



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 1 10-12 am Re-Leaf Fest in Eldridge & DeWitt with Chili lunch in ROCK
- Nov 1 6-8 pm Youth Trivia Night Fundraiser in ROCK
- Nov 2 Communion with Pastor Mark preaching
- Nov 2 2-4 pm Sunshine Bowl-a-thon, Davenport
- Nov 5 9 am Young at Heart Pancake Breakfast in ROCK
- Nov 6 12 pm Ladies Lunch at Biaggi's
- Nov 9 Nurse Office Open
- Nov 14 7 pm Ladies Game Night at Deana Trotters
- Nov 14-16 Senior High Breakaway in Des Moines
- Nov 16 6 pm Roman & Emily Citac Commissioning Service
- Nov 23 Nurse Office Open 6:00 pm North Scott Community Thanksgiving Service
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day

# Cornerstone Connection

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## Pastor Scott's Perspective - "Giving Thanks in Hard Times"

In many ways, 2014 has been the most difficult year for the Pearsons since 1994. And in many ways, I am more deeply grateful for God's goodness as we approach this Thanksgiving season than any year since 1994.

How can that be? How can a year filled with trials and hardships and sorrows also be a year of experiencing deeply the goodness of God?

My "theme song" for this year begins with these words:

*"When the ground beneath my feet gives way  
And I hear the sound of crashing waves  
All my world is washing out to sea  
I'm hidden safe in the God who never moves  
Holding fast to the promise of the truth  
That You are holding tighter still to me"*

You know it has been a challenging year when you resonate with words such as "when the ground beneath my feet gives way" and "all my world is washing out to sea." I began to resonate with those words last spring with my grandson Zion's spinal meningitis and brain surgery. But what really moved me emotionally was not merely my own anguish – or

Beth's – real as that was -- but rather thinking of my daughter Emily's pain and soul-anguish as she cared for Zion during those

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gut-wrenching, heart-breaking, crisis-of-faith days (still not over).

But when is it that we experience the reality of "The Rock won't move"? When do we most deeply experience in the depths of our soul "That You are holding tighter still to me"?

Some of the most meaningful quiet times with God that I have experienced in a long time took

place during the days and weeks leading up to my surgery. Many Scriptures came alive for me in fresh and powerful ways. Isaiah 41:10. 1 Peter 5:10. Romans 15:13. Psalm 94:18-19. Psalm 86. Many others. Nearly every day the Lord would give me a personal word of encouragement from His Word. That quality of sweet communion with the Lord almost made sepsis, wearing a catheter, and prostate surgery worth it. **Almost** 😊!

Most of my hardships in 1994 were of my own making. Not so this year. Our hardships this year were not the consequences of sin. Spiritual attacks? Testing our faith? Life in a fallen world? Aging? Bacteria? All or none of the above or some other explanation – or no explanation? Sorting it all out for Zion and for my health issues and Beth's health issues is above my pay grade.

In 1994 I struggled with guilt issues and repentance issues and spiritual health issues and

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## A Word From Pastor Mark

Last Sunday was an amazing night. We had a good turn out for CBC DeWitt's 1 year anniversary celebration. God's presence was so evident as we worshipped, listened to testimonies and talked with one another afterwards. Thank you to all who helped put it together and participated. Sunday night was a great encouragement to CBC DeWitt.

Here is a brief time-line of the formulation and growth of CBC

DeWitt. The confirmation for Cornerstone DeWitt came from a Converge Conference that Pastor Scott attended. God spoke through our denominational leadership and other pastors that we should plant a church in DeWitt. God confirmed His direction through the staff, Deacon Board, the congregation and in Andrea and my heart. We started a DeWitt ABF in Eldridge beginning in June 2013. In that weekly time together the leadership teams

were formed. There were many weeks where a crisis of belief was expressed. How will we accomplish all the details before we launch? Where will we meet? When will we meet? Many, many details. Though the problems looked big we all believed that God was bigger.

The DeWitt ABF took a field trip to Harvest's multi-site campus to get an understanding of what it might look like. It was

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## Pastor Scott's Perspective (continued)

financial issues – the companions of personal failure. But what about when life's hardships are the not the result of disobedience? In the Mogard's case – many of their hardships (inadequate health care where they live) were the result of obeying God's call for their life. Certainly there are blessings that accompany obedience. But there can also be suffering and hardship that accompany obedience. What then?

Beth and I have been blessed with excellent health throughout our 40 years of marriage. But not this 40<sup>th</sup> year. When life takes unexpected turns – in a negative direction – when circumstances change for the worse – it is essential for the health of our souls that we “hold fast to the promise of the truth.” Circumstances change. God doesn't. Life can be unfair. God is good – all the time.

We become vulnerable to the lies of the devil when “bad things happen to good people.” *God is not always good. God isn't there for me. God doesn't love me. God has abandoned me. It doesn't pay to obey God. The promises of God's Word are not true. Counting on God leads to disappointment. Self-reliance is the only way to live.*

In the midst of difficult and painful circumstances, perhaps the most important decision we make is this one: *Will I choose to believe the truth that God is good – even now – or will I choose to believe the devil's lies and blame God for my troubles? Will we turn toward God in our pain – or will we move away from God in our pain? **There is no lasting comfort and peace and joy in moving away from God.***

Beth and I have been through some hard things this year.

Emily, a much harder year yet. Perhaps some of you harder yet. The hard times are not over yet. Beth's surgery and recovery are yet to come. Zion has made amazing progress – but more is needed. Yet in the midst of the hard times, my heart is full of gratitude for the goodness and faithfulness of God.

I don't think I have been one to take good health for granted in the past, but admittedly I feel a deeper sense of gratitude for the renewed good health I enjoy today on the other side of the health problems I have faced the past three months. I'm actually in better health now in some ways than I've been in years. But it's not just gratitude for good health. It is gratitude for the goodness and faithfulness and sufficiency of God to be my Rock, my Helper, my Strength, my Healer, my Protector, my Shepherd, my Comforter, my Friend & Companion – in all of life's circumstances.

Here are a few of the things I am grateful for as I approach Thanksgiving 2014:

●**The Rock won't move and His word is strong; The Rock won't move and His love can't be undone.**

●*For my wife, Beth, and the spiritual maturity she has demonstrated during the past 12 months when she has suffered the death of her mother, her father's health problems, our grandson Zion's health problems and the stresses on our daughter Emily, my health issues, and her own hip pain. Through it all, she has not wavered in her faith and has kept her focus on the Lord.*

●*For the strong support network we have with our Cornerstone brothers and sisters. We are well-loved, well prayed-for, and well-*

*supported in so many practical ways. I have taught others the importance of building a strong support network during good times so that it will be in place when needed in hard times. I have experienced that with our Cornerstone church family as well as with my daughters and extended family.*

●*For Zion's progress in the past few months. For the healing already taking place with the hope of further healing, recovery and strength in fulfillment of all God's purposes. For the steadfastness of Mo & Emily's faith. For those who have supported them when we could not be there with them.*

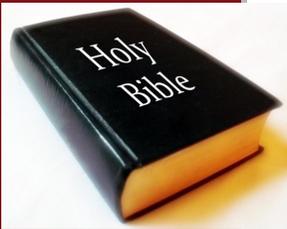
●*For the good health and strong recovery I am now enjoying. For lessons learned. For grace in the midst of humbling circumstances. For a pastoral staff capable of carrying on when I have not been able to work. For good friends. For so many specific answered prayers.*

●*That Beth's surgery has gone very well and we anticipate with hope a strong recovery to youthful health and vitality. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve her in her recovery as she has in mine.*

●*For the success of the sanctuary project and for all who have invested their time and skills in beautifying our worship space.*

●*For the successful launch of the Cornerstone – DeWitt campus and for all who have served so diligently in building up that church plant the past year.*

●**For hope that the best is yet to come in the months and years ahead.**



### ESV Bibles

Remember, you have until December 14th to purchase ESV Bibles at a discounted price.

Order online at [www.crossway.org/cbceia](http://www.crossway.org/cbceia) and use promo code “cbceia” at checkout

## A Word From Pastor Mark (continued)

during the worship that a song really spoke to me and it became somewhat of our theme song. It is called The LORD our God. "Promise maker, promise keeper You finish what you begin. Our provision through the desert. You see it through 'til the end. You see it through 'til the end. The Lord our God is ever faithful. Never changing through the ages. From this darkness You will lead us. And forever we will say. You're the Lord our God." One of the key phrases was this part, "We won't move without You. We won't move without You. You're the light of all and all that we need. And forever we will say You're the Lord our God." That song embodied our belief that we would not move without God. So we waited on Him to solve the issues like location, time, equipment, etc. And God showed up like only He could.

One of the most difficult experiences was worshipping in Eldridge for the last time. We were leaving the church and people we loved. We were leaving something wonderful. But we were leaving for something more important than our comfort or our safety. We were leaving for those who did not have a church home. We were leaving for those who did not know Jesus Christ.

On September 29th, 2013 the core group of 53 adults, youth and children practiced our first Sunday service. We did the same on Oct 6th. On Oct 13th we had a soft launch and invited some friends to

come and critique the experience. The next Sunday, on Oct 20th we held our first service. 151 people showed up. It was packed in the Media Center and we began to wonder if we needed to look for a new location. The 151 didn't last long. Looking over the year I am grateful that God did not slam us with that many people too soon. God gave us time to grow together as a family. We have come to really love each other. And it is within this loving family that we have added 9 new families to the mix. We have also seen 6 people come to Christ. And of the original 53 that started we have only lost two families. Those two families moved out of state to Texas and North Carolina.

God has also blessed us with new families and He has made us come more alive. Many of us have learned more about God, His church, and ourselves through weekly service. It is so evident to see the changes in many of our Body. God is so good.

One of the key verses we have been holding tightly to this year is Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Listen to the NLT, "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

So as we look to year 2 I am confident that God will bring in more of the harvest. I believe many more

adults, youth and children will come to Christ in this next year. And I believe that many more people will become part of the Cornerstone DeWitt family in this year. How do I know? I know because God is a promise maker and keeper. I know because God is going to bring in the harvest. I know because God is already at work in many people in Clinton, County.

I want to make sure that I acknowledge our pastoral staff and Director of Children's Ministries and Worship Leader for their commitment to CBC DeWitt. It is not easy serving in two different locations. Sometimes you can begin to feel like you are not part of either place. But Pastor Drew, Pastor Hideyo, Sandy and James have done an excellent job this past year with us. CBC DeWitt and Eldridge are grateful.

I also want to thank all of you who have come up from Eldridge to help set-up, meet a need in Children's Ministries or Worship or bringing up the sermons. What you do matters greatly. We will still need servants like you for a while until we can begin to fill those places with families that have come to CBC DeWitt through our outreach and service.

This first year has been a great blessing. But now year 2 will be where "the real work begins" as one of our committed members said to me on Sunday night. Yes the real work begins but we do not lose hope because the harvest is coming...

**Daylight**

**Savings Time**

**Ends**

**Don't forget to set**

**your clocks back**

**one hour on**

**Sunday,**

**November 2!**

## Maple Ridge Christmas Outreach

Quad Cities Converge churches will join together for a Christmas outreach at Maple Ridge apts. in Rock Island (same place as August outreach with soccer clinic, etc.). We will meet at Maple Ridge at 4:00 pm Sunday, Dec. 14 to pray together and then disperse into the apartment buildings for caroling. Cornerstone will carol in apts. G & H (4 caroling spots in each apt.). We will also hand out cookies as well as hats & mittens for those needing them. We will meet back

at Bethany Baptist Church in Moline for refreshments and fellowship with the other churches.

We need 10-20 carolers for the event. We also need cookie-baking volunteers (for a total of 40 apts.). We will also be collecting hats and mittens for the refugees.

Please contact Pastor Scott if you would like to get involved by coordinating this event, or caroling, or baking cookies, or collecting hats and mittens.

## Family News

Congratulations to Rich & Connie Coy on the birth of their Son, Braden Allen Coy on Oct. 1, weighing 7 lbs., 7 oz. And to Clarissa Rowe (Jan Kloss' granddaughter) on the birth of her daughter Laila Nicole, on Oct. 8, weighing 7 lbs, 11 oz.

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

Jim Skadal and his family on the loss of his mother, Thelma Skadal.

Bill Hagge and his family on the loss of his aunt.

## Pastor Drew's Webb of Worship



*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Eph. 2:8-9*

Just days ago many people celebrated October 31st as Halloween. This has become a holiday here in the United States and many celebrate in all sorts of different manners seeing it as an opportunity to simply have fun or even indulge the flesh. Halloween certainly has a sordid history, but there is something else that we could celebrate on October 31st.

For the history buffs October 31, 1517 marked the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Prior to that moment there was only 1 church, the Catholic church. Within the church there were numerous problems and so Martin Luther sought to bring about some reforms within the church, hence the name Reformation became the name by which this movement would come to be known.

On that date in history Martin Luther, a monk, nailed his famous document, the 95 Theses, to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This document was a list of 95 grievances that he had against the church. A couple things that he focused on in this document were the paying of indulgences to the church and the priesthood of believers.

He firmly believed that humans could directly communicate with our Creator. This was, unfortunately, not in agreement with the church at that time. It was the belief that a person needed to go through a priest or pope in order to communicate with God. Martin Luther got this idea from 1

Peter 2:4-5, which we studied a couple weeks ago.

Indulgences existed in 2 forms. First there was the paying of money to the church for the salvation of a deceased loved one's soul - release from purgatory as the church called it. Second, there was the paying of a fine or fee for civil purposes. If someone did something wrong, committed a sin then they owed the church money for that sin. Obviously this helped build wealth of the church and also served to further enable a corrupt society where the rich could do nearly anything they wanted and the poor were further oppressed.

Luther found these ideas, among others, quite egregious so he posted his document on the door for all to read. They would read it on All Saints Day when everyone would gather for worship. The church doors acted as a sort of bulletin board to help disseminate his ideas. It should be said, however, that the larger factor impacting the Reformation was the newly invented printing press. With this invention Luther's notions and ideas could more easily be spread all over Europe, thus helping usher in a new era in Christianity.

Luther is certainly most known for his attempt to reform the church, but there is more to his legacy than just a document that essentially split the church. He brought to light the notion that we are saved by grace through faith, which is a very biblical concept presented in Ephesians 2:8-9.

He also brought congregational singing back into vogue.

Luther was a gifted songwriter and also believed strongly that people needed to have the Scriptures in their possession and in their native tongue. He also sought to change the music of the church from being in Latin to being in German, his own heart-language. Due to his strong notions of wanting to give Christianity back to the people and his own musical prowess he began to translate the music from Latin into the German vernacular of the day. He also began writing songs and the music of that era would come to be known as the German Lutheran Chorale. Some of the German Lutheran Chorale music was written by Johann Sebastian Bach as well. The most famous chorale from this era and, according to some sources, the most well-known hymn of all-time, was written by Martin Luther. That song was *Ein' feste Burg*, more commonly known by its English name: *A Mighty Fortress is our God*.

Prior to this era congregational singing was quite limited, however, since Luther's time there is an unbroken line of congregational songs that have come down to our own time. We obviously don't sing all of those songs, but the singing tradition that we now enjoy was kindled by Luther. The sense of congregational unity that we feel when we sing can be credited in part to what he began on October 31, 1517 and the dawning of the Protestant Reformation.

# Hideyo's Hopes & Happenings

S.O.L.I.D. 2014-15 is off & running!  
A lot has happened in S.O.L.I.D.,  
here are a few highlights...



## 1. SOLID CBC youth's Fall: Rev-Up, Remodel, Repaint, & Restart:

At the very end of summer/start of fall, we at S.O.L.I.D. decided it was time for a new feel, a new vibe, and a new coat of paint for the youth room. Little did we know it would take 5 coats of paint to properly paint over the old splatter paint theme of the youth room... But we all worked hard and we got it done in just 3 days. Come checkout the final product, it looks great!

2. Youth Extra's, Going the Biblical "extra 2<sup>nd</sup> mile": these are voluntary youth programs, where youth, if they desire a deeper level of Christian discipleship and service, can live out the mission statement of our church.

•B.O.D. (Backing-up Our Discipleship) Squad = youth service team, which seeks to back-up our claim

to be "follower/lovers" of Jesus, by "keep [Jesus'] commandments" particularly the "greatest commandment," "to love your neighbor as yourself," as well as being the active "BODY of Christ," the church.

•Carnivores Christians = Hebrews 5:11-14 (KJV) 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. It basically is an in-depth and Apologetics type Bible study

•We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at SOLID CBC youth room

## 3. Major Upcoming Events: COMING SOON:

•Harvest Party: Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> our annual Children's Halloween

themed event will once again have its games run by the SOLID CBC youth's B.O.D. Squad Community/Christian-service team

•Theological Theater Thursdays = Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> Viewing of a Halloween themed movie that communicates truths about God and the Christian faith... in CBC Elbridge's SOLID youth room

•Trivia-Night: Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> = youth fundraiser to allow the youth to go to Breakaway 2014

•Breakaway 2014, Nov. 14-16 = Youth Evangelism Retreat (Contingent on Trivia-Night Fundraiser)

**NO SOLID YOUTH WED. NIGHT** = Nov. 26, 2014  
Summer Mission Trip/World Changers: June 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2014</b>						
<b>2</b> 7:45-8:10 am Prayer AM Communion AM Pastor Mark preaches 2:00-4:00 pm Sunshine Bowl-A-Thon, Davenport	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 7:00-8:30 pm Carnivore Christians/Youth Room 8:15 pm Women's Basketball in ROCK	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 am Men meet at Denny's on NW Blvd., Day 9:00 am Young at Heart Pancake Breakfast/ROCK 6:00-7:15 pm AWANA 7:00-8:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High SOLID Youth Group 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>6</b> Noon — Ladies Lunch at Biaggi's in Davenport 6:30 pm Coed Volleyball in ROCK	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30 am Trustee Meeting
<b>9</b> 7:45-8:10 am Prayer Nurse Office Open	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 8:15 pm Women's Basketball in ROCK	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30 am Men meet at Denny's on NW Blvd., Day 8:15-9:15 am Moms-in-Prayer 6:00-7:15 pm AWANA 7:00-8:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High SOLID Youth Group 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Coed Volleyball in ROCK 7:00 pm Missions Meeting	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Ladies Game Night at Deana Trotters Nov. 14-16 Senior High Breakaway in Des Moines	<b>15</b>
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<b>23</b> 7:45-8:10 am Prayer Nurse Office Open  6:00 pm Thanksgiving	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 8:15 pm Women's Basketball in ROCK	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 am Men meet at Denny's on NW Blvd., Day  No Evening Activities	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 
<b>30</b> 7:45-8:10 am Prayer						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>November Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries</b>					<b>1</b> Ryan Dory Angela Ingwersen
<b>2</b> Mark Bader Deac Ryan Jody & Marcia Boddicker	<b>3</b> Dennis & Mickey Blake	<b>4</b> Sarah Proctor	<b>5</b> Jacqueline Wilke	<b>6</b> Robert & Amy Schladezky	<b>7</b> Robert Brabant Ava Perrin	<b>8</b> Tresha Ambrosy Alan Grimme Nick Hansel
<b>9</b> Franklin Ellis Lori Swanson Joe & Megan Roy	<b>10</b> Hannah Butler Adam Wilke Audrey Wilke Andy & Amanda Ranfeld	<b>11</b> Marvin Van Ee Dave & Donna Albrook	<b>12</b> David Engle	<b>13</b> Howard Keeney	<b>14</b> Chuck Arnold Louise Collins Emma Stanley Rick & Lori Swanson	<b>15</b> Susan Newsum Lynden Zevenbergen
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Judy Dean Mollie Hart Judi Hodggett	<b>19</b> Larry Brewer	<b>20</b> Jordan Hageman Kim Hawley Todd & Michelle Connor	<b>21</b> Chad Ingwersen James Simmons Becky Waack	<b>22</b> Tim & Kathy Dory
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Tom & Holly Olsen	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Emerson Olsen	<b>27</b> Alivia Roy Ryan & Diana Sanbille	<b>28</b> Connor Nass Andres & Darlene Arana	<b>29</b> Scott & Teresa Bivens
<b>30</b> Ingrid Gerth Ryan Reid						

## Women's Ministry News

Our desire is to get women into God's Word. We know that many women participate in BSF, CBS and even our women's summer Bible studies; however, we also know the women from our church come from all different backgrounds, life stages, and work schedules, and it can be hard to attend a large group Bible Study. We still plan on offering our summer Bible study series; but, in addition we have been slowly building up our church library inventory of women's Bible studies in hopes that women will feel God's call to start smaller Bible studies. God can use these smaller group studies in really big

ways! Think about a new Christian who might feel less intimidated to ask questions during discussions in a smaller group. Or, you might start a study in a central location for women who may not have adequate transportation. You may be able to reach neighbor women with an evening study once children are in bed. The best part is, if you are willing, God will equip you. We don't make the difference, God makes the difference. We just need to step out in faith.

We have several study's available from well-known Bible study teachers such as: Beth Moore, Pricilla Shirer, Lysa TerKeurst, Kelly Minter and

Angela Thomas. If you are interested in a Bible study for yourself, or a small group, please check out the full list in the library or on the bulletin board by the nursery. If the study you wish to start is checked out, the librarian can place your name on a waiting list. Bible studies will be checked out through the library for up to 2 weeks longer than the number of sessions in the study.

If you have questions about getting a small group started, or have recommendations on studies we might add to our inventory, please contact Kelly Orcutt at 563-370-7074.

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

Children's Ministries are off and running this fall.

Sunday School is staffed at both campuses by a tremendous group of men and women who love the LORD and desire for Him to be known by the next generation. The number of kids who regularly attends Sunday School at both campuses has increased by a few since this time last year; praise God. We continue to use curriculum from Children Desiring God in our Sunday School classes. Be sure to ask your kids what they learn about God each week, and request an email copy of the Parent Resource Pages from your child's teacher so you can review at home what your kids are learning during Sunday School.

Nursery and Junior Church is offered during all three of our worship services. We're using The Gospel Story Bible Curriculum in our Jr. Church classes and are currently working our way through the Old Testament. Both the DeWitt and Eldridge nurseries and Jr. Church classes have similar

attendance to last year at this time.

Each week we staff five nursery time slots (two in DeWitt and three in Eldridge) and five Junior Church time slots (one in DeWitt and four in Eldridge). With so many classes to fill, we're always in need of volunteers. Volunteers are asked to serve twice per quarter. If you have not served in children's ministries, I encourage you to try it. God has given Cornerstone a huge, potential harvest in the children that are right before us, and what could be better than impacting kids, with a lifetime ahead of them, for Jesus Christ? If you have a child who attends Sunday morning ministries (or even if you don't), we need your help. Please contact me so we can get you plugged in.

Cornerstone's AWANA program meets on Wednesday evenings at our Eldridge campus. Thanks to Melissa Holtz for coordinating AWANA this year, and to all the men and women who work with the kids each week. Also, thank

you to Dawnetta Van Ee and her kitchen crew who serve a meal every Wednesday night to the AWANA workers and their families. A mom told me just last week what a blessing that meal is! We have approximately 75 kids who attend AWANA each week and 25 volunteers (plus Dawnetta's crew) who make this community outreach possible. Parents, encourage your kids to invite their friends to come to AWANA. It's open to everyone and is a great way to introduce kids to Jesus Christ!

Training was held for the Sunday School teachers in August and Cornerstone hosted a very informative Child Evangelism Fellowship training open to all Sunday School, Junior Church and AWANA teachers, in September. We implemented a check-in system in August for our Sunday morning kids' ministries.

Please pray for this next generation God has entrusted to Cornerstone and for their parents and teachers. May we desire Jesus Christ above all and pass that desire onto our kids. God bless!

North Scott

Community

Thanksgiving

Service

Sunday, November 23

at 6:00 pm

Cornerstone Eldridge

Sanctuary

## Sonshine Community Ministries by Jan Kloss, "Why I Love the Body of Christ..."

I came to Cornerstone a broken vessel, and I found love and acceptance right away. And now I have the privilege of being one of Cornerstone's "home-grown" missionaries. Thru Sonshine Community Ministries, I have the opportunity to meet and become friends with many people of all ages and see God working.

With her permission I share a story about my friend, Heather. She is new to Cornerstone and hungry to learn. She had been having difficulty getting some carpet offered to her by a neighbor. She tried to carry the roll of carpet home herself but it was too heavy. Determined to install this carpet herself, she first had to get the carpet home. Heather was frustrated and disappointed to not find anyone to help. On Sunday morning as I picked her

up for church, she expressed her woes in trying to get this carpet. I suggested we ask someone from church to help. At church, I introduced her to many people, including Ryan Trotter. Surprisingly, after the introduction, Heather asked Ryan if he could help her move the carpet to her house. Ryan didn't skip a beat. He said he would check with family and then help her. And before church was even over, Dave Peter, Ryan (Dave's son) and Mike Crouch also made plans to help. Not only did these men move the carpet, they helped empty her living room, pull up the old carpet, lay the new carpet, and put her living room furniture back. Heather assisted the project and was in "awe" that not only did they commit to help, but did so right away. And they did it with an attitude of joy.

Also I witness so many helping with the Food Oasis, through the River Bend Food Bank. Volunteers from different churches come to the food bank and pack boxes of mostly fresh produce. Boxes are taken to Berean Baptist, to people's homes, to Country Estates, and many to Mt. Joy, Lot 13, where families pick them up. Most are from Mt. Joy, but we have families from Park View, Eldridge and even Davenport. My point is: the volunteers do this with a sense of joy: whether packing boxes, loading vehicles, or distributing them to families.

Two examples of God using the Hands & Feet of Jesus thru the Body of Christ (the Church) to help our neighbors.

**Sonshine**  
**Bowl-a-Thon**  
**November 2,**  
**2-4 pm,**  
**Bowlmor Lanes,**  
**Brady Street,**  
**Davenport**  
**Silent Auction**  
**including 2**  
**Judy Saxton**  
**homemade pies!**  
**Bring sponsor**  
**sheets and money**  
**raised.**

### Church Financial Report

Giving to the General Fund (church budget) for the month of October has averaged \$13,564 per Sunday (compared to budget of \$13,930). Giving has been running under the budget for several months.

Sunday Worship Attendance has averaged 355 for the month of October – compared to 382 for October 2013.

*Thank you to all of you for your regular giving to the church budget.*



### Roman & Emily Commissioning

For the first time in the history of Cornerstone Baptist Church, we are commissioning home-grown missionaries to serve with Converge (BGC) (our denominational mission agency). We have sent out several other home-grown missionaries both overseas and in the United States, but Roman and Emily (Greving) Citac are the first to serve with Converge.

Emily (Greving) grew up at Cornerstone, and Roman worked with our Moldova mission teams and was Pastor Scott's primary translator in Moldova. They will be returning to Orhei, Moldova the end of November.

**The Commissioning Service will be Sunday, Nov. 16 @ 6:00 pm in the Eldridge sanctuary.**

The main speaker for the commissioning service will be David Jahnke. After serving with his wife, Carol, as BGC missionaries many years in Japan, Dave is now the International Field Director for Converge.

**Please join us for this historic and special worship and commissioning service.** *And if you are not yet on the Citac's support team, please contact them. They still need several hundred dollars a month of financial support before leaving for Moldova the end of November.*

### Syrian Refugees Flee

Thousands of Syrian refugees are fleeing the war, often leaving with only the clothes on their backs. As the war drags on there is little hope that they will be able to return anytime soon.

Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) will distribute Action Packs to these persecuted Muslims and Christians. Each pack will contain a **blanket, bed sheet, knit hat, socks, solid color t-shirt, towel and bar of soap**. Cornerstone will be collecting for the Action Packs so that we can be part of showing the love of Christ to those in need.

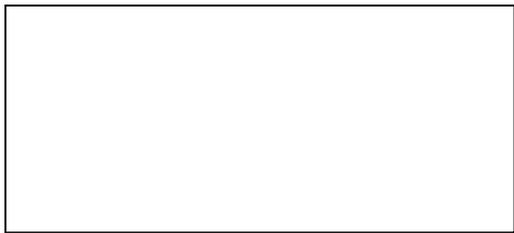
Please watch for the drop off box that will be provided in the entryways at both the Eldridge and the DeWitt campus to deposit the items needed. Children and adult sizes are welcome. You may also give funds for mailing the packs or to pay for a pack to be filled for you, payable to Cornerstone with VOM in the memo line.



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## “Weekend to Remember”

Family Life “Weekend to Remember” Fall 2014  
 Marriage Conferences

Cedar Rapids—November 7-9

St. Louis—December 5-7

Contact Scott or Teresa Bivens for discounted rates at [bivstikk@netins.net](mailto:bivstikk@netins.net).

## Community Thanksgiving Service

Cornerstone is hosting this year’s North Scott Community Thanksgiving Service **Sunday, November 23 @ 6:00 pm.** Pastor Drew and Cornerstone’s worship team are leading the worship service. There will also be a time for congregational sharing, testimonies and giving thanks. The service will be held in the sanctuary and nursery will be provided.

There will also be a Thanksgiving offering of both food and money. The food will go to the North Scott Food Pantry. The money will go to the North Scott Clergy Group fund that is used to give money to CareLink for people in need.

Refreshments will be served in the ROCK Center following the service. *We strongly encourage Cornerstone people to attend this service that we are hosting and leading.*

### Come and join us on Sunday Mornings!

	CBC Eldridge	CBC DeWitt (DeWitt High School Media Center)
Family Sunday		
School Opportunities	9:45 am	8:45 am
Worship Service	8:15 & 10:45 am	10:00 am