

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Scott's Perspective — "Working Together on Purpose"

As we begin a new year together, it is appropriate to remind ourselves what church is for and how we each contribute in different ways to the same goals.

Our life together as a church body is guided by our purpose statement and by the five purposes of the church taught in the New Testament.

Cornerstone Baptist Church exists to worship God, proclaim Christ and to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus who will extend His love to others.

This statement expresses the five purposes of the church: *worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism / missions.*

For the past year or so, we have been in the process of implementing the *Purpose-Driven Church* principles into the structure of our congregational life. We now have five adult purpose teams overseeing *worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism / missions.* We also have a youth purpose team and a children's purpose team overseeing the same five purposes in our youth and children's ministries.

Though these purpose teams oversee different areas of responsibility, their functions are interrelated and all contribute to the health, growth, vitality and fruitfulness of the church.

There is a sense in which everything begins and ends with worship and evangelism. Worship is the fountainhead of congregational spiritual vitality which is essential to everything else we do. Worship is the primary entry point for most new people into our congregation. One of the key roles of the evangelism and worship purpose teams is to bring new

people into our church and within the hearing of the Gospel so that they can develop a personal love relationship with God through a vital, personal faith in Jesus Christ. The **Evangelism Purpose Team** seeks to get our church members involved in reaching out to unsaved / unchurched people in our community and inviting them to church. *The number one most effective way that growing churches grow is by word-of-mouth "advertising" and invitations by the rank-and-*

file members of the church. When many members of a church are excited enough about Christ and their church and concerned enough about lost people to reach out and invite others to church, that church will grow.

The **Worship Purpose Team** seeks to provide the kind of positive "first impressions" of our church and the kind of spiritually meaningful worship experiences that many of the people who are invited to Cornerstone or visit us on their own will want to return. No church retains everyone who visits, but growing churches tend to retain 25% or more of their worship visitors.

But if a church is to thrive and grow and make an impact in the lives of others, they need to do far more than attract a crowd of worshipers with their music and/or preaching and/or facilities and media technology. The quality of worship and preaching is an important factor for people in choosing to return to a church they have visited, but in many cases the most important factor for people in choosing to commit to a church is *relationships.* Without a network of personal relationships and caring fellowship within a congregation, people will "leave the back door" as fast as they "enter the front door."

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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 1 NO Sunday School
AM Pastor Mark
AM Communion
NO PM Activities
- Jan. 3
Day of Fasting & Prayer
7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg.
- Jan. 8
6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Jan. 10 7:00 p.m. Stacy
Ihrig Baby Shower at
Tammy Bullock's
- Jan. 14 7:00 a.m. Trus-
tee Meeting/Village Inn
- Jan. 15 Noon — Spaghetti
Dinner & Escape School
6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Jan. 17 6:30 p.m.
Women's Craft Night
- Jan. 21 2:00 p.m.
Elisabeth Carlson & Tony
Rupe Wedding, Fulton, IL
5:30 p.m. Wedding
Reception/ ROCK
- Jan. 22 Sanctity of
Life Sunday
6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Jan. 26 5:30-9:00 p.m.
CLASS 101 Blueprint for
Membership
- Jan. 27 6:00 p.m. Ladies
Night Out w/Activity
- Jan. 27-29 Middle School
Retreat, Camp Abe Lin-
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- Jan. 29 11:45 a.m.
Quarterly Business Mtg.
6:00 p.m. Home Groups

That brings us to the key role of the **Fellowship Purpose Team**. That team oversees the building of relationships and the cultivating of fellowship within the church body – both among new people and among existing members. They seek to provide ways and means for new worship attenders to get to know enough church members well enough so that they can begin to develop a sense of belonging in the church family. They also encourage church attenders to become committed church members. And they also seek to provide ways and means for all Cornerstone people to form both “peer group” and intergenerational relationships as brothers and sisters in Christ.

As vital as building caring relationships is, our purpose as a church goes beyond being friendly and caring. We are called to *develop fully devoted followers of Jesus*. That is the domain of the **Discipleship Purpose Team**. They seek to provide spiritual growth and learning opportunities for the congregation. For we value not only growing worship attendance – but also growing disciples who are becoming conformed to the likeness of Christ. The progressive spiritual growth of church members requires both solid biblical teaching and the renewing work of the Holy Spirit at all levels of church life.

It can be said that the Evangelism and Worship purpose teams help the church grow by bringing new people into the front door of the church – and the Fellowship and Discipleship purpose teams help the church grow by keeping people healthy and loved and growing in the church family so that they don't leave by the back door of the church.

A disciple is a learner – but also a doer. We do not reach full spiritual maturity by attending Bible studies and fellowship

activities only, but also by serving others in love and by putting into practice what we are learning. *Fully devoted followers of Jesus will extend His love to others*. That brings us to the work of the **Ministry Purpose Team**. Their important role is to equip and involve church members in using their God-given **SHAPE** (*Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality and Experiences*) to meet the needs of others and to edify the church body. Fully devoted followers of Jesus not only form good spiritual growth habits themselves – but also help others to grow spiritually into maturity in Christ.

Yet even this does not express the full purpose of the church. For the church is commissioned by Christ not only to meet the needs of existing members and new worship attenders – but also to advance God's Kingdom and expand Christ's reign through proclaiming Christ in evangelism and cross-cultural missions both locally and globally. We need to be effective in Worship and Fellowship and Discipleship and Ministry so that we can be effective in Evangelism and Missions. The world is filled with people who do not know or worship the one true living Creator God and His Son Jesus Christ. ***Our passion to see God glorified in worship compels us to engage in evangelism and missions.***

Thus, as I said earlier, *there is a sense in which everything begins and ends with worship and evangelism*. But the church will not be effective in worship and evangelism and missions apart from being strong in fellowship and discipleship and ministry. **All five purposes are vitally important to fulfilling Christ's purpose for our church: namely, to worship God, proclaim Christ and develop fully devoted followers of Jesus who will extend His love to others.**

Church Financial Report

Giving in December was very strong and generous. Giving to the General fund (church budget) averaged \$9,147 per Sunday. This enabled us to finish the 3rd quarter of the fiscal year a little above budget (Oct. – Dec. giving averaged \$7,862 compared to budget of \$7,655). *In fact, this was our first \$100,000 quarter (of general fund giving during a three-month period) in church history*. However, for the fiscal year (April – March) we are still lagging behind budget by several thousand dollars.

(Giving to the general fund January 1st was \$4,379 – not surprising for a holiday Sunday with lower attendance.)

December's strong giving enabled us to catch up on our debt retirement giving with \$4500 (\$1500 more than our monthly goal) going toward paying down the principal in addition to our monthly mortgage payments. For 9 months we have now

given \$21,000 to the debt retirement fund compared to a budget goal of \$27,000 for that period.

Building Fund giving was also strong: \$15,197 for December – well above our \$9,000 mortgage payment.

In addition to the above, about \$2500 was given to the Holiday Missions Offering going to two of our church missionaries in financial need (the Aisenbreys lost all their possessions in a flood in Dakar, Senegal, and Andrew Le has been without salary for 4 months while awaiting renewal of his work visa).

Many of you also gave generously to provide Angel Tree and Urban Edge and Meadow Lawn Christmas gifts.

Thank you and God bless you for your generous giving! May your generosity continue in 2006.

A Word From Pastor Mark

On the last Sunday of December in 2004, I had the opportunity to preach on how we could make an impact on Cornerstone. My sermon was titled, Making CBC Great: Five Resolutions for 2005. With this being the first day of 2006, I thought we would turn our attention on how you and I could impact the world in a powerful way. Have you ever pondered how you could change the world? Have you ever wondered how your hands could extend beyond your house, neighborhood, or city to touching your state, country and even world? In the movie *Pay It Forward* a seventh grade social studies teacher named Mr. Simonet gave his class an assignment for extra credit. His challenge was for these young students to think of something to change the world and put it into action. When the students heard of this assignment they were perplexed. How could a seventh grader, who can't drive and doesn't have a source of income, make a difference in the world?

You do not have to be a seventh grader to feel at a loss at the prospect of this assignment. What can you or I do to change the world? What can we do to have a lasting impact on the earth? Trevor, played by Haley Joel Osment, comes up with the idea of trying to meet a need in three other people's lives—a need they could not meet themselves. After helping meet their needs they would be required to not give back to Trevor but to pay it forward to three others and the cycle would continue at an astounding pace. In the movie, what started with Trevor began to spread from Las Vegas to Los Angeles and elsewhere. People were paying it forward to others.

The premise of *Pay It Forward* is interesting. However, doing good just for the sake of doing good often has temporal significance and not eternal. If someone does good without the backdrop of Jesus, the recipient just thinks someone was nice to them. But we are called to do good for the sake of the kingdom. Doing good for the sake of the kingdom of God can be eternal—that means loving acts can have an everlasting benefit.

You and I just ordinary people can be used by God to change the world by loving people in Jesus' name. You see, as we reach out to others with God's love people will be changed. And as they are discipled in Christ they too will reach out to others.

CLASS 101-Blueprint for Membership

Thursday, Jan 26th from 5:30- 9:00 p.m.

If you are interested in being baptized and/or a member of Cornerstone, CLASS 101 is a prerequisite. In this fun and relaxed atmosphere you will learn about CBC's foundation, framework and focus. Included in the evening is a free pizza dinner. If you would like to attend the seminar, please contact Pastor Mark @ 285.8080 or zev4cbc@netins.net. Pastor Scott and Mark look forward to visiting with you.

Last year, I asked the listeners to commit to five resolutions that would help make CBC more effective. This year I am asking you to make a commitment to touch at least five lives with the love of Jesus in 2006. Last Sunday the ushers passed out baggies that contained 5 cards that tell people they matter to God. I want to encourage you to do something special for 5 people and then give them this card. You do not have to be an adult to make a difference. Children are often some of the best examples of stepping out in faith to help people move closer to Jesus. I have seen many children get involved in several No Strings Attached Ministries outreaches like handing out a cold bottle of water on a very hot day. Or raking leaves for neighbors. Or giving Christmas goodie bags to employees who work on Christmas day just like several children did two Sundays ago.

Kids are also great at inviting their friends to church or AWANA. It has been neat to see how Jackson has taken the initiative to invite friends to AWANA. Jackson has invited several friends to AWANA this year. One friend Mitchel, loved the AWANA program so much that he invited Kyle. Kyle has really enjoyed himself as well and so last Monday, Kyle brought his friend Alexis to AWANA. She loves it too. I am waiting to find out who will be coming next from this connection. The great thing about unchurched kids going to AWANA is that they are working on their Bible verses with their parents. Through the children, seeds of God's Word are being planted in their parents' hearts.

Take some time to pray and think about whom you would like to touch with God's love and how you would like to do it. Included in the bulletin last Sunday are low key ways to show someone God loves them. There are myriad other ways to touch people you know or do not know. **As your actions impact those you touch please email me the stories that will arise. We will publish some of them in the newsletter so we can all be encouraged and motivated when we hear how God is using us.** If you were not at church on the 1st, please pick up your 5 cards in the office area. You also might want to check out the rest of my message titled *Pass It On* on the CBC's website- www.cornerstonebaptistch.org

HUGS & HOT ROD Information

The HUGS Puppet Team and HOT ROD Dowel Team will resume practices on January 15 and continue each Sunday evening. This practice is for all current members and anyone new who is interested in being part of the team. This is a great time to come and find out more about the puppet and dowel rod teams. See you there.....

4:30-6:00 p.m. Junior Puppet team & new puppeteers
4:30-6:00 p.m. Dowel Rods
5:30-7:00 p.m. Senior Puppet team

Dawnetta Van Ee

Pastor Tony's No Limits News

As I sit here and try to write this newsletter, I am distracted by the radio; I am trying to follow the Outback Bowl, wishing I was at Outback (I love their wings!) watching the game. I don't have ESPN or cable for that matter, and it really makes it difficult to watch the sports I love. It is easy for me to feel deprived at times, and even a little angry, when I go to watch a game and must turn to the radio. Yet at the same time I feel ashamed that I am preoccupied by something as temporal as a football game. There are so many things in this life that are not, of themselves, evil or wrong yet they consume our (or at least my) mind and take away from the true purpose of life.

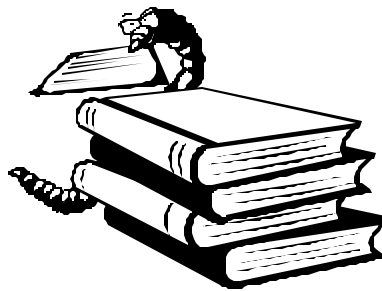
It happens all year round. The enemy is fully armed with many good things to keep us busy and preoccupied that would keep us off the mark of what we should be doing. In the work with youth, I often see the youth who have very busy schedules and have to make difficult decisions to what they can be involved in. Many times they choose to sacrifice eternal work for temporal choices. And their decisions and choices will continue to become more difficult. That is why I am learning to appreciate books that connect me to the past and those who have gone before me. The good choices they made encourage me because I have access to the same Source of strength. My wife bought me a devotional of Christian history, one year of stories of faith and the great lessons and persons of the Christian faith as they have impacted the Kingdom. I also have worked through books like Jesus Freaks Modern day book of the Martyrs. Stories like these help me to keep my focus and remember what is important. May they find their way into your life and keep you focused this year.

Library News

As we look back over the past, we rejoice in the many changes that God has provided for Cornerstone and specifically for the Library.

When the Library was initially opened back in 1990, it started in a very small room, which had been the pastor's office prior to the building of our current sanctuary. After a few years, we suffered from being so cramped that we bumped out the wall gaining about 30% more room. That, however, (after a few years) created a problem in the hall between the Library and the Nursery. Once again, in just a few more years, we were suffering from being extremely cramped in the Library.

After the completion of Phases I and II of the building project, Phase III provided new larger facilities for Li-



Finally, as you look into the next year, keep in mind 2 Corinthians 5:17 "For those who become Christians we have the power to change to become new persons. We are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun." It is because of what Christ has done in us, and lives in us, that we truly have the power... His power to change and live closer to His example.

So what would you like to do with your faith this year?

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 4th No Limits 7:00-8:30

Wednesday 11th No Limits 7:00-8:30

Wednesday 18th No Limits 7:00-8:30

Thursday 19th Last day to sign up for the Middle School Winter retreat.

Wednesday 25th No Limits 7:00-8:30

Fri-Sunday 27th-29th Middle School Winter Retreat
Camp Abe Lincoln \$50

February 10-12th Dare 2 Share Revolution tour.
Sr High Retreat/ mission trip.

brary. We thoroughly enjoy the new space that we have, and are thankful for the provision of the new bookshelves and furniture that make the Library so comfortable.

However, it is not only the room and furnishings that was the goal for the new Library. The Library is there to be used for spiritual growth through books, music, video and DVD's. The open house was quite well attended and the use of the Library has been very encouraging.

As we look ahead to what 2006 will bring, we expect to install a patron look-up station, increase the number of librarians, and eventually (perhaps not until 2007) go to bar coding for check out and check in services as well as continue to add new current resources .

Escape School – Abduction Prevention Program

Sunday, Jan. 15th @12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Parents, Grandparents, teachers, future parents, Runge Mortuary will be offering a very powerful program to help give you and the kids you love effective tools in abduction prevention at Cornerstone. Janet Haycraft and her boys participated in this class last year at the Eldridge Library and found it to be quite helpful. So we are bringing it to Cornerstone so that we can be better equipped as adults and children. The cost is free.

“Dignity Memorial Escape School is a nationally recognized abduction prevention program that empowers children and

parents by providing them with ways to recognize, avoid or escape potentially dangerous situations. Offered in an entertaining and non-threatening manner, the program teaches children how to differentiate between good and bad strangers, the common lures abductors use, how to “get away, right away” and how to find help when needed.” The seminar lasts one hour.

Prior to the class, you are invited to eat a **spaghetti dinner** in the ROCK Center thanks to Dave & Janet Haycraft and their Home Group. For more information please contact Pastor Mark or Janet Haycraft or visit Dignity Memorial’s website @ www.escapeschool.com.

New Year’s Resolutions

Well, another year has come and gone and it’s time to start over. Did you make any resolutions? Working in the fitness industry, I’ve seen a lot of good-intentioned resolutioners in January, but sadly their enthusiasm usually fizzles out by March.

As it says in 1 Timothy 4:8, physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. Let’s take care of our physical bodies, but let’s take care of our spiritual bodies, as well. Here are some ideas for resolutions that you could make that would have a huge impact on your spiritual life (and the spiritual life of Cornerstone) in the year 2006:

By Teresa Bivens

Attend 1 prayer meeting this year. If everyone would attend just one, it would make a difference!

Fast and pray for renewal during the first Tuesday of each month and then attend that evening’s Fire & Reign service.

Pray out loud once in a small group setting - ABF, home group, Bible study, etc.

Get organized and have a daily quiet time with the Lord.

Begin to pray regularly with your spouse.

Begin to pray regularly with your child(ren).

Begin to pray regularly with a friend.

Join the all-church prayer chain. (Call Alice Green or Lorena Seline for the phone chain or Teresa Bivens for the e chain, which is linked with the phone chain.)

Upcoming Sermon Series

On Sunday, January 15, Pastor Scott will be starting a sermon series dealing with critical life, health, family and “soul-care” issues such as “the battle of the mind,” abortion, anger, depression, marriage, parenting, grief, domestic abuse, sexuality, addictions, conflicts, etc.

The series will be entitled: *The Healing Power of Grace, Truth and the Church.*

If you have a particular topic or struggle you would like Pastor Scott to address in this series, please let him know via bulletin tear-off strip, email, phone, etc. While making no promises to include everyone’s requests, he will give serious consideration to expressed needs.

(January 8 Pastor Scott will be focusing on Christ’s call to sacrifice and missions on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the death of Jim Elliot and the other four missionaries who were killed in an attempt to share the Gospel with the Auca / Waodani tribe in Ecuador.)

Equip Ministries

By Mary Sue Ryan

Equip Ministries — 2006 — if fast approaching. This is a fantastic Christian Workers Conference coming to Peoria Civic Center on February 17-18. This conference offers our church workers so much at such a low cost — with such a close distance. This is not for Children’s workers only, but for any who are involved in church ministry. Special Seminars will be offered for Youth ministries, Small Group ministries, Women’s ministries (with Mary Whelchel — heard daily on WDLM).

A sampling of the workshops are: Mentoring and Prayer Teams Ministries, Evangelism and Missions, Exploring the Heart of Children’s Ministries, VBS previews, Spiritual Warfare, and the Church’s Role in World-wide Outreach.

Again, some comments I heard last year were “I have learned so much” and “I wish I had come to this years ago.” I am urging ministry leaders and workers in all areas of our church to give this conference a try. Equip booklets and information are in the church office, or you may see Pastor Mark concerning signing up for one or two days of the conference. Give it a try — you’ll be glad you did.

Parish Nurse Corner

“Parish Nursing exists at Cornerstone Baptist Church to minister to the body of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, by helping to meet health care needs (Mt.35:35-36) to live life abundantly (Jn10:10b).”

OSTEOPOROSIS

Osteoporosis is a disease that causes bones to weaken and have an increased risk of fracture. This can lead to rounded shoulders, loss of height and even painful fractures (broken Bones). Osteoporosis itself is painless but the fractures that can occur because of it are painful. The word osteoporosis means bone (osteo) that is porous or filled with holes (porosis).

Osteoporosis is a serious health problem in the United States. It affects about 28 million people and results in more than 1.5 million fractures of the back, wrist and hips each year. Eighty percent of people with osteoporosis are women. It is the main cause of bone fractures in postmenopausal women and the elderly.

Bone is changing, living tissue. It is a structure filled with calcium and mineral. By around age 40, bone mass begins to decline slowly. After menopause, women lose bone mass because of a drop in estrogen level. Over the next five to 10 years women can lose up to one-third of their bone mass. This is because bone breaks down faster than it can be replaced.

Sonshine Ministry (A Division of Urban Edge Ministry)

Happy New Year! May God pour out blessings in your family and in your homes.

I wish to thank everyone for his or her generosity this past Christmas season. All the parties went very well. The gathering at Meadowlawn was just wonderful...the residents had such a nice time. There was food, gifts, music, a gospel message from Pastor Mark and lots of love going around. One really neat story concerning that evening: A young man from Mt. Joy wanted to come and help. He brought a very nice gift, beautifully packaged. All the residents had been “adopted”, so I wasn’t sure what we would do with the gift. I certainly didn’t want to disappoint him. As it turned out, we noticed one lady had not received a gift. Everyone around her was opening their gifts and she was just watching them. The young man took his gift to her (which just happened to be a really nice bath/lotion/cologne set) and presented it to her. She was absolutely delighted and so was he. Isn’t it amazing how God works things out? Of all the wonderful things that happened that evening, that certainly touched my heart the most.

Preventing osteoporosis there is much you can do to protect yourself against osteoporosis and help yourself to better overall health at the same time. **DIET.** Make sure you get an adequate amount of calcium (at least 1200mg/d, including supplements if necessary) **VITAMIN D** (400-800 IU per day for individuals at risk of deficiency) **EXERCISE** weight bearing exercise (e.g., walking, stair climbing, and jogging). **ESTROGEN REPLACEMENT THERAPY** if at high risk for osteoporosis. More information on this subject can be found at Info.ia@arthritis.org

Submitted by Betty Carter and Julie Davis

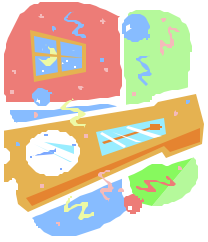
Beginning in January we have the opportunity to participate in a state-wide initiative “Lighten up Iowa.” It is a team-based approach working towards a healthier lifestyle. “Lighten-up Iowa” begins January 18, 2006 and continues through May 31, 2006. For more information you may visit the website lightenupiowa.org. If you are interested in participating in “Lighten-up Iowa” through Cornerstone please contact Liz Arter at 843-2890.

The elementary kids’ party also went well. What fun it was to see the kids enjoying themselves so much. They received such nice gifts...thank you for all who gave. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the story of Jesus’ birth and to show His love in a joyous way.

For the older kids, I took them out to dinner and then to Wal-Mart, where they spent gift cards, which were donated. What fun we had.

I feel so blessed to be part of such a giving church family. There were so many needs and I’m sure there were those who gave sacrificially. I am determined to continue this work that God has called me to as long as He will allow me to. If I have inherited my mother’s genes, I’ll be still “loving these kids and nursing home residents to Christ” when I am in my 90’s. Thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement and financial support. I thank God for you. Jan Kloss

**Coming:
Class 101 Blueprint for Membership
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January 2006

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1 NO Sunday School AM Pastor Mark AM Communion NO PM Activities	2 NO AWANA NO Prayer Meeting 8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball/ROCK	3 Day of Fasting & Prayer 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 7:30 p.m. College- Career-Singles/Deakers	4 6:30 a.m. Men at Maid-Rite, Eldridge 7:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits 7:00 p.m. No Limits Prayer Support/Library No Men & Women's Bible Study	5 6:30 p.m. Men & Women's Volleyball (Co-Ed) /ROCK 6:30-7:30 p.m. Parent- ing Workshop/Heritage Christian School	6	7 7:00 a.m. Men of Integrity Breakfast
8 8:40 a.m. Prayer 6:00 p.m. Home Groups	9 6:30 p.m. AWANA 6:45 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball/ROCK	10 7:00 p.m. Stacy Ihrig Baby Shower/Bullocks 7:30 p.m. College- Career-Singles/Deakers	11 6:30 a.m. Men at Maid-Rite, Eldridge 7:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits 7:00 p.m. No Limits Prayer Support/Library 7:00 p.m. Men & Women's Bible Study 8:15 p.m. Deacons	12 6:30 p.m. Women's Volleyball/ROCK 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting	13	14 7:00 a.m. Trustee Meeting/Village Inn 7:00 a.m. Men of Integrity Breakfast
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January Birthdays:

1 Sena Hagedorn
Mickey Owens
Gayle Bennett

3 Kailea Marlow

4 Jonathan Kaiser
Kris Schwarz
Michaela Klatt

6 Dale Arentson

7 Trudi Clark

10 Daniel VanDyke
Jay Wilke
Kendra Bivens

11 Leilana Keeney

12 Dennis Blake
Juliet Brewer
Mike Kaiser

13 Colleen Olson
Jodi Reid

14 Joy Halterman

15 Janelle Claussen
Valerie Pierce

16 Vernon Long

17 Lora Erickson

18 Bea Dreter

19 Cody Preston

January Anniversaries:

7 Craig and Sylvia Faust
Mike and Melissa Crouch

8 Harlan and Bonnie Perry

14 Jeff and Diane McCabe

19 John and Liz Arter

26 Terry and Lori Major

31 Richard and Jan Lindstrom

20 Laura Kuster

21 Bob Sickels
Devin Taylor
George Arndt

22 Betsy Jones
Sarah Hansel
Elisabeth Carlson
Don Green

23 Alice Green
Joshua Lacey

24 Jan Kloss
Kyle Skinner
Michael Paulus

26 Sarah Arter

27 Dave Mess

28 Kathy Weber
Lannie Neill

29 Christine Truong
Kirsten Bivens

30 Kevin Johnson
Don Paulus

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WHAT'S NEW IN 2006?

January's devotional magazine by David Jeremiah called "Turning Point" really caught my attention. At the time of year when many of us determine to change some old habits or develop new ones, I was very interested to see what was inside. Little did I know how God would use this to speak to me and to challenge my attitudes and actions.

C. S. Lewis once said, "The greatest thing is to be found at one's post as a child of God, living each day as though it were our last, but planning as though our world might last a hundred years." The most important thing, said Lewis, is to live for today and tomorrow at the same time.

If this were your last day on earth, how would you live it? Shouldn't the same priorities characterize your life today? Or, what would you do if you knew you were going to live another 50 years? What might you plan to do if you knew you have the time to do it?

We don't know how many days we have left, however God does (Psalm 139:16). We have to plan for today as well as for the future. The Bible encourages planning, but remember, God has the final say about our plans (Proverbs 16:1,3,9).

Jesus came to serve, not to be served (Philippians 2:5-7). As Christians, we are called by God and filled with the Holy

Chonda Pierce — LIVE!!

Friday, February 17, 2006
7:00 p.m. at Capitol Theatre, Davenport

Chonda's comedy is as clean and pure as Ivory soap. Come laugh it up with Chonda Pierce and enjoy an evening of side-splitting stories about real life.

Sponsored by Heritage Christian School
For tickets call 563-285-9382. Prices \$25/\$18/\$15

Attention: Ladies

Baby Shower for Isaiah & Stacy Ihrig

Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Tammy Bullock's home (8 Blackhawk Drive, Park View). Contact Tammy or Amy B. about the group gift.

Crafting for Warmth

Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30-8:30 p.m., ROCK Café
Come and spread the joy and warmth of Christ this winter to families in need. See Tonya Preston in the foyer this Sunday, January 8th.

"Gathering of Women"

Saturday, January 28th 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church, 1122 W. Central Park, Davenport
Speaker Leslie Vernick
Call Trinity Lutheran (563)323-8001 or Linda Gaster (563) 332-6327 to register.

By Andrea Ideker

Spirit, we are His hands and feet here on earth. I Corinthians 15:58 says nothing we do for the Lord is useless. If that is true, shouldn't we make serving a larger part of our walk with Him in 2006?

Here are some ideas how:

Participate in a mission trip to Mexico or Moldova, or wherever else the Lord calls you.

Get involved in a missionary's life, write to, pray for and encourage them.

Pray for the persecuted church daily.

Be involved with at least 2 "No Strings Attached" outreach events.

See about becoming a volunteer at CPC.

Volunteer at homework club

Participate in 2 nursing home events

Help Jan Kloss once a month in Mt. Joy ministry

These are just a few opportunities you can serve in, and you don't even have to travel far from home for most of them. If you want more ideas or places to begin, see one of the missions committee members or pastors.

SO WHAT DOES GOD WANT YOU TO DO IN 2006?????????

FOOD PANTRY Needs

January:

Jelly or jam, dish detergent, cake mixes, and hot cereals.

A cash donation is always appreciated.

Please place items in box in foyer.

Thanks for helping!!

IBC Ladies Winter Warm-Up

Saturday, February 18th 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Olivet Baptist Church, Urbandale
Contact Sherry McMullen at (712) 263-8358 by 2/10

Cornerstone Women's Retreat

March 3 & 4 in the ROCK Center
Please mark the dates — more info. will follow

Hearts at Home Conference

March 17 & 18 in Normal, Illinois
Moms of all ages are invited to attend the conference.
Lysa TerKeurst, Julie Ann Barnhill and Sara Groves will be featured. Call 309-888-MOMS. Registration ends 2/18.

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January Focus Calendar

Monday, January 9	Salvation for the Lost
Monday, January 16	Urban Edge/Sonshine Ministries
Monday, January 23	Reynosa Mission Trip
Monday, January 30	Sanctity of Human Life

GROW Ministry

(Godly Restoration Outreach to Women)
Providing Support for Women in Crisis

GROW women's ministry is a non-profit organization dedicated to help Christian women in crisis. Grow is a twofold ministry designed to meet the needs of women released from incarceration, who have received Christ as their savior and women who are subjected to domestic violence.

Current needs: Prayer Partners, Pen Pals, Basket Items, Books, Tapes, Video, CD's, A Vehicle, Grant Writing & Fund Raising, Volunteers and Mentors.

If interested in helping, please attend the following meeting:
GROW Ministries Volunteer Night, January 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Heritage Wesleyan Church Fellowship Hall, 4801 44th Street,
Rock Island. For more information, please call (309) 945-2676.