissively under the authority of Jesus Christ as Lord.*

Those who sow to the Spirit will reap eternal life. They will inherit the kingdom of God and all its eternal blessings. **God will see to it that a life devoted to Him will be rewarded.**

## Upcoming Events

- Jan 3 6:00 pm College Football Men's Conclave at Senkbile's, Donahue
- Jan 5 AM Communion
- Jan 6 7:00-8:30 pm Carnivore Christians at Pastor Hideyo's home
- Jan 7 5:30 pm CLASS 101 Blueprint for Membership
- Jan 9 7:00 pm Missions Mtg.
- Jan 12 Nurse Office Open
- Jan 15 8:30 pm Deacons
- Jan 18 7:00 am Trustee Mtg. at CBC Eldridge
- Jan 19 8:15 am Pastor Scott 10:45 am Pastor Euticals
- Jan 20 7:00-8:30 pm Carnivore Christians at Pastor Hideyo's home
- Jan 26 Sanctity of Life Sunday AM Pastor Hideyo Nurse Office Open

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There are times in the Lord's work that we become weary and are not seeing immediate, tangible results. There are times we wonder whether or not it is worth all the effort and sacrifices. There may even be times we are tempted to quit.

**But God will see to it that you will reap a harvest if you do not give up.** *Therefore, "let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time will reap a harvest if we do not give up. And as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."*

The law of sowing and reaping also applies to our finances.

**II Corinthians 9:6-11** The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

*Here the financial resources God entrusts to us are likened to seed. Some grain is intended to become "bread for food." But some seed is to be sown – planted – in order to produce a harvest of grain. Seed that is sown multiplies and produces many more seeds – sometimes even a hundredfold more.*

**To sow seed is to give money to God's kingdom purposes.** This includes giving to the church and to missions and to the poor. *Whoever sows sparingly – gives begrudgingly, gives stingily – will reap sparingly.*

What kind of farmer would reason thus: *this year I am only going to plant a little seed on a few acres because I'm afraid I*

*might lose the seed once I plant it. I'm going to cling to my seed and keep it in my barn so that I won't lose it. Such a farmer would not stay in business for long.*

Yet that is precisely what the Christian is doing when he decides: *I'm only going to give 2-3% of my income to the Lord's work because I don't want to lose or waste my money. I need my money where I can see it and control it and either spend it or save it so that I will feel secure and have all I need.*

Those who sow sparingly will reap sparingly. **But those who sow bountifully and generously will also reap bountifully.** *God delights in giving seed to those who sow generously for His Kingdom.* His purpose is not to make us rich. **His purpose is to enable us to be generous.** *"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous."* **Our responsibility is to cultivate a generous spirit – God's promise is to supply the seed for sowing – provide us with the resources to express that generous spirit. All to the glory of God.**

*This applies to churches as well as individuals. **God loves a cheerful giver.** God loves to provide generous churches with an abundant supply of seed for sowing. Hoarding never leads to greater security. **The way to make money grow is by giving it away – by sowing generously.** It is not money in the bank that makes churches secure – it is money that is sown – given away – that multiplies.*

Those who believe the Word of God and the promises of God will sow generously – and they will testify that God is indeed faithful in supplying bountiful seed for bountiful sowing – and bountiful reaping – thus leading to more bountiful sowing. *Those who sow sparingly also experience the law of sowing and reaping – but in a negative way with a puny harvest.*

Sometimes life is unfair. But this principle also operates even in a fallen world: **God is not mocked. Whatever one sows, that will he also reap.**

## Financial Report

Giving to the General Fund (church budget) for the first four Sundays of December has averaged \$18,050. For the October-December quarter, giving has averaged \$15,179 (compared to budget of \$13,916). Giving is still below budget for the fiscal year, but recent strong giving has helped us to catch up, and our cash flow is good now. With continued strong giving in the January – March final quarter, ending the fiscal year with another surplus is still possible.

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

## Contact Info for Mo & Emily Mogard

If you would like to get on their email list, email [moandem@gmail.com](mailto:moandem@gmail.com).

If you would like to give to the Mogards, go to: <https://www.allegrosolutions.org/donate/index.html> and designate the gift to account named **UNITE.SEAsia.001**.

Please remember to be very careful about anything you say about them or where they are or what they are doing in any online communications.

## A Word From Pastor Mark

The end of the year is always a time to reflect back on what happened the previous year and to make resolutions or goals you desire to see accomplished in the new one. As we look back a HUGE accomplishment has been starting the Multi-site in DeWitt. Last January it was a seedling of a direction. But God watered it and caused it to grow and in October the seed was harvested. The church is now present and poised to grow. Since it's inception Cornerstone DeWitt has averaged a little under 100. Not bad when starting with 52.

As I write this we just completed the Christmas Eve service at Central Performing Arts Center. We were blessed with a beautiful location. The facility is new, spacious, modern in technology and the lighting enables a very comfortable atmosphere. We were blessed to see many from Eldridge make the trip. That always encourages the DeWitt team. We also saw some people that we have been praying for to come. We look forward to seeing some of them stick with us on a weekly basis.

As we look to the future the goal remains the same for Cornerstone- to fulfill the vision that God has given us. We are "Becoming a spiritually dynamic body making a significant impact in vulnerable families through our neighborhood schools. Sometimes it is easy to hear the vision and yet wonder how we are fulfilling it. I see pockets of the vision being accomplished. The Hope Ministry team continues to mentor and assist vulnerable families in accomplishing their goals. They give many hours of individualized time with their clients. And it is making a difference. I want to say a special thank you to Gaylon & Andrea Ideker as they led the team for several years and are now stepping down. Thank you Gaylon & Andrea! Steffan Nass stepped down from being Chairman of the Deacon Board to lead the team forward.

## Family News

Congratulations to Lee and Tracy Randall on the birth of their second child, Kate Joy Randall, born on December 10th. She weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 21" long. Noah, her brother, will be a great help taking care of her!!

*Our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones this past month:*

Jody Boddicker and his family on the loss of his father, Richard Boddicker.

Jan Kloss and Don Halterman and their families on the loss of their mother, Joy Halterman.

Rick Hoxie and his family on the loss of his brother, Jeff Hoxie.

I also see weekly how Nancy Hagge is fulfilling the vision through the Out of School Suspension Program. Nancy has faithfully been helping two young women keep up on their schoolwork. Due to Nancy's involvement one young woman graduated from NSHS last Friday. Nancy threw her a special graduation party that the staff attended and some of the NSHS administration and teachers stopped by to show their love. And Nancy helped to get this new graduate access to two college classes beginning in January. This teen who was not going to graduate from high school (if not for Nancy and OSS) is now dreaming of graduating from college. She will be the second person in her family (generations) to graduate from college. Way to go Nancy! These are examples of fulfilling the vision.

Last Saturday before the storm, Larry & Mari Brewer helped my family deliver Christmas Eve invites to a vulnerable neighborhood. As we were walking around in the cold God placed a thought on my mind. We were working out the vision. We were taking steps to help vulnerable people feel loved and welcomed to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. The thought that I would like to pass on is to ask ourselves, "How did I fulfill or work out the vision today?" When we put the vision on the front of our minds daily we will be proactive to see small steps of fulfillment occur.

Maybe you are wondering how you can connect with the vision. The first two Sundays Pastor Scott will be breaking down the vision so you can see where you can get involved. I will be preaching the first part live in DeWitt on the 5th with Pastor Scott finishing up on the 12th.

Jan Lindstrom and her family on the loss of her husband, Dick Lindstrom.

Dan McElhiney and his family on the loss of his wife, Vickie McElhiney.

Beth Pearson and her family on the loss of her mother, Julie McDonald.

Kathy Wilke and her family on the loss of her grandmother.

*Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.  
II Corinthians 1:3*

## Hideyo's Hopes & Hyperbolizes

"Jesus...though he was...God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself... taking the form of a slave... born... in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to... death, even death on a cross."

*Okay, I know, Philippians 2:5b-8 is not the normal Ch. 2 that comes to mind at Christmas, but in my "humble" opinion Phil. 2:1-8 has more to do with Christians "truly" celebrating Christmas than our traditional texts...*

*This spiritual truth hit me this Christmas because while driving to IN this Christmas, we were cut-off and angrily gestured at, by a motorist with a "Jesus = the reason for the season" bumper sticker.*

*Every Christmas Christian families read Luke 2 to celebrate Jesus' coming, and bless each other with bigger-better/new-faster-shiner gifts in the Christmas spirit. But, maybe we need to be reminded about the giant downgrade Jesus did to give us the greatest gift of all, an "abundant life" lasting for all "eternity." Phil. 2 sums-up both Christ birth & death, Christmas & Easter, in a few verses, while also telling Christians how to truly live the Christmas "Spirit," Holy Spirit that is. To me Phil. 2 screams of true Christmas "Spirit," Jesus' coming to earth, and the "Why" of it all. Just read it for yourself...*

Phil 2:1-8 "So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit... complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love... Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves... look not only to [your] own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...though he was...God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself... taking the form of a slave... born... in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to... death, even death on a cross." (ESV)

DeWitt Campus: We've had 1 new youth join The Kingdom of God from DeWitt! God is moving in mighty ways. As said be-

fore, the staff and I have decided that my periodical presence in DeWitt on Sunday morning is needed. And, I am still in need of Sunday school substitute teachers, who can share filling in at Eldridge youth SS, on my DeWitt days. If you desire to serve, please contact me and we'll see how God leads us to lead tomorrow's spiritual leaders.

Eldridge Wednesday Nights: Wed. night attendance is down with winter sports, but worship is still "dynamic," and we too have had a regular attender become a new believer. Please encourage your youth to continue to come in spite of their hectic winter sports schedule. *The Youth Purpose Team & Workers met on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> and decided to have a meeting for all the parents of youth in the New Year to discuss our vision & future activities (exact date = TBD).*

Youth Extras: *These are voluntary youth programs we've been having so the youth can elect to participate in if they desire a deeper level of Christian discipleship and service to the "vulnerable families"*

B.O.D. (Backing-up Our Discipleship) Squad = youth service team, which seeks to back-up our claim to be followers of Christ, by "keeping [his] commandments," and "[loving] your neighbor as yourself", as the "body of Christ.": *We are still looking for areas to serve this Jan. as well as fund-raiser service projects. At the end of Jan. B.O.S Squad youth maybe helping handout baby-bottles for area's Sanctity of Life event.*

Carnivores = *Is Based on King James Version of Hebrews 5:11-14. This smaller more intimate body of youth believers seeks to move from the "milk" of God's word/teaching to the "meat/solid food" of God's word/teaching.* We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at the Hayworth's residence (Next Carnivores = Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>)

Major Events REVIEWED: Youth Christmas Party = *We had 25 attenders arrive here and make it home on an icy Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, even after we warned all of the road conditions and had the ask their parents if they were okay with driving that night. Gag-gifts were exchanged, movies were watched, and the EPIC game of MOUW was played. I hope all the visitors I saw & fed make their way to a youth Sunday or Wednesday night...wink, wink.*

## Thank You



The pastoral staff would like to thank the people of Cornerstone for their generous Christmas gift. It is a privilege to serve our Lord together with you.

Pastors Scott, Mark, Drew and Hideyo

## CLASS 101 Blueprint for Membership

CLASS 101- Blueprint for Membership is on **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.**

If you are interested in learning more about Cornerstone or being baptized and/or a member, please let Pastor Mark know (563.285.8080 or zev4cbc@gmail.com).

A free pizza meal is included.



# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Coed Volleyball in ROCK	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm College Football Men's Conclave at Senkble's (107 8th Ave. Court, Donahue)	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 7:45-8:10 am Prayer AM Communion  7:00 pm CBC DeWitt Youth Group	<b>6</b> 3:30-5:00 pm Sonshine Tutoring at Mt. Joy 6:30 pm Celebrate Rec. 7:00-8:30 pm Carnivore Christian @ Pastor H. home 8:15 pm Women's Basketball in ROCK	<b>7</b> 3:30-5:00 pm Sonshine After School Program, Mt. Joy 5:30 pm CLASS 101 Blueprint for Membership 6:30-9:00 pm Archery	<b>8</b> 6:30 am Men meet at Denny's on NW Blvd., Dav. 6:00-7:15 pm AWANA 6:50-8:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups 6:45-7:00 pm Prayer for Sanctuary Campaign 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>9</b> 3:30-5:00 pm Sonshine After School Program, Mt. Joy 6:30-9:00 pm Archery 6:30 pm Coed Volleyball in ROCK 7:00 pm Missions Mtg.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sena Hagedorn Mickey Owens	2	3 John & Darlene Connor	4
5 Analisa Percuoco LaVonne Skadal	6 Dale Arentson	7 Trudi Clark	8 Sidney Tingle Harlan & Bonnie Perry	9	10 Heather Becraft Kendra Bivens Elle Loehr Pastor Drew Webb Jay Wilke	11 Marlame Hart Tyler Johnson Leilana Keeney
12 Dennis Blake Juliet Brewer	13 Colleen Olson Jodi Reid	14 Iva Carter	15 Harley Senkbile Isabella Wheeler	16 Caleb Postel Jordan Reid Paul & Sharon Hojnacki	17 Taryn Pepping	18 Bea Drenter
19 Megan Schladetzky John & Liz Arter	20 Laura Kuster Isaac Simmons Karin Weizel	21 George Arndt Rick Hoxie Tony & Elisabeth Rupe	22 Sarah Hensel Holly Olsen Elisabeth Rupe	23 Alice Green Joyce Halterman Allie Johnson	24 Jan Kloss Michael Paulus Kyle Skinner	25 David & Kelly Peter
26 Tennesha Duyvepuck Terry & Lori Major	27 Deanna Allbrook David Mess	28 Bill Burton Kathy Wilke	29 Kirsten Bivens	30 Kevin Johnson Don Paulus	31 Ashley Edmark	

## From Sandy Nass, DOCM

“Which of the following do you want most for your child when she graduates from high school?”

That she attend a Division I college on an athletic scholarship?

That she attend an Ivy League school on an academic scholarship?

That she graduate from high school with lots of friends?

That she have a solid faith in Jesus Christ?

That question was posed to me recently. Of course, my response was #4 – what Christian parent wouldn’t respond that way? But then the follow up question was asked, “Which are you actually encouraging by the way you spend your time and by the way you encourage your daughter to spend her time?” Ouch.

How intentional am I at discipling my own kids? Not nearly enough. I can give you plenty of excuses: I’m too busy, I’m leaving that to the professionals, I don’t know how...

Frankly, I don’t think any of those excuses are going to hold much weight when I stand before the judgment seat of Christ one day. If I’m too busy, what do I need to cut out of my life that isn’t nearly as important as the spiritual formation of my kids? As far as leaving it to the professionals – if I’m the Director of Children’s Ministries, wouldn’t I be considered a professional? Yikes! If I don’t know how, maybe it’s time to learn.

God has provided the road map in Deuteronomy 6:4-7, “Hear O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

As a bit of a type A personality, I like to have a plan, and am

## Pastor Drew’s Webb of Worship

This Christmas season has been great for me. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed listening to Christmas music on the radio, as well as my own Christmas CDs. I think listening to Christmas music at the beginning of November helped me to be more into it and prepared for it this year. Normally it seems as though I spend all Christmas season trying to warm up to the fact that Christmas is near. This year was different...I was ready for it!

Even so, I still don’t want it to be done. My recent discovery about the Eastern Orthodox Church’s continuing their Christmas celebration through Epiphany gives me reason to keep celebrating and keep enjoying my Christmas music. Part of

grateful that God has provided one. The first step is to know that “the LORD our God, the LORD is one.” He is the One True God. Step two: “Love the LORD your God with all your heart...” God wants my heart and the hearts of my kids. Am I giving it to Him? How is my own relationship with Him? Am I spending time with Him daily, turning to Him rather than responding the way my flesh wants to when things don’t go my way? Am I modeling His reign in my life for my kids, day in and day out, including apologizing for those times when I don’t? And the final step: “Impress them on your children...” As a parent, I have the responsibility to teach the Word of God to my kids. What am I intentionally doing to accomplish that?

The New Year (or a new day) is the perfect time to evaluate our own relationship with the LORD and how we’re doing in passing on our faith to our kids. It may be time to institute some new habits. How? Some options: choose a book of the Bible and read one chapter a night, or a week, as a family; use the family devotionals that complement the junior church curriculum used at church, even if it’s one night per week; memorize the monthly Bible verses the junior church kids are introduced to, or memorize AWANA verses along with your kids; pray with your kids before bed; pray that God will give you and your family eyes to see Him at work and talk about those “God-sightings” at dinner each night,. All these things will strengthen our own relationship with the LORD and help us to pass on our faith to our kids. The key is to be intentional; sit down with your spouse and decide what you’re going to do and when you’re going to do it. Start small; new habits take time to become habits and if they feel like a burden from the start, they won’t last.

We all want our kids to have a solid faith in Jesus Christ when they graduate from high school; I’m praying this will be a year that many of us will take steps to make that happen. God bless you!

me feels as though we in Western culture are missing something by not celebrating the twelve days of Christmas leading to Epiphany - Christ’s revelation to the Magi. I find myself (in light of the sermon I preached on the 29th) drawn to Epiphany as it signals the first time in Scripture that Christ is revealed to gentiles. This moment in history is indicative of the salvation that would be offered to all nations.

Grace has come for our redemption. Have an Excellent Epiphany! =

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## Worship Leader

The Deacons have decided to move forward with a plan toward the goal of calling James Simmons to be a part-time worship leader. James began Dec. 29 as volunteer worship leader on a "trial" basis to see if this is a good fit for him and for our church body. If so, then he would be hired and paid starting in February. The Trustees are working out the budget details for his employment. Since this is a non-pastoral part-time position (Drew is still our Worship Pastor), this position is appointed by the Deacons and does not need a congregational vote. James will be serving under Drew's leadership.

The Deacons are building on what God has already revealed to us: the vision and the DeWitt campus. Calling James to be a part-time worship leader (about 12 hours a week) will

greatly enhance the fulfilling of the vision in both locations and will facilitate the stability and growth and spiritual vitality of the DeWitt campus.

The growth of the DeWitt congregation will require spiritually dynamic worship with strong, consistent worship leadership every week. With James as a part-time worship leader, and with James and Drew alternating in DeWitt and Eldridge, both locations will have strong, spiritually dynamic worship leadership every week.

That in turn will help us to fulfill the vision of *becoming a spiritually dynamic body (one church in two locations) making a significant impact in vulnerable families through our neighborhood schools (in the North Scott area and DeWitt area).*



### Come and join us on Sunday Mornings:

#### CBC Eldridge:

Sunday School Opportunities  
for the Family 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Services 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

#### CBC DeWitt

#### (DeWitt HS Media Center):

Sunday Opportunities  
for the Family 8:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.