

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upcoming Events

Pastor Scott's Perspective— "A Sibling Rivalry for the Ages"

The roots of the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict in Gaza can be traced back to Genesis and the conflict between the descendants of Abram's two sons, Ishmael and Isaac.

Genesis 16:11 - 12 (NIV) The angel of the LORD also said to her (Hagar): "You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."

Not all Arabs or Palestinians are descendants of Ishmael – but many do trace their ancestry back to the son of Abraham and Hagar (Sarah's Egyptian servant). And indeed, there has been hostility between the descendants of these half-brothers, Isaac and Ishmael, for some 4000 years.

The Bible teaches that both family lines are blessed of God with many descendants – but God established His covenant with Isaac, not with Ishmael. And one of these covenant blessings is the land of Israel – a land which belongs to God, and which God has chosen to give to the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob, not through Ishmael and Esau. When Israel serves God's purposes, God blesses Israel with the land and with peace and prosperity and security. When Israel rebels against God's purposes, God hands the land over to Israel's enemies – whether Assyria or Babylon or Rome or Arabs.

Contrary to the Bible, Islam teaches that God established His covenant with Ishmael, not Isaac, and that it was Ishmael, not Isaac, who was offered as a near-sacrifice by Abraham,

and that Jewish people have no right to the land of Israel.

What does all of this mean for today and the Israeli – Palestinian conflict in Gaza and elsewhere?

A little historical background: In 1947, Great Britain turned the problem of the worsening conflict between Jewish immigrants and Arab residents of Palestine over to the United Nations. The UN proposed the partitioning of Palestine into two independent states – one Palestinian Arab and the other a homeland for Jewish people following the Nazi Holocaust.

The Jewish people seized this opportunity and declared their independence as a nation in 1948. But rather than forming their own independent Palestinian state for Palestinian Arabs, the Arab League opposed Israel and fought the Jews.

In that war of 1948, Israel gained additional land and the Palestinian Arabs lost additional land. And a Palestinian Arab State was never formed because the Arab League rejected the UN proposal due to infighting and power struggles among Arab states leaders and due to the Arab League's priority to fight against the formation of a Jewish state rather than forming their own Palestinian Arab state. When the Arabs lost the war of 1948, many Palestinian Arabs either fled or were expelled from their homes.

When Egypt instigated a war against Israel in 1967 – a war which Israel decisively won in only 6 days – the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights all

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3:00-5:00 p.m. No Limits
Super Bowl Pre-Game
6:00 p.m. Seek & Soak, RI
- Feb. 4 6:00-8:00 p.m.
AWANA at Skate Park
- Feb. 5 11:30 a.m. Ladies
Luncheon at Olive Garden,
Davenport
- Feb. 6 3:15 p.m. Leave for
Junior High Retreat at Pine
Lake Christian Center,
Eldora
- Feb. 7 6:30 p.m.
Women's Night Out,
Bennigan's, Bettendorf
- Feb. 8 Nurse Office Open
6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Feb. 13
11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m
No Limits Game Day
- Feb. 15
6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Feb. 16
10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
No Limits Airsoft
- Feb. 21 7:00 a.m. Trustee
Meeting/Village Inn, Dav.
- Feb. 22 Nurse Office Open
6:00 p.m. Home Groups

came under Israeli control. Palestinian Arabs lost more land – and more Palestinians lost their homes.

Much of the suffering of the Palestinian people has been the result of Arab leaders being more committed to the destruction of Israel than to the well-being of the Palestinian people.

That is the case in Gaza today. The Palestinian people of Gaza are ruled by the terrorist organization Hamas following the withdrawal of Israel from Gaza in 2005. *Hamas refuses to recognize Israel's right to exist – and its charter calls for the elimination of Israel.* Their ultimate objective is not a peaceful two-state solution so that Palestinians can have their own nation and live in peace and security alongside Israel. **Their ultimate objective is the annihilation of Israel.**

Instead of focusing on building a new society in Gaza for the benefit of its Palestinian citizens, *Hamas is focused on destroying Israel.* With substantial materiel help from Iran, Hamas has been launching repeated rocket and mortar attacks against Israeli towns and villages. Hamas counts on Israeli retaliation, necessarily resulting in Palestinian civilian casualties since Hamas launches its rockets from civilian population areas, including from schools and hospitals.

Why? Why would a government knowingly provoke an attack against its own civilian citizens? Because Hamas' ultimate objective is not to provide peace and prosperity for its citizens. ***Hamas' ultimate objective – shared by many other Arab and Muslim leaders – is to wipe the nation of Israel off the face of the earth.*** *In order to accomplish that objective – they must isolate Israel by turning world opinion against Israel.* And how better to do that than by provoking Israeli counter-attacks that will inevitably result in Palestinian casualties that will lead to sympathy for the Palestinians and condemnation for Israel?

This is exactly what is happening – with most of Europe and many in America giving lip service to Israel's right to defend itself but then harshly condemning Israel for disproportionate use of force in doing so. Just 65 years after the Holocaust,

Church Financial Report

After a strong December, giving in January dropped below budget and below year-ago levels. Giving to the General Fund (church budget) averaged \$8,260 per Sunday (compared to budget of \$9,246).

February and March are the months when decisions are made for the 2009-10 fiscal year budget starting in April. Giving during February will influence these budget decisions.

Giving to the Building Fund during January was only \$4,466 – enough to pay the mortgage but below our goal of \$9,000 for paying down the principal more quickly.

These are difficult economic times which could get worse before they get better. May those of us who still have good jobs and incomes be extra grateful – and generous.

anti-Semitism is on the rise once again in Europe – complete with synagogue burnings and other hate crimes.

Do the suffering Palestinian citizens of Gaza deserve our sympathy? Absolutely – along with all other suffering peoples who are being exploited as sacrificial lambs by their own leaders.

In addition to having a humanitarian concern for the suffering people of Gaza, in many cases, these are our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering as pawns in the ongoing conflict in the Middle East (there are more Palestinian Christians than Israeli Christians).

Has Israel used disproportionate force in defending itself? *Probably.* As supporters of Israel's right to exist and defend itself, we do not need to adopt an attitude of *"Israel can do no wrong."* Their government and military can over-react and use excessive force just like any other country's – and Israel should be held accountable for how they use their military power.

But what exactly is "proportionate force" in a situation where Israel is surrounded and being attacked by hostile neighbors who openly declare their intent to destroy Israeli society?

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Pray for the suffering civilians of Gaza. Pray for reconciliation between Palestinian Christians (there are many) and Israeli Christians (there are a few and they are growing in number). Jews are Abraham's physical descendants, but Christians (whether Jew or Gentile or Arab) are Abraham's spiritual descendants by faith in Jesus the Messiah.

Jesus, son of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is the link between **Genesis 12:3** "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" and **Galatians 3:29** "And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and now all the promises God gave to him belong to you."

Gaining Knowledge & Tools

There is a golden opportunity for you to acquire knowledge and tools to be more effective in teaching a children's Sunday School class or small group Bible study or youth small group and to also increase your ability to lead a ministry or you just want to grow in learning more about the Christian life. This can be accomplished for a fee- \$45. Equip Ministries is putting on their annual conference in Peoria on Feb 27-28. You can attend Friday or Saturday or both days. Please take a few moments to check out their website for the workshops that are offered at www.equipconvention.org. There are workshops offered on: working with difficult children, women's ministry, men's ministry, missions, evangelism and even finances. If you are interested in going or have any questions please contact Pastor Mark.

A Word From Pastor Mark

Little things matter. Do you believe that? I do. Steve Sjogren has said, "Little things done with great love can change the world." Little things over time add up to big things. Earlier this week we said goodbye to Esther Kemp (Deac & Don Ryan's Aunt). Esther used to come to Cornerstone until her health limited from leaving Good Samaritan. Deac and I would visit her about once a month together. In those visits she would show great appreciation for those who stopped in to see her. On a few occasions I brought my wife and kids and Esther loved it. It wasn't much effort on our part but it meant the world to her. Esther also appreciated those who just slowly walked by her door and waved and said, "Hello Esther" (like Brian Nielsen did often). Those moments mattered.



Him to reveal it while missing daily opportunities to do the little things that add up to big things. When you put your hand on someone's shoulder when they are hurting- it matters. When you ask to pray for someone- it matters. When you send a note of encouragement- it matters. When you remember an important date in someone's life- it matters. When you do whatever ministry you do in the church- it matters. When you tell your kids "I love you" or "I am proud of you"- it matters. When you allow someone to go before you in a checkout line- it matters. When you lend a listening ear- it matters. When you welcome someone new to the church- it matters.

So look around you. Don't miss those little opportunities. When you see any need and feel God's pull- do it. Why? Because it matters.

Sometimes we want to do big things for God and just wait on

News From Moldova

Moldova Mission Trip in July

The following letter was sent to me, but it was written to you, and is printed here (italics added are from me) so that you can see how much Pastor Vasea Farcas and the villages around Orhei appreciate the help you are providing for them financially, prayerfully and spiritually.

Dear Lucy!

Thank you for the picture and the good wishes that you sent us. We also wish you a blessed year.

I received the money and I split it in between the missionaries (*Missionary Support Funds*) and Lilieii. It was a double happiness for the missionaries because it was around the holiday season. Our Christmas season is longer than yours. We had winter camps in many places. Also we had winter camps in Orhei and Neculaeuca. The children were very happy about the Bible lessons, games, and food. It was a nice time with great testimonies. In Neculaeuca, it was the first time they had a camp. We thank you so much for the contribution for this work.

During this season, we also had bad news. Brother Vasilii Dubceac ("*Papa*", *Father of Elijah who God used to call us to Moldova*) and Valerii (*Founder of Bulaesti church*) from Bulaiesti died. They were men that loved God and served others. We know that they are in Heaven and we will see them again.

We are happy with the news of the money collected for our house. (*This is part of the Christmas offering which went to help with a **much** needed remodeling project for their home.*) We thank you for helping us. This is a big encouragement for us. We know that many people know about our situation and sustain us with prayers and financial support. Thank you! God bless you! With love, Farcas Family

Right now I am planning another mission trip with a medical team to go in July. **Tentative** dates are Thursday, July 16- Tuesday, July 28. Teresa Bivens will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm in the Library. Anyone interested in the possibility of going on a Moldova mission trip should attend this meeting. **RSVP is necessary**. The training takes about 10 weeks, and you will need to get a passport if you don't already have one, so it is **vital** to make plans early. Please be in prayer about this. **You do NOT need to be a medical professional to participate in these missions**. People are needed to work with children in a VBS setting, pray with the people after they see the doctor, share the Gospel using the Four Spiritual Laws, distribute reading glasses and a variety of other tasks. All you need is a heart willing to share Christ's love with others and be obedient to the great commission found in Matthew 28:19-20. Please do not let finances prevent you from attending the meeting.

Please contact Teresa Bivens (285-7285) for more information.

Pastor Tony's No Limits News

We have had a couple of good summer missions trips here doing local missions projects and working out of the Rock Center. Our youth have joined in the spiritual journey with youth from Grandview, our sister church in Davenport, and we have together enjoyed a sense of community and growth with the combined groups. This summer we are looking at something both different and exciting.

Wycliffe is introducing a mission training program that will be offered in the Illinois area. The idea is to have our youth live in an actual jungle like environment and give them a realistic mission experience that will give them an entry level taste into the life of a missionary. They will be taught in a classroom setting by Actual Wycliffe missionaries who will be in the States this summer to teach with 1st hand experience. At times in the training, the youth will actually canoe down river and encounter a native people group they can't understand and will have to learn how to communicate with the strangers to learn how to work together.

We will also be incorporating a trip to the Chicago area to do a service project with Feed My Children, a world relief organization that raises money to provide meals to the starving children of the world. Our group will be able to actually spend a day packing the meals and preparing them to be airdropped into remote areas of the world where they are most needed.

I am excited about the opportunities that may come about with this program, and we are trying to work out the dates and information to set up this program for our youth this summer. While the details are not yet worked out, we are confident after talking to the Wycliffe workers that we will be able to work something out. So while it is still early to give out the actual details, I want to start building some energy into this great opportunity and will look forward to making more information available as it comes into view.

The UrbanEdge

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas bags that you provided for the children of Urban Edge. We were sad that we had to cancel our Christmas party due to an ice storm. We hand-delivered the bags to each child's home. They were so excited. We will be doing a Valentine party to replace the Christmas party. The theme will be God's great Valentine -- how he sent Jesus to us -- the greatest gift of love ever.

Times have been hard for our families. We have lots of requests for assistance with bills and gas. We have had requests for furniture and dental care. The economy doesn't seem to make a difference -- it is always a bad economy where they are concerned. Attendance has been very low at Sunday school. The kids tell us that it is just too cold to wait for the bus. Phones have been shut off which makes it very hard to communicate. However, last Sunday attendance was up again.

Upcoming Events February

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| Sunday 1 st | Super Bowl Pre-game Tailgate
3:00- 5:00 In Rock |
| Wednesday 4 th | No Limits Youth Ministry
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm |
| Fri 6 th – Sun. 8 th | Jr. High Winter Retreat Pine Lake
leave at 3:15 from Cornerstone |
| Sunday 8 th | Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's House 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday 11 th | No Limits Youth Ministry
7:00 pm- 8:30 pm. |
| Friday 13 th | Game Day 11-3 pm |
| Sunday 15 th | Sunday School Lunch outing.
Mongolian Grill 11:45 am
Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house 6:00 pm |
| Monday 16 th | Air Soft 10- 2 pm
Parents Permission Slip Needed.
Bring your lunch and own ammo. |
| Wednesday 18 th | No Limits Youth Ministry
7:00pm- 8:30 pm. |
| Sunday 22 nd | Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's House 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday 25 th | No Limits Youth Ministry
7:00 pm- 8:30 pm |

by Lori Major

Terry got called back to work (he had been laid off since Thanksgiving) two weeks ago, but he got called back on 2nd shift. It was really disappointing to us, because our ministry hours are 2nd shift hours. We prayed and friends prayed with us and the night before we went back to Homework Club, God answered our prayers and his job shifted him to first shift — just in time for ministry!!

We have been blessed with many dedicated volunteers this year and we are just praising God for them. They come from Cornerstone, Adventure, and Grandview. At this time we are seeking some dedicated board members who would be willing to meet once a month, pray for us, and give us advice. If God has put a concern for these families on your heart, please consider serving on our board. Prayer concerns are for safety for the children, softening of hearts to accept the gospel, changed lives; that God will raise up three more board members; Sunday school attendance to be consistent; wisdom for Terry and me; God's continual direction; and a living situation for a young woman we have been working with who is homeless.

Sonshine Community Ministries

Beginning Feb. 1, 2009 I will be having Sunday School for children 5-12 years old who live at the Mt. Joy Mobile Home Park at the "Sonshine" Trailer at lot 13. This will be held from noon until around 1:30. Lunch will be served. Sunday school will consist of a couple of songs, a Bible lesson, & prayer. Here is how you can help/participate: Families or Home Groups or any group can prepare/serve lunch for the kids and teachers. Or they can teach the Sunday School lesson. Perhaps your family or group is looking for a service/mission project. This is a great opportunity. Groups should be no larger than 5/6 people (unless some are small children) because of the space. Please call and reserve a time that you would like to do this. Just think: a "short term mission trip" that is right in your back yard (almost). SIGN UP SOON!!!

If you are out and about and you come across gloves or hats on sale, would you pick a few up? I'm still seeing kids w/o hats or gloves and I like to keep some on hand to give them. If they don't get used this year, they'll be used next winter. Thanks.

I was excited to see the "Pure in Heart Conference" coming to our area in April. This is such an important message for the young girls to hear. I would like to take a few of my

Praying for Our New President

As I write this I am seated before my television, watching pre-inauguration activities. By the time this reaches your mailbox, Barack Obama will have been sworn in as president and begun his work.

Scripture commands us to pray for our leaders, and I would like to offer a few suggestions that I gleaned from a list authored by Gary P. Bergel and excerpted from *Pray!* Magazine. These prayers are appropriate for our president as well as all other leaders.

1. That he be God fearing and recognize that he is accountable to Him for each decision and act (Prov. 9:10).
2. That he be granted wisdom, knowledge, and understanding (Jas. 1:5).
3. That, if unsaved, he be drawn to a saving encounter with Christ; if born-again, he be strengthened and encouraged in his faith (1 Tim 2:4, Eph. 1:17-23).

Family News

Congratulations to Jason and Erin Tkatch for the birth of their first child, Katherine Virginia, born January 8th. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Congratulations also to Pat and Jodi Reid for the birth of their fourth child, Jordan Davis, born January 16th. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Jordan has three excited siblings: Ryan, Emerson and Brennan.

"Sonshine" girls but doubt that some of the families could afford the registration fee of \$20.00. If you could, would you consider paying the tuition for a girl to attend (with me). There are 7 girls who fit the age category. Call if you would like to donate or have questions about the conference.

Dean Worthington and I will begin Good News Clubs on Tuesday afternoons on Feb. 10 at the Salvation Army Shelter in Davenport. This is an exciting opportunity for me to be able to work with Dean and to be able to reach out to some of the most needy kids in the Quad Cities. This will not be an easy task, but I know that God will give us the strength and energy we will need. Please be in prayer for this project.

Please support this ministry with your prayers and financial support. All donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, comments or would like to volunteer, please call me at 563-349-2342. Thank you. Jan Kloss

Financial Gifts can be sent to: Sonshine Community Ministries

P.O. Box 244
Davenport, IA 52805

by Teresa Bivens

4. That he recognize his own inadequacy and pray and seek the will of God (Prov. 3:5-8, Lk. 11:9-13).
5. That he value and regard the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Christ (Ps. 19:7-11, Jn. 8:31-32).
6. That he be given godly counsel and God-fearing advisors (Prov. 24:6).
7. That he be honest and faithful to his spouse and children (Mal. 2:15-16).
8. That he desire purity and avoid debauchery, pornography, perversion, and drunkenness (1 Cor. 6:9-20, Titus 2:12).
9. That he desire honesty, integrity, and loyalty (Psalm 26, Prov. 11:3).
10. That he endeavor to restore the sanctity of life, families, divine order, and morality in our nation (Eph. 5:22-6:4).

Our deepest sympathy to the following people who have lost loved ones:

Betsy Loehr — father
Jim McGimpsey — sister
Paula Mess — uncle
Deac Ryan & Don Ryan — aunt

We are praying God will comfort you and your families.

Reynosa, Mexico Missions Letter

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for your recent missions trip to Reynosa, Mexico. One of our biggest hurdles was driving out of the snowstorm as we left home on Christmas Eve Day!

Here are some of the things we accomplished and highlights of the trip:

Most days we set up a medical clinic in different areas.

We had nurses to assist Dr. Reyna; a dentist and 2 assistants to clean & pull teeth; pharmacy; gave out glasses and health kits; and had activities and puppetry for the children. The medical personnel saw an average of 100 people each day, a total of about 450 in 4 days. Our busiest day, the dentist did 25 extractions.

Some of the men poured concrete in Dr. Reyna's clinic building in the restroom area.

We served a meal (provided by Heritage Christian School) to kids from an orphanage and did some puppetry, stories, songs, and activities. This was definitely a highlight! The dentist also saw many of these children.

One of the challenges, especially the first two days, was trying to control the many, many people that came.

We were able to leave a guitar behind for a man (who was formerly a pastor) who lives next to Dr. Reyna's clinic and serves as his volunteer "security guard". He has a beautiful voice and plays guitar very well! He immediately played and sang praises to God.

Each day we witnessed happy faces and excited eyes as we met many physical and emotional needs through healthcare provisions and physical contact through hugs or playing with the children.

Water purifying kits were given to some of the areas.

This system turns salt water into chlorine and peroxide. That solution then can be used to treat dirty water into drinkable water, with only 2 cc to 1 gal (1 liter to 500 gal). It can provide water for 5,000 people per day. These systems were given with a lesson relating living water to Christ as the Living Water.

The biggest barrier we faced, of course, was the language barrier. Dr. Reyna's children and two of our own team served as interpreters, and a few of us that know some Spanish, but many times we felt helpless to understand.

The areas we visited each day were very, very poor and dirty. The first day at Roca Eterna Church (the church at an actual dump site that our church has helped build in the past) I, Dawnetta, had the opportunity to meet a deaf family. I had been praying that I would have the opportunity to minister to the Deaf, if it was God's will, also realizing the Deaf in Mexico would most likely sign Mexican Sign Language. This family signed ASL, American Sign Language! It was such a blessing to be able to spend some time with them and help meet some of their needs as well. The Deaf mother invited me into her home, very close to Roca Eterna. It was a one-room shanty with barely enough room to walk around the two beds (they also have 2 deaf sons), no windows, and a tin sheet for a roof.

For those of us who experienced this mission trip for the first time realized how very much we have in America with little or no thought to how others around the world live. May God continue to impress upon our hearts how we can continue to reach out and serve others, both at home and around the world.

Thanks again for your prayers and financial support!

Marvin, Dawnetta, Marcie & Valerie Van Ee
Peggy & Ashley Grell
Deb Luett




The HUGs Puppet Team Needs You

Puppets and Dowel Rods have been and are great ministries to use the creative arts! What an awesome way to bring glory to God for those who enjoy being creative through songs, art, dance, theater, illusion and just "messing around" for God!! We want to continue to provide ministry opportunities for those who feel they have gifts in these areas. God has blessed our church with a big closet full of puppets and props, and a group of enthusiastic puppeteers that are anxious to serve with their **H**ands **U**p for **G**od. In order to enable this ministry to continue, **we need some leaders!** We are looking for people with a passion to serve Christ. If you are creative, enjoy working with youth, and feel that God is leading you into this type of ministry, please contact Dawnetta Van Ee (285-9145 or mdvane@netins.net). You do not have to be super-talented! God will equip those who are willing to serve Him.



February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 a.m. Prayer AM COMMUNION 3:00-5:00 p.m. No Limits Super Bowl Pre-Game 6:00 p.m. Seek & Soak, Rock Island	2 1:00 p.m. Moms-In-Touch/ Crouchs 6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery 6:15 p.m. AWANA (grades K-6)	3 6:00-7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball/ROCK 7:30 p.m. College-Career-Singles at Idekers	4 6:30 a.m. Men at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery 6:00-8:00 p.m. AWANA to Skate Park, Eldridge 7:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 8:15 p.m. Deacons	5 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon at Olive Garden, Davenport 6:30-8:00 p.m. Center-shot Ministries 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	6 3:15 p.m. Leave for Junior High Retreat at Pine Lake Christian Center, Eldora	7 6:30 p.m. Women's Night Out, Bennigan's, Bettendorf
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February Birthdays:

- 1 Shelby Arndt
- 3 Samantha Bulens
- 5 Joni Evers
- 7 Jason Manar
Bryan Payton
- 9 Elijah Brady
Justin Danielsen
- 10 Arlond Goodell
Laura Munson
Debbie O'Connell
- 14 Jalois Crotty
- 15 Paul Hojnacki
Andy Ranfeld
Steve VonMuenster
Jackson Zevenbergen
- 16 Edie Gebauer
- 17 Laura Thayer-Schwartz
- 18 Pat Childs
Bonnie Perry
- 19 Jodi Green
Charles Milnes
Jason Owens

February Anniversaries:

- 20 Andy Ervin
- 23 Eden Olsen
- 24 Christian Owens
- 25 Dick Armbruster
Travis Grell
- 26 Lauren Schladetzky
- 28 Devin Allison
Shane Knoche
- 2 Mike and Kris Mohr
- 14 Tom and Edie Gebauer
- 20 Neil and Melissa Chapman
- 24 Terry and Lucy Schmidt
- 27 Verne & Christine Christopherson



God's Call for the Orphan

by Deana Trotter

Over the past 2 years God has burdened my heart with the thought of orphans. He has been extremely creative in getting my attention...one day a radio program about orphans, the next day an email of a child available for adoption, and numerous scripture that express His love for the fatherless. Many times in that 2 year period I asked Him, "What do you want me to do, Lord?" But He never gave me an action plan. So during this time of quietness, I decided to educate myself on the plight of the orphan. I read books and searched the internet for hours. I read disturbing stories and saw heartbreaking pictures of children living in the dump or children left parentless to AIDS. It became overwhelming at times. Yet, through all this, God continued to give me scripture to show me His heart for the orphan.



forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow, in order that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

-Deuteronomy 24:19

As it turns out, I was not the only person at Cornerstone whose heart was being stirred. God was placing orphans on the hearts of several individuals. In response to this calling, a group has been meeting over the past year in preparation to launch "Respond Ministries". The goal of this orphan ministry is to provide opportunities for the members of Cornerstone to care for "the least of these". When you look up the word "respond" in the thesaurus, it says "to recognize, acknowledge, react". God wants us not only to recognize this great need but also to acknowledge and react to it.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this; to look after orphans

and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

-James 1:27

Please join us on Sunday, February 8th for our "Orphan Sunday" event. There will be refreshments in the ROCK Center following service with many opportunities available to care for orphans.

When you reap your harvest in your field and have

The Nicene Creed (381 A.D.)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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March 6 & 7

Cornerstone Women's Retreat

March 20 7:00 p.m.

Hymn Sing at Cornerstone

March 27 & 28

Quad Cities Writer's Conference at Cornerstone

April 18 8:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

"Pure in Heart" Conference

Designed for moms & girls (ages 7-12)

Harvest Bible Chapel, Davenport

May 1 & 2

"Women of Faith" Conference

Des Moines

Approx \$110

See Tammy Bullock for details



Come and join us on Sunday Mornings:

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