

# THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Pastor Scott's Perspective — "Redefine"

I have been reflecting quite a bit on a song that I heard at the NSHS Baccalaureate Service on May 18. The song was actually composed by and performed by the youth band of the Rock Church. It was called "Redefine." The gist of the song is that we live among a broken people in a broken culture, and Christianity needs to be redefined.

Conservative evangelical Christianity is known in our culture more by what we are against than by what we are for. We are against abortion and euthanasia and infanticide and human cloning and embryonic stem cell research and other forms of taking vulnerable, innocent life. We are against pre-marital sex and co-habitation and adultery and homosexuality and same-sex marriage and pornography and incest and sexual abuse and other violations of God's design for sex and marriage and family. We are against the uncritical teaching of Darwinian evolution as truth without presenting any of the evidence against Darwinism or for Intelligent Design. Etc. In a culture that has strayed so far from a Judeo-Christian worldview, there is plenty to stand against.

One of the questions that few people are asking today is: *What about the children?* The adults in our society want to be free to engage in any kind of sexual activity they desire without regard for the consequences on others, such as children. Already many children are suffering adverse consequences of being raised in broken families. And now our society is moving toward a social experiment in redefining marriage without regard for the unknown consequences on children. Are fathers really as unnecessary to the well-being of children as some feminists and advocates of same-sex marriage would have us believe?

*When Jesus commanded us to care for "the least of these," certainly that includes vulner-*

*able children and fatherless children in a society that values sexual freedom and individual "rights" and personal happiness more than the well-being of children.*

Therein lies the problem. There is so much to be against in our broken culture that it is easy to be known for what we are against. And it is tempting to think that speaking out against what is wrong in our society makes us righteous and pleasing to God.

Many conservative Christians advocate a return to our Christian roots as a nation and to a cultural climate more like the 1950s. Typi-

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cal is a letter recently sent to our church by a well-meaning Christian calling for teaching the truth of our true American heritage, telling how all the Founding Fathers were Christians. *But that is not true.* It is true that the predominant worldview during the founding of our nation and the writing of our Constitution was a Judeo-Christian worldview, but it is not true that all the Founding Fathers were Christians. Some of them would make Bill Clinton look like a saint. Some of their religious beliefs – if espoused by a political candidate today -- would have been strongly denounced by most conservative Republicans today.

You will not hear many under-30-year-olds calling for returning our nation to its Christian heritage. They understand that there is no consensus in our society today to be a Christian nation. In fact, most under-30s would be terrified of the prospect of becoming a Christian nation based on what they see of most Christians today. In their minds, a Christian nation would be an intolerant, judgmental, censorious, hypocritical nation. No thanks.

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## Upcoming Events

- June 1 AM Communion 1-5 p.m. Ashley Grell Graduation Party/ROCK
- June 2 No Limits Deadline for June Activities
- June 3 7:00 p.m. Crusader Softball Game/Davenport
- June 4 7:00 p.m. No Limits End of Year Picnic
- June 5 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch at Cracker Barrel, Dav.
- June 5 5:30-9:00 p.m. CLASS 101 Blueprint for Membership
- June 8 Nurse Office Open
- June 9-13 9:00-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- June 9 Noon "Girls Only" Day for grades 7-12
- June 11 Noon-No Limits Work Afternoon/ROCK
- June 12 5:45 p.m. Crusader Softball Game/Davenport
- June 13-15 "Guys Only" Campout for grades 7-12
- June 15 Father's Day
- June 15-20 Junior Camp
- June 16-18 Jr. High Mission Trip grades 7-9
- June 17-20 Basketball Camp/ROCK 8-9:30 a.m.
- June 21 3:00 p.m. Rachel Newsum & Tyler Biehl Wedding at Cornerstone
- June 22 Nurse Office Open
- June 22-27 Sixers Camp
- June 24-July 8 Moldova Missions Trip
- June 27 Movie Night
- June 29 AM Pastor Tony
- June 29-July 2 Base Camp

Adults who remember the 1950s by and large do not grasp how post-Christian our society has become. They imagine that most Americans still hold to a Judeo-Christian worldview, and we just need better laws, more godly political leaders, and more conservative judges who will not “discover new rights” in the Constitution that were never seen for the first 200 years of our history. Those longing for the 1950s do not understand that those days are long gone, and those born after 1970 do not even regard the 1950s as “the good old days” and never want to go back to them.

Christians under the age of 30 are generally not clamoring for a more Christian nation. They see a generation of broken people coming from broken families – and they see the need for the church to enter into their brokenness and bring the healing grace and transforming power of the living Christ. What is needed is not prophetic judgments but rather Incarnational ministry. People who are broken do not need condemnation; they need healing and restoration and unconditional love and compassion and hope.

For the under-30 generation, the calling of the church is not to protest everything that is wrong and ungodly and immoral in our culture – rather the calling of the church is to extend the love of Jesus to people who are broken and lost and without hope.

**The church needs to be refocused in its mission so that Christianity is redefined – instead of people equating Christianity with the religion of the Pharisees, people today need to see the religion of Jesus being practiced.**

## Church Financial Report

Giving to the General Fund (church budget) averaged \$8,552 per week during the month of May (compared to budget of \$9,246). Giving is up compared to year-ago, but below budget for the new fiscal year that started in April. We are current on payments from the General Fund to the Debt Retirement fund for April and May.

Giving to the Building Fund totaled \$8,535 in May. *If we continue giving to the Building fund at this rate and also stay current with our debt retirement fund, we will be able to pay off our mortgage some time in 2010!*

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

## Moving Day

Pastor Scott and Beth will be moving from 304 Hillside Drive into their new home at 315 Park Lane Circle in Park View on Saturday, June 14, starting about 8:30 am. Any help would be appreciated – especially trucks, dollies, and something to move a piano. Please let Scott or Beth know if you can help.

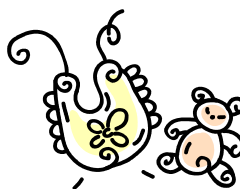
*Instead of being known for what we are against, Christians need to become known for our humility, our compassion, our servanthood, our integrity, our authenticity, and for the transforming power of the Gospel we proclaim. **Before making our nation more Christian, we need to make the church more Christ-like.***

The Roman Empire during the time of Christ was filled with idolatry, sexual immorality, false religions, abortion, homosexuality, greed, injustice, and every kind of impurity that abounds today. Yet what was the focus of Jesus' ministry? To denounce the sins of the Gentiles, which were so plentiful? To reform Judaism in order to make Israeli society conform better to the Law of Moses?

No. Jesus' agenda was not merely to reform society, but to introduce the kingdom of God. He came to heal the sick, deliver the oppressed, shepherd the harassed and helpless, save lost sinners, accept lonely outcasts, love the unlovely, and give new life to the broken and despairing. The only people he denounced were the religious hypocrites. He was known as the Suffering Servant and the Friend of Sinners and Outcasts. He came to serve and give his life in self-sacrificing love.

That is not what we are known for today. That is why we need redefining. That doesn't mean being silent on the moral issues of our day. That doesn't mean being wishy-washy on the core truths of biblical Christianity. But it does mean that we should live and serve in such a way that we are known more for our love than for our condemning words.

## Help Needed/Vietnamese Pastor's Wife



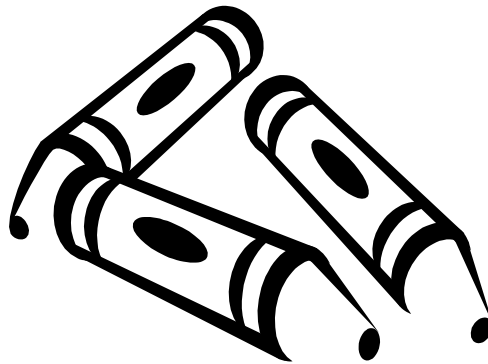
The new associate pastor of Hope Evangelical (Vietnamese) Church in Davenport – Pastor Dinh – and his wife, Vinh, will need some help in July. They have 5-year-old twin boys and are expecting another baby in July. They have no family in the area. They will need the kinds of practical help that any mother of a new baby and twins would need. Also, there will be a **baby shower for them at the Vietnamese church on July 27 @ 2:00 pm.**

## Promise Keepers Men's Conference

The Promise Keepers Men's Conference will held August 8-9 in Peoria, IL. Cost is \$75 for those registering before June 30.

## A Word From Pastor Mark

You may have heard the book, *The Externally Focused Church* mentioned in church recently. It is a book that is recommended for our congregation to pick up and read this summer in preparation for seeking God's vision for Cornerstone. The book encourages churches to be focused externally on those outside the walls (not in exclusion of internal ministries to those inside the church). The book sites Jesus' heart and ministry. Jesus was focused on serving. He came to seek and save the lost. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus tells the hearers that they are salt and light. *The Message* paraphrases the passage found in Matt 5:13-16, "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven." Salt was essential before refrigerators and freezers were created. Salt preserved meat and kept it from



spoiling. We think of salt only as an enhancer of flavor. It is both a preserver and enhancer of flavor.

So how are we doing individually and corporately in being salt and light in our community? Are we enhancing our community? Are we worth our salt or has it lost its flavor? Since we have been doing No Strings Attached Ministry Outreaches, mission trips and SERVE Fest we are making a bigger impact in our community. So what is our service saying to those outside the church? Mother Teresa once said, "I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world." I would like to think that Cornerstone is a big box of crayons with many different colors. As we serve together God is using the various crayons to write a colorful love letter to the world.

This summer there will be several opportunities to serve the community. I will be letting you know of some opportunities to serve this summer. One of them is helping out at RAGBRAI. We are in charge of cleaning all 30 porta potties and all of the garbage pick up on July 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you'd like to serve for a two hour segment or more please let me know. If you have kids there will be things they can do too (3 years or older).

So let's get out there and be crayons in the hands of a loving God. Here's to one colorful summer.

## Moldova Mission Trip June 24-July 8, 2008 by Lucy Schmidt

God is at work in Moldova and it is exciting to see how He is using Cornerstone in that work!! This year He is using a team of seven from Cornerstone to share the Good News of His love and gift of eternal life through Jesus to the people in Moldova.

The Cornerstone team members are Pastor Scott and Beth, Larry, Mari and Bella Brewer, Theresa Phillips, and Lucy Schmidt. We will be holding medical clinics and the Moldova doctors working with us will provide basic health care to the villagers who otherwise would not be able to see a doctor for their health problems. We will give a free Bible and offer prayer for the patients. Those needing them will also receive free reading glasses. Some team members will do a VBS with games, puppets, Bible lessons, crafts, and showing the *Jesus* video for children. We also plan to go to the children's camp to minister with the children, many of whom are orphans. We will also visit some villages where we will walk the streets and interact with people to share the Gospel using the Four Spiritual Laws and invite them to see the *Jesus* video.

It will be exciting to see the missionaries that many of you support and rejoice in the work God has accomplished through you!! It is always such a joy to go and see what He has done since we were there!!

The cost of this trip is \$3600 including airfare, medicines, Bibles and ministry supplies. If you feel God would have you participate in this trip through financial support, you may do so by writing your check to Cornerstone STEM and put the words "Moldova Summer Mission" in the memo section. All funds received will be distributed among the Cornerstone team members.

Your prayers are needed and appreciated. Please pray for Pastor Vasea as he works at planning and arranging for our work. Please pray for him to see the doors that God opens for this work. Please pray also for Lilia as she works at preparing and planning for the summer children's camps.

Thank you so much for your faithful dedication to this ministry.

**Class 101 Blueprint for Membership  
Thursday, June 5th 5:30-9:00 p.m.  
Contact Pastor Mark at 285-8080**

## Pastor Tony's No Limits News

Are you a rebel? Most of us at some time in life have at least fantasized about being a rebel. Riding a Harley off into the sunset, turning your back on the pressures of following the norms. But we have also been taught that rebellion is wrong and doesn't follow with the cause of Christ. Well...not till now.

A few years ago, a young homeschooled student named Joshua Harris impacted the Christian Dating world when he "Kissed Dating Good-bye." Now his two twin brothers Alex and Brett are making a serious impact in the lives of today's youth by calling them to Rebellion for Christ. Here is their pitch in their own words from the popular web site [www.therebelution.com](http://www.therebelution.com)

The official definition of the 'rebelution' is "a teenage rebellion against the low expectations of an ungodly culture." When you look around today, in terms of godly character and practical competence, our culture does not expect much of us young people. We are not only expected to do very little that is wise or good, but we're expected to do the opposite. Our [media-saturated youth culture](#) is constantly reinforcing lower and lower standards and expectations.

The word 'rebelution' is a combination of the words "rebellion" and "revolution." So it carries a sense of an uprising against social norms. But in this case, it's not a rebellion against God-established authority, but against the low expectations of our society. It's a refusal to be defined by our ungodly, rebellious culture. Actually, we like to think of it as [rebellious against rebellion](#).

And it's exciting, because the Rebelution has really become a type of counter-cultural youth movement among Christian young people from around the country, and even [around the world](#). These young people are not only rejecting the lies and the corruption of media-saturated youth culture, but they're returning to biblical and historical levels of character and competence.

In 1 Timothy 4:12, the Apostle Paul tells Timothy, "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." In other words, as young people we are called to be exemplary in all areas of life. Our generation is falling incredibly short of that calling. Instead of serving as the launching pad of life, the teen years are seen as a vacation from responsibility. We call it the "[myth of adolescence](#)." And the Rebelution is all about busting that myth.

Their website is full of great articles and discussion of popular events and encouraging stories of Christian youth and what they are doing to change their world. Such as John Tyler Hammons, the new 19 year old mayor of Muscogee, Oklahoma. With the encouragement of friends and the support of his family, he ran against the former three-term mayor of the city of 38,000. Taking 70 percent of the vote, he won the office.

The rebelution is all about reaching out of the status quo and achieving great things **FOR** Christ **WITH** Christ. I hope you will connect and be encouraged to join in this movement.

We have challenged our Sr. High Sunday school class to identify a need in their world and then work a plan to raise the funds for and put into action the work needed to meet that need. Hopefully we will have some stories of their work to report soon.

### Up Coming Events June

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| Sunday 1st                                  | Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's House 6:00 P.M.  |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>                      | Early registrations for <i>Girls Only Day</i> \$25/<br><i>Guys Campout</i> \$35 <i>Save \$10</i><br><i>Jr High Adventureland missions trip</i><br><i>\$50 save \$15</i> |
| Wednesday 4th                               | No Limits Youth Ministry<br>7:00 pm – 8:30 pm End of Year Picnic  |
| Sunday 8th                                  | Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's House 6:00 P.M.  |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>                      | Girls Only Day-   |
| Wednesday 11th                              | Work Afternoon at the ROCK Center<br>We will grab subway and spend the afternoon working on painting the youth room as well as cleaning out storage.                    |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> | Guy's Only Campout – Pine Lake<br>\$ 35 early/ \$45 late  |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> - Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> | Jr. High Missions Trip<br>Adventureland \$50 early/ \$65 late   |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                     | Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's House 6:00 P.M.  |
| Wednesday 25th                              | No Limits Youth Ministry Movie Night TBA  |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>                     | Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's House 6:00 P.M.  |

### **Women's Summer Bible Study**

**Beth Moore video series entitled: "Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy"**

**Tuesday mornings beginning June 24th—July 29th**

**9:15-11:00 a.m. at Cornerstone**

**Cost: \$20 fee for workbook**

**Contact Tammy Bullock at 285-5293 or Deana Trotter at 823-4638**

## Faith Community Nurse Corner



*Faith Community 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. 25:35-36) to live life abundantly. (John 10:10b)*

As we age...A way we can love God with all our strength

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:16

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

As we age, we are in the process of wasting away. Though we can't prevent our decline, we still can age with grace and love the Lord with everything we have. Each month over the next four months I am going to give a single way that we can continue to love God with all our heart, soul, mind or strength as we age. This month's topic deals with loving God with all our strength or caring for our physical temple.

Falling is one of the most serious and frequent problems as people age. A fall can lead to physical injury such as a broken hip, hospitalization, a long term care facility stay, or even death. Every year approximately one third of people who live at home and are 65 or older will experience at least one fall. Unfortunately half of those people will experience repeated falls. There are many reasons that we are more prone to fall-

## Sonshine Community Ministries

One thing I really try to do is thank everyone who helps this ministry in any way: prayer, financial support, donations, volunteering time, etc. So, let me begin by thanking you all for helping me in this ministry. Without you it could not be done. I thank God for you.

Things are going very well at the trailer and I have several activities planned for this summer. Not only are the kids participating but, I'm getting contacted by the parents more. We've had 3 families visit our church recently. One of my favorite activities is the Saturday morning "Veggie Tales & Pancakes" with kids 4 yrs. to 2nd grade. This gives them a chance to learn Biblical values in language that speaks to them plus they get to have as many pancakes, juice and/or milk that they can fit in their tummies. I do this at least 2 Sat. per month.

Things are getting tough in this country, with rising gas prices and everything else that is higher priced due to the gas prices. I realize that families are being stretched pretty thin. But, without financial support this ministry cannot possibly go on. I am not asking that you give a big dollar amount, but that you would prayerfully consider just \$20.00 per month. If many gave a little it would equal alot. Thanks for your consideration.

ling, but here are a few things you can do to help to prevent falls.

1. Maintain your balance by staying physically active. As we get older, our balancing skills become less dependable, especially if we don't use them regularly. When we don't exercise we lose the nerve sensitivity, muscle strength, and reflex speed that help us to maintain our balance. Thirty minutes of weight bearing activity 6 days a week, accompanied by stretching and some type of strength training 2-3 days a week is ideal. Let me repeat "is ideal", not required! Walking is an excellent way to stay fit. Do something you enjoy. As always, consult your physician before beginning any exercise program and don't overdo.
2. Regularly see your doctor to have your vision and hearing checked, for evaluating and modifying your medications (some medications can affect your balance, coordination, or cause low blood pressure which could lead to a fall), and to report any unsteadiness or illness.
3. Stay socially active.
4. Rise slowly from a sitting or lying position.
5. Beware of slippery situation both inside and outside of the home.
6. Wear supportive, no slip, no nonsense footwear.
7. Do not use alcohol.
8. Keep glasses and ears clean
9. Reduce hazards in your home.
10. Be extra careful on steps, curbs, in crowds, and getting in and out of vehicles.
11. Be willing to ask for assistance or use assistive devices when needed.

If you would like to visit the trailer, I would love to give you the tour. Just call me at 349-2342 and we will make arrangements. I think it would be great if ABF's or home groups would ask to visit. I'll even make coffee.

Thanks for your prayers & support. Jan Kloss

### Needs:

Help in transporting kids to and from VBS June 9-13 (own car)  
*Sponsors for kids to go to a Bandits Baseball Game (approx. \$12.00 per child)*  
Simple tool box set  
*Bottled water*  
Welcome mat  
*Computer Games*  
HyVee /Walmart gift cards  
(to purchase food and items needed for trailer)  
*Cookware*  
Dishes  
*2 -- Ivory colored blinds 32" wide*  
Mixing-serving bowls  
*Cookie sheets*  
Flashlights/Disposable camera  
(for when kids go to camp)  
*Help in transporting items from church garage to garage site on June 13<sup>th</sup> around 5 p.m.*

## Please Pray!!

Your prayers are greatly appreciated!! Below are parts of 2 letters I received via e-mail during the last couple of weeks. The first is from Pastor Vasea from the Orhei Baptist Church that we work with in Moldova. He is the one who makes all of our arrangements for the mission work we do while there. The other is from Victor, a fairly new *unsup-ported* missionary who is a member of the Orhei church. They both are asking for prayer.

"...The Lord called me to be the Pastor at the church in Orhei. I also work for the Lord in Neculaeuca, a village near Orhei. My desire is that many people will know about the Lord, and accept Him into their hearts (Col. 1:28-29). Thanks be to God for all the support that we have from our sisters and brothers in Christ from America. It's a blessing to know that we are in prayer one for another.

### Prayer Requests:

1. For God to give me wisdom as a Pastor.
2. For God to open doors for us to evangelize.
3. For our work with the kids in Neculaeuca village.
4. The health of Joseph, my *3 year-old* son (he has arthritis).
5. For a car/transportation to help me be more dilligent in the work of the Lord."

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"My name is Victor Chiper. My wife's name is Tanya. We are members in "*The Good News Church*" in Orhei, where we

## The UrbanEdge

Two things happened on Sunday which are good examples of what is normal for UrbanEdge kids. I had gone down the hall to pick kids up from Sunday school classes. The children were coming out and showing me their papers. One little girl said, "Miss Lori, look what I got today." She had a baggie full of nickels. I said, "Wow, what did you get those for?" She replied that she had won them. About five minutes later one of the teachers from her class approached me and said, "My little plan backfired." I said, "What little plan?" She told me she was trying to teach the class about freely receiving and so freely giving. She had hoped that the receiver of the nickels would share them with everyone. I laughed a little, because these guys don't know what sharing looks like. They never see it modeled for them. She told me she was going to keep working on it.

Then on the bus on the ride home, a nine-year-old boy said, "My dad almost died." A boy behind him responded,

## Family News

Our deepest sympathy to Linda Jorgensen and Chad Guge in the recent loss of a parent.

## By Lucy Schmidt

live... In 2005 I graduated from Bob Jones University with BA in Bible Evangelism.... We are ministering in summer camps. I am preaching the Gospel to hundreds of children and teens. Many of them receive Christ and learn to walk in His ways. The Lord is doing great things here in Moldova. Also, during the year, we are visiting churches and preaching and presenting the camp ministry.

In addition, we are serving the Lord as missionaries in Bolohan Village, where we are meeting in a private house. As a church, we just have finished a study through the book of Romans and now we are starting a study through the whole Bible.

We would appreciate your prayers for our believers. Please pray according to Apostle Paul's prayers, described in his epistles (Eph. 3:14-21; Philippians 1:8-11; Col.1:8-12) We would be very appreciative if a group in your church or a specific person would move his finger through these verses and pray for us according to Paul's prayers. We covet such prayers and make them a priority of ours. Thank you so very much for your intercessions.

In Him,  
Victor and Tanya Chiper"

Thank you so much for your prayers for these 2 men and their families as they work with a diligent hearts to increase the Kingdom of God.

"When he got shot in the head with an uzi?" The first boy said, "No, he got shot in the behind." -- everyone laughed. Then the other boy said, "Is that why he walks the way he does?" The nine-year-old responded, "Yeah, that's why he walks that way." Then a 12-year-old boy said, "My dad got shot in the back. That's why he is paralyzed."

There have been two more shootings in Davenport. Our kids are related to two of the persons involved, one who was shot and one who did a shooting. Guns and violence are facts of life for them.

Please pray for these kids and pray for us as we endeavor to teach them a new way.



In Christ,  
Terry and Lori Major

Our sympathy also to those who have lost grandparents: Gayle Bennett, Kathy Doty, Kevin Hagedorn, Betsy Jones, Jason Manar, and Lee Randall.



# June 2008

Vacation Bible School  
June 9-13  
9:00-11:30 a.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer AM Communion 1:00-5:00 p.m. Ashley Grell Grad. Party/ROCK 6:00 p.m. Home Groups 6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet at Pastor Tony's home	<b>2</b> 1:00 p.m. Moms-In- Touch at Doy's (604 W. Brookview Dr.)  <i>No Limits Deadline for June Activities</i>	<b>3</b> 7:00 p.m. Moldova Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Men's Softball/ Trinity Luth., Dav. 7:30 p.m. College- Career-Singles/Idelers	<b>4</b> 6:30 a.m. Men at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 7:00 p.m. No Limits End of Year Picnic	<b>5</b> 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon/Cracker Barrel 5:30-9:00 p.m. CLASS 101 Blueprint for Membership 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer <b>Nurse Office Open</b>  6:00 p.m. Home Groups 6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet at Pastor Tony's home	<b>9</b> 9:00-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School   Noon — "Girls Only Day" for grades 7-12	<b>10</b> 9:00-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School 7:00 p.m. Moldova Mtg. 7:30 p.m. College- Career-Singles/Idelers	<b>11</b> 6:30 a.m. Men at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 9:00-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School Noon-No Limits Work afternoon/ROCK 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg.	<b>12</b> 9:00-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School 5:45 p.m. Men's Softball/ Trinity Luth., Dav. 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	<b>13</b>  9:00-11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School <i>June 13-15 Guys Only Campout for grades 7-12 at Pine Lake</i>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer <b>Father's Day</b>  <i>June 15-20 Jr. Camp</i>	<b>16</b> <i>June 16-18 Junior High Mission Trip at Adventureland Camp for Grades 7-9</i>	<b>17</b> 8:00-9:30 a.m. Basketball Camp/ROCK 5:45 p.m. Men's Softball/ Trinity Luth., Dav. 6:30 p.m. Singles Game Night/ROCK 7:00 p.m. Moldova Mtg.	<b>18</b> 6:30 a.m. Men at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 8:00-9:30 a.m. Basketball Camp/ROCK 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 8:15 p.m. Deacon Mtg.	<b>19</b> 8:00-9:30 a.m. Basketball Camp/ROCK 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	<b>20</b> 8:00-9:30 a.m. Basketball Camp/ROCK	<b>21</b> 7:00 a.m. Trustee Mtg. at Village Inn, Davenport 3:00 p.m. Rachel Newsum & Tyler Biehl Wedding at Cornerstone
<b>22</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer <b>Nurse Office Open</b> 6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet at Pastor Tony's home 6:00 p.m. Home Groups <i>June 22-27 Sixers Camp</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:15-11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. College- Career-Singles/Idelers <i>June 24-July 8 Moldova Missions Trip</i>	<b>25</b> 6:30 a.m. Men at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 7:00 p.m. No Limits Movie Night/TBA	<b>26</b> 5:45 p.m. Men's Softball/ Trinity Luth., Dav. 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	<b>27</b> Evening — Cornerstone Movie Night	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer AM Pastor Tony 6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet at Pastor Tony's home 6:00 p.m. Home Groups <i>June 29-July 2 Base Camp</i>	<b>30</b>					

**June Birthdays:**

2 Ben Greving  
Hunter Heppe

3 Tom Carlson  
Wanda Ellis

4 Dan Marti

6 Lee Randall

7 Peter Schaub

8 Grace Gainer  
Jonathan Mohr

9 Joseph Mohr

11 Theresa Phillips

12 Daniel Green  
Dan McElhiney

13 Ashley Hageman

14 John Agan  
Scott Carlson  
Angie Manar  
Craig Mays  
Maria Mays  
Val Scull  
Molly Smith

16 Trenten Doty  
Gabriel Eliassen  
Patrick Lonergan

17 Harbor Neill  
Kelly Orcutt

**June Anniversaries:**

2 Dereck & Erica Kaiser

3 Patrick & Suzy Gainer

4 Cable & Celeste VonMaur

5 Steve & Val Scull

10 Pastor Tony & Theresa Phillips

12 Steve & Caralyn Butler  
Tom & Lisa Hurr

14 Jim & LaVonne Skadal

17 Justin & Kelly Ramsey

19 Rob & Connie Beer

21 Lance & Sue Bader

22 Andy & Kendra Ervin

23 Richard & Trudi Clark  
Marvin & Dawnetta VanEe

24 Ray & Sharon Greving  
Adam & Laura Kuster  
Mike & Betsy Loehr  
Jim & Barbara Yetter

25 Steve & Marianna VonMuenster

27 Frank & Wanda Ellis

## “Trading Up For Our New Home”

by Chad Guge

To start with, I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and support during my father's illness and death. Many times my dad and I shared with each other how much our faith was helping us through this time. He shared with me this thought about a week before his death, “Chad, make sure to tell your church friends that I appreciate all their prayers for me and our family.”

Now I want to share with you a few things from this past week. The night of my dad's death, I was the last person to speak to him before he passed away. I whispered in his ear as he labored with his breath, “Dad, I love you so much. Thanks for being the best dad a guy can ask for. Rachelle (my sister) and I will take care of mom, so don't worry. Dad, God is calling you home to Him, and it's okay to go dad, it's time. We may be separated for a short time, but we will be together again soon, and it will be for eternity. Say hi to Uncle Jerry for me. Love you dad!” As I got done with that, I kissed his forehead and stepped back with tears in my eyes. And then he took his final breaths and went Home to the Lord.

As I was driving home tonight, I was thinking about our new home we moved into last week (by the way, thanks to all that could help out with the move!). Our old house was small, and God truly blessed our house. In fact, the new owners commented that they had looked at several homes before ours,

but ours was the first “where they could feel the presence of the Lord.” But space was limited, and the yard was small. We wanted something bigger for when we have kids, and we found a great home just a few blocks away. We had to pay a bit more than we had planned, but we love our new home. It is very spacious (especially without kids) and is newer.

In a way, my dad's journey was much like our moving to a new home. My dad's life here on earth was short, and was not filled with a lot of flash. His “home” was a good home filled with love. But then he traded up to a bigger house, Heaven. It's has tons of space, and is infinitely better than his earthly home. However, his “move” didn't cost him a single thing. It was free, and all he had to do was trust and believe in the “homeowner,” Jesus Christ. And no matter how much we fix up our house, no matter what bells and whistles we add to it, it will NEVER be comparable to God's Home.

We had the honor of having Pastor Mark perform the service for my dad. His sermon talked about how on earth as humans, we are made imperfect because of sin. But since heaven has no sin, we are made perfect when we enter heaven. My dad now has a new body that is pain-free and no longer can be attacked by cancer or any other disease. Mark's words comforted my family, and helped us to remember God's perfect plan for all of us. I know my dad was looking down from heaven with a smile on his face and was saying “Amen.”

## Media Team Report

The media team of Cornerstone is made up of men and women who have a heart to serve and to enhance the worship service through technology. Each and every Sunday we strive to do our best with the talents God has given us and the equipment that we have. We are currently working on improving the sound in the ROCK Center and sanctuary.

Each week during Thursday night and Sunday morning practice we attempt to set the appropriate sound levels. It is very difficult to do this ahead of time because many factors play into setting these levels. Such as the song, the speaker, the type and number of instruments playing, number of people in the ROCK center and sanctuary, the energy level of the worship team and congregation. For this reason we are working on adding new members to the media team. Our goal is have 2 extra media people on the team each Sunday. One person will be in the ROCK center and the other person will be in the media booth. Each of these people will wear headsets to communicate back and forth to work out any problems that may occur with sound or video. We are still working out the details on how this team member maybe easily identified in the ROCK Center, this maybe done by name tag, just wearing a headset or such. Hopefully this will help us to better control the sound in the ROCK center.

The media team is requesting that if you have a concern with the sound or video in the ROCK center that you please inform the media person in there. **Please**, do not come in the booth. There will be a sign on the door “Please do not disturb.” Whenever the media booth door is opened or someone knocks it distracts the team from what we are doing. It is very important that we keep our eyes and ears on the service,

as to make sure everything flows well. For this to happen we need to turn presentations, sound and slides on and off on queue. We are monitoring the sound levels each Sunday with a sound decibel meter in attempt to be consistent with the volume in the ROCK Center and sanctuary.

Along with attempting to set the sound levels for Sunday, we also start formatting the service presentation on Thursday night. All the slides for the songs and sermon, videos and photo presentation are combined into one presentation. It is very difficult to make changes on a Sunday morning. The presentation is tested ahead of time to make sure that everything flows well together. At times some of the videos and presentation that are made with other programs do not work well with our programs. When changes are made on a Sunday morning we do not have time to make sure that everything works well. **Therefore we will no longer play any videos and power point presentation that are handed to us on a Sunday morning.** If your ministry wishes to have a presentation shown on a Sunday, **it must be given to the media team by Thursday night before the Sunday you want to have it presented.**

Please keep in mind that the media team is made of volunteers, who are striving to do the best they can each and every Sunday. We ask that you show grace when we have a rough Sunday. There are many factors, all of which you may not be aware that go into making a successful or unsuccessful Sunday service. We are truly doing the best we can. It will take a few months to get people in place and trained, but we are working on it. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Jim Ferrel.

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## Vacation Bible School

June 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 11:30am

Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade – fall 08'  
(Pre-school & Nursery for VBS workers)

### HELP!

- Beaker Poster in foyer; take a beaker and bring back items by June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Please consider donating your time, even if you can't make every day (you don't have to teach)
  - Invite other kids from the community – blow pop invites are available!
  - Pre-register online [www.CornerstoneBaptistCH.org](http://www.CornerstoneBaptistCH.org) or in the foyer
- Pray for the kids' hearts to be changed

**Questions?** Nick or Sarah at 285-5530  
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### **Come and join us on Sunday Mornings:**

Sunday School Opportunities for the Family	9:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:10 a.m.

