

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upcoming Events

Pastor Scott's Perspective — "Experiencing the Goodness of our Heavenly Father"

One of Satan's favorite tactics is to get us to question the character, motives and intentions of God toward us. Satan is especially effective in getting us to question the goodness of God. Whenever life is unfair – or difficult – or frustrating – or painful – Satan is there to plant seeds of doubt in our mind regarding the goodness of God's character: *If God is good, then why did He allow that to happen? You can't really trust a God like that to have your best interests at heart! The only one who has your best interests at heart is yourself – so you'd better just watch out for number one because you can't count on God to look out for you! A truly good God would never have allowed you to suffer as much pain and disappointment as what you are experiencing.*

Of course, Jesus' view of God's character is different from Satan's. **Matthew 7:7 - 11 (NIV)** *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"*

Yes, God disciplines His children as any good and wise father would. Yes, God develops strength of character in us by allowing us to endure the frustrations of life – as any good and wise parent does. No, God does not give us everything we want; our heavenly Father does not raise spoiled brats. Nor is He an overprotective father who tries to shield his children from every hardship and frustration in life. **But God is essentially good, kind**

and generous in His essential being and He loves to give good gifts to His children.

Beth and I experienced a taste of God's goodness on our recent vacation (35th anniversary trip) to Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver (prior to attending a nephew's wedding in Portland). Actually, our whole trip was filled with the goodness of God, but here is one clear example:

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On that Wednesday of our trip, we were going to visit a castle in Victoria, wander through some of the quaint neighborhoods and eat lunch at a seaside fish and chips place before heading to Vancouver (via bus, ferry and bus). We ended up taking the 2:45 bus to catch the 4:00 ferry to Vancouver. The ferry ride itself was magnificent – it was like taking an ocean cruiser through a series of beautiful islands and ocean inlets. By the time we arrived at our hotel in downtown Vancouver, it was about 7:00.

We had heard about "Bard on the Beach" – a Shakespeare play being performed nightly at a park across a bay overlooking downtown. We went to ask the concierge how to get tickets and how to get there. But in front of us in line was a couple (Eastern European?) with a translator who needed not just simple directions but bookings for a couple of tours. The whole process took nearly half an hour. Beth finally went to ask for help elsewhere, but they didn't have all the information we needed.

Finally the concierge was ready to help us at about 7:30. She called and found out the tickets for the 2 different Shakespeare plays being performed were both sold out. But they said we could probably get stand-by tickets.

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- Aug. 2 AM Pastor Mark AM Communion
- Aug. 5 5:30 p.m. Crusader's Softball, Davenport
- Aug. 6 11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon at Azteca on Brady Street, Davenport
- Aug. 8 3:30-9:30 p.m. ROCK THE RIVER at Centennial Park, Davenport
- Aug. 9 Nurse Office Open AWANA registration/foyer All Church Picnic following Morning Worship
- Aug. 11 2:00-7:00 p.m. Cornerstone Blood Drive
- Aug. 15 10:00 a.m.-noon AWANA Training/ROCK
- Aug. 15 5:00 p.m. Men's Ministry Meeting/ROCK
- Aug. 16 Puppet Meeting after Morning Worship AWANA registration/foyer 4:00 p.m. Outdoor Baptism Service/Hansels
- Aug. 17 6:15-7:30 p.m. AWANA begins
- Aug. 23 Nurse Office Open Worship Service in ROCK
- Aug. 30 9:00 a.m. Worship Service followed by SERVE FEST — No Sunday School

Cash only. We dropped off our luggage in our room, ran to an ATM, hailed a taxi, and arrived at the park at 7:58 for the 8:00 performance. Any tickets still available for either play? No. But wait. Another lady at the ticket window came over and said: "You look like a nice couple. I just happen to have two complimentary tickets for "All's Well." Go ahead and take them."

"Thank you. God bless you. Thank you, Lord."

We entered the small theatre under a tent. No seats left. But wait. *Here are two reserved seats, second row, slightly right of center. No one is using them tonight. Go ahead and sit there.*

We enjoyed the performance – great seats – \$34 tickets – all for the price of a \$10 cab ride. *A gift from our heavenly Father who loves to give good gifts to His children.*

If we had not taken that particular ferry at that particular time; if we had not been delayed by half an hour waiting to talk with the concierge – or if we had been delayed five or ten minutes longer; if that kind ticket lady did not have the complimentary tickets and had not seen our plight – we so easily could have missed the play altogether or at the very least would have paid \$68 for the tickets.

Seeing a Shakespeare play in the park is certainly not one of life's necessities. For that matter, a vacation in the beautiful Pacific Northwest is not one of life's necessities. As you read this, I will be in Moldova among people who lack many of what most Americans would deem to be basic necessities and comforts of life that we take for granted. Seeing a play in the

park for free is not the sort of thing I would send out as a request on the prayer chain.

But we have a Father in heaven who not only provides our real needs, but also loves to give good gifts to His children.

On this occasion, our patience was rewarded. God was providentially supervising many little details to produce a happy outcome for us. The half hour wait – though frustrating and somewhat aggravating at times – made possible the gift of the complimentary tickets and reserved seats at the last minute.

Life in this fallen world doesn't always have happy endings. Life is unfair. Frustrations and disappointments are many. Sometimes we wait much longer than 30 minutes for things much more vital than a play in the park. Sometimes we do not receive what we ask for – no matter how long we wait or how hard we pray.

But in the midst of all of life's unfairness and disappointments and frustrations, **God is good.** Sometimes His goodness is veiled by life's suffering. *But Jesus knows the heart of God better than Satan does.* When life is hard, when life is unfair – whom are you going to believe? Jesus or Satan? Jesus who says that our Father in heaven is good and kind and merciful and faithful and generous? Or Satan the father of lies who is constantly seeking to undermine our confidence in the goodness of God?

"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!"

Financial Report

Giving to the General Fund (church budget) during July averaged \$9,112 (slightly below budget of \$9,579).

Giving to the Building Fund totaled \$5,066 for the month of July.

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

All Church Picnic

**Sunday, August 9th after church service
Buffalo Bill Shelter, Scott County Park**

Hamburgers, hot dogs & drinks provided.
Bring your own table service and a dessert or salad to share.

Lots of great activities!!
Casual Dress for Church Service

Wanted: Bible Bee Judges & Helpers

On September 12th, Cornerstone will be a local Bible Bee Test sight. That means over thirty contestants (fourteen from Cornerstone) will be here competing in Bible memorization and historical facts. The top 100 finalists from each age group will advance to the National Contest in Washington, D.C. to compete on November 5-6, 2009. Local Bible Bee Contests will be conducted throughout the United States on Saturday, September 12, 2009. Contestants compete with others in their own age group, completing both written and oral tests comprised of Bible Memory and Bible Knowledge questions. Scores are compiled locally and sent to Bible Bee Headquarters. So we are looking for judges who will help to administer the tests and also helpers working with logistics. If you are able to help that day please let Pastor Mark know. A judge cannot work in the same age bracket as their children who are competing but can judge a different age group.

A Word From Pastor Mark

Two weeks away. Only two weeks away and school is back in session. It feels like Vacation Bible School just ended not that long ago. It is no wonder why the older you get the quicker time seems to fly by. As time hurries along we are moving closer to two important service opportunities this fall. First, SERVE Fest Fall 09 will arrive on Sunday, August 30th. That is the day when we leave the church building to serve the community with Christ's love. And that is the day when our worship utilizes our whole bodies as we reach out.

During SERVE Fest we normally miss about 60-75 of our regular attenders. Some are working. Some are out of town. But some are just opting out because it is different than what they are used to doing on a Sunday. For those who could be here but choose to not come I would like to invite you to participate and then make an informed decision on what "is best" for Sunday. I believe your mind will be changed because you will see powerful worship and glory given to God and you will see families touching people who rarely get touched on a Sunday because the majority of Christians are in church on Sundays.

Here is a reminder what that Sunday will look like:

9:00-9:40 a.m.- short worship service

9:40-10:00- get prepped to leave the building

10:00-noon- serve

12:15 pm. – join the family in the ROCK for pizza lunch

SERVE Fest is making a difference in us as we serve. We are experiencing joy and thankfulness when we are used by God (by the way, if you have any service project suggestions please let me know). And SERVE Fest is making a difference in our community. We have heard back from a few groups asking us when our next SERVE Fest is going to be because they need help. That is cool! We are being asked for help. So thanks everyone who is committed to SERVE Fest.

Second, on September 12th, 30 kids will be coming to Cornerstone to participate in the Bible Bee contest. These kids from age 7 to 18 will compete with 15,000 + other kids over scripture memorization and biblical facts. The top 100 in each three age groups will move on to compete in Washington D.C. for cash prizes. We are looking for judges, clean up team, helping in the registration booth, food team, etc for that Saturday a little over a month away. If you have an interested in serving please let me know. It will be a fun Saturday to serve.

I am blessed to serve alongside you. You make Jesus and Cornerstone look good!

AWANA

Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed

AWANA is training kids to not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, it is teaching and training them in the Scriptures in a fun positive way. If you don't have kids, if their all grown up, if you have nursery aged kids, or if you have children from preschool- 12th grade, AWANA may be a great fit for your family.

AWANA is held on Monday nights during the school year. First club night is Monday, August 17th from 6:15-7:30 p.m. for a HOT DOG ROAST. **AWANA registration for FALL 2009 will be held for two weeks after church, Aug. 9th & 16th.**

Cubbies is the youngest program for pre-schoolers (an adult must help in AWANA for a pre-schooler to attend)

Sparks is for Kindergarten through 2nd grade

Truth & Training is for 3rd through 6th grade

Cornerstone's highest concentration of kids is from preschool through 6th grade. However, there are some kids taking older sections of AWANA and are benefiting highly. Last year there were over 120 different kids that came through the doors of our church for AWANA. There were also over 76 different staff.

Teens & Adults: If you want to meet lots of awesome people, or if you have kids and want them to learn Scriptures alongside their peers in a super charged fun atmosphere - Come join in on the FUN! From serving a few meals, helping with games, or being a mentor for some kids by helping them learn Scripture, then talk to Nick or Sarah Hansel 285-5530.

Pastor Tony's No Limits News

On Saturday, July 11, Tony & I took some youth to Rock Island to build a wheelchair ramp for a lady whose 23-year-old son is confined to a wheelchair. Our day began at 7 am at the church where we met...

We started working at 8:30 or 9 am. Janice came to the door & expressed how much this meant to her. "It's been so hard," she said and started crying.

I gave her a hug and said, "It's only by the love of Jesus..."

It was awesome to see how God put the teams together that day. Tony & 2 other men worked together; all 3 of them had some experience in construction, so they made a great team! Luke & Adam Major, Danielle & Bethany Phillips worked hard, digging up the brick & stone then digging the trenches to place the base boards to secure the wheelchair ramp. All of the youth who wanted to were able to use the power tools ~ saws and drills.

It was amazing to watch the team work, and servants' hearts that shone forth from our youth. It made me proud, and people noticed. People walking by, other Christians with Rock the River, and people with the video camera from the Billy Graham Evangelical Association. We can be very proud of our young people, their work ethic, and their willingness to serve!

By 3:30, the patio extension to fit the wheelchair and the ramp were completed! We also used some of the dirt we had dug up to fill in some holes in the driveway. Our youth were placing the bricks & rock to help smooth out the driveway.

Janice came out, and she was thrilled! She could not believe we had completed the project in 7 hours! She kept making comments like, "You just have no idea how much this means to us."

Penny & another lady had told us that Janice has been asking to have this wheelchair ramp built for 2 YEARS!! Janice said it is unreal, how difficult the state of Illinois makes it to receive assistance. She has even considered moving to Iowa so she could get more help.

As my wife offered to help write this newsletter, I was thrilled to get some help. And to be perfectly honest, she normally takes my letters and edits and proofs them so they make sense in English anyway; so this was kind of like avoiding the middle man (or woman). It is interesting to me that many people don't see the advantage of being part of the body of Christ until they need help. Then when the church gets up and helps, they are overwhelmed at how efficient the concept is. The world once looked to the church to provide many

things which are now handled by big brother and other organizations that are overwhelmed and under funded. The church was created in part to do this kind of work, and if everyone in the church actually gave the suggested 10%, we would have so much money we would need to find more things to do to use it! People love to serve. The church are God's hands and feet to serve, and most people need to be shown the Love of Christ before they are ready to hear about it. I hope our youth get that truth worked into their lives. We will keep trying to teach it.

Up Coming Events August

Sunday Aug 2- Wed 5th

FYI Creation vs Evolution: Russ Miller will be speaking at Quint City Baptist Church ,4823 Jersey Ridge Road, Davenport — check bulletin insert.

Wednesday Aug 5th 1st Knights Movie night. 5:00

Aug 8th Rock the River at Centennial Park — we will have shuttles available leaving the church at 1:30, 2:30 and then returning starting at 9:30 pm.

Sunday 9th Dusty Feet 6 pm Pastor Tony's

Wed 12th No Limits Game Night. 6:30 at church

Friday 14th

No Limits Volunteer training "Foundations Ministry Training" 6:30 First Free Church Moline, Car pool from Cornerstone 5:45.

Saturday 15th

No Limits Volunteer training "Foundations Ministry Training" 8:30 – 3:00 Car pool from Cornerstone 7:30

Wed 19th Cornerstone only No Limits Youth Group 6:45

August 22nd No Limits fantasy football draft party 4:30 in youth room

Wed 26th Cornerstone only No Limits Youth Group 6:45

Pine Lake Christian Center Fall Retreats

Women's Fall Retreat (Sept. 18-20) "Hearts Set Free"

Set aside time to reflect and set your heart free. This year we will focus on releasing the stresses that can weigh you down which will enable you to open your heart for God. So, for one of the best weekends of your fall, come to women's retreat and reflect, be refreshed and relax with friends.

More registration information later.

Men's Fall Retreat (Sept. 25-27)

Choose to spend time with men from Cornerstone, friends from around the state, or alone with God. There is a space for you to do what you need in this "Meeting Place with God." The Saturday Steak Fry is an important part of Men's Retreat and it is always a highlight. Grill your own steak to perfection and be the envy of every guy who burns his to a crisp!

More registration information later.

Sonshine Community Ministries

Thank you to all who have given to the \$3000.00 Challenge so far. At this writing (7-27) we are over half way there. All donations dated before or on 7-31-09 will be counted toward the challenge. If we meet our goal, we will receive a \$3000.00 matching gift. Please consider helping us meet our goal.

As some of you know, I have been suffering with Vertigo. At this time they are calling it a virus. I have been advised by my Doctor not to drive until this runs it's course. This has really curtailed my activities with the kids. I am thankful that Dean Worthington, the Zevenbergens' and I had a great week doing 5 Day Clubs in Mt. Joy and Park View July 6-10. We were able to minister to many children during the week. Please pray that I recover soon so I can get back to what I love to do.

Dorothy Wilford has joined me in serving the kids on Sundays at the trailer. It is a real joy to have her helping. She is "Grandma Dorothy" to the kids. I am blessed to have two really good helpers on Sundays. In addition to Dorothy, Bobbie Heinrichs (who also attends our church) has been helping with the Sunday School from the beginning.

Again, thank you to everyone who helps this ministry in any way. I don't always know who you are. Whether you pray, give financially, donate 5 cent cans, donate clothing or other items or just ask how things are going: THANK YOU. You are appreciated.

Jan Kloss

Did you miss us?

The HUGs Puppet team is ready to get back into action and eagerly start serving the Lord with puppets (and various other fun things)! Are **YOU** ready to join us in a "new beginning"?

If you want to join the action-packed adventure and you are in 5th grade or older this fall, we encourage you to attend a short, informational meeting for all who are interested in joining the HUGs Puppet Team, **Sunday, August 16th**, right after the morning worship service in the sanctuary. This will be an important meeting for all puppeteers and parents to attend, and I promise to keep it very short!

If you are interested in joining the puppet team but will not be able to attend, please contact Dawnetta Van Ee (285-9145 or email mdvancee@netins.net).

We will start practices on Sunday, August 23. We look forward to seeing you there!

Hold the Date!!



North Scott Food Pantry Golf Outing Sunday, August 30th at 2:00 p.m.

It will be a best-shot, 9-hole event, so all levels of golfers are encouraged to come. There will be raffle prizes, prizes for the winning team (and losing), and various hole events. Food will also be available before and after the round! All proceeds will go to NS Food Pantry.

And to entice you even more, there will be a traveling trophy awarded to the top team (if anyone can take it away from last year's winners)!

So gather your golfing friends and family together to form a team, or just call Jeff and Karen Vandy at 285-1383 and they will put you on a team. Cost is only \$30/person (this includes cart).

If you are not a golfer, but would like to help, call 285-1383 and they will find something for you.

Please spread the word and let anyone you think may be interested in having a fun afternoon of golf and to help support this needed and worthy cause!!

Moldova Missions

Thanks to everyone who has supported the two Moldova missions this summer! The second team is in Moldova as this newsletter goes out.

The financial needs have been great - especially considering the recession we're in - but we've seen great provision. We know that there have been a lot of other missions needing your support, so we are humbly grateful for any help you've given to the outreach in Moldova.

There are still some unmet financial needs, so if you are able to help with those, please just put a check in the offering plate written to "Cornerstone S.T.E.M." with "Moldova" in the memo. Thank you.

Teresa Bivens

Urbana Experience

At 5:45 a.m. on December 27, I hopped into a stranger-filled van in upper Michigan...and hit the road for St. Louis, Missouri. That moment kicked off my Urbana 2006 experience. BUT, little did I know that the unusual start to my journey was only the beginning of a week filled with the exciting and unexpected. Upon arriving at Urbana, I found myself surrounded by literally thousands of other college age youth, who, like me, felt challenged to deepen their walk with Christ and were eager to explore ministry opportunities on a cross-cultural level. My peers and I spent each morning in corporate worship and Bible study, followed by afternoons split into exploratory seminars, examining various needs and ministry opportunities worldwide.

My previous missions' experience in Mexico, combined with a recent semester of study in Spain, had left me convinced that if I were to enter cross-cultural ministry in another country, a Latin American (Spanish-speaking) country/ culture would be the best fit. So, I initially directed my attention toward the Urbana seminars focused on exploring issues and service opportunities in Central and South America. But by the end of the first day, I'd realized that my heart was strangely "quiet." I didn't sense that inner "tug" which I'd come to recognize in past experiences as the Lord's leading in my life. Confused and slightly frustrated, I entered into the evening session, where the keynote speaker would be sharing about the faith of Abraham.

In his message, the speaker highlighted the covenant promise God had made with Abraham—that through him, all nations would be blessed. He spoke about Isaac's inheritance of the promise, which was passed down through generations of Jews and culminated in the birth, death, and resurrection of Christ. The speaker went on to make the point that we Gentiles, though not Jews and thus not direct inheritors of the promise by bloodline, have nevertheless been grafted into its fullness through placing our faith in Christ as the one who restores us to true "sonship." The speaker then called our attention to the fact that Ishmael—Isaac's half-brother—though so close in birth and bloodline, had yet been so "far" from receiving the same promise made to Isaac. He noted the irony within the historic reality that while Gentile believers, though entirely unrelated by blood to the original recipients of God's covenant promise with the Jewish people, have become full recipients of its blessing through a relationship with Christ, the Arab people, descendants of Ishmael and thus both ethnically more closely related to the Jews AND still devoted to seeking God (in Is-

by Lindsey Armbruster

lam), still have yet to become true recipients of the blessings of the covenant promise—because most have not yet experienced the opportunity to place their faith in Christ.

The speaker continued talking, but I am not sure that I heard another thing he said that evening—those words had pierced through the quietness of my heart. Inwardly I mourned the truth of his message, which had resonated with my personal encounters with Muslims through experiences living abroad in Turkey and my previous semester from Spain. Once stirred, I couldn't quiet the unrest I felt—so I made up my mind to abandon all attempts at jarring my heart toward ministry in Latin America—and plunged myself into every session I could, for the remainder of the week, on needs in the Muslim world. The more I learned, the more wide-eyed I became at the vastly unmet needs of Muslim people in many countries, on an abundance of levels—economic, social, medical, educational, and spiritual. I also learned that while the need in Muslim countries was disproportionate to that of many Latin American nations, so too was the number of Christian worker-missionaries in those nations. This knowledge, combined with a "divine-appointment" experience later on in my week, served to further confirm my sense of the direction in which God was leading. (I'll save the details of how I met that woman, whom I call "the tepee girl," for when I visit in your home or home group (: -- but essentially, she and I shared similar stories of how God moved us along a path from a passion for people of "communal cultures" to a heart for Muslims, specifically!)

Through connections forged at Urbana, and a series of other neat (though unusual!) "God-thing" circumstances, doors have continued to open to allow me to move in the direction of ministry with Muslims overseas. At this point, I plan to move to North Africa next summer and spend two years working with a Greater Europe Mission (GEM) ministry team. I'm thankful for God's use of my Urbana experiences as a catalyst for moving forward into outreach to Muslims~ and I know that many of my peers would testify to the impact that their Urbana experiences had on both their perspectives and plans as well. I want to thank you, again, for the support you gave that made my trip to Urbana possible...and I would encourage each of you who has a heart for cross-cultural ministry, in any capacity, to consider planning a trip to St. Louis this December. You may not get to enjoy the luxury of the mini-van drive down that I was privileged to (: , but I'm confident you'll find the experience, once you get there, to be well worth the ride...

Sonshine Needs Your Help!!!

From Jan Kloss — Sonshine Ministries

I need help with the Sonshine kids on AWANA night. The needs would include: transporting if there are too many for the church van, helping them during supper time and perhaps helping to round them up after AWANA to get them ready to get on the church van for the trip home.

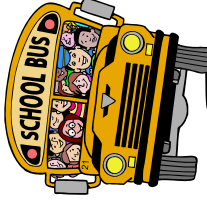
Please call me at 563-349-2342 if you have a heart for the kids ministry and could help. Thanks.

SERVE FEST

Sunday, August 30th

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23 8:30 a.m. Prayer Nurse Office Open Worship Service/ROCK 3:00 p.m. Jr. Puppets 4:00 p.m. Sr. Puppets	24 6:15-7:30 p.m. AWANA (grades K-6) & Friend Night	25 7:30 p.m. College-Career -Singles/Idkrs	26 6:30 a.m. Men at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 6:45 p.m. Cornerstone Only No Limits Youth 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg.	27 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	28	29
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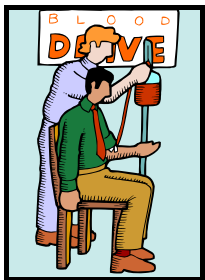
August Birthdays:

2	Amanda Schwartzhoff		
3	David Peter		
5	Parker Birtell		
6	John Green, Jr.		
7	Danielle Phillips		
8	Conner Ambrosy Carter Loehr Robin Mays Larry Rauch Elizabeth VonMaur		
10	Summer Arndt Abby Gainer Judy Nielsen		
12	Eric Perrin		
13	Dennis Dean		
15	Doug Drinnon Shanna Drinnon Polly Smith Tom White		
16	Julie Bader (Mrs. Mark) Rachelle Neill Bonnie Osterberg Gabriel Wright		
17	Abby Mess		
18	Mike Granger Heather Perrin		
19	Dereck Kaiser Barb Yetter		

August Anniversaries:

6	Don and Julie Davis	Laura Goltry Amy Schladetzky Emmaline VonMuenster	
7	Shane and Amy Knoche		
11	Deac and Mary Sue Ryan	Neil Chapman	
12	John and Sandy Green	Jordyn Olson Madison Trotter	
14	Bob and Carmene Granger	David Ecklor	
17	Pastor and Beth Pearson (35 yrs.)	Lydia Crouch	
21	Dick and Janette Armbruster	Phyllis Arentson Holly Shaw Sarah VonMaur	
23	Craig and Robin Mays		
24	Bob and Amy Brady	Jenn Lenz Sandy Nass	
28	Clayton and Sara Birtell		
31	Barry and Holly Shaw	Aerianna Condon	
		Don Childs Kristen Drinnon Andrea Hernandez Rich Mohr Beth Phillips	

Nursing News



Cornerstone's annual blood drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 11th this year. It will be from 2:00 – 7:00 pm in the ROCK Center.**

Contact Julie Davis to sign up.

The last date to give blood prior to August 11th was Tuesday, June 15th.

By Liz Arter

Sunday School Scoop

As we finish up our current Sunday school year, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Sunday school and Junior Church teachers. Your commitment to the kids of Cornerstone has a deep and eternal impact on the lives of the next generation.

Sunday school is eagerly looking forward to the new Sunday school year and the start of a new curriculum. We will be using the [Children Desiring God](#) curriculum, written and developed at John Piper's church, Bethlehem Baptist, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It is a God-centered curriculum that intentionally teaches who God is and who we are in relation to Him. It aims to develop a God-centered world view through a solid Biblical foundation.

During the preschool years, the kids will learn simple truths about God as they go through a chronological study of the old and new testaments. Each year thereafter, truths are reintroduced to the kids and built upon, each time digging deeper, giving them a broader scope of understanding. I encourage you to check out the vision and mission of [Children Desiring God](#) at: www.childrendesiringGOD.org

Sunday school promotion to the next grade will take place on Sunday, Sept. 6. There are a couple of changes that you need

Community-wide Women's Shower for GROW Ministries

August 15, 2009 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

GROW Ministries Office, 2430 6th Avenue, Moline
309-757-9088

Drop off donations in the bins under the New Hope Community Center canopy at the front door of the address above. (They are 1 block east of New Hope Church)

Items needed:

Store Gift Cards at Hy-Vee, Target, Dollar General, Aldi, K-Mart, etc.

Shampoo & Conditioner (full size bottles)

Hair Color, Ethnic Hair Products

Food Pantry Needs

August needs for the North Scott Food Pantry are health and beauty aids, such as shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, lotion. Please place items in the basket outside of the nursery.

Cash donations are always appreciated.

Don't forget about the Second Annual NS Food Pantry Open on August 30th.

by Sandy Nass

to be aware of: preschool kids will no longer move up a grade level during the school year; they will only move up at the beginning of each school year. The only exception will be for those kids moving out of the nursery into the Barn Room. They will continue to move to the Barn Room when they are 18 months old. Also, we are opening a four year old classroom for those kids who will be starting kindergarten next year, in 2010. If your child is a young four year old and will not start kindergarten in 2010, they will remain in the three year old classroom with Mrs. Green. If you have any questions about this, please call me.

Psalm 78:4, 6-7 says "we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done . . . so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. THEN (emphasis mine) they would put their trust in God . . ." That is our ultimate goal so that God would be glorified. If you would like to be part of helping us to achieve that goal, please call me at 285-6289. We are praying for a couple of co-teachers to round out our staff for the upcoming year.

Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dental Floss
Shower Gel, Bar Soap, Liquid Hand Soap
Hand Cream/Lotion, Body Powder
Make-up, Cologne, Cotton Balls, Q-tips
Manicure Items (nail files, clippers, polish, remover)
Sanitary Products
First Aid Products (band-aids, antiseptics, etc)
Laundry Products (detergent, fabric softener, bleach, spot remover, dryer sheets)
Household Cleaners (furniture, windows, carpet, etc.)
Paper Products (TP, tissues, paper towels)
Business size envelopes, pens
Note cards, Spiral notebooks
Postage stamps

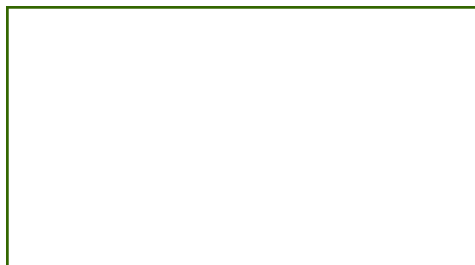
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Upcoming Events:

- September 12 Bible Bee in ROCK
- September 16-19 Pictures taken for Directory
Contact Sally if you are out of town
- September 18-20 Men's Retreat at Pine Lake Christian Center
- September 25-27 Women's Retreat at Pine Lake Christian Center

Family News

Congratulations to Dereck and Erica Kaiser on the birth of their second child, Williams James Kaiser born July 17th. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21" long. Hailey is the proud sister!!

Our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones:
Betsy Jones — grandmother
Kevin Munson — mother
David Newsum — grandmother
Andrea Zevenbergen — grandmother
May God comfort you during these difficult times.

Outdoor Baptism Service

Sunday, August 16th at 4:00 p.m.

at Nick & Sarah Hansel's home

*If interested in being baptized or becoming a member,
please contact Pastor Mark ASAP*



Come and join us on Sunday Mornings:

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