

# THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Pastor Scott's Perspective – “Tethered or Free?”

Physical life is reduced to the basics when tethered to a hospital bed. An input tube. An output tube. And a heart monitor and leg pump.

I was getting ready to head to Minneapolis with Beth for a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary trip on that Saturday morning (Aug. 16) – all packed and ready to load the car – but I decided to take my temp because I woke up feeling a little chilled and lightheaded. Bad news. 102.6. For a brief moment I thought about saying nothing and just toughing it out for the trip.

But I've gained some wisdom and maturity with age. Since I was just recovering from an illness and was under a doctor's care (urodynamics test day before), I decided not to ignore that warning signal and get some professional advice. First I told Beth, and then I called my doctor and asked if I could still travel out of town. Uh, NO! Go to Genesis East for some lab work.

I was starting to fade fast. With Beth driving, it was all I could do to remain sitting in the car on the way to the hospital. Once there, I had to lie down on the floor and put my feet up because I felt faint. They took me to the ER, and within an hour or two my temp had spiked to 105.2. Imagine if I had been on I-80 near Belle Plaine or somewhere in the middle of nowhere spiking a temp of 105! Sometimes it pays to ask for help and listen to your doctor.

This was not just an ordinary urinary tract or bladder infection; I was septic (urosepsis). Rising temp and falling blood pressure. Serious situation. They admitted me to the surgical specialty unit and were able to stabilize me with IV fluids, two antibiotics, and Tylenol. The input tube and the output tube became my lifelines – and tethered me to the hospital bed.

By bedtime that evening, I was pretty stable. Temp near normal. Blood pressure low but not

dangerous. I often have low blood pressure when I get sick. Beth went home to get some rest, and I went to sleep feeling ok. They took my BP regularly, and it was dropping (under 90 / under 60). In the middle of the night the hospitalist woke me up to tell me, “You are very sick.” *Your blood pressure has dropped to 74/45, and if we can't get your BP up soon, we will take you to ICU because you are in danger of shock.*

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They administered another bolus and increased the IV fluid rate. I could hear the machine clicking at a furious rate. They did an EKG. Checked out ok. Then everyone left.

Alone in a dark hospital room. Sicker than I realized. Doctors and nurses doing all they could for me. BP still dropping to dangerous levels. Everything quiet except for the clicking IV machine. Critical situation. A little scary. What do you do?

*“When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.” “Lord Jesus, You are my Physician. Lord Jesus, You are my Healer. I entrust my life and health to You.”* Then I drank some water and went to sleep. God worked while I slept (between necessary interruptions by an excellent nurse). My BP started to rise, and by morning it was back over 90/60 on the way to normal levels.

As I started to feel better, I began to realize how restricted my movements were as I was tethered to the hospital bed by an input tube, an output tube, a leg pump and heart monitor. Even when I finally felt strong enough to get up, walking across the room or into the hallway was a major project of disconnecting me so I could get out of bed. And taking a shower was quite complicated. I was starting to feel better, but I certainly was not free since my body could not yet take care of input and output without external help.

## Upcoming Events

- Sept 4 Noon Ladies Lunch at Crossroads, DeWitt
- Sept 7 AM Communion
- Sept 10 7:00-8:30 pm SOLID Youth Kickoff
- Sept 13 9:00 am-12:30 pm Children's Ministry Training
- Sept 14 Nurse Office Open
- Sept 16 9:30 am Young at Heart to Amanas
- Sept 20 9:00 am CPC Walk for Life, Bettendorf & Moline  
10:00 am Walk for Hope, Clinton Fairgrounds, DeWitt
- Sept 27 8:00-10:00 am QC Prayer Breakfast, Dav.  
TBA – Mini Golf Tourney  
6:30 pm “The Story of Job”, Nighswander Theater, Dav.
- Sept 28 Nurse Office Open

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## Pastor Scott's Perspective (continued)

**Input and output are as basic and necessary to spiritual life and health as to physical.** *Just as our physical bodies need food and water daily, so also our soul needs spiritual food and living water daily.*

**Our spiritual food is the Word of God.** We need to feed on God's Word daily. We need to read, study and meditate on the Scriptures. We need to study and discuss the Bible with other believers. We need to hear sermons regularly. *We certainly need more than one good spiritual meal a week!* And we need not only to hear the Word, but to do it – obey it – put it into practice in our daily life.

Our physical body can survive without eating food for a day or two – or more. Jesus and Moses and others fasted 40 days. I once fasted 10 days. Beth and I regularly fast one day a week. Fasting is good for the soul and can be good for the body if done properly.

Going without water is another story. Dehydration can cause serious health problems. When I was so sick, my most urgent need was not for food – it was for fluids (and antibiotics).

**Our spiritual water is the Spirit of God** (John 4; John 7). *The Holy Spirit mediates the Presence of Christ to us (John 14-17). The Holy Spirit connects us to the love of God (Romans 5:5). Abiding in Christ. Filled with the Spirit. Walking in the Spirit. Walking and abiding in love (I John 4). Walking with God as a way of life. Practicing the Presence of God throughout the day. It is not practical to read the Bible all day long. But we do need to stay connected to the living water of Jesus through the Spirit moment by moment. Spiritual dehydration can damage our souls.*

**Input and output. As essential as adequate input is, did you realize that adequate output is even more critical?** You can survive without food for several days just fine. You can survive without water (if not working outside on a hot day) for a day. But have you ever tried not urinating for 24 hours?

## Church Financial Report

Giving to the General Fund (church budget) during the first four weeks of August has averaged \$13,052 per Sunday (compared to budget of \$13,930). \$2,760 has been given this month to the Sanctuary campaign, bringing the total to-date to \$114,622.

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

We are awesomely and wonderfully designed and made by our brilliant Creator. We take our waste elimination systems for granted when they are functioning well. But when they malfunction, they require immediate attention or serious problems may ensue. Toxins build up in our body and must be eliminated or our health will suffer.

**Spiritual toxins must be eliminated from our souls or serious spiritual health problems will result.** What are some of these toxins that can cause our souls to go "septic" if not confessed and eliminated? *Bitterness. Unforgiveness. Rebellious attitude. Pride. Fear. Impure thoughts. Envy. Resentment. Rage. Selfish ambition. Malice. Critical spirit. Grumbling and complaining. Lust. Self-righteousness. Sexual immorality. Drunkenness. Gossip. Judgmental attitude. Unbelief. Prejudice. Hatred. Chronic anxiety. Ungratefulness. Stirring up dissension. Etc.*

Some Christians are good at input. Daily quiet times. Bible studies. Regular worship attendance. *But they are careless or neglectful about eliminating toxins from their soul. And their spiritual health suffers and their spiritual growth is impaired.* Their Bible knowledge is impressive; but their soul is unwell. And they are not free in Christ.

**Input. Output.** *Our spiritual freedom in Christ depends on adequate spiritual input and on eliminating toxins from our soul.* I was tethered to a hospital bed for four days because my systems were not functioning properly. Some Christians are tethered to various kinds of spiritual bondage and sinful habits because of a lack of adequate input or output.

How about you: *Is it well with your soul?* Is your soul receiving adequate spiritual food and living water? Are you eliminating toxins so that your soul does not become sick?

*I will develop this theme further in my sermon for this coming Sunday, Aug. 31.*

## Family News

*Our deepest sympathy to:*

Mark Meyer and his family upon the loss of his brother.

Jerry & Lora Nigh, Darelle & Lynda Nigh and Andres & Darlene Arana and their families upon the loss of their mother and grandmother.

Val Scull and her family upon the loss of her mother.

May you find comfort in the Lord during these hard days.

## A Word From Pastor Mark

Last Sunday was a huge blessing to me. First, I had the privilege of seeing and reconnecting with some of you in Eldridge at the first service. I enjoyed the opportunity to preach what God had placed on my heart. I was not able to spend time with you afterwards as I had to hit the road to DeWitt and I just made it in time for the start of the service.

Second, the outdoor baptism was full of wonderful testimonies of how God changed lives. And to see each person that took a step of faith by speaking in front of the body I was proud you. Jesus acknowledged you to the Father as a result of speaking out about him.

Third, we are receiving some wonderful people as members in Eldridge & DeWitt. I believe we will be blessed by their involvement. They too will be blessed by being around you and serving alongside you. The body of Christ just become stronger.

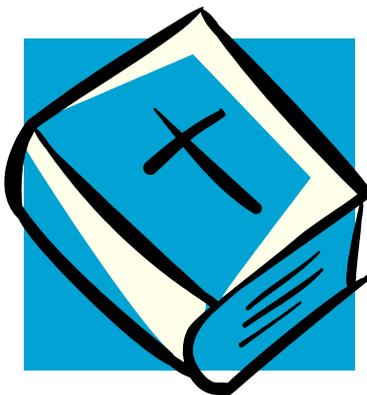
Fourth, it was neat to see some fruit from starting the church in DeWitt. On Sunday, three people were baptized and two others joined the church. Two of those that were baptized came to Christ directly as a result of Cornerstone being in DeWitt. We look forward to more that have already come to Christ get baptized and join the church. We also look forward to God continuing to bringing more to Christ because the church is in DeWitt.

As we finish the remodel we are going to transition to a new Bible translation. Cornerstone has been using the NIV for many years. We are going to be replacing the NIV with the English Standard Version (ESV) in our sanctuary. The ESV will become our primary translation. We will teach from it, preach from it and also do Bible studies in it. If you are wondering why we are making that transition please see some of the reasons below:

First: a change in translation philosophy. In 2009 the organization that owns the copyright of the New International Version, the International Bible Society, changed its name to Biblica; and in September of that year it announced that yet another revision of the NIV was in the works. The revised edition appeared online at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) and [www.biblica.com](http://www.biblica.com) in November 2010, and the printed edition was issued in March of 2011. This was the third revision of the NIV to be published in the space of fifteen years, but it appeared under the name New International Version without

any identifying edition number or other special designation. An examination of the text reveals that this new 2011 edition of the NIV is actually a minor revision of the TNIV, the gender-neutralizing revision of the NIV that was published in 2005. It has been reported that the Zondervan corporation (which has exclusive rights to publish the NIV, through an arrangement with Biblica) has moved to suppress the 1984

text, by informing other publishers that it will not allow them to use the text of the 1984 NIV in printed materials after 2012. (see <http://www.bible-researcher.com/niv.2011.html>)



Second: The Bibles we have in our pews are no longer being printed. The 1984 edition has come to an end. And we are left with the TNIV modified- still gender neutral revisions. Gender neutral translations often translate singular to plural which hinder personal application.

Third: The ESV is a better literal word-for-word translation than the NIV which is huge when studying or preaching from the Bible. There are many words- key words in the Bible that the NIV chooses to translate rather than put the exact word down. Words provide context and meaning. When you translate instead of leaving the word as it is in the original text you lose meaning and context. It requires to reader to dig deeper just to find the word that the NIV chose to translate.

Fourth: Our children's curriculum utilizes the ESV. Kids are already memorizing and reading from the ESV each week. This will not be a major change for them.

Fifth: Reading a new Bible can motivate us to go deeper in God's Word. When one buys a new Bible there is a time when the newness excites us to spend more time in it. This could be a nice shot in the arm for us as a congregation because we grow more spiritually dynamic when we are in God's Word. I will soon be receiving a link from Crossway Publishing that you can click on to receive 40% off the Bible(s) that you choose to order. I will be placing a table in the ROCK Center where you can look through several types of Bibles to get an idea on which one to order. Once you place your order the Bible(s) will come directly to your house. This could be a great birthday or Christmas gift to people you care about.

## Young at Heart to Amanas

Tuesday, September 16

9:30 AM

Meet at church and carpool

## CPC Walk for Life

Saturday, September 20th

9:00 am

Ben Butterworth Parkway, Bettendorf  
Veteran's Memorial Park, Moline

## Pastor Drew's Webb of Worship

You need to know, that I'm not good at CrossFit! Sure I can do some things that other people can't do and I might be a little stronger than the average person, but in terms of CrossFit I've got a long ways to go. I am quite often the slowest at our various movements. This is partly because many others at our CrossFit box are way ahead of my fitness and also partly because I'm usually pushing myself. It is quite normal for everyone to finish the WOD (workout of the day) WAY before me. On those occasions when that happens nearly everyone will come over to encourage and watch me finish out my workout. They are not saying anything profound, but their continued encouragement keeps me going even when I desperately want to quit. In the CrossFit world it is actually considered bad form to finish your WOD and then leave or go do something else. I LOVE that! Not simply because I'm a frequent benefactor of this protocol, but because it helps develop strong community. On occasion I'll finish before other people do and so it is then my job to step into the encourager role and help that person to finish.

It is safe to say that I am not exceptionally gifted in the spiritual gift of encouragement (found in Romans 12.6-8). Sure, the Holy Spirit moves in me to act in an encouraging manner, but encouragement is not one of my top spiritual gifts. However, I have learned much about encouragement recently from CrossFit.

So, this begs the question: "What is the spiritual gift of encouragement?" This gift, often referred to as exhortation, is motivating others in their walk to help them grow in their walk with God. The use of this gift is applied to those who are struggling, as well as to those who are doing a good job. The person with this as a top gift may show a strong ability to connect with the broken and hurting, but that does not mean that they only show encouragement to such people.

In Scripture we find Paul's letters replete with words of encouragement, he often opens and closes his letters with words of encouragement to those who are co-laboring with him for the sake of the gospel.

Encouragement takes on different forms. Sometimes it may be a simple offering of hope to the person that is struggling. At other times it may be an exhortation on how to live the Christian life. In the setting of the woman caught in adultery Jesus' words of encouragement to her were "go, and from now on sin no more" (John 8.11 ESV). She was a vulnerable person, she had a broken life, but Jesus chose to address the spiritual side of the issue here. Obviously His primary concern is for her spiritual health and so He empowers her to live a new life.

In Acts 9.27 we see Barnabas utilizing the gift of encouragement. Saul was widely known to be a persecutor of Christians and was an enemy of the early church. However, in Acts 9.27 we read that "Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus." This new person,

Paul, would have had a very difficult time becoming a leader in the church were it not for the encouragement of Barnabas. When Paul had no ground of his own to stand on Barnabas offered encouragement, commending him to the other apostles.

I can't help but think back to 2000 when we were starting a new church in the Bay Area. I had previously been told that I didn't belong in the music ministry. Those words hurt and in the previous year I had struggled to find a setting for ministering in music. When we started First Family Church those words echoed through my mind. A friend, mentor, and worship team member stepped in with words of encouragement. Indeed, she was gifted in this manner and encouragement could have been her middle name! She was an encouragement to the ministry I felt called to and was quick to say that "When God calls, He provides." Were it not for her encouragement I'm not sure if I would have kept pursuing music ministry. Our words of encouragement can have a profound difference in someone's life.

Another passage that comes to mind when we consider the gift of exhortation is Hebrews 10.24. This passage addresses our faith-walk, how we live out lives of faith each and every day. The previous verses offer exhortations to "draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith" (v 22), "hold fast the confession of our hope" (v 23), and then in verse 24 it becomes a bit more explicit in its exhortation. The encouragement we find is to provoke or to stir up in others good works. Verse 24 says "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." Encouragement, at its heart, is about provoking others to love and do good. This isn't working for salvation, but rather this flows from our salvation. As Christians we should naturally (in the Spirit's power) be encouraging others in their walk.

Coming back to CrossFit, I can't help but think about the fact that this encouragement thing is found at EVERY level of the sport. I had thought that the encouragement happened only at the local-box level. That's where the people are that need it. That's where people are trying to make a profound difference in their health and bodies, trying to lose weight, and trying to get into shape. My thinking was that the people at the top didn't need the encouragement, they are amazingly strong and fit. This mindset changed when I was watching the CrossFit Games earlier in July. These are the fittest people on earth, they are really strong, but occasionally someone may struggle with some movements or a certain weight. It shocked me to see that the best in the world would still go over to that person still finishing and keep encouraging that person. Sure this person was an elite athlete, they all are, but these people see encouragement as so much a part of life that they quickly fall into encouragement mode - even with those they are competing against!

I hope and pray that we can live out Hebrews 12.24 and that we can find opportunities to provide encouragement even when they may not feel natural to us. May we constantly be provoking others to "love and good works."

# September 2014

	<b>1</b> Labor Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 am Men meet at Denny's on NW Blvd., Dav. 6:00-7:15 pm AWANA 6:45 pm Sanctuary Prayer 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High SOLID Youth	<b>4</b> NOON — Ladies Lunch at Crossroads, DeWitt 7:00 pm Missions Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 7:45-8:10 am Prayer AM Communion 7:00-8:30 pm DeWitt SOLID Youth/DeWitt Community Center	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 8:15 pm Women's Basketball in ROCK	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 am Men meet at Denny's on NW Blvd., Dav. 6:00-7:15 pm AWANA 6:45 pm Sanctuary Prayer 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High SOLID Youth KICK OFF	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30 am Trustee Meeting 9:00 am-12:30 pm Children's Ministry Training
<b>14</b> 7:45-8:10 am Prayer Nurse Office Open 7:00-8:30 pm DeWitt SOLID Youth/DeWitt Community Center	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 8:15 pm Women's Basketball in ROCK	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Young at Heart meet at CBC Eldridge for trip to Amanas	<b>17</b> 6:30 am Men meet at Denny's on NW Blvd., Dav. 6:00-7:15 pm AWANA 6:45 pm Sanctuary Prayer 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00-8:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High SOLID Youth	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 am CPC Walk for Life in Bettendorf & Moline 10:00 am Walk for Hope, Clinton Fairgrounds, DeWitt
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# September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Don Davis Lillian Strohmman	<b>2</b> Kim Fairchild Carter Owens Kyle & Lindsey Colson	<b>3</b> Craig Hebbeln	<b>4</b> Peggy Goltry	<b>5</b> Ryan Senkble Craig & Kathy Hebbeln	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Pastor Hideyo Hayworth Jerry Nigh Jason & Amanda Schwartzhoff	<b>8</b> Richard Clark Bill & Pat Burton (60 yrs.) Alan & Wendy Grimme	<b>9</b> Obadiah Hagedorn Larry & Carolyn Bjuström	<b>10</b> Catelyn Cook Emily Gehring Creighton & Christine Lease	<b>11</b> Lori Paulus	<b>12</b> Harmony Hansel Mercie Hansel Jeff Pepping	<b>13</b> Marc Orcutt
<b>14</b> Chelsey Blake Amanda Hoxie Andrea Ideker Emerson Reid Rich & Renae Mohr	<b>15</b> Tom Olsen Jen Postel Dennis & Judy Dean	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Betsy Allen Teresa Bivens Sandy Green John & Alice Green (60 yrs.) Phil & Mollie Hart	<b>18</b> Tony Phillips Scott & Leah Carlson Jerry & Lora Nigh (50 yrs.) Pastor Mark & Andrea Zevenbergen	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Dustin & Jenna Lenz David & Susan Newsom
<b>21</b> Tyler Gehring Bill Gerth Glory Hansel	<b>22</b> Emily Citac Sarah Harms Jacob Rupe Dale & Julie Farmer	<b>23</b> Dan Allison Bob Brady Andrew Chapman Shyan Curry Molly Engle	<b>24</b> Chad Guge	<b>25</b> Laura Hebbeln Alec Postel David & Paula Mess Brad & Jill Watts	<b>26</b> Hailey Kaiser Mike & Vicky Becraft	<b>27</b> Bailey Boddicker Cassie Carlson Philip Graham Steve Scull
<b>28</b> Tom Hurr Dilian Randel	<b>29</b> Peggy Grell	<b>30</b> Victoria Hawley Lorena Seifne				

# Hideyo's Hopes & Happenings

## Making a Difference... Leaving an "Eternal" Mark

It struck me with great surprise and significance that I have been blessed to be a part of Cornerstone's Christian ministry for a full year now. Last year, my official 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday was Serve-Fest, and my first big church celebration fellowship was the "outdoor baptism." It sure has all gone by so fast and fabulously.

I was internalizing this very thought, during last Sunday's outdoor baptism, when Steffan Nass came up and pointed something out to me. Leave it to the FBI agent to indicate the intricate details. He brought to my recollection and recognition that several of the individuals who just gave their testimonies, a large majority in fact, said that their pivotal and formative faith years occurred during their "youth," even though the ages of the testifiers were wide ranging.

This was slightly ironic to me, for when people hear that I am a youth pastor, I am often jokingly asked, "What's it like to get paid to never grow-up, stay immature, wear shorts to work, and eat pizza for a living?" Don't worry, I'm not offended, and some of that is kind of correct... I do "get to," or am "forced to" eat a lot of pizza! Wink... wink... However, if the Apostle Paul, who wrote two-thirds of the Bible's New Testament books, took the time, and expelled the energy, to "disciple" a "youth" named Timothy, to the point that tiny Tim grew up to also be a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ himself, than there might be a little more to it... Lol

All kidding aside, here is what one of Paul's pastoral writings said to Timothy: *"These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers."* (I Timothy. 4:11-16 ESV)

## Grief Education and Support Program

Are you or someone you know Coping with a loss?

JOIN US!!!

**September 4 and 11, 6:30-8:00 pm**

Grief Education Sessions

Featuring: Gail Votroubek, Genesis Grief Educator

Coping with Grief — Healing from the "Inside Out"

## The Best Part...

Any of us can take part in this foundational and faith-filled time of the youth in our community. Or, as pastor Scott recently preached, "pass the torch of faith to the next generation." After meeting with Cornerstone's YPT (Youth Purpose Team), we realized that many of you in our church have great gifts that would aid and form a fantastically formative youth ministry here at S.O.L.I.D, thus we have 3 great areas/teams for you to get involved in. Two teams don't even require a weekly commitment!

Please read their descriptions, and if they interests you, please contact me: Phone = (563) 285-8080 or Email = PastorHH.cbc@gmail.com

**Youth Event Coordinators/Party Planning Committee: Help creatively craft, plan, and coordinate the big fun fellowships that are put on for the youth each year (only a handful). No weekly commitment required. Event Examples = a) Fall/school year youth kickoff party, b) Superb-Owl Sledding & February-Football-Watching Party, c) Youth Fundraisers**

**Summer Schedule Servants: Volunteer in one, or multiple, shortened 3 week set periods over the summer, so that the school years youth workers can have a break from their regular sacrificial service. Plan and execute the summer's special event and worship schedule. No weekly commitment required. Summer Schedule Examples = a) Bonfire nights, b) Giant Slip-N-Slide, c) River Bandits game d) Pool parties**

**Youth Night Worker/Cell group leader: Attend weekly youth services and work in pairs of adults, who serve as the spiritual dialogue partners to gender and grade based groups of youth, after Wed./Sun. nights youth worship services, Use provided discussion outlines, and have an active role in the asking and answering of life's deepest questions.**

- Grief as a journey or process
- How grief affects you
- Caring for yourself in a time of grief

Continuing Monthly Group Support Sessions starting September 18 @ 6:30 pm, Eldridge United Methodist Church

Call 285-4314 to reserve a spot or just come.

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

Having heard a couple of months of preaching on discipleship, you may be wondering where to start the process with your own kids. As parents, we have the primary responsibility before God of teaching our kids (Deut. 11). One way of doing so is to have family worship/devotions. Here are some tips to help you get started:

1. Pray – for direction, perseverance, commitment, willing hearts...
2. Set a simple goal – do it once a week, at a specific time, to get started and build from there.
3. Choose a resource. Try ONE of the following or choose one of your own:

A. Parent Resource Pages – these are pages that complement the lessons being taught in Sunday School. Sunday School teachers can either email them to you or give you a hard copy.

B. Long Story Short – this is the devotional that works alongside our Jr. Church lessons. The weekly lessons have five, ten-minute devotionals (choose one per week to start) that reinforce the lesson being taught in Jr. Church (or can stand alone if your child is no longer in Jr. Church). There are tips in the front of the devotional to help you use it. See me if you'd like a copy.

C. Sermon notes – each week Pastor Scott lists a series of questions on the bulletin insert that you can use at home as a follow up to Sunday morning's sermon.

D. AWANA handbooks – if your child is in AWANA, use the AWANA handbook. It has more than memory verses in it.

E. The Bible – choose a book of the Bible and start reading it together as a family.

Whatever resource you choose, try to read through the materi-

als yourself to become familiar with them before sharing them with your family.

4. Open your family worship time with prayer. Read the Scripture that goes along with the lesson as a family. Try to get everyone to participate in some way: reading, praying, asking or answering questions. Ask the given questions, or think of some of your own. Then, pray for each other. (A helpful hint for wives that may or may not be based on personal experience: if your husband is leading your family worship, let him.)
5. Be flexible; things won't always go as planned. Expect some resistance, from your kids and from the enemy (BTW, your kids are NOT the enemy, be patient with them).
6. Keep it short, just a few minutes to start and build from there.
7. Give yourself and your kids grace. It takes time to build new habits, you may forget one week – it's ok! His mercies are new every day. You may feel awkward and unprepared and ill-equipped. It's ok! It will get easier with time. Your kids may pout. It's ok! Let them know you're doing what God has commanded you to do, and they can take that up with Him.
8. Let me know if you're starting (or continuing) family devotions. I'd love to be able to pray for your family, specifically. [sandranass@hotmail.com](mailto:sandranass@hotmail.com)

Lastly, Child Evangelism Fellowship is holding training at Cornerstone on Sept. 13. This will be excellent training for teachers, parents, AWANA workers, youth workers – anyone that has children or youth in their lives. Please let Sally know (563)285-8080 if you're interested in attending. God bless!

## PUTT PUTT FOR PROFIT: Fundraising Tournament by Shelbie Hagge

For those of you that do not know me, I have grown up in at Cornerstone and am now a senior in college and part of my major (public relations) is to plan a senior project that has to have something to do with planning an event/fundraiser and I thought what better place to plan an event for than my own home church and the community around it. I am excited to help raise money for Respond Ministries- the adoption non-profit that Ryan and Deana Trotter have founded. I love their mission which is the following:

The primary goal of Respond Ministries is to serve and provide for the needs of orphaned children both domestically and abroad by providing for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

The ministry is based upon James 1:27 (NIV) which says "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

This can be accomplished in many ways, but we focus on awareness and assistance for those that are in a position to reach out to

orphans. This can be through time, money, or the ultimate commitment, adoption.

After talking to Ryan more about the organization I am so excited to have an opportunity to raise money and awareness for them. I am organizing a mini golf tournament to raise money for Respond Ministries. **This mini golf tournament will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Lil Mississippi mini golf course on Kimberly St in Davenport Iowa.** Passes will be sold to anyone who wants them and part of the pass price itself will go to the organization. We will also hopefully be holding a silent auction or doing door prizes to raise even more money for this great cause. I know I can count on Cornerstone to come out and support and also to have a great tie making memories with their friends and family.

More details and information will be available later on as the event gets closer, if you have any questions feel free to contact me ([shelbiehgg@gmail.com](mailto:shelbiehgg@gmail.com)), God bless you all and hope to see you and this event!

## Walk for Hope

### Walk for Hope

#### Depression Awareness & Suicide Prevention

September 20th, 10:00 am

Clinton County Fairgrounds Auditorium

331 E. 8th Street, DeWitt

Proceeds will fund depression screenings in area high schools.

## The Story of Job

### “When Bad Things Happen to Good People”

By Ballet 5:8 /Chicago Christian Professional Ballet Co.

Saturday, September 27th at 6:30 pm

Nighswander Theater

2822 Eastern Avenue

Davenport, IA

Tickets: [Ballet58.org](http://Ballet58.org) or 800-838-3006

Advance: \$22 Adults; \$18 child

At door: \$24 Adults; \$20 child

## QC Converge Serve Fest Experiences

I want to share two great experiences I had at Maple Ridge apartments during the ServeFest outreach there recently. The first experience started as I approached a gentleman who was probably in his 50's from Burma. His English was a little rough, and I can't remember his name; however, we both could communicate through the universal handshake and smile. I did hear him mention he was a Christian. He seemed somewhat shy and was just watching what was going on from outskirts. He mentioned some of the oppression from the government in Burma which was certainly evident from the video we watched before heading out there. The gentleman had a distinct limp. I later found out that he was without a significant part of his leg as he rolled up his pant leg at the medical tent. He mentioned a severe pain from standing which has impacted his ability to find a job and support his family. Upon walking toward the games, I met his daughter and wife, each with bright smiles, but again with seemingly significant challenges because his daughter has Down Syndrome. He loved the games and mentioned it made him happy to see his daughter having fun and laughing. Keep him and his family in your prayers and continue to show him the love of Jesus.

Another experience was with “Tim”. I had the opportunity to shake his hand and walk him over to the festivities and grab a hot dog with him. We sat down and talked a little bit about football, Hardees, and of course the weather. You may be thinking that talking about the weather may be a dry subject, but not with Tim. This dude loves the weather. He said he

has been watching the weather intently since he was like six. Tim was probably about 19 or 20 years old and currently is working at Hardees and lives with his Mom, uncle and his uncle's girlfriend. Tim mentioned that his uncle used to deal in drugs. He let me know he has never known his dad. He let me know he dealt with a lot of bullying while in high school. Tim was a kid in the corner with braids who many in society would say is a nobody, maybe a “gangbanger”, a punk. His mom was dealing with some major health issues (hip) and he felt comfortable coming to the prayer tent so prayers could be said for his mom. Tim said he was a Christian and has been baptized but was not able to go to church because he works at Hardees on Sundays. He said he has dreams of becoming a meteorologist and was looking at starting school at Blackhawk. So if you are ever at the Hardees in Milan say hi to Tim and let him know you are praying for him. Let us all keep Tim and his family in our prayers. May Jesus help guide Tim on His path.

With these experiences I was greatly impacted. To be honest, I did not expect that kind of interaction at the Party at the Ridge, but I could not resist. I was greatly blessed to go to the Ridge and see God at work. This is kind of new territory for me so I ask for prayers that Jesus would help me grow and continue to look for these opportunities.

Jason Schwartzhoff

**Quad Cities Prayer Breakfast**  
**Saturday, September 27th 8:00-10:00 am, RiverCenter, Davenport**  
**Keynote Speaker, Dr. Robert Schuller, Jr.**  
**Go to [qcpb.org](http://qcpb.org) to purchase tickets or call 563-322-7777**

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**Women's Retreat**  
**"BABE: Be A Blessing Everyday"**

**September 26-28**  
**Men & Boy's Retreat**

Registration forms in church office.

Pine Lake Camp, Eldora, Iowa

**"Weekend to Remember"**

**Family Life "Weekend to Remember"**

**Fall 2014 Marriage Conferences**

**Cedar Rapids 11/7—11/9**

**St. Louis 12/5—12/7**

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