

# THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Upcoming Events

## Pastor Scott's Perspective— "The Case for Traditional Marriage"

On November 4, 2008, California voters approved Proposition 8, over-ruling the California Supreme Court decision allowing same-sex marriages in the state. It is noteworthy that 60% of Latinos and African-Americans voted for Prop 8, rejecting the argument that same-sex marriage is a civil right and the equivalent of interracial marriage and that affirming traditional marriage is an act of discrimination.

On April 3, 2009, seven Iowa Supreme Court Justices over-turned the 1998 Defense of Marriage Act, and Iowa became the third state to sanction same-sex marriage. **We now live in a nation where the cornerstone of families and society (marriage) is defined differently based on whether one lives in Rock Island or Davenport, for example.**

The Supreme Court decision is limited to civil marriage contracts and does not prescribe a definition of marriage for religious institutions. Quoting the decision: *"We have a mandate to protect the free exercise of religion in Iowa, which includes the freedom of a religious organization to define marriages it solemnizes as unions between a man and a woman... A religious denomination can still define marriage as a union between a man and a woman..."* Let's hope that statement remains valid longer than the Defense of Marriage Act.

Within the Church, we need to clearly present what the Bible teaches about marriage as the union of a man and a woman. But when arguing against same-sex civil marriage in society, we must employ non-religious reasons to uphold the traditional definition of marriage.

### The Biblical Case for Male-Female Marriage:

The media love to quote Unitarian pastors and gay pastors and certain liberal Protestant pastors who support same-sex marriage and give the impression that the Christian church is divided on this issue. Until very recently among a small minority of clergy, the definition of marriage has been one of the few doctrines that all Christian churches and denominations at all times and all places have been in agreement as to what the

Scriptures teach, namely: *God created humans male and female and instituted marriage to bring about the one-flesh union of a man and a woman and to establish that union as the context for procreation and family life.*

Jesus affirmed the Old Testament teaching on marriage when questioned by the Pharisees about his views on divorce and remarriage. *"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."* (Matthew 19:4-6)

Are these words of Jesus on the subject of marriage really that obscure or hard to understand? Marriage is a male-female union. Only a male and a female can experience the oneness God intended. That is not religious dogma; that is a biological reality recognized by virtually all cultures throughout human history.

Jesus was not anti-gay. He was the Friend of sinners and outcasts. He would have refused to condemn gays and lesbians just as surely as he refused to condemn prostitutes and tax

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- May 3 AM Communion 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- May 5 7:30 p.m. Youth Purpose Team Meeting
- May 7 National Day of Prayer 11:30 a.m. Women's Lunch at Bishops, South Park Mall, Moline 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- May 10 Mother's Day Nurse Office Open
- May 15 & 16 Moldova Garage Sale, Pinky Stalnakar's home
- May 17 Senior Recognition Day 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate at North Scott High School
- May 22-25 Family Retreat at Pine Lake Christian Center, Eldora, IA
- May 24 Nurse Office Open 6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet at Pastor Tony's home
- May 27 6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits Youth Group Cookout
- May 28 5:30-9:00 p.m. CLASS 101 Blueprint for Membership Class
- May 30 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No Limits "Suds for Cents" Car Wash
- May 31 Pentecost Sunday 9:00 a.m. ABFs Fellowship

collectors and adulterers. He would have had more friends in the GLBT community than among the Pharisees. Nonetheless, he taught that marriage is the union of a man and a woman – going all the way back to the beginning when the Creator made humans male and female.

The old playground song: *“First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes baby in a baby carriage”* summarizes well the biblical teaching linking together love, marriage, sex and children. *Our culture has been attacking those links for 40 years now.* Sex and living together have been disconnected from marriage. More children are being born out of wedlock.

Gays and lesbians are not responsible for the weakened condition of marriage in our culture. They are simply seizing the opportunity to advance their agenda. *To reverse the decline, Christians need to remain faithful to historic biblical teaching and lead the way by strengthening marriages within our own Christian churches.*

### **The Non-Religious Case for Traditional Marriage:**

Would you want our nation’s laws to be based on the teachings of the Koran? Neither do many Americans want our laws to be based on the Bible. To oppose same-sex civil marriages, we must present non-religious arguments for traditional marriage. What are some of those arguments?

***The Universality of Traditional Marriage.*** Not all traditions are worth maintaining. But few traditions have been as universally practiced throughout history as man-woman marriage as the basic unit of family and society. This is not a tradition limited to one ethnic group or religion or political party or culture. This is how virtually all human societies have organized themselves and provided for the well-being of their children since the beginning of time.

*What is the evidence that redefining marriage will better serve the common good?* Respect for the common wisdom of humanity would caution us against embarking on an untried social experiment of redefining the basic unit of family and society.

***Promoting the Optimal Environment to Raise Children.*** When the “rights” of adults clash with the needs and well-being of children, adults usually win (they have money and voting power). But states and governments (and courts) have a responsibility to protect the well-being of children.

As with statistics, one can always find “scientific studies” to prove almost any viewpoint. Certainly one can find anecdotal evidence to show that some gay or lesbian couples are better parents than some heterosexual couples. But the Court did acknowledge that better evidence supports the traditional view that child rearing by a father and a mother in a marital relationship is the optimal environment for children; but then they dismissed that concern.

Reasons? We do not disqualify child abusers and sex offenders from getting married and having children. We allow unmarried heterosexual and same-sex couples to raise children now. Not all same-sex couples want to have children. *Since the American family is already in such a messy and broken condition with many children being raised in less-than-optimal conditions, we might as well let gay marriage add to the confusion.*

Europe is just beginning to find out the hard way that there

are consequences of severing the links between love, marriage, sex and children. Heterosexual marriage is on the decline; birth rates are on the decline; most of the children who are being reproduced are born out-of-wedlock. Enlightened, tolerant, sexually liberated Europeans are committing cultural suicide by failing to reproduce enough children to sustain their population and culture.

The state has a legitimate interest in promoting procreation and in upholding as normative the family structure that is best for children. Traditional marriage is the foundation of that family structure.

***Promoting Stability in Opposite-Sex Relationships.*** No, a lesbian couple getting married in Des Moines or Davenport will not harm my marriage relationship with Beth. That is simplistic reasoning. But we hear again and again that same-sex marriage will strengthen the institution of marriage.

Will it? What is the evidence? What has happened to the cohabitation, marriage and divorce rates in countries that have legalized same-sex marriage? What are the trends? *(I don’t know, but I haven’t heard many reports that marriage is thriving in Scandinavia and The Netherlands.)*

It is in the best interests of children to be raised in a stable and loving home with a married father and mother. Will same-sex marriage strengthen that goal? Shouldn’t we find out before we proceed with this untried social experiment?

Some same-sex marriage proponents are quick to point out that a form of gay marriage has been legal in Denmark since 1989 -- and the world hasn’t come to an end. Wow! 20 whole years in one country; a whole decade in a handful of other countries. Plenty of time to determine the long-term consequences on marriage, children, families and society, right? What more could we possibly need to know before overturning thousands of years of common human wisdom?

*Traditional marriage is not just a biblical Christian teaching – it is in the best interests of children and the common good of society.* The burden of proof lies with those who are promoting this high-risk social experiment to show that it would serve the common good of our children, families and society.

A final word of caution for defenders of traditional marriage: *none of these arguments will work with gays and lesbians.*

*“Love the sinner and hate the sin”* doesn’t work with gays and lesbians. They’ve been hurt too much already by religious judgmentalism. Telling gays and lesbians: *“I care about you, but I oppose same-sex marriage”* would be like a powerful group in our society telling Christian parents: *“I care about you, but I am working hard to make home-schooling illegal.”* It won’t fly.

So what do we do? We need to stand firm in biblical truth. We need to teach our children well. We need some Christians to speak out boldly – and wisely – for unpopular truths. We need to strengthen our own marriages and other marriages in our community. *And we need many, many Christians to set aside all arguments and just extend Christ’s love to the GLBT community.* Many are lost and are searching for God. They will not find Him by Christian arguments; they need to experience the love of Jesus conveyed through Christians who will listen and care more than argue and judge.

## A Word From Pastor Mark

It is THAT time. You know the time when all parents begin to shudder and sweat. It is time to have “The Talk” with my oldest son. Jackson is now 10 years old and is finishing up the fourth grade. Andrea and I realized it was time when he brought up sex in a conversation. It appears that there was some chatter going on at school. I want my kids to hear from their parents before they hear it from someone else. Are you beginning to sweat too just thinking about the conversation?

I can remember quite vividly “The Talk” that I received from my father. I was about 9 years old; my brother was 11. My father, who was fairly introverted, came up to my brother and me and said, “I need to have a talk with you.” We were ushered to the kitchen table as my father closed the door giving us guys some privacy. He sat down and looked us both in the eyes as sweat began to form on his forehead. By his nervousness I could tell that he was going to talk about the “Birds and the bees”. As words began to form on my father’s lips I broke the silence. I said, “I know dad.” “You do?” He replied. “Yes, I do.” “Well okay.” Just like that I could see relief on his face. He didn’t ask any more questions and the conversation was over. If my father had probed further he would’ve found out that I really didn’t know that much. No matter how uncomfortable it would’ve been, the conversation was needed.

As I have spent a lot of time doing premarital counseling I have found a common thread with a lot of Christian couples. Few of them have had ongoing discussions with their parents about sex. Most Christian kids are not given the biblical picture of sex. Rather, they are told to abstain from it like it is the plague. The outcome of consistent, negative words about sex before marriage, without God’s perspective on why we are to wait, makes sex look dirty. I have dealt with some couples who have struggled with enjoying sex in marriage because of all the negative attention toward it prior to marriage. Sex for them felt wrong, even when it was in the right context (marriage).

As I have been thinking about “The Talk” I thought about a way that I would like to explain sex to my kids so they understand that it is good and pure and is a gift that is to be explored in the context of marriage. My analogy is in process. It is not complete but I think it has a decent framework to

## SERVE Fest Spring 09 Recap

What a blessing it was to be serving with you again as we went out into the community to touch people’s lives.

Do you know what we communicate when we serve a community group or when we serve people? We communicate that we believe in what they are doing. We validate their work. When we go serve at Habitat for Humanity we tell them what they are doing matters. When we clean up three parks in Eldridge we are showing that we care about our community. When we serve at AIDS Project Quad Cities we are communicating that we love them and want to help them succeed. When we talk with and read to residents at Grand Haven or Trinity or when we share our pets at Fejevary Nursing Home or when we take detergent to Park View and Eldridge we are communicating that everyone matters to God- no matter how old or mobile or rich or poor you are. Last Sunday YOU SPOKE LOUDLY. Way to go!

Family, your loving service is making a difference. When Andrea or I call groups we have served before they are very excited to have us back. They know that we bring love, a party atmosphere and hard work. Here are a few quotes from some of the groups that we have served. This month’s

build upon. This analogy doesn’t fit all circumstances that one is in but I think it will work for kids. So here is my analogy about waiting to have sex until after marriage.

Sex is good and wonderful. It is a gift from God for a husband and wife to enjoy. We receive gifts from family and friends for certain occasions. For example we receive birthday gifts on our birthdays and Christmas gifts on Christmas.

Who does a gift belong to before it is opened? When I receive a gift from my father and mother-in-law they put clarifications on the tags. Sometimes they write, “Open before Christmas.” Other times they write, “Don’t open until Christmas.” So until I can open it on the specific day, the gift belongs to the giver- not the receiver. The same goes with God. He has a gift to give us called sex (sex will need to be specifically defined which I will do with him. I won’t go down that road with you. We don’t need even more people blushing while reading this). God put a tag on Sex that reads, “Open after marriage”. God knows that sex, in the right context (marriage) will bring fulfillment and joy. But if it is opened too soon can cause pain, anguish, sadness, remorse and a host of many other hurts and pains. That is why God put the tag on sex in the first place so we can enjoy it correctly. And since the tag has “Open after marriage” that means it doesn’t belong to us yet. It belongs to God. He will hold it in His hands until your wedding day. After you publicly commit to your wife then it is all yours.

Just because God wants us to wait doesn’t make him stingy. My in-laws are not stingy when they make me wait to open presents. They are generous because they bought me presents in the first place. So too is God. He is so generous and loves to give gifts. Sex is one of them. But He will hold on to it until that special day.

So there you have it. A piece of what I will be sharing one day soon with Jackson. Hopefully more dialogue will arise out of this so that we can communicate openly with our children. This won’t be the only talk. Andrea and I will continue to reinforce how generous God is and why He put the “wait until marriage” tag on the gift of sex.

AIDS Project QC’s newsletter reads, “One again, APQC was the lucky recipient of special blessing from the members of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Eldridge, Iowa. Pastor Mark and his congregation raised funds to purchase and install a new garage door for our building. The love and generosity of this congregation is unbelievable- APQC is truly blessed to have their support. THANK YOU Pastor Mark and Congregants of Cornerstone Baptist.” I talked with Sarah from Eldridge Parks and Rec and she was blown away by the people she met and their work ethic. She said, “I feel blessed.” You took a lot of weight off of her shoulders by cleaning up three parks and painting one of the light poles at the fitness center. And the statement about Cornerstone from the Humane Society was, “You guys rock!”

As I hear more ripples from this SERVE Fest I will pass them along. By the way it looks like August 30<sup>th</sup> will be our next SERVE Fest. This summer we are also planning on offering to clean the toilets and do trash at Eldridge Days (July 11) for the community. This is a big job but with lots of loving and serving hands the work can be light. If you are interested in helping please let Pastor Mark know.

# Pastor Tony's No Limits News

## "I want to hold the hand that holds the world!"

~Starfield

Imagine a room full of about one thousand teenagers, here to learn more about Christ, wanting to learn how to share the gospel with their friends, a generation who so desperately needs to know Jesus. Starfield is the band on the stage, and many teenagers raise their hands in worship, holding out their hand to Jesus as they sing, "I want to hold the hand that holds the world!" Jesus, I want to hold YOUR hand! In between the hype-energy worship that Starfield offered were two speakers, John & Nick. They engaged our minds in what it means to live the Christian life, and encouraged us to challenge ourselves to take seriously a relationship with Jesus Christ; they playfully bantered back and forth as they illustrated principles to communicate to us why Jesus' heart demands that we care for a world that is literally lost & going to hell.

Imagine Nick trying to communicate a lesson while in the background John drinks a glass of mud water!!! Slowly sipping away at the 2 cups of fresh dirt that he added to his drinking water, and every student in the audience was wondering, "What is this dude doing?!?" At the moment you could take it no longer, he explained that this is the cup, of dirty, filthy water of life that most of the world drinks out of every day & knows nothing better. It personally reminded me of the scene from Back to the Future when Michael J. Fox sat down to drink what he thought was a glass of tea to find out it was THEIR drinking water! Then John pours a glass of clean, pure filtered water from an ice cold bottle and takes a sip, explaining that this is the spring of living water that Christ gives new Christians. Once you've tasted this, you CAN'T want to go back to your mud-filled cup! And your heart has to, from that point forward, be concerned for those who are drinking out of their mud filled cups Just like the woman at the well, you want everyone to come try this water.

Every young person has three basic needs in their Christian walk.

1. To be fed (I Peter 2:2). At Cornerstone, our church youth are FAT with all the biblical teaching they receive, and we are quite good at feeding our youth. 2. To be trained (Col 2:6-7). At No Limits, again we have a variety of events and programming activity that exist to train our youth to learn how to stand for Christ & share the gospel with their peers. This weekend was another great example of such an opportunity.

3. To be protected (I Peter 5:8). This is an area that I feel we as a youth ministry need to get a handle on. While we do a good job of feeding and training, I think we show some imbalance in protecting our youth. Some are separated from the world to the extent they struggle to have impact, others feel thrown into the world before they are ready & therefore are overwhelmed by the task. So one of the issues we need to struggle with as a youth ministry is how to bring balance in this area & not allow Satan to pick off our youth from either side of the coin.

The more we as a church body engage fully in the Great Commission & Great Commandment and become balanced, I think then our youth will have a sense of balance as well. That's why I'm so excited about opportunities like Rock the River

this summer where our church body can come together & support the Great Commission.

We are excited about a great student missionary program offered by Wycliffe called Jungle Jump Off. This summer, we will go and experience the deepest, darkest jungles of Illinois, where our students will encounter missionaries speaking in languages they don't understand, introducing them to cultures that are not their own, and giving them as accurate an introduction to a foreign setting as they can make available. Then those same missionaries will break into classroom settings where they will give excellent firsthand training on how to accomplish such difficult challenges. If your eighth grade through freshman in college age young person has any desire to seek missions opportunity, this is one you don't want to miss! June 28-July 4 we still have a few spots left. See Pastor Tony!

One final thought for this month...as graduation will soon be upon us, and another class will pass through those hallowed halls, we wish to have a senior recognition on Sunday, May 17, and would ask that your seniors who plan to graduate turn in a senior photo with bio information to include: Where they will attend in the fall, where they believe God is calling them, and what their favorite memory of high school is.

### Up Coming Events May

Sunday 3rd	Post Prom Dusty Feet Cancelled
Tuesday 5th	Youth Purpose Team 7:30 youth room
Wednesday 6th	No Limits Youth Ministry 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday 8-Sat 9th	Pine Lake Service Project
Sunday 10th	Mother's Day No Dusty Feet Pastor
Wednesday 13th	No Limits Youth Ministry 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday 15th	1st Knights 6:30-? Meet at church
Saturday 16th	Local Service Project TBA
Sunday 17th	Senior Recognition Sunday Morning Worship Service Jungle Jump Off Fundraiser 7:00 pm North Scott High Baccalaureate High School Aud.
Wednesday 20th	No Limits Youth Ministry 7:00 pm- 8:30 pm
Sunday 24th	Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house
Wednesday 27th	End of the year cookout 6:30 TBA
Saturday 30th	Suds for Cents Car Wash 10- 2:00

## Homework

For the past 7 months or so I've been struggling with pain in my hip, knee, and foot. When it didn't go away after trying new tennis shoes, chiropractic care, and massage therapy (things others were doing TO me), I finally took my chiropractor's advice and saw a physical therapist (where I learned to do things for myself).

My physical therapist gave me some exercises to do at home, and that was when I finally started to see lasting results. Adding a half hour of exercises a day to my already-busy schedule isn't easy, but because it is working I am willing to continue. My chiropractor said that many times when she sends clients to a physical therapist they don't follow through with their exercises and say that physical therapy didn't work. Of course it won't work if you don't do your homework!

How often do we have spiritual problems and try to fix them with what others can do for us rather than what we should be doing for ourselves? When told to exercise certain spiritual disciplines (like prayer and Bible reading), we ignore them – saying they won't work? Is it possible that we aren't growing or recovering from whatever ails us spiritually because we're not willing to do our homework?

## The UrbanEdge

We have had more volunteers this year than the last couple of years. That has been such a blessing. If kids get one-on-one attention, they can actually learn something and they get the opportunity to know someone really cares. We hope and pray that our number of volunteers will continue to grow, especially as the days grow darker in our country and there are so many children in need and that number is growing.

As we go into the summer, we are praying that God will provide us with our own building or meeting place so that we can expand our ministries. We would like to have a place to have small group Bible studies and do some tutoring on other days/nights than Thursday. We are so thankful that since we have started UrbanEdge Ministries that two young people who have been in our program have graduated from high school. One is planning on attending college and the other has been involved in helping at Homework Club and has also

## Church Financial Report

April was a month of extremes for Cornerstone. Our worship attendance ranged from a high of 425 (Easter) to a low of 197 (Serve Fest) – with an average of 316 for the month. Our giving ranged from a high of \$13,750.81 (April 5) to a low of \$4,709 (April 26) – with an average of \$9,080.49. This is below new fiscal year budget of \$9,580, but well above year-ago levels.

*(Though Serve Fest is usually a low-attendance Sunday, it is also a high-impact Sunday in terms of both community outreach and church*

by Teresa Bivens

While Sunday church attendance is good and listening to Christian radio is encouraging, if we are not regularly reading the Bible for ourselves and deepening our own relationship with the Lord through personal prayer, we can't expect to grow or heal. I encourage you to work these "exercises" into your already-busy schedule. You can't say they don't work if you don't try them.

**National Day of Prayer**  
**Thursday, May 7**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Prayer Room**

### Taco Dinner Results

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the taco dinner for Moldova. We hit our goal of \$1,500!! This should complete the pew project in the Orhei Church - passing down the shorter pews to a new village church plant. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this luncheon a success. To God be the glory!

helped with AWANA at Cornerstone this year. Of course we have also seen the other side. One girl who came on a few Sundays and to some Homework Clubs was killed in a tragic car accident this past year. Another young man has started getting arrested for theft and other crimes. Several of the kids struggle with their anger and have been suspended from school for fighting. Please pray for these kids' spiritual growth and pray that we have wisdom in discipling them in Christ.

We are still praying for more board members. If God is tugging at your heart, please give us a call. 505-1994 or 505-1820. If you know of an available building in the heart of Davenport, please let us know.

In His Service, Terry and Lori Major

*fellowship and morale. The energy and enthusiasm level is extremely high for Serve Fest Sundays. If you want to see Cornerstone at its best, participate in Serve Fest next time!*

Building Fund giving totaled \$5,757 for April. *We are now within 12-18 months of having our ROCK Center mortgage paid off!*

## We Need Your Help!!!

Last year during AWANA, meals were provided for workers and their families along with children brought by Urban Edge and Sonshine Ministries. All who helped out had a great time and we look forward to doing the same next year.

However ——— we used lots of “throw away” silverware, plates, and cups last year. Next year we want to use real silverware and plastic (washable) plates.

Can you help us out? Please look in your basements, storage areas, garage sales, Goodwill or Salvation Army for: (1) silverware, (2) plastic plates and bowls, and (3) trays for kids to carry plates and cups on.

Bring all contributions to the kitchen and label them “AWANA” or give them to McGimpseys, Idekers, or Grimmes.

Thanks again for all who helped out last year with food. We loved seeing kids enjoy the meals!!!

## Missions Festival

On **Saturday, June 27**, you will have an opportunity to meet many of our missionaries at a fun and exciting **Missions Festival!!** We are expecting missionaries that Cornerstone supports from Senegal, Spain, United States, Mexico, Slovenia, and others!!

There will be something fun and interesting for everyone from the young to the young at heart! I can't recall a time when we have had so many missionaries with us at once. And, I can't recall a time when we have had a **FESTIVAL** like this to **CELEBRATE** such a blessed occasion.

Please mark your calendars to reserve the date so you can attend the **CELEBRATION** and watch for more details later.

Lucy Schmidt

## Vacation Bible School

**Calling all KIDS,  
Yup, this includes 5th & 6th graders!!!**

**WHEN:** June 8-12  
**TIME:** 8:45—11:30 a.m.  
**WHO:** Anyone K-6th Grade  
Fall 2009

*(Preschool & nursery for children of adult workers only)*

**Come on down to the  
Bayou at VBS!**

**Invite your friends!!**



## Women's Summer Bible Study

**Beth Moore's** newest Bible study  
**Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman.**

**Tuesday's June 16th—August 18th**  
**Morning 9:00-11:00 a.m.**  
**Evening 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Study Book \$20 due at the time of sign up  
Childcare provided (free will donation)

Sign up by May 31st in foyer or ROCK center after church or contact Kathy Wilke at 659-2872.

\*\*We need a few women interested in facilitating small group discussions. If interested, please contact Sandy Nass at 285-6289 or Jeannie Newton at 285-8228.

## Moldova Garage Sale

**May 15 & 16** at Pinky Stalnaker's home  
(515 N. 5th Place, Eldridge)

As you are doing your spring cleaning, PLEASE save any unwanted items to donate to the garage sale. (furniture, kitchen items, home décor, gently used clothing, shoes, purses, toys, games, tools, canning jars, etc.) Be creative!! If you don't want it, we can use it!!

Proceeds will go to help pay the rent (\$1,000 per week) for the children's Christian camp in Moldova.

Call Pinky at 285-4936 or Lucy Schmidt at 343-5170 to make arrangements to deliver donations on May 13 or 14.

## Family News

**Congratulations to:**

Jan Kloss on the birth of a new grandchild, Payton Jean Sadtler, born Tuesday, April 21st. Payton is the daughter of Amber and Tom Sadtler. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 1/2 oz. and was 19 1/2" long.

Adam and Laura Kuster on the birth of their first child, Braden Paul, born Monday, April 27th. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 3/4" long.

*May God bless these new family members!!!*

**CLASS 101 Blueprint for Membership**

*Thursday, May 28th 5:30-9:00 p.m.*

*Contact Pastor Mark if interested in attending*

# May 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> May 1 & 2 Rock the River Training May 1 & 2 IBC Conference, Des Moines May 1 & 2 Women of Faith, Des Moines	<b>2</b> "Leaving a Legacy" Women's Conference, Coralville
<b>3</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer AM Communion 6:00 p.m. Home Groups 6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet at Pastor Tony's home 7:00 p.m. Seek & Soak, Heritage, Rock Island	<b>4</b> 1:00 p.m. Moms-In-Touch at Melissa Crouch's home	<b>5</b> 6:00-7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball/ROCK 7:00-9:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Youth Purpose Team Meeting	<b>6</b> 6:30 a.m. Men meet at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 7:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 8:15 p.m. Deacons	<b>7</b> <b>National Day of Prayer</b> 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon at Bishops, South Park Mall, Moline 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg.	<b>8</b> No Limits Service Project at Pine Lake Christian Center, Eldora, IA	<b>9</b> 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. QCPC Prayer Conference, Stoney Creek Inn, Moline
<b>10</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer <b>Mother's Day</b> Nurse Office Open	<b>11</b> 1:00 p.m. Moms-In-Touch at Melissa Crouch's home	<b>12</b> 6:00-7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball/ROCK 7:00-9:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Singles Game Night/ROCK	<b>13</b> 6:30 a.m. Men meet at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 7:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 8:15 p.m. Vision Team	<b>14</b> 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	<b>15</b> May 15 & 16 Moldova Garage Sale at Pinky Stainaker's home 6:30 p.m. No Limits "1st Knights"	<b>16</b> 7:00 a.m. Trustee Meeting at Village Inn "Leaving a Legacy" Men's Conference, Coralville No Limits Service Project — TBA
<b>17</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer Senior Recognition Sun. 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate at North Scott High	<b>18</b> 1:00 p.m. Moms-In-Touch at Melissa Crouch's home	<b>19</b> 7:00-9:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>20</b> 6:30 a.m. Men meet at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 7:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg.	<b>21</b> 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	<b>22</b> May 22-25 Family Retreat at Pine Lake Christian Center, Eldora, IA	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer Nurse Office Open 6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet at Pastor Tony's home	<b>25</b> <i>Memorial Day</i>	<b>26</b> 6:00-7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball/ROCK	<b>27</b> 6:30 a.m. Men meet at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits Youth Group Cookout 8:15 p.m. Vision Team	<b>28</b> 5:30-9:00 p.m. CLASS 101 Blueprint for Membership 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. No Limits "Suds for Cents" Car Wash
<b>31</b> 8:30 a.m. Prayer Pentecost Sunday 9:00 a.m. ABE Fellowship						

### May Birthdays:

1	Ashley Crouch John Schaub	16	Kevin Munson Michelle Paulus	31	Adam Major Corey Olson
2	Luanna Brabant Jaclyn Green Alannah Skinner	17	Brennan Reid		
3	Brenna Bullock Kaitlyn Crouch Adam Lacey	18	Vicky Becraft Mickey Blake Kyle Perrin Barry Shaw		
4	Kirsten Munson Marianna VonMuenster	19	Brooklyn Bullock		
5	Andy Leigh	20	Stacy Phipps Susie Schmidt		
7	Nicholas Boddicker Logan Eliason Harold Hodgett	22	Kaleb Henry Adam Kennedy Dee McGimpsey Lauren VanDyke Kirsten Wohlford Andrea Zevenbergen		
8	Amanda Henry Pastor Scott Pearson Sheldon Phipps	23	Jeni Wilford		
9	Shelbie Hagge Clarissa Rowe Stephanie Newsum	24	Connie Beer Jen Kabel		
10	Betty Carter	25	Debbie Aisenbrey Isaac Brewer		
11	Liz Arter Austin Manar	26	Don Ryan Jim Yetter Pastor Mark Zevenbergen		
12	Judy Saxton	27	Rob Beer Cheryl Hageman		
13	Aaron Schwartz Adam Schwarz	28	Gaylon Ideker Joyce Kelly Thelma Skadal		
14	Rachel Newton				

### May Anniversaries:

1	Charles & Cheryl Hageman	2	Doug & Shanna Drinnon	3	Chuck & Bea Dreuter
4	Bill & Ingrid Gerth (35 yrs.)	16	Heath & Stephanie Kelly	18	Andy & Lori Leigh
19	Jerry & Judi Hodgett	25	John & Catherine Schaub	26	Bill & Nancy Hagge (25 yrs.)
27	Lonny & Shawnelle Eliason	29	Gaylon & Andrea Ideker (40 yrs.)		

## VBS Snack Request

In a wonderful world all items could be donated,  
but we realize they all can't.

We are hopeful for 300 kids this year to come to VBS at  
Cornerstone, which requires a lot of sacrifice on our behalf.

***Will you agree in prayer with us?***

\*\* Please contact Dee McGimpsey or Kris Mohr if you can  
donate anything.

**VBS week is June 8-12<sup>th</sup> all items need to be at the  
church the last week of May.\*\***

9 oz. Plastic cups – 500  
Napkins – 1000  
Small Dessert Plates – 1000  
Zip lock (or generic) Snack size bags – 300  
Germ-X, Extra Large Pump bottle  
Coffee – Regular lg. Container  
Coffee – Decaffeinated, lg. Container  
Styrofoam Cups – 2,000  
Tostitos Bite size Rounds – 25 bags  
1 Can extra large Nacho cheese  
Pretzels, any kind – 5 bags  
Raisins 3 large canisters or boxes

Marsh Mellows – 3 large bags  
M&M's – 3 large Bags  
Sugar Cookies – 25 dozen  
White Frosting Containers – 15  
Red Licorice Shoe string style – 5 packages  
Vanilla Wafer cookies – 5 boxes  
Cool Whip – 15 containers  
Fresh Strawberries – 2 flats (can be brought in Sunday, June  
7<sup>th</sup>)  
Graham Crackers – 10 boxes  
Butterscotch chips – 4 large bags (about 48oz)  
Chips (any variety) – 10 bags  
Choc Chips – 25 dozen  
Coffee cakes or 9x13 desserts - 15  
Any fresh fruit trays 2 flats strawberries

We are still in need of helpers for this week. Even if you can  
make 1 morning, we'd love to have ya! Invites with attached  
blow pop will be available soon to hand out to classmates,  
teammates or neighbors. *Please let Pastor Mark know how  
many invites you will need.*

Registration is already available through our Cornerstone  
website! [www.cornerstonebaptistch.org](http://www.cornerstonebaptistch.org)

## Freedom!!! or is it???

We all like the freedom to make our own choices, don't we?  
But along with choice and freedom, we must be careful not to  
be deceived by something that sounds good. It is important to  
look into the Freedom of Choice Act. And see what could be  
happening in our country if it is passed.

Here is some information to help us understand the FOCA.

If the FOCA were to pass, this is how abortion rights would  
look in America:

- \*Abortions would be taxpayer-funded even in late pregnancy.
- \*Abortionists would have immunity from legal action.
- \*Abortionists could perform abortions on minors without notifying a parent.
- \*Health care workers would be prosecuted if they exercise their conscience and refuse to make abortion referrals.

In addition, FOCA would eliminate any civil pro-life opposition to abortion because it would give women the right to file civil lawsuits against any person or government agency that sought to limit their ability to get an abortion. This puts leg-

islators at risk for even merely introducing legislation seeking restrictions on abortion as well as peaceful pro-lifers who pray and offer alternatives in front of abortion facilities. Perhaps it could even be stretched to be used against Pregnancy Resource Centers who seek to counsel women with life affirming choices.

If the FOCA becomes law the work that has occurred over the last 20 years to try to protect women and limit the expansion of abortion, will be undone with one signature.

What can you do??? That is a great question. First and foremost, pray, pray, pray and pray some more for our leaders, for those making law changing decisions. Support your local CPC Pregnancy Center, both financially and prayerfully. Get involved by volunteering there, reach out and touch a woman who is in crisis. Speak up for life, tell others about what may happen in our country if this law passes.

To read FOCA for yourself, go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

**ROCK THE RIVER**  
**Christian Life & Witness Courses will be offered again June 25-27.**

Thursday & Friday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

*For more information, please call 1-877-907-9111*

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## Nursing News

We are hearing in the news about pandemic flu crisis, drug resistant bacteria, AIDS, etc. How can we protect ourselves and our loved ones against such things?

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands and teach your children to wash their hands. When should you wash your hands?

- Before preparing or eating food
- After going to the bathroom
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has gone to the bathroom
- Before and after tending to someone who is sick
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After handling an animal or animal waste
- After handling garbage
- Before and after treating a cut or wound

Other thoughts are cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way. If you get sick, stay home to avoid infecting others, drink plenty of liquids to stay hydrated and get plenty of rest.

### CPR News:

On Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> there is an opportunity to learn CPR and attend a River Bandits Game. The game begins at 6:00 p.m. against the Clinton Lumberkings. CPR training begins at 5:00pm in the outfield. CPR is the Family and Friends module using the CPR anytime kits and Annes. The cost is just the price of admission to the game. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Submitted by Liz Arter



### Come and join us on Sunday Mornings:

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