

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Scott's Perspective — "Reflections on Our Nepal Trip"

On behalf of Jill and Beth and myself, I want to thank all of you who prayed for us and/or contributed financially to defraying much of the costs of our trip to Nepal March 11-22.

Here are some of my observations and reflections on our experiences in Nepal:

Some of our first impressions of Kathmandu: A cow lying down in the middle of a busy road is not an unusual sight // Armed soldiers and armed policemen at nearly every intersection // The thoroughfares are paved (and always busy and chaotic), and are lined by ditches strewn with garbage and bricks and rocks, and "frontage roads" of dirt (or mud) leading to innumerable small businesses and merchants // *the roads are mostly 2-lane roads (with no lane markers) that get used by 3-5 lanes of traffic - the middle of the road is the passing lane belonging to whichever vehicle is bigger, faster or honks the loudest, motorcycles can go anywhere (and do), and instead of turn signals there are honking horns to let other vehicles know where you are and where you're about to go // We saw one stoplight in a city of over 2 million people! // But we learned to trust the taxi and van drivers - and did not see any accidents while we were there*

Beth can testify (while riding on the back of Brandon's motorcycle) that Jill drives her motorcycle just like a Nepali - which is to say - quite aggressively (a necessity if you want to get anywhere).

Debatable when Jill's guardian angels are

busiest: when she's driving her motorcycle in the city or when she's driving on steep and curvy mountain switchbacks with 2-3,000 foot sheer dropoffs from 1 ½ lane roads that must accommodate two lanes of traffic.

A typical Nepali meal consists of rice, mixed with lentil soup and some vegetables in a spicy sauce with perhaps some chicken or buff (water buffalo) or goat meat in a spicy sauce - and all of it is eaten with the right hand (no utensils except in restaurants or special occasions). I enjoyed the taste of the food, but my stomach was upset most of the week to one degree or another.

Beth and I both got violently sick Thursday night (severe "double-end action") and I was feverish and sick all of Friday. Dealing with digestive problems (and Nepali toilet facilities) is part of the cost of ministry in that part of the world. Jill and Autumn and Amy function at less than full health much of the time - without complaining.

Neighborhood sounds: dogs barking all night long, a household turkey gobbling in the morning - and the bell ringing from a Hindu shrine near their house where worshipers leave food offerings for the gods / goddesses and then ring a bell to let the god know they have left an offering (and prayer).

The Nepali countryside is as beautiful and refreshing and uplifting as the city is ugly and smog-filled and depressing: beautiful hills and valleys with an occasional view of the Hima-

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Upcoming Events

- April 2 Election Sunday
AM Communion
6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- April 4
Day of Fasting and Prayer
7:00 p.m. Prayer Service
- April 6 5:30-9:00 p.m.
CLASS 201 Blueprint for Maturity
- April 9 PALM SUNDAY
6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- April 13 7:00 p.m.
Jews for Jesus/ROCK
- April 14 GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. North Scott
Good Friday Service/St.
Ann's, Long Grove
- April 16
EASTER SUNDAY
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
& Breakfast/Buffalo Bill
Shelter/Scott Co. Park
No Sunday School
10:10 a.m. Morning
Worship
NO PM Activities
- April 23
6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- April 24 6:30 p.m.
AWANA Awards Night
- April 28 & 29
Deacon Retreat
- April 29 8:30 a.m. Ladies
Breakfast Out
- April 30 Teacher
Appreciation Sunday
Potluck & Annual Meeting

layan mountains // the hills are mostly terraced and green with wheat or yellow with mustard – gorgeous! *It was while overlooking one of these beautiful fields that I taught 20+ Bible storying leaders from the second floor balcony of a dried mud farmhouse – teaching from Jesus’ agricultural parables of the Kingdom (Matthew 13). I encouraged them to keep sowing the seed of the Gospel in order that some seed might fall on good soil and produce an abundant harvest.*

Beth and I were amazed at how “at home” Jill is in a place that is about as “other” and different from Iowa and America as anywhere on earth could be. She is functionally fluent in the Nepali language; she is well-loved by shopkeepers, teachers, students, landlords, language teacher, and other friends she has made. Many assured us that they are watching out for Jill since she is so far from home. Jill dresses like a Nepali (in public most of the time at least). She drives like a Nepali. And she insists on being charged Nepali prices with cab drivers and merchants in shopping areas – she speaks to them in Nepali and refuses to pay “the white man’s tax” that tourists pay. Most things are so inexpensive there anyway, but as a matter of principle she will not pay an extra 70 Rupees (\$1).

We thoroughly enjoyed the Nepali people we met. They are a welcoming and hospitable and friendly people. Jill relates well to all classes of people there, but we all were especially drawn to the lower class Nepalis that we met.

A huge answer to prayer is how well Jill gets along with Autumn and Amy. We are glad to have met them personally and grew to love and appreciate them both. The three girls complement each other very well and make a very good team. Several times during the week they entertained Nepalis in their apartment and did a great job.

Bishwa and Ramila are wonderful Christians and are very good to and for Jill. We stayed in their home and also enjoyed meeting Bishwa’s mother and their two young sons. Vishal (about 5) called me “Uncle Scott” and loved to talk about fishing. Bishwa and Ramila are both very sharp and are both influential Christian leaders in Nepal. They translated for me when I spoke. Jill is blessed to be partners with them and to receive counsel and direction from them.

There are some strong Christian churches in Kathmandu (though hundreds more are needed). I spoke at one of the daughter churches of Bishwa’s church at their Saturday morning worship service and at a Sunday Leadership Training seminar. (Most churches meet on Saturdays because that is the only day off for most Nepalis.) About 120 attended the worship service, and about 40 the leadership seminar (including some from other churches). *Correction from Sunday’s message: there is one church in the region where Jill’s and Amy’s schools are located (I thought there was none).*

The worship service lasted over 2 hours and included singing of both American and Nepali worship songs and hymns, a testimony, an offering, a prayer time where everyone prays out loud together in Nepali, and the message. After the service many people

came up to me requesting prayer for various kinds of healing and relief from attacks from evil spirits.

A huge answer to prayer is that the Maoist blockade preventing travel between the city and the village areas where Jill and Amy teach was lifted ahead of schedule on Sunday night – allowing us to visit Jill’s and Amy’s schools on Monday (our last full day there). The students and teachers were thrilled to see us. We handed out candy and gum to the children and gave calendars to the teachers (courtesy of Deac). Jill has developed an excellent relationship with the teachers (one Danuwar and the rest Brahmin) and many of the students (mostly Danuwar). Thanks for praying!

One day in Kathmandu Jill took us to visit **Pashupati** – one of the holiest sites in all of Hinduism anywhere in the world. There is a Hindu Temple there (only Hindus can enter), but the main attraction is that it is a cremation site. There are several funeral pyres / bonfires upon which are laid bodies wrapped in linen. The belief is that by being cremated there and having one’s ashes dumped into the holy river running past the Temple site, that one can escape the cycle of Karma and Reincarnation and enter Nirvana. That day there was a large crowd gathered (of Hindus and tourists) to observe the cremation of a *Sadu* (like a priest) and then the “ordination” or “initiation” of someone else. This man sat cross-legged next to the river bank while being washed / baptized with holy river water, then he was rubbed down with an ashen gray paste to symbolize becoming one of the “living dead” – dead to this world and all selfish desires – a sad parody of Christian baptism which represents union with Christ in his death and burial and resurrection leading to newness of life.

The whole scene was very creepy / disturbing / depressing / ugly / hopeless / evil. There was nothing holy or uplifting or even aesthetically pleasing about any of it.

Though some Americans are enamored with the philosophy of Hinduism and Eastern religion, Hinduism as it is actually practiced in the Hindu Kingdom of Nepal is filled with superstition and idolatry and fear and hopelessness and animistic practices. **Hinduism is not basically the same as Christianity – a slight detour along a slightly different path up the mountain to the same God. When Hindus come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord – they recognize that Jesus is the Only Light and Hope of the world – and they want nothing further to do with Hinduism or its practices.**

*We saw firsthand in the Hindu Kingdom of Nepal, that **where Christ is not known, there is spiritual darkness. Salvation is found in Christ and Christ alone.** Jesus came to live and die and rise again in order to redeem a People for God from every tribe and language and people group of the earth. **Jesus died for Nepalis as much as for Americans – it’s just that most Nepalis don’t know it.** That’s why Jesus gave us the Great Commission – to make disciples of all nations and peoples – so that all people whom God loves and for whom Christ died will have a chance to accept God’s gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.*

A Word From Pastor Mark

What a privilege it is to know Jesus Christ. As I read my *One-Year Bible* I am reminded daily of what God has done for me and how much He loves me and how much He has put up with me. A friend from seminary emailed me the other day to give me an update on his situation. Tim and I were in seminary together until his father died unexpectedly. Tim dropped out of school and went back home to Indiana to help run his father's business. After I graduated, Tim came back and finished seminary. He then began to plant a church in Mexico, Missouri. After a year or so, he went through some difficult health issues. He was doing dialysis weekly and trying to start a church. He finally had to stop planting the church and had to allow his wife to provide for the family. Tim received a new kidney a few months ago and is doing well. He was just called to an Evangelical Free church in Ottumwa, IA. Tim wrote about how hard it was to have to sit while everyone else packed up his house in Mexico, MO (He is not supposed to carry anything more than 20 pounds for a while longer) and also while it was being unpacked in Ottumwa. He can't even carry his two children. That story reminded me of the reality of what God did for us. We were helpless like Tim. We could do nothing to get right with God- only His Son could carry our load. All we



could do was accept His help. What blessings come when we accept what only God can do for us. Not only am I reminded of what God has done for me I am also reminded of how much God has done for others and how much He loves them and how much He has put up with their sin. God has revealed to us His work, love and provision in Easter- the resurrection of Jesus Christ- the sinless Son and Savior of the world.

Easter is just a few weeks away. That means one of the best opportunities that you and I have to invite someone to church is drawing near. Easter is one Sunday that the unchurched are most willing to attend (Christmas and Easter). So to help you take the step of inviting a few people we will be offering eggs with invitations again this year. Last year you helped give out 125 dozen eggs and invitations. This year we hope to do the same. Also, we have a free gift for each family in attendance. It is Lee Strobel's book, "*The Case for Easter.*" May God use all of us to touch someone who needs Jesus. Let's make Easter become like Christmas for others- the greatest gift one has ever received. I will be looking forward to celebrating with you the new spiritual births that will be the result of you inviting someone to church this Easter.

"Christ in the Passover" Maundy Thursday Service @ Cornerstone

On Thursday, April 13th @ 7:00 p.m., David Tsadok, with Jews for Jesus, will be presenting "Christ in the Passover" at Cornerstone. Here is a synopsis from Jews for Jesus: "Passover is one of the most significant of all the Jewish holidays, and it was celebrated by the most significant Jew of all time- Jesus. Come see and hear David unfold the story of redemption from the Exodus to Calvary in 'Christ in the Passover.'" This will be a special time for anyone who would like to see the Old Testament come alive. Feel free to invite others as well to Cornerstone. We will be taking a free-will offering to give to our presenter. Childcare will be provided.

Prayer Calendar for April

Monday, April 3: Easter Service
Monday, April 10: Caretakers
Monday, April 17: Missionaries
Monday, April 24: Deacons

Fire & Reign Service!

Tuesday, April 4, 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

So you're in a room that looks like a miniature Hollywood television set of a small town and all these youth are going from place to place, gathering information on services and materials. You must be at the Junior Achievement office working with students for the JA Finance Park.

This is an economic education program that provides hands-on lessons for the youth. The students have been preparing for a real life simulation through classroom lessons on budgeting, financial institutions, taxes, jobs, and much more. All those fun things in life we adults get to work with every day. So when my coaching buddy asked if I would be willing to help chaperone the day, and since Danielle was going to participate... anytime I can get out of my office and spend time with youth I figure that is pretty much a no-brainer.

I didn't realize how much of my brain I was going to need to be of help this day. What my "buddy" didn't tell me up front was that I wasn't going to be just chaperoning; this was a facilitator position complete with a training program. Now to help these youth go through the simulation experience and get them set up and started was a very user friendly program. But it also hit me at how different this training was from all of my personal life convictions.

Let me try to explain. The program was great and the lesson well thought out. I was impressed with the set up and how the little community was laid out. The students got to spend a full day going through the simulation, setting up a budget based on their income information and options they had to purchase, everything from housing to food to entertainment. What really caught my attention was the total secular values that were wired into the system. For instance one of the less important line items was charitable giving; included in this category was giving to church. At least they included that. But later as we learned each item had a minimum that the youth had to spend on that category and a maximum that would be allowed in that area. Now we had a problem. The maximum allowed for charitable giving was less than the minimum that we have tried to train our daughters is a standard for giving to God. 10 % off the top is the minimum, and she wasn't allowed to use that figure.

In almost all of the cases I helped with, I got to give a plug for the value of giving God the 1st; yet the system was really set up against that. Now items like fitness and entertainment and (can you believe) television service were mandatory! These are all items that if we have money left, we might think of... but to mandate cable television over giving

Spaghetti Dinner

God is working in a fabulous way in Cornerstone. Your support and generosity in finances, time and energy is overwhelming!! We figured that we served 239 people. The amount of gifts for Bibles for Moldova was \$2,067.25 after expenses. THANK YOU!!!

Thank you also for everyone who helped make it happen and brought desserts.

From a very blessed 2006 Moldova Team

the 1st fruits to God. That explains a few things. And whatever happened to running around the block or a good walk in the park? Do I really need to spend money on a health club membership to survive? It just really got me thinking how much we unconsciously have accepted as necessities in life, and we end up giving to God what is left over instead of what is 1st.

I have been blessed these 18 years with money I can't explain on paper, or track in a budget living far greater than my means when I give God his share 1st. And I don't want my daughters to ever suffer under the fruitless burdens of doing their finances the world's way. If I have learned anything about budget and finances in my life; Give God His share first and let God take care of the rest of the budget is a much better plan. He will bless you with the rest.

Up Coming Events for April:

Sunday 2nd E-team Training 7 pm

Monday 3rd FCA Special Event

D.D. Lewis in High School Auditorium 6:30 pm

Wednesday 8th No Limits Youth Ministry 6:30 – 8:30

Sunday 9th E-team Training 7 pm

Monday 10th Baccalaureate Planning meeting (Seniors)
7pm Faith Lutheran

Wednesday 12th No Limits Youth Ministry 6:30 – 8:30

Sunday 16th Easter Sunrise Breakfast

Wednesday 19th No Limits Youth Ministry 6:30 – 8:30

Sunday 23rd E-team Training 7 pm

Monday 24th Baccalaureate Planning meeting (Seniors)
7pm Faith Lutheran

Wednesday 26th No Limits Youth Ministry 6:30 – 8:30

Saturday 29th Lazer Tag Event TBA

On the Move – Volunteers needed

Jan Kloss will be moving from New Liberty to Davenport on **Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m.** — please call Jan at 349-2342 if you are available to help.

Nicole Arndt will be moving from Park View to DeWitt on **Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** — please call Nicole at 285-2021 if you are available to help.

Many hands make light work!!!

My parents meet Nepal

The word I can best think of to describe Nepal is perhaps 'other'. Nepal is dirtier than my parents expected, there were more cows in the road than they expected, not to mention the turkey that served as their alarm clock every morning, but those really aren't the things they commented on—the friendliness of the Nepali people and the incredible hospitality are some of the things that struck them most.

While my parents were here, there was a blockade outside of the Valley, which meant no traffic was going out or coming in—that included us, and so the plans we had made for my dad to do a training in the area where I teach were cancelled and we thought our chances of seeing my school were shot. Bishwa was able to re-schedule the speaking engagements to the area where Autumn teaches, but we were all going to be very disappointed if they didn't get to experience my school. Sunday night we were at house fellowship and had just finished praying that the blockade would be lifted when I called Bishwa to arrange the plans for the next day—my parents' last full day—when he informed us that the blockade was lifted. So Monday morning we were able to go on the Mountain Flight and see Everest (we even received certificates that say "I did not climb Mt Everest...but touched it with my heart!"—I mean, what else could you ask for?) and then go out to our schools. We received a very warm welcome at both schools. Each of my classes sang songs and introduced themselves to our parents. We also had some time to talk with my teachers. They invited our parents to live in Nepal, so that we girls would stay—being as my parents are back in America, you can see the offer was denied.

My parents experienced everything from having tea with Sunita in her one bedroom house, to going out to eat with my landlords (fairly wealthy people), to staying at Bishwa and Ramila's (where we played Holi—throwing water balloons back and forth all morning—we all got wet, but Amy and I also got black and red color smeared all over us, including an egg broken in our hair). They even experienced what it is like to be sick in Nepal, and while that surely wasn't a highlight, its part of life here. We also had a snack at Prava's brother's house, which turned out to be a tea party with my parents and Amy while Prava was in the kitchen most of the time. My mom even got to ride on a motorcycle across Kathmandu. Over all I would say they got a pretty good glimpse of



what my life is like here, and got to meet and invest in those I have come to love so much. I believe one of their greatest joys was seeing how much we enjoy life here and how well taken care of we are. Bishwa's mom told my parents before they left not to worry because I am not only their daughter, but hers too.

But that is what they experienced—what I experienced was the joy of introducing my parents to my life here and introducing them to people here. I think every single Nepali they met commented on how young they both look, and how beautiful my mom is. Beyond that, they were able to see that my parents are every bit the source of encouragement and wisdom for me as I had said. Just knowing my parents were here was an encouragement—to say good night and good morning, to hug them when I wanted, to talk things through with them and get their input and perspective. Some good friends of ours were also visiting on their way home to the States and commented that they now understood me better, having met my parents—I hope that's a compliment to them! The goodbye was harder than I expected—I think partly because for the first time, I'm the one staying.

I could go on, this has been a difficult email to write—you can imagine if it's difficult for me what it will be like for my parents to put into words all that they experienced. Please know that your prayers are being answered. My parents were very encouraged to see much we love Nepal—Amy and Autumn especially have been a blessing to me, and I know you have been praying since the beginning for my relationship with my partners. My dad said several times while he was here that he longs for the day that Jesus will be Lord of this Hindu Kingdom—please continue to pray with me to that end.

Much love,

Jill

P.S. Thank you for praying for their time here, and a special thank you to those at home who helped my parents get here—it was well worth it!

"Family News"

Our sincere sympathy to Ray Greving in the loss of his mother March 11th.

Best Wishes to Jay and Kathy Wilke who were married on March 18, 2006. May God bless your marriage!

Congratulations to John & Tonya Preston on the birth of their daughter, Sydney Grace, born March 18th. Proud brothers are Brock & Cody.

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).

Prostate Cancer

We have spent some time this year with the Women's Retreat on women's health issues. I'd like to take the opportunity to focus on men's health. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer found in American men, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in men, second only to lung cancer.

All men are at risk for prostate cancer. One in every six men has the probability of developing prostate cancer at some point in his life. Risk factors include age, family history, and a high fat diet. Prostate cancer is very treatable. The key is early detection. If prostate cancer is diagnosed in the localized stage, the 5 year survival rate is 100 percent.

Unfortunately, in the early stages of prostate cancer most men do not experience any symptoms. Once symptoms occur the disease usually has spread beyond the prostate. By age 50 men should talk to their primary health care provider about digital rectal exams and prostate-specific antigen blood testing. African-American men have a higher incidence of developing prostate cancer as are men with a family history of prostate cancer. These men should begin screening at age 40.

Prostate cancer is typically a slow growing cancer. No major scientific or medical groups recommend routine testing for prostate cancer at this time. The recommendations are that men talk to their doctors about risks, side effects and questions about early prostate cancer tests and treatment. Each man needs to have the best information to make the decision that is right for him.

For more information you may go to the American Cancer Society's website www.cancer.org or to another website on prostate health, www.prostate.com

Submitted by Liz Arter

Church Financial Report

*We ended the 2005-06 fiscal year on a strong note. Giving to the General Fund (church budget) in March averaged \$8,154 per Sunday (compared to budget of \$7,655). This was the second consecutive month of exceeding \$8,000 per Sunday. For the Jan. – Mar. quarter, general fund giving averaged \$7,748 per Sunday (compared to \$6,601 year-ago). After a characteristically weak start to the fiscal year (summer months), giving the last six months of the fiscal year averaged about \$7,800 per week (slightly above budget). *Our current level of giving (or slightly higher) will be needed to support the 2006-07 budget increases (currently being deliberated).**

The strong giving the last six months enabled us to meet fully the \$36,000 budget goal for the Debt Retirement fund (a

\$15,000 increase over the \$21,000 given last year). And all bills were paid and all missions commitments were met.

Total general fund giving for 2005-06 was nearly \$380,000 – another record year and a healthy \$23,000 increase over the previous record of 2004-05. **Praise God for His continued faithfulness and abundant provision for all our needs!**

Building fund giving during March totaled \$10,707. For the fiscal year: \$115,000. This amount was adequate for making our monthly mortgage payments.

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

How abundantly the Lord blesses us!

In our North Scott community, there are people who are in need. We cannot meet all their needs — but we can help. The food pantry shares food combined with the love of God.

We are serving about 28 families a month — that takes a lot of food. We continue to need your help to fill the shelves. You have been very generous; not only with the holiday baskets but throughout the years.

Every month we ask for specific items but we appreciate whatever you share. Donations of cash help us purchase the perishable items and food coupons; as milk and eggs.

We are in need of a few volunteers to help throughout the year. Betty Hackett helps on Friday mornings (9:30-11 a.m.)

and Deb O'Connell helps on Tuesday evenings (5:30-7 p.m.) Because each of the eight churches provide volunteers, we serve at the food pantry every 8 weeks. Please contact me for more information or to volunteer.

Thank you,
Jann Stark 396-6032

April needs for the North Scott Food Pantry are boxed meals such as Hamburger Helper, sloppy joe mix, and dish detergent. A cash donations is always appreciated.



April 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:40 a.m. Prayer ELECTION SUNDAY AM Communion 4:30 p.m. Jr. Puppets & HOT RODS 5:30 p.m. Sr. Puppets 6:00 p.m. Home Groups 7:00 p.m. E-team Mtg.	3 6:30-8:15 p.m. AWANA 6:45 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 6:30 p.m. FCA Special Event	4 Day of Fasting & Prayer 7:00 p.m. Prayer 7:00-8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball/ROCK 7:30 p.m. College- Career-Singles/Dealers	5 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	6 5:30-9:00 p.m. CLASS 201 Blueprint for Maturity 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	7 9:00 a.m.-noon Moms & Kids/ROCK	8 7:00-8:30 a.m. Men of Integrity
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30 8:40 a.m. Prayer Teacher Appreciation Sunday Potluck & Annual Mtg. 4:30 p.m. Jr. Puppets & HOT RODS 5:30 p.m. Sr. Puppets						

April Birthdays:

1	Joe McElhiney Lindsay Holst John Hawley Don Abington Nate Stroven
2	Jani Hoerner
3	Lynn Seline
7	John Arter Barb Conner
8	Katie Gainer Stephen McElhiney Megan Van Dyke
10	Sheryl Wilford
11	Pete Bibens Dawnetta Van Ee Heath Allison
14	Roger Payton Evan Grimme Clint Burklow Gwen Moulton
16	Andy Osterberg Tammy Bullock
17	Jenny Ferrel
18	John Schwarz Isaac Holst Jordan Kaiser
19	Barb Montgomery Sally Howell Ariana Payton

April Anniversaries:

1	Jason & Mickey Owens
5	Lonnie & Roxanna Marlow
12	Dick & Lee Swanson
20	Nate & Staci Stroven
25	Lou & Debbie Aisenbrey

20	Larry Dalton George Rae Arndt
21	Rick Heppe Chris Noel Nicole Arndt
22	Linda Jorgensen
23	Alexa Hurr Sylvia Faust
24	Larry Crotty
25	Alexander Owens Sandy Allison
27	Luke Major
28	Craig Faust Corbyn Heppe
29	Jackson Trotter Molly Kirby Brittany Bullock
30	Jordan Bennett

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

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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

Holy Week Services April 9-16

Palm Sunday, April 9

10:10 am Worship Service

"Christ in the Passover" Maundy Thursday, April 13

On Thursday, April 13th @ 7:00 p.m., David Tsadok, with Jews for Jesus, will be presenting "Christ in the Passover" at Cornerstone. Here is a synopsis from Jews for Jesus: "Passover is one of the most significant of all the Jewish holidays, and it was celebrated by the most significant Jew of all time- Jesus. Come see and hear David unfold the story of redemption from the Exodus to Calvary in 'Christ in the Passover.'" This will be a special time for anyone who would like to see the Old Testament come alive. Feel free to invite others as well to Cornerstone. We will be taking a free-will offering to give to our presenter. Childcare will be provided.

Good Friday, April 14

7:00 pm North Scott Community Good Friday Service at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Long Grove. There will be a community choir for those interested. The service will include a brief message and will conclude with a Tenebrae Service (a time of remembering the suffering and death of Jesus with Scriptures, hymns, candlelight and growing darkness).

Easter Sunday, April 16

6:30 am Sunrise Service at Scott County Park (**Buffalo Bill** shelter)

7:30 am Breakfast at Buffalo Bill Shelter

10:10 am Easter Worship Service in the sanctuary and ROCK Center

The Sunrise Service at the park and the Easter Worship Services at Cornerstone will be different from each other, and we encourage you to attend both. For the Sunrise Service at the park, please bring lawn chairs and dress warm (and casual). You will have time to go home and change clothes (if you wish) before the 10:10 Worship Service.

Please come early for the 10:10 am Easter Worship Service. It will help parking and seating congestion if as many as possible come at 9:50 am.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, but there will be Jr. Church as usual.

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After the morning worship on Sunday, April 30th, we will have an all-church potluck and our annual meeting. Be sure and mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Annual reports will be available to everyone on Sunday, April 16th.

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.