

# THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Pastor Scott's Perspective – "Offensive and Defensive Parenting"

"As much as it pains me to say this: *I wish the Hawkeyes had Oregon's offense.* Iowa is a good defensive team, but their offense has been anemic most of the season. In fact, it's been a tough season to be both a Hawkeye and Bears fan – especially when they have the ball. It takes both a good offense and a good defense to make a good football team.

The same goes for raising kids who love God, are living for Christ, and are making an eternal impact in their world. Both an effective offensive strategy and an effective defensive strategy must be employed.

It goes without saying that Christian parents need an effective defensive strategy in today's world. There are plenty of evil influences in the world from which children need to be protected. The internet has opened up a whole new world of temptations and snares for today's kids. There are video games addicting a whole new generation of kids who need to get outside and play more outdoor games. Not to mention all the trash available during "family hours" on TV. There are the age-old temptations of alcohol and sex. And the newer ideologies of moral relativism, religious pluralism, the gay agenda, and a more aggressive strain of atheistic evolution gaining popularity. The list goes on.

In some cases, kids need to be protected from all exposure to certain evils. In other cases, kids need to be trained how to exercise discernment, make good choices, combat falsehood with truth, and resist temptation. Parents will not all agree exactly where to draw the boundary lines in seeking to protect our children from evil influences.

Take Halloween, for example. Some aspects of Halloween are harmless fun for kids; other aspects are evil, occult and of the devil. Similar to the issue of eating food offered to idols in the NT, some parents will opt out of Halloween altogether, whereas other Christian parents will allow appropriate trick-or-treating while warning against occult activities and the realities of evil spirits. Some defensive measures are clearly necessary, but some parents will be more protective than others.

**The goal is the same: to raise fully devoted followers of Jesus who are well-balanced and strong both defensively and offensively – able to live distinctively Christian lives that are well-grounded in biblical truth and are able to relate effectively to non-Christians with the good news of the Gospel.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples: "*My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.*"

Here we see Jesus' offensive and defensive strategies. Protecting does not mean withdrawing or isolating. *Fully devoted followers of Jesus are sent by Jesus into the world on an offensive Kingdom mission to be salt and light in the world.* Though **in** the world on mission, we are not to be **of** the world – living according to the world's values and priorities. *Fully devoted followers of Jesus are equipped by the truth of God's Word to live distinctively Christ-like lives in the midst of non-Christian people and the false beliefs and values of the world system.*

As followers of Jesus, we want to protect our children from the Evil One – but not from non-Christian people. Lost people matter to God. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

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## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 2-4 Prayer Conference
- Nov. 2-4 Breakaway Des Moines
- Nov. 4th AM Jonathan Graf 6:00 pm Home Groups
- Nov. 7, 8:15 pm Home Group Leaders Meeting
- Nov. 9, 7:00 pm Hymn Sing with refreshments following in the ROCK Center
- Nov. 10, 10 am–2 pm RE-LEAF FEST No Limits join LEAF FEST
- Nov. 11 Nurses Office Open AM Communion 6:00 pm Home Groups
- Nov. 17, 7:00 am Trustee Meeting at Village Inn
- Nov. 18 11:45 am NL SS Class Phillips 7:00 pm NS Thanksgiving Service At Cornerstone
- Nov. 24, 10 am No Limits Game Day & Lunch
- Nov. 25 Nurses Office Open 6:00 pm Home Groups

Rather than withdrawing from the darkness, we equip our children with the truth to shine forth as light in the darkness. We train them and send them into the world to live for Christ and make an eternal impact in their world.

As Pastor Erwin McManus says: *“Parenting isn’t just about protecting our kids from the wrong things; it’s about exposing them to the right things. It’s about being on mission as a family and refusing to back down from engaging the culture, despite the risks.”*

To do that, we need an offensive strategy as well as a defensive strategy. While there are many parents in today’s world who are negligent when it comes to protecting their children from evil influences, the greater challenge for many conscientious, conservative Christian parents is developing an effective offensive strategy. Families and churches that are unbalanced with a strong defense but an anemic offense run the risk of becoming spiritually irrelevant with minimal evangelistic impact on a lost world around them.

To grow into well-balanced Christ-followers who love God, live for Christ and are making an eternal impact in their world, our kids need to be growing strong in worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, evangelism and missions throughout their growing up years.

No home, school or church environment can guarantee the outcome of a heart that is fully devoted to Jesus and is marked by a passion for reaching the lost. But parents need to provide modeling, training and opportunities for children and youth to thrive and grow strong in all five purposes (worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, evangelism & missions).

In a public school or secular university context, more effort will need to be directed toward growing strong in worship, fellowship and discipleship. (Ministry and evangelism opportunities will abound.) In a Christian school or Christian col-

## Church Financial Report

Thanks to a strong offering Sept. 30, giving the past five weeks has been on target with our budget – averaging \$8,882 per week compared to budget of \$8,823. (The four weeks of October averaged just over \$8,000 per Sunday – which is above year-ago figures). However, because of weak giving over the summer, we are behind \$8,000 in our debt retirement savings from the general fund. It is important that we bring that shortfall down below \$6,000 in November, with a goal of catching up completely by the end of December.

Giving to the Building Fund in October was \$7,038. This is more than our monthly mortgage payment, but less than the \$9,000 / month that we want to give to pay down our mortgage more quickly.

Remember the Treasure Principle keys: *You can’t take it with you – but you can send it on ahead. God owns everything; I’m His money manager. My heart always goes where I put God’s money. Heaven, not earth, is my home. I should live not for the dot but for the line. Giving is the only antidote to materialism. God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving.*

lege context, more effort will need to be directed toward ministry, evangelism and missions in the world. (Worship, fellowship and discipleship opportunities will abound.) In a home school context, fellowship, ministry, evangelism and missions will all need to be emphasized (worship and discipleship opportunities will abound).

The defensive and offensive strategies employed will differ according to these different contexts. But the goal is the same: *to raise fully devoted followers of Jesus who are well-balanced and strong both defensively and offensively* – able to live distinctively Christian lives that are well-grounded in biblical truth and are able to relate effectively to non-Christians with the good news of the Gospel.

Parents: what is your defensive strategy to make sure that your children are well-grounded in biblical truth, are developing a Christian worldview, are not being squeezed into the world’s mold, are not being over-exposed to evil influences, are not being enticed by the world’s values and false standards of success, and are not being deceived by the world’s lies, counterfeits and falsehoods?

Parents: what is your offensive strategy to make sure that your children are not growing up fearful and intimidated by a world of lost people, are developing a passion for reaching lost people with the Gospel, are gaining confidence that the truth of the Gospel can withstand scrutiny, questions, doubts and challenges, are equipped to explain and defend the truth of the Gospel to skeptics and unbelievers, are able to befriend non-Christians and relate to them comfortably and compassionately without conforming to their non-Christian ways, and are catching a vision of God’s heart for the poor, the disadvantaged, the outcast, the troubled, the sinful, and those who have not heard of Christ?

May God work among our families so that we become a church that is strong both offensively and defensively in all five purposes.

## CLASS 301

**CLASS 301- Blueprint for Ministry is Thursday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9:30 p.m.**

If you have completed CLASS 201 then you are ready to take this essential class. C.L.A.S.S. 301 will help you find your SHAPE. SHAPE stands for spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality and experiences. Putting all these ingredients together helps you to see where God wants to use you for your primary ministry. Come join others in this exciting discovery. During the class will be a pizza dinner. Call Pastor Mark @ 285.8080 or write “301” on your registration card to reserve your spot.

## A Word From Pastor Mark

Our family just returned from a vacation to Disneyworld toward the end of October. Going on vacation is fulfilling part of our purpose statement as a family. "The Zevenbergens' are committed to faith, family and fun." Taking a vacation strengthens the family and increases our fun together. We love experiencing life together. While we were enjoying our time together I saw some practical things that Disneyworld could teach the church. Four principles were very prevalent with Disneyworld. If we, as a church, could adapt these principles (and we are already doing some of them) then we would make a greater impact on whoever enters the doors of the church.

**The first principle that Disneyworld can teach the church is: first impressions are paramount.** First impressions put guests at ease. If things are done well it allows the guests to relax and enjoy the experience. You cannot go very far (actually you cannot finish parking your car) before you see Disneyworld cares about looking out for you. As you enter the parking lot, there are parking hosts who direct you to open spots. They are friendly and very welcoming. Smiles and waves are common throughout the parks (from shuttle drivers, ticket agents, security, etc). And before you go through the ticketing area you have to go through the security line where they check all the bags. Disneyworld makes you feel safe even before entering the doors. And you will be hard pressed to find the grounds dirty or unkempt. Employees are constantly making the parks look good.

Cornerstone desires to be more effective in first impressions. We want our guests to feel welcome and at ease coming into our facilities. But it is not just up to the parking hosts, the greeters, hosts, Welcome Table, and ushers. It really is an opportunity for each of us to make others feel welcome whether they are first-time guests or those who have been here a long time. We can each take the role of making others feel welcome and cared for.

**The second principle that Disneyworld can teach the church is: Everyone matters.** Disneyworld welcomes everyone into the park. Whether you are young or old, rich or poor, disabled or physically abled, skinny or obese, white or black, hetero or homosexual you are welcome there. I am quite sure that some visitors are touched in a very special way at Disneyworld because they receive loving treatment. At Disneyworld individuals feel like they matter which sometimes doesn't happen in the workplace or the home life. But at the park, you do feel special. Disney really excels in this area. We felt very cared for and valued.

Isn't that what Jesus wants for the church to be? Doesn't He want us to tell and show people that everyone matters to God? Absolutely! We too can show people they matter by giving good eye contact, extending a hand to shake, asking questions about their lives, meeting practical needs, inviting guests to sit with you. There are many ways to show we care. May we

continue to show anyone who walks through our doors that they are deeply loved by God.

**The third principle that Disneyworld can teach the church is: Place people in the areas of their strengths.** Disneyworld seems to place the right people in the right jobs. Those who are working with people are very good with people. Those who are good with repairing equipment are repairing equipment. Those who excel at cooking are preparing meals. I think Disneyworld knows that when people are working in areas of their strengths they will be happier and more effective.

At Cornerstone, we also want place people in the areas of their strengths. We know that if you are serving in the area you are best equipped you will excel. We desire that everyone finds where they are best suited to serve. What joy awaits this discovery. That is why we created CLASS 301 to help people find the right ministry to fit their unique design. Class 301- Blueprint for Ministry is being offered again on Thursday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

**And then the fourth principle that Disneyworld can teach the church is: To expect the unexpected.** Disneyworld employees end every conversation with, "Have a magical day". They believe that being at a Disneyworld resort or park is going to be magical. They believe that you are going to experience something unique while on location. Disneyworld is rather magical in a sense. Neat memories are created. Laughter can be heard throughout the park. But there is also an atmosphere of joy present. Excitement fills the air. They believe that when you walk through the doors something special is going to happen to you. And you know what something special does happen.

Why can't that also be the case in the church? The Creator of the Universe is present and eager to give us the unexpected. God isn't satisfied when we punch our ticket of attendance. He wants to change us when we walk through those doors. God is magical. God is mysterious. He is not easily comprehended or understood. Therefore, He can meet us in varied ways. So let's come into the doors expecting the unexpected. I am quite sure God loves to surprise His children in special ways.

On a side note: I received a visual example of what heaven will be like that week at Disneyworld. I saw Lynden run unrestrained toward Chip and Dale. She didn't see the line of families waiting to take a picture with them. All she saw was the characters and she made a mad dash to them. That joyful run reminded me of what it is going to be like when we see Jesus face-to-face. I am going to run right up and put my arms around Him. And like the Disney characters He is not going to stop me. He is going to hug me back. A "Magical" eternity is awaiting us. Someday we will be able to enter the gates and never leave.

# Pastor Tony's No Limits News

Is it just me, or does it seem that the enemy is turning up the heat all around us? In many ways the world we live in is getting more and more hostile towards a Christian world view. Cultural ideals and society's codes are getting progressively worse. I am not an alarmist by nature, but it seems that many of the things I have trusted in over the years (or found security in) are being erased and challenged by the currents of our culture. Court cases keep going up that would put more and more restriction on how Christians practice their faith and share their faith.

Just this last week, a man who many in our church have listened to in the area of Biblical Creation was sentenced to ten years of prison and made an example of. His ministry went to extra lengths to purchase the copy rights to all their materials so people could have the message free of charge. Now they are under attack and being charged of bad tax practices. That news rocked me last week when I heard it, because I have personally gained strength under his ministry and use a lot of the information I learned in his seminars.

Honestly I could just bury my head sometimes because it seems like the more I know, the scarier it gets. That is when it is so cool to serve the God we serve. It amazes me how a message comes that is planned months in advance, and yet speaks to the need you have at that moment.

Our lesson last week in cell groups was on Elijah being threatened with his life. Elijah has just come off some really big ministry high points. He went up against the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah at mount Carmel, prayed to end a three year drought, then ran a foot race from mt. Carmel to Jezreel ahead of the Chariots. Major victories, each of them!

But then comes the counter attack from Jezebel, and it says Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He heads for Beersheba and drops off his servant then continues on alone into the desert, traveling all day. He falls into fear and discouragement and prays for his life to be over. He has served God in great ways, and now Elijah felt as if he was the only believer left on earth that cared who God was. He was suffering because people wanted him dead, and he was lonely. His obedience to God seems to have gotten him in trouble. God responded to Elijah's prayer request, but not in the way he thought He would.

God did not abandon Elijah in his suffering, but was willing to guide Elijah to the next place in his journey. He feeds him, lets him rest, feeds him some more to give him the strength he needs for the next step. Then God reveals Himself to him, not in the great wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, all great and mighty displays of God's power. But God speaks to Elijah in the gentle quiet breeze. He finds comfort and truth; he wasn't alone, God had preserved 7000 others with him. We may face difficult times and great victories and deep pains, but God will meet us always, and He won't let us be alone. Great words for our time. For any time.

## Upcoming Events for November

Fri 2nd – Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Breakaway Des Moines
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	No Limits Volunteer training Supper Provided No Youth Groups 6:30- 8:30
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	No Limits Service Project Joining the Re- Leafing Fest
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	No Limits Youth Ministry 7:00pm- 8:30 pm
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School Lunch Turkey Dinner Pastor Tony's House Leave Church 11:45 Call Pastor Tony Pot Luck RSVP  No Dusty Feet North Scott Thanks- giving Service
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	No Limits Game Day and Lunch. 10:00 am start Bring money for Subway We will play till 1:30 pm No Evening Youth Groups Thanksgiving Break.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	No Limits Youth Ministry 7:00pm- 8:30pm.



## 6th Annual RE-LEAF Fest on Saturday, Nov. 10th, 2007

When: Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-12:00p.m.

Where: Meet at CBC. We will then go out into the community and rake leaves from residents in Eldridge together.

Why: what a great way to show God's love in a practical way and have fun together

Who: adults and kids included. A great outreach for the whole family.

What do I need: bring along rakes and gloves if you have them. CBC has some we can also use.

After: Great Chili lunch provided following the raking in the ROCK Cafe.

Questions? Pastor Mark (285-8080) or Andrea Z (285-4454)

### Would You Care to Serve? By Jan Kloss

On Nov. 10th, the No Strings Attached Ministry will be having their 6th annual leaf raking service project. I hope that many of you will come out to help. I will, as usual, be staying behind in the nice, warm kitchen making chili and garlic bread for all the hard workers. If you would like to help in the kitchen, please let me know. I need 4 pots of chili to be made. Also, we need bars or cookies to serve. Call me at 349-2342. ASAP to let me know if you wish to donate chili or desserts or if you would like to help in the kitchen. Whether you rake or help in the kitchen, this is a fun event for the whole family.



### Block Party

I just wanted to share a little bit about our block party. When we first moved into our neighborhood (which was 5 1/2 yrs ago.) we always heard about these block parties that they would have. We never saw one take place, so when Cornerstone suggested that we do a block party I thought this was a good opportunity to get it going once again.

For most of the week prior to the block party it was miserably hot and rainy. I wasn't too worried until it got to Saturday and it was still raining. We decided that we would still have it, but open up some garages and do it the best we could. I talked with a neighbor and she generously said she would open up her home to everyone. I felt she needed to know that we had invited not just our block, but had sent invitations to three blocks of homes. Our neighborhood has just three streets, so we didn't want to leave anybody out. Our neighbor didn't mind at all.

God really wanted this event to take place. At about 1:00 pm the skies cleared and the temperatures dropped. It ended up being a perfect day. Including kids, we had about 55 people who came. It was great having the road blocked off, so the kids could play and ride their bikes in the street. We had volleyball and a water balloon toss.

Our block party was to end at 8:00 pm, but most stayed and didn't leave until after 11:00 pm. Because the temperatures had dropped a couple of neighbors started bonfires so we could all stay out longer and visit. It was really neat to hear comments about wanting to do this again next year. One neighbor told me how fortunate she felt to live in a neighborhood where we all get along. I must admit, I'm also looking forward to doing again.

Sandy Carlson

### Family News

Congratulations to Dereck & Erica Kaiser on the birth of their first child, Hailey Elizabeth, born on Sept. 26th, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19" long.

# Praying With Faith and Purpose Prayer Conference

**Friday, November 2** – 6:30p.m. Cornerstone pizza party (free will offering)

7:00-9:00 conference, including worship with the worship team

**Saturday, November 3** – 8:30 complimentary breakfast, 9:00-12:30 conference

Jonathan Graf, founding editor of *Pray!* magazine will discuss *The Keys to an Effective Prayer Life*, *Hindrances to Prayer*, *Kingdom Prayer*, and *The Power of Praying Together*. Jonathan will also be preaching on Sunday, November 4, during the worship service.

Admission is free, but a free will offering will be taken to give Jonathan an honorarium. Call Teresa Bivens (285-7285) for more information, and sign up in the foyer so we can order enough pizza.



## Cornerstone Communication Guidelines

Matthew 18:15-17 (New International Version)

<sup>15</sup>If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. <sup>16</sup>But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

1. If I have a problem with another person, I will go to that person privately. If I have a problem with a Cornerstone board, committee, or team, I will go privately to a member of that board, committee, or team. If I have a problem with a Cornerstone ministry, I will go privately to the leader of that ministry.
2. If individuals have a problem with me or an area in which I serve, I want them to come to me privately, and I will try to be open when they come.
3. If someone has a problem with me or an area in which I serve, and comes to you, send that person to me. I'll do the same for you.

4. If someone hesitates to come to me, say, "Let's go together". I'll do the same for you.
5. Be careful how you interpret me - I'd rather do that. I will be careful how I interpret you.
6. If it is confidential, I won't tell (unless someone is harming himself or someone else).
7. I won't send or pay attention to unsigned letters or notes. Information should always travel with a person's name so it can be cleared up if necessary.
8. I will not manipulate; I will not be manipulated.
9. When in doubt, I will bring up my concern or question.
10. I will do my best to prayerfully follow the guidelines of Matthew 18:15-17; however, if my issue continues to be unresolved, I may seek advice from the Deacon Board.

**Remember ;  
Set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday, Nov. 3rd.**





# November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> 8:40 a.m. Prayer AM Jonathan Graf 3 p.m. Jr. Puppets 4 p.m. Sr. Pup/RODS 6 p.m. Home Groups 6 p.m. Dusty Feet	<b>5</b> 1:00 p.m. Moms-In-Touch/Dotys 6-9 p.m. Archery 6:30-8:15 p.m. AWANA (grades K-6th)	<b>6</b> 7:30 p.m. College-Career-Singles/Idokers	<b>7</b> 6:30 a.m. Men at Maid-Rite, Eldridge 6-9 p.m. Archery 6:30 p.m. NL Volunteer Training/NO GROUPS 7 p.m. Prayer 8:15 p.m. Home Group Leader's Mtg.	<b>1</b> 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon at Iowa Machine Shed 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	<b>2</b> Nov. 2-4 Prayer Conference Nov. 2-4 Breakaway Des Moines	<b>3</b>
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<b>18</b> 8:40 a.m. Prayer 11:45 a.m. NL SS Class/Phillips 7:00 p.m. North Scott Thanksgiving Service at Cornerstone	<b>19</b> 1:00 p.m. Moms-In-Touch/Dotys 6-9 p.m. Archery 6:30-8:15 p.m. AWANA (grades K-6th)	<b>20</b> 6:30 p.m. Singles Game Night/ROCK	<b>21</b> 6:30 a.m. Men at Maid-Rite, Eldridge 6-9 p.m. Archery No Youth Groups 7 p.m. Prayer	<b>22</b> THANKSGIVING DAY	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10 a.m. No Limits Game Day & Lunch
<b>25</b> 8:40 a.m. Prayer Nurse Office Open 3 p.m. Jr. Puppets 4 p.m. Sr. Pup/RODS 6 p.m. Home Groups 6 p.m. Dusty Feet	<b>26</b> 1:00 p.m. Moms-In-Touch/Dotys 6-9 p.m. Archery 6:30-8:15 p.m. AWANA (grades K-6th)	<b>27</b> 7:30 p.m. College-Career-Singles/Idokers	<b>28</b> 6:30 a.m. Men at Maid-Rite, Eldridge 6-9 p.m. Archery 7:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits 7 p.m. Prayer 8:15 p.m. Deacons	<b>29</b> 5:30 p.m. CLASS 301 Blueprint for Ministry 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	<b>30</b>	

## November Birthdays:

- 1 Ryan Doty  
Eli Jones
- 2 Mark Bader  
Deac Ryan
- 4 Sarah Newsum
- 5 GJ Schaub
- 7 Robert Brabant  
Ava Perrin  
Lana Holst
- 8 Pat Mirfield  
Alan Grimme  
Nick Hansel
- 9 Leslie Skinner  
Lori Swanson  
Chris Danielsen
- 10 Hannah Butler
- 11 Marvin Van Ee  
Justin Bright
- 12 Jason Tkatch
- 13 Howard Keeney
- 14 Sarah Wright  
Louise Collins
- 15 Lynden Zevenbergen  
Susan Newsum

## November Anniversaries

- 16 Faith Olsen  
Alexander Lacey  
Linda Kemp
- 18 Judith Hodgett  
Judy Dean  
Jann Stark  
Mollie Hart
- 19 Dean Worthington  
Larry Brewer  
Richard Lindstrom
- 20 Jordan Hageman  
Kim Hawley
- 24 Allison Bennett
- 25 Kevin Wohlford
- 27 Marcie Van Ee
- 28 Connor Nass
- 30 Ryan Reid  
Chris Berry  
Ingrid Gerth
- 2 Jody and Marcia Boddicker
- 6 Robert and Amy Schladetcky
- 11 Chuck and Jan Agan
- 14 Rick and Lori Swanson
- 22 Tim and Kathy Doty
- 29 Scott and Teresa Bivens
- 30 Larry and Linda Jorgensen

## Missions

It's fall, the weather is getting colder and the leaves are finally falling; now that most of the STEM missions trips are complete we won't need to think about missions till next summer, right? Although most Christians would never admit to that kind of thinking, too often that's how we live our lives. We overlook the mission field God has placed us in 50 out of 52 weeks each year. God has placed unsaved people all around us, why, could it be in part that God wants to use us to reach the people closest to us. Why is it that many of us are quite bold in sharing our faith on mission trips yet many of our neighbors may not know we are Christians. Personally, I have great boldness sharing my faith on mission trips; in fact one taxi driver thought I was a pastor. Why do I not share my faith with the same boldness to unsaved people living close to me? Although there could be many reasons often the reason is simple – fear. Fear can take many forms, yet the result is always the same. We don't share our faith.

## Sonshine Ministry

I would like to share with you some exciting changes that have taken place with Sonshine Ministry. First, please note the name change. This name more clearly depicts what the ministry is about. My mission statement reads: "To reach out to hurting people of all ages with the hope & love of Jesus Christ, to teach Biblical values and to help meet basic needs with the help of the Body of Christ." God has expanded my territory, allowing me to minister to a family as far west as Buffalo as well as areas in Davenport and the North Scott area. However, at this time my main focus will be in the Mt. Joy area where I am purchasing a mobile home to use as an outreach center. It will be used for after school programs for the kids and Bible studies for both kids and adults. The facility will have a clothing room for gently used clothing to be given away at no charge, a computer room to be used for homework and, under strict supervision, for kid-friendly games. The trailer would also serve as a place for people to come for help or referrals when a family is in need of assistance. I would have available the names of different agencies such as the local food pantry, CASI, Community Action (formerly TRAIN) and the North Scott Clergy Care Group. Sometimes when you are in deep need you don't know where to turn. James 2:15-16: "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes or daily food. If one of you says to him/her: "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed" but does nothing about his/her physical needs, what good is it?"

Needs for the trailer will include a TV, VCR/DVD Player, TV stand, one or two long tables, folding chairs, door mat, entrance rug, cleaning supplies, vacuum, dish towels, dish cloths, hand soap, hand towels. I want the place to have a "homey" atmosphere, a place where everyone will feel very comfortable. Donations of snacks will always be welcome; especially fresh fruit. Dishes will be useful. If you like working with younger kids and can do crafts, let me know.

I am reminded of Paul's prayer request in his letter to the believers at the Ephesian church. What do you think Paul asked for? What would a man used greatly by God, to write much of the New Testament ask for? In Ephesians 6:19 Paul says "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." Paul asks for boldness in proclaiming the gospel. If Paul, a man of great boldness, asked Christians to pray for him to be bold in sharing the gospel we would do well to ask for the same.

Let's try an experiment, each morning let's ask God for opportunities to share the hope that we have in Christ and for boldness in sharing. I believe this is a prayer God will answer. I am excited to hear how God uses each one of us in our own mission field.

Submitted on behalf of the Missions Committee by Lee Randall

## By Jan Kloss

Another change is that I am no longer part of Urban Edge Ministry. You might say I am a "spin-off" ministry. I have deep love & respect for Terry & Lori and I will remain on their Board of Directors. For those of you who have been supporting me financially, this will mean that you will no longer make checks out for me to Urban Edge. Please make them out to Sonshine Community Ministries. At this time I do not have a PO box address for you to send them to, however you can give them directly to me or send them to my home address (2428 Tremont Ave. Davenport, IA 52803). I will be contacting regular givers in the very near future or if you have any questions, please contact me either in person or by phone (323-5843 or 349-2342). I appreciate very much any past supporters and future supporters. Amy Brady, Urban Edges' accountant, wants to assure you that any checks already sent to them will be forwarded to me. I apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this slight transition might cause.

Because I will no longer be with Urban Edge, I will need people who share a burden for reaching out to those in our own community to be part of the Sonshine Community Ministries Board of Directors. Please prayerfully consider being part of this ministry and sharing your spiritual gifts with those in need. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference right here in our own community. Please contact me if you would like to join us where God is already at work.

Christmas is right around the corner and so is the opportunity to share with others less fortunate. Sadly, because of Meadowlawn Care Centers' closing, we will not be having our annual Christmas party there. I will have information very soon in the church bulletin concerning giving generously for the kids.

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## NS Community Thanksgiving Service

Cornerstone will be hosting this year's NS Community Thanksgiving Service **Sunday, November 18 @ 7:00 pm.** Cornerstone's worship team will be leading the worship service with a mix of contemporary worship choruses and one or two traditional Thanksgiving hymns. There will also be a time for congregational sharing, testimonies and giving thanks. The service will be held in the sanctuary.

*Father Tom Parlette, the new pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church, will be giving the message.*

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

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

## Christmas Program Leader needed

The Children's Purpose Team is looking for someone to head up a Christmas program for the children. The program they were focusing on is not going to work. They are starting again from scratch. If you have an interest in serving in this area, please contact Pastor Mark @ 285.8080 or email him @ [zev4cbc@netins.net](mailto:zev4cbc@netins.net).

### **Come and join us on Sunday Mornings:**

Sunday School Opportunities

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