

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Scott's Perspective — "Why Missions?"

Many people today are offended by the very concept of evangelism or missions. Any and all efforts to persuade non-Christians or followers of other religions to become fully devoted followers of Jesus are seen as intolerant, imperialistic, arrogant, narrow-minded, judgmental and generally contrary to the fundamental tenets of Tolerance, Pluralism and Universalism.

Even many evangelical Christians are uncomfortable with evangelism and give low priority to missions.

Here, in brief summary, is a case for missions in answer to the question: *Why missions?* (In case the command of the risen Christ is not reason enough)

(1) Because there is one true, living God (Yahweh: the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob), the Maker of heaven and earth, Who is desirous and worthy of being worshiped by all the peoples of the earth. As John Piper says: *missions exists because worship doesn't.* Wherever people are worshiping false gods and idols – or are worshiping nothing at all – God is being robbed of His glory; and evangelism and missions are needed so that people will worship and give glory to the one true Creator God. *This truth stands in contrast to the view that there are many tribal deities worshiped by different nationalities and religions, and that it makes no difference which tribal deity one worships.*

(2) Because the one true Creator God has revealed Himself uniquely and definitively in the Person of Jesus Christ. If Jesus Christ is God in human flesh, then – as Jesus said – to honor the Son is to honor the Father, and to dishonor the Son is to dishonor the Father. *This truth stands in contrast to the view that Jesus is*

merely one of many prophets who is merely teaching people to follow one of many different paths to God.

(3) Because the death of Jesus Christ is God's only provision for the forgiveness of man's sins and the resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's only provision for victory over death and for resurrection unto eternal life. The core truth of the Christian Gospel is that Christ died for our sins and was raised from the dead on the third day. Therefore, salvation is through Christ alone.

There is forgiveness of sins and eternal life in no one else. This truth stands in contrast to the view that there are many paths to God and that people can be reconciled to God apart from the atoning sacrifice of the Lamb of God.

(4) Because salvation is received and experienced through faith in Jesus Christ. *"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith" "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" "Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" "Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."* This truth stands in contrast to the view that everyone is saved through Christ whether they believe in him or not – that accepting or rejecting Christ makes no difference to one's eternal salvation; that it makes no difference to God whether people believe His Son is Messiah and Lord or a false prophet and blasphemer.

(5) Because people need to hear the Gospel in order to be able to call on the name of the Lord and believe in Jesus and be saved. *"How, then, can they call*

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Upcoming Events

- March 3 & 4 Women's Retreat at Cornerstone
- March 3 & 4 Chicago Puppet Festival
- March 5 AM Communion 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- March 7 Day of Fasting & Prayer 7:00 p.m. Prayer
- March 11 7-11 a.m. Mexico Missions Pancake Breakfast/Pleasant Valley
- March 12 AM Pastor Tony 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- March 17 & 18 Moms at Home Conference, Normal, Illinois
- March 18 3:00 p.m. Kathy Weber & Jay Wilke Wedding at Cornerstone 5:30 p.m. Reception at Goose Lake
- March 19 AM Pastor Mark 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- March 24-26 Illowa Women's Conference, Davenport
- March 26 Noon Moldova Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- March 31-April 1 QC Writer's Conference, Grandview Baptist Church, Davenport

on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?" This truth stands in contrast to the view that people do not need to hear the Gospel in order to be saved.

- (6) **Because saving faith is something one chooses rather than something one is born into.** Being born into a Christian family or "Christian" nation does not make a person a Christian. Repenting of one's sins and trusting Christ as Savior are personal choices. *This contrasts with the view that religious faith is a matter of family tradition or cultural heritage and that the religious faith that one is born into should be the religious faith that one lives and dies in; the view that seeking to persuade (not coerce, but persuade) people to convert from another religious faith to Christianity is unnecessary and/or wrong; the view that people should not be able to choose freely whether or not to follow Jesus Christ, but must stay stuck in the religion of their family of origin or cultural group.*
- (7) **Because from Genesis to Revelation the Bible teaches that God's overarching purpose is to redeem a People for Himself from every tribe and language and nation and people group of the earth.** *Christianity began in the Middle East among Jews and has become the most universal religion in the world encompassing more people groups than any other religious faith. Christianity is not a "Western" religion or "white man's religion." Two-thirds of the world's Christians are non-white, and Christianity is growing fastest in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It is God's purpose that Jesus Christ will be acknowledged as Lord by all peoples of the earth; Jesus Christ loves and died for Asians and Africans as much as for Europeans and Americans; it is God's purpose that some from every tribe and language and nation and people group will confess*

Jesus Christ as Lord and be redeemed by His blood. *This truth stands in contrast to the view that Christianity is a nationalistic religion that should be confined to Europe and North America and to non-Jews and non-Muslims and non-Hindus and non-Buddhists – in other words, Christianity is a Western, "white man's religion" that should be confined to people born into Christian families.*

- (8) **Because both unsaved and unreached people need to hear the Gospel.** *What's the difference between unsaved and unreached? Unsaved people need Christ, but have good access to the Gospel in their locality and language and culture. If they are seeking God, there are nearby Christians and churches in their language that can present the Gospel to them. Unreached people do not have good access to the Gospel. There are no nearby churches in their village or city; or there is no Bible in their language; or there are no Christians or not enough Christians in their people group to evangelize them. Unreached people are dependent on missionaries bringing the Gospel to them. Jesus Christ shed his blood to redeem all peoples – but unreached peoples have not heard that Good News. Missions is necessary to take the Gospel to them. Missions is necessary so that they can be saved and can become worshipers of the one true living God who loves them and sent His Son to die for them.*
- (9) **Because the Second Coming of Christ awaits the fulfillment of the Great Commission.** *"This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations (ethne – people groups), and then the end will come."*
- (10) **Because the reign of Jesus Christ expands by evangelism and missions as people are rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the Kingdom of God's Son.** *Missions is fueled by a passion for the glory of Jesus Christ.*

Church Financial Report

Giving during February was excellent. Giving to the General Fund (church budget) averaged \$8,246 per Sunday. This was 7.7% above budget for the month (we're still behind budget for the fiscal year, but all bills are paid because spending is also below budget).

Due to strong giving the past three months, we are now all caught up in our giving from the church budget to the Debt Retirement fund (\$3,000 per month). If March giving remains strong, we should be able to meet our goal of \$36,000 for 2005-06.

Building Fund giving during February totaled \$11,951, which is comfortably more than our monthly mortgage payment of \$9,000.

With the 2006-07 budget currently being planned and due to go into effect April 1 (with some increases), the current level of giving will be needed to fund the new budget.

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

**Please remember those who are homebound in your prayers.
Your prayers and notes are encouraging to them.**

Esther Kemp (Deac Ryan's aunt)
Good Samaritan Nursing Home
700 Waverly Road
Davenport, IA 52804

Gary Foulk (Nicole Arndt's father)
Manor Care Health Services
815 E. Locust Street
Davenport, IA 52803

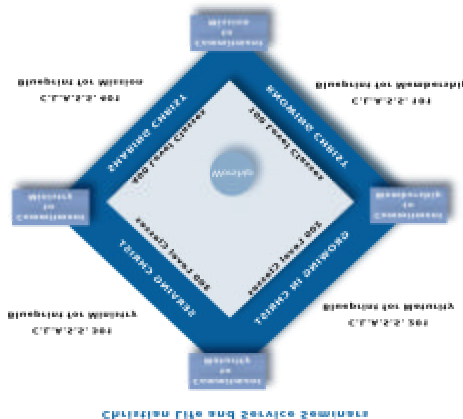
A Word From Pastor Mark

Hello Family,

As we move forward this year I would like to encourage each of you to run the bases. The bases consist of four Christian Life and Service Seminars- the CLASS structure you hear about on Sunday mornings via ABF or worship announcements or through newsletter articles. The four CLASSES (each one time classes lasting 3.5 hours) are designed to help you progress in the Christian life so you can become home run Christians. Some of you reading this are attenders and should consider getting to first base by taking CLASS 101- Blueprint for Membership. This is our introductory class to Cornerstone. There you will learn about baptism and membership and other helpful topics. CLASS 101 and membership is the gateway to being able to take the remaining three CLASSES.

Others reading this are members and stuck on first base. We desire to help you get to second base by taking CLASS 201- Blueprint for Maturity. CLASS 201 looks to answer the mil-

lion dollar question- "How do I grow spiritually? Is it God or is it my striving?" CLASS 201 is being offered on **Thursday, April 6 from 5:30-9:00 p.m.** Some of you reading this might be members for many years. That's wonderful. Come to the class. Everyone can get something out of it.



There are some who have taken CLASS 201 and are now ready to get to third base- CLASS 301-Blueprint for Ministry. CLASS 301 is being offered on **Tuesday, May 9th from 5:30-9:00 p.m.** This class will help you to find where you best fit in ministry. How encouraging and motivating it is to know where we can best be used by God and where we can find joy and fulfillment!

And there are still a smaller number of you who are waiting to get to home base- CLASS 401- Blueprint for Mission. We have yet to set a date for this class. It is one of my goals this year to see 25 of you complete this class. This class will help you to gain confidence in sharing the gospel and in using your story to touch many lives. We will also see the passion God has for the world through this class.

Spaghetti Dinner – Mar. 26th



Remember how fun it was to stay after church in March last year and eat that great spaghetti with meat balls???? There was no agenda, so you were free to just stay and eat and visit with our friends as long as you wanted!! You have an opportunity to do that again on Sunday, March 26 at 12 noon.

Mark your calendars!!! Stay after church and enjoy yourselves!! There is no set price for the meal, but donations are cheerfully accepted with the proceeds going for the purchase of Bibles and ministry materials for the Moldova mission trip in June this year. Thank you so much for your participation. We look forward to serving you!!

The Cornerstone Moldova Mission Team

Fire & Reign Service!

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

7:00 in ROCK 216

Come whether or not you've fasted that day.

**A casual time of worshipping,
sharing, and praying.**

Pastor Tony's No Limits News

Enter the Valley of the Giants... we took fifteen youth and three adults to join the caravan from Grandview to head towards St. Louis for the Dare 2 Share weekend. It was a very busy and powerful weekend, planned to challenge our youth's faith and bring them to action to share their faith with the world around them.

The conference was themed on the life of David overcoming the Giant in response to God's work in his life. They were challenged with the thought of Revolution coming when we look up to see God for who He is and find our strength in God. "The Lord is my light and my salvation- whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life- of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1. When we recognize that our God is one of a kind and the strength of the trinity, we see how strong He is and that we are never alone. We gain strength from the Cycle of the heart. God's love letter to us commissioned by the Father, authenticated by the Son, inspired by the Holy Spirit reaches our heart. We respond with outpouring of our hearts to God through confession, intercession and praise.

The revolution continues when we look in at who we are. More importantly who we are in Christ, and look at our skills or the weapons (or tools) we have been given for this life both physically and spiritually. Add to that our scepter or calling (what is the area we have been challenged to work in?) Then we are armed with the five stones of power, style, truth, understanding and wisdom to go take on the challenge and share the G.O.S.P.E.L. Journey.

Then your focus is to Look out at the Giant you face in life and go meet it in battle, empowered and called by God to take on the world around you. Our youth took their 1st steps

into the world by going door to door in a St. Louis neighborhood collecting canned foods for a homeless shelter while looking for opportunities to share their faith. And they continued that challenge by committing to talk to someone God placed on their heart with in 48 hrs of the conference. Most of our youth have struggled with that appointment and did not receive a positive response to the challenge. But they went out in faith. The going is the challenge; the response is in God's hands.

Please pray for their continued faithfulness to be witnesses for the Kingdom of Christ. And pray that they would form into an Evangelism Team that would encourage their peers to seriously take on the Giants in their world.

Also pray that the youth would be challenged to return to the mission field this summer as we take a missions trip to Detroit June 24-30. We have 7 spots I would like to fill before the end of March for those in high school this fall who want to be used of God to reach people with the Gospel and draw closer to Him.

Upcoming events:

March 1,8,22,29 No limits Youth Group
March 15 No Groups Spring Break.
March 20 Deadline for signing up for Mission Trip to Detroit.
March 25 No Limits Movie night. TBA

Prayer Requests for Pastor Scott's and Beth's mission trip to Nepal March 11-22

For physical health and stamina for a 40-hour journey (Moline - Chicago - Tokyo - Bangkok - Kathmandu) followed by 7 busy days in Nepal followed by another 40-hour journey and then back to work here

For adjustments to a very different culture, food, customs, transportation, facilities, schedule, etc.

For edifying, enriching relationships with Bishwa and Ramila (Jill's Nepali supervisors and our hosts)

For spiritual protection in the midst of great spiritual darkness and anticipated spiritual attacks

For effective and fruitful ministry for Pastor Scott: encouraging Jill, mentoring Bishwa, teaching and training Danuwar Christian leaders and other Nepali church leaders who work with the Danuwar people

For wisdom and direction in preparation for preaching and teaching - and for flexibility and Spirit-empowerment when speaking "on the spur of the moment" in unplanned situations

For the ability to communicate effectively both to educated Nepali Christian leaders and to mostly illiterate farmers and rural Nepali Christian leaders

For effective and fruitful ministry for Beth: encouraging Jill, spending time and encouraging Nepali women in a sewing outreach project, and perhaps teacher training in the village school where Jill teaches

For effective training and practice in intercessory prayer and spiritual warfare prayer

That Beth and I will leave with a better understanding of mission work among an unreached people group in a poor Hindu nation in Asia

That we will experience God working in, around and through us

That our presence and ministry there would support and enhance (and not hinder) the ongoing ministries of Bishwa, Ramila, Jill, Autumn and Amy.

Missions

Last month I wrote about what we are learning in Perspectives and how we see God's mandate for us to make disciples of all nations. This month I would like to let you know how the Cornerstone Senior high youth are carrying out that mandate in an upcoming mission trip.

On June 24-30 they will have an opportunity to attend a mission trip to the city of Detroit, Michigan. They will be going with AIM (Adventures in Missions).

"Adventures IN Missions is an interdenominational short-term missions organization. Our objective is to mobilize and equip the Church for missions by bringing the mission field to the church's doorstep. The dramatic changes in our world have ushered in a new era in missions. A new breed of missionary is helping to win the world for Christ: The Short-term Missionary. It is this new generation of missionaries that AIM seeks to assist. More opportunity exists to reach the needy of the world than ever before. Unprecedented numbers of people are answering God's call to the mission field. AIM has the ministry of bringing these two together."

"Family News"

Congratulations to Deac and Mary Sue Ryan on the birth of their 14th grandchild born February 28th!

William Deacon Ryan 7# 8 oz. 20" long

Parents: Steve & Lisa Ryan

Siblings: Madison, Kali, Kelsi, Jenna and Gabby

Christian School News

From: Heritage Christian School
507 Parkview Drive, Park View

*Kindergarten Roundup — Monday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m.
Parents are invited to bring their Kindergarten age children, activities will be provided during the parent's meeting. Both full and half-day Kindergarten options are available.

*Open House — Sunday, March 19th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
A general open house is available to all families and their children grades K-12th who are interested in learning more about Heritage.

*Pre-K Informational Meeting — Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
This meeting is for parents of Preschool children ages 3-4 and Pre-K children ages 4-5.

Call Cindy Nees at 285-9382 for more information.

By Lucy Schmidt

"Detroit's population has shifted to the suburbs, leaving inner-city neighborhoods that need God's love demonstrated. Rev. Nathaniel Bishop of HOPE Baptist Center is excited to partner with groups who want to minister in the Cass Corridor, a local neighborhood.

Ministry Description:

Through street evangelism, volunteering at the soup kitchen, prayer walks, vacation Bible school (VBS), construction projects, and neighborhood outreach, you can share the love of God with the people of Detroit.

You'll help with summer day camps and tutoring programs that reach out to 300 children in the area. There is an amazing opportunity to fellowship through Bible study with the men at the Detroit Rescue Mission, a rehabilitation center."

Please see Pastor Tony if interested in joining this trip or want more information. The youth are fulfilling God's mandate to make disciples of the nations.

Quotes taken from the Adventures in Mission web site.

Our sincere sympathy to Marty Sickels and her family in the loss of her beloved husband, Bob Sickels, Sr.

From: Morning Star Academy
1426 Tanglefoot Lane, Bettendorf

*Annual Spring Open House & Art Show — Thursday, March 16th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
6:00-7:30 p.m. Art Show in Lunchroom
6:15 & 7:00 p.m. Logic Presentations in Science Rm.

*Teaching Positions Available
Full-time and part-time positions
Elementary teachers are needed, as well as secondary English, Rhetoric and Science.
Substitute teachers for all grades.

For more information, please call 359-5700.

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)."

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

According to the American Cancer Society, every man and woman is at risk for colorectal cancer. What is colorectal cancer? It is an abnormal growth of cells that starts somewhere in the colon or rectum; most commonly in the colon. It is very treatable through prevention and early detection.

Most colorectal cancers occur in persons over the age of 50. The most powerful weapon against colorectal cancer is screening. It is recommended that everyone over the age of 50 have a yearly fecal occult blood test and every 5 years starting at the age of 50 a flexible sigmoidoscopy. Any polyps or growths can then be detected before they turn into cancer. Screening can also find colorectal cancer at early stages when it is highly curable.

Forms of prevention are:

Diet: 5 servings of fruits and vegetables per day. Reduction in high fat foods, especially those from animal sources. Increase fiber intake through whole grains, legumes, etc. Adequate intake of Vitamin D and calcium; the best source is milk with a recommendation of 2 – 3 servings per day. Limit alcohol intake.

Exercise: at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise at least 5 times per week is recommended.

Smoking Cessation: Smoking increases your risk for many cancers, lung disease, and cardiac disease. For help in quitting smoking please see a parish nurse or your health care provider in help with smoking cessation.

During the month of March, the American Cancer Society is sponsoring free colorectal screenings. The screening involves a fecal occult blood test. It is a simple screening that can be performed at home. This is an early detection recommendation. You will receive results of your test within 4 weeks. Any positive tests should be reported to your health-care provider for follow up. Participating sites are local Walgreen Drug Stores and Genesis Medical Center, West Campus, 1351 West Central Park at the Information Desk. Again these tests are available for free during the month of March. Please utilize this excellent resource.

Should you have any questions please direct them to your parish nurses: Liz Arter, Betty Carter, Julie Davis, Andrea Ideker, or Deb Luett. Please stop by and see us and our new Parish Nurse Office. We have some American Cancer Society pamphlets that include dietary recommendations along with other valuable information.

Also, I regret to inform you that Jann Stark one of our Parish Nurses has resigned due to other commitments that the Lord has called her to. I am sorry to lose her. She has been a wealth of information for us and a great support system for me personally.

Submitted by Liz Arter

Meadowlawn Meanderings

Things are going well at Meadowlawn. The VonMaurs joined mom & I on the 26th of Feb. and shared their musical talents. Things went so well and everyone had such a good time, we might decide to do this once or twice every month. Music is such an awesome way to share God's love.

ABF's and small groups, if you have ideas for an "event" at Meadowlawn, could you let me know? I would love to see more church involvement in this ministry. We have annual events that take place in May, July, and Dec. Any ideas for any other month would be welcomed and I can always use "treats" for when mom & I go on Thursdays or for our special monthly activity. Let me know if you would like to help in any way. Look in the church bulletin for upcoming events.

If you "adopted" a resident at Christmas, please consider visiting him/her. Or send a card. Pray for him/her. Thanks.

Jan Kloss 349-2652/843-2652/sonshineclub1@netzero.com

Prayer Foci Calendar

Monday, March 6	Pastor Scott & Beth's Nepal Trip
Monday, March 13	Children's Purpose Team
Monday, March 20	Adult Purpose Teams
Monday, March 27	Church Finances



March 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 a.m. Men at Maid-Rite, Eldridge 7:00 p.m. No Limits Prayer/Library 7:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study/Cornerstone 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study/Hansels	2 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	3 9:00 a.m.-noon Mom & Kids/ROCK March 3 & 4 Cornerstone Women's Retreat March 3 & 4 Chicago Puppet Festival	4
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March Birthdays:

2 Valerie Van Ee
Kyle Munson
Tri Truong
Diane McCabe

4 Mike Crouch

6 Tyler Green

7 Angela Crotty

9 Ellen Burt
Jacob Schwartzhoff

10 Esther Kemp
Renaë Mohr
Nathan Gainer
Sandy Carlson

11 Celeste Von Maur
Jenni Bader
Julie Bader
Kyle Marti

13 Abby Nass
Justin Ramsey

14 Joshua Wright
Hattie Hagedorn
Ava Hagedorn

16 Amy Brady
Sarah Payton

17 Patrick Gainer

19 Kara Aisenbrey
Derik Marti

March Anniversaries:

13 Chad and Tiffany Guge

28 Vernon and Jeannette Long (40 yrs.)
Wes and Connie Reese

21 Luke Bullock
Gloria Dahms
Jim McCabe
Jim Lacey
Katie Beer

22 Jonathan Halstead

23 Marleen Olsen

24 Cory Ferrel

25 Carolyn McMurrin

26 Lee Swanson
Chris Peterson
Lucas Hageman
Tim Doty
Erica Kabel

27 Shane Scull
Jerit Wohlford
Barb Bibens
Kris Mohr

28 Jada Marti
Kathy Doty

29 Nancy Hagge
Paula Mess
Tony Rupe
Mathew Schabilion

30 Angie Payton

31 Laura Conner
Karen Tkatch
Isabelle Brewer

2006 Summer Camps & Retreats

Camps:

- June 18-23 Junior's Camp
For students entering 4th & 5th grade '06
- June 18-23 Girl's Wilderness Camp
For students entering 7th-12th grade '06
Graduates welcome
- June 25-30 Sixer's Camp
For students entering 6th grade '06
- June 25-30 Boy's Wilderness Camp
For students entering 7th-12th grade '06
Graduates welcome
- July 5-8 Base Camp
For students entering 2nd & 3rd grade '06
- July 9-14 Junior High Camp
For students entering 7th & 8th grade '06
- July 16-21 Senior High Camp
For students entering 9th-12th grade '06
Graduates welcome

Contact Marvin Van Ee to sign up for above camps.

Retreats:

- May 26-29 Family Retreat Weekend
See Jim & Dee McGimpsey to sign up
- June 30-July 4 Family Camp
See Marvin Van Ee to sign up
- August 5 Pine Lake 50th Anniversary Celebration
- September 15-17
Men's Retreat
- September 22-24
Women's Retreat

\$25 discount if registered by May 1, 2008

First Time Camper at Pine Lake? Receive a free t-shirt

Bring a First Time Camper and you both receive a free t-shirt

Now recruiting summer staff — need to be college age student or adult. More information is available on the Pine Lake Christian Center website — www.pinelakechristiancamp.org

Pine Lake Christian Camp

FAMILY 2 RETREAT WEEKENDS

Memorial Day (May 26-29) & Fourth of July (June 30-July 4)

Guest Speaker — Dave Williamson
Christian Comedian and Illusionist
Performing for audiences of all shapes and sizes
from coast to coast
Sharing God's love for the lost and His call to a
deeper relationship with Him!

Worship Leaders — DRIFTWOOD
(Worship Band from IBC's Newest Church Plant...
The River's Edge in Iowa Falls)

Child care provided during Family Worship Only
Chapel sessions geared for ages 6 and up.

See Jim & Dee McGimpsey for the Memorial Day Weekend
Camp

See Marvin Van Ee for the July Camp

REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!!!!!

BGC Cornerstone IRA Accounts

From Jarol Duerksen, IBC Representative to the BGC

I just looked at one of my savings accounts at my local bank and they pay 2/10 of 1% on regular savings. Did you know that the LOWEST rate currently offered on a demand investment at Cornerstone Fund is 3.875%. That's more than 19 times as much as my local bank account. And this increases to as much as 5.625% for Cornerstone IRA accounts. Check out all of the rates at www.bgccornerstonefund.org/corrate.htm.

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Bring Encouragement to Jill/Nepal

One of the ways that you can send encouragement to Jill in Nepal is by writing her a personal or family letter to let her know what is happening in your life and how God is working in your life. And she would love to have you include a picture of you or your family if you have an extra photo.

Pastor Scott and Beth can bring these letters and pictures to Jill when they see her March 11-22.

Week of Prayer May 1-7

Following our congregational annual meeting April 30, we will be observing a Week of Prayer May 1-7. Two major prayer services will be held that week: *First Tuesday Day of Fasting and Prayer on May 2 with a prayer service that night @ 7:00, and the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4 with a prayer service that night @ 7:00.* Our HUGS Puppets will also be concluding the week with a prayer-focused musical Sunday evening, May 7.

Ministry leaders and activities planners are encouraged to keep that week as free as possible of other meetings and activities so that as many people as possible will be free to devote themselves to prayer that week.