

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upcoming Events

Pastor Scott's Perspective — "Truth-Seeking"

It has often been noted that *"the first casualty of war is the truth."* That is often the case not only in military conflicts but also in the culture wars and political wars and church doctrinal wars as well. People are often more committed to advancing their cause or defending their beliefs and ideology than they are to seeking the truth wherever it may lead.

"Don't confuse me with the facts, my mind is already made up" is often the approach people take toward controversial issues or faith issues. Especially when true believers think their opinion is based on absolute biblical truth.

Whether the issue is health care reform or global warming or the beliefs of our founding fathers or the age of the earth or miracles or spiritual gifts, Christians are to be truth-seekers and not just partisans or reactionaries or dogma defenders. Christians never need to fear the truth because truth will always lead us to God.

Truth is that which corresponds to reality. *Our theological beliefs are true to the degree they correspond to the reality of who God is and how He works in the world.* Problems arise when our theological beliefs do not square with reality.

God Has revealed Himself to us in His creation, in His historical dealings with Israel, in the Scriptures and supremely in His Son, Jesus Christ. Christians generally agree on theological beliefs that are based on clear biblical teaching. When devout, born-again Christians disagree over secondary doctrines, it is usually due to lack of clarity or lack of sufficient information in the Scriptures. Then Christians rely on theological systems to give them an understanding of God's ways. These systems are based on a combination of biblical principles and human reasoning. Theological

systems can be helpful, but they are not infallible. They must be tested both against biblical teaching and against reality.

If our understanding of the Bible is correct, then our theology will be confirmed by experience, observation, experimentation, facts, evidence. *Truth is that which corresponds to reality.* If our theological beliefs are contradicted by reality, then truth-seekers will modify their theological beliefs rather than denying reality.

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Job's friends are examples of strong believers who were not truth-seekers.

They had been taught a theology that asserted that because God is holy and just and righteous, therefore the righteous will prosper in this life and the unrighteous will suffer in this life. Of course, there is some truth in this view. There are some Scriptures that support this view (Psalm 1; Psalm 34:19-22; Psalm 37). Most of the book of Proverbs supports this view that the righteous will prosper and the wicked will suffer.

When Job's friends saw Job's suffering, their theology taught them that Job must be suffering due to some serious sin in his life. So they began making false accusations against Job. When Job asserted his innocence, his friends basically called him a liar.

Job testified to these facts: *I have lived a righteous life, and yet I am suffering horribly. I don't understand what God is doing with me, but those are the facts.*

Job's friends denied those facts: *Since you are so obviously suffering, you must have sinned. To deny the cause and effect relationship between suffering and sin would be to deny the justice of God.*

- Sept. 1 5:30-9:00 p.m. CLASS 301 Blueprint for Ministry
- Sept. 3 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch at Bennigan's, Bett.
- Sept. 6 AM Communion 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Sept. 11 & 12 Sr. High Camping
- Sept. 12 Bible Bee/ROCK
- Sept. 13 Nurse Office Open 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Sept. 15-19 Directory Pictures taken
- Sept. 18-20 Men's Retreat at Pine Lake
- Sept. 19 9:00 a.m. CPC Walk for Life
- Sept. 19 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Flu Clinic in ROCK
- Sept. 19 6:30 p.m. Girls Night Out in ROCK
- Sept. 20 6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Sept. 23 7:00 a.m. See You at the Poles/schools 6:30 -9:00 p.m. See You at the Pole Rally/Rock Island
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Faced with a conflict between their theology and the facts of Job's situation, they chose to cling to their theology and defend their theology while denying the fact of Job's innocence. They would rather call Job a liar than modify their theology. *They were strong believers, but they were not truth-seekers. We will never arrive at the truth by denying reality.*

Job confronts them with these words: **Job 13:7-8** *Are you defending God by means of lies and dishonest arguments? You should be impartial witnesses, but will you slant your testimony in his favor? Will you argue God's case for him?*

Are you defending God by means of lies? *Are you defending your theology by denying reality?* Are you defending your concept of truth by spreading lies about others who disagree with you?

The Bible is a book of miracles from beginning to end. The only inspired record of the church (*Acts*) is filled with God's miraculous activity. Many of the spiritual gifts mentioned in the NT are miraculous gifts. Not a single verse of Scripture even hints that the gift of healing would soon cease after the death of the apostles or the completion of the NT. *Yet there are some theological systems that teach that miracles are rare today and that miraculous gifts such as healing are no longer operative today.* Theological systems must be tested against both Scripture and reality. **God's Word is truth, and truth corresponds to reality.**

Christians are to be truth-seekers. *When some faith healing ministries exaggerate claims of healing miracles, they are defending God by means of lies.* Seeking to bear witness and give glory to God's miraculous power, *they slant their testimony in His favor to support dishonest arguments. We cannot defend truth with lies, fabrications and exaggerated claims.*

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ble testimonies of God's miraculous activity or contemporary expressions of miraculous gifts, they are defending their concept of truth by denying reality. They would rather call other believers liars than modify their theological beliefs.

Christians are to be truth-seekers. When you hear a rumor of some very negative or disturbing information – **check it out to see if the rumor is true before spreading it.** Some rumors (e.g. a church leader is having an affair, a child is being molested or abused either at home or at church, a pastor is involved in inappropriate ministry or spiritual activities, church leaders are dishonestly advancing a hidden agenda, etc.) are so serious and potentially damaging that they must be checked out before being discussed. *If true, church disciplinary action should be taken; if false, spreading the rumor could seriously damage someone's reputation or harm the unity of our church.* **Christians are to be truth-seekers, not rumor-spreaders.**

God is the ultimate reality. God is truth. God's Word is truth. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. *If we want to encounter God's reality, then we must be truth-seekers.* We must test our theological beliefs both against the Scriptures and against reality. *We must be willing to modify our theological beliefs to fit biblical teaching or to fit real-life evidence.* **God's Word is truth, and truth corresponds to reality.**

Let's not be like Job's friends. They were so sure that their theology was right that they called Job a liar rather than adjust their beliefs to the reality of the situation. They put God in a theological box – a box that was too small for God and for the reality of Job's situation. *They tried to defend God's honor and God's justice with lies and dishonest arguments.* God was not pleased with them.

Instead, let's be truth-seekers. **Let's follow the truth wherever it leads.** We need never fear where truth will lead, for truth will always lead ultimately to God.

Financial Report

Giving and attendance during August have been very strong. During the first four weeks of the month, giving to the General Fund (church budget) has averaged \$9,576 per Sunday – right about at budget and well above year-ago levels. Worship attendance has also been well above year-ago levels.

Giving to the Building Fund has been down this month -- \$3,400 thus far.

Thank you and God bless you for supporting the Lord's work at Cornerstone.

Upgrading your TV and/or DVD

If you are planning to or have already upgraded your TV and/or DVD player and have a decent one at home we'd love it to give to the different classrooms to utilize. We request that they are recent enough to have the rca jacks (Red, white, yellow).

Contact Pastor Mark for questions.

Thanks.

A Word From Pastor Mark

The last several weeks we have been hearing messages about spiritual gifts (one by me – Romans 12 and two by Pastor Scott in 1 Corinthians) and the importance of activating them. Spiritual gifts were given to God's children to build up His Son's body. Jesus is the head- the authority and brains- and we are the body. What the head desires the body puts into motion.

We are blessed to have a good portion of our body serving in different areas of the church. However, there are also some of you who are stretched way too thin because your hat is in many areas. I have actually asked some of you to say "No" to more involvement because you are doing enough. The body wasn't designed for a select few to do a great amount of work. The body of Christ is meant for all believers to utilize their SHAPE (spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality and experiences) to grow.

The Christian life is not about what I receive. It is about what I give in the power of Christ's Spirit. God didn't save us so we could just lie around on the couch or sit in the pews. He

Dear Cornerstone Friends

Thank you so much for allowing our Christian Friendliness kids to come to VBS!

Every week we are taking 20 different children to a variety of VBS programs — in the Quad Cities. Cornerstone was our first VBS, and you have definitely set the bar high for other churches. Truly, none even comes close!

From the very beginning, everyone was loving and welcoming. When I called to ask if I could bring kids, there was NO hesitation! During VBS, I had so many church members come up to me and say, "I can't get your kids off my mind, I prayed for them all night!" You reached out and loved them! AND, they felt the love of Jesus through YOU!

One of the most remarkable things, we noticed was SMILES on our children! When the kids are at the center, they still need to keep their "game faces" on for their peers. But, at Cornerstone, we saw SMILES...BIG SMILES! It was a safe haven of love. They could play games, dance, sing and be kids! We saw some of our toughest kids laughing and dancing on stage!

Sarah and Nick, you are amazing! From the funny skits, to creating the high energy, to the well thought out activities — the salvation room!! — every aspect of the VBS was obviously prayerfully conceived. May God bless you exceedingly abundantly!

saved us to make a difference for Him. If you don't want to serve then that is a symptom of something not right inside. Jesus is the greatest servant and He came to serve. His children are empowered to serve. And Jesus' Spirit moves us to serve. If there is no desire then the question to ask is: "Who is leading me?"

As the body of Jesus you are a valuable person. You are needed and wanted. If you want to get involved we (pastors) desire to help you get plugged in to service inside and outside the church. There are many areas of opportunities that you might not know about. We can share some of them and help you to find a match. It excites us to help you to get involved because we know that involvement brings encouragement, fulfillment and fruitfulness. Please allow us to help you to experience all that God has for you.

The more who serve the more effective the church will become. May God continue to make us more effective for His service by utilizing our SHAPE.

by Barb Montgomery

AND, the volunteers!! WOW! Cornerstone VBS has been the only one we have been to with an abundance of willing volunteers! AND, they were INVOLVED volunteers with servants' hearts! I loved seeing all the teens involved too! My kids remarked on the amount of men at VBS. (half of those attending have dads in prison) One child said, "Miss Barb, a man taught us about Moses!"

Thank you, Nick, for your extra time and love with Dejajuan. Your leading him to THE SAVIOR will affect his life forever. Dejajuan has not missed small group Bible study all summer.

Thank you, to for your generous gift of CDs! We gave them to the kids attending and play them at the center!

YOU gave these children a wonderful summer memory. You showed them love and taught them about Jesus. Most of them had never been in a church, most had to get themselves up and ready for VBS, and on Friday, NONE of them wanted to go home. Thank you for going the extra mile to show them the love of Christ!

If you are interested in receiving prayer updates and would like to help pray for these children, please call Barb at 505-2525 or email bmontgomery@cfyouthhope.org

Pastor Tony's No Limits News

Epic is a term I don't use very often; I associate it with books and I am not a great fan, though I do find myself reading more and more. Danielle will be so excited... don't tell her otherwise but she thinks she has been encouraging me toward a love for all books. Anyway in the story Epic, by John Eldredge he explains the great story that God has been telling from the beginning of time in which He is the central character in the story of all time, and His great love for us is unfolding in the grand Epic that is directed at you and me to cause us to think and reflect on God.

As we look at all things in life as the story of Christ and how he intersects (or not) in our lives, truly all of life is a reflection pointing us toward God. So I want to tell you some of the God sightings that I have watched this past month.

1st there was Rock the River. Off the hook! Great music, powerful testimonies, great weather, ok maybe a little hot for my taste but still a great day. And the cool thing, we had 11 youth trained to be counselors at the FM 4:19 training put on by the Billy Graham Evangelical Association a few months back. Seven of those youth followed thru and were trusting Christ with their stepping out in faith to be used by Him in this way. I got to see three of them actually work with people during the counseling times. Because we had more counselors on hand than we had people to counsel, we did have a couple who didn't get the opportunity to put their training into action. The cool thing is they were still stepping out of their comfort zones and trusting Christ to use them. They were being faithful to the call, way cool. And for those who got to lead an inquirer through the materials, what a great step in their faith walk. At the event, we had two youth actually have pre-Christian friends come; they both got to see their friends come to Christ that day. Again, yeah God! And how great for those who brought friends; they get to see the fruit of their faithfulness develop right before their eyes! Praying for your friend to come to Christ, a time well spent. Witnessing to them, risky and sometimes a little costly. Inviting them to an outreach, cost could go up. Having a friend accept Christ into their life... Priceless! Master's Plan; He paid the price so we don't have to.

So we had a great day, over thirteen thousand in attendance, over 800 decisions for Christ and a little over 500 of them 1st time decisions. Great day.

Another way cool God sighting. In this day and age where sports have all but become the new religion of our world. Often we see even our church youth have to make difficult decisions and sacrifice youth group opportunities for sports related commitments. I often tell the youth how as a College basketball player (though that was really suspect) I did receive some scholarship to play basketball. I only accepted the position with the understanding that my church attendance

and Bible study were 1st priority, and if we were in town I wouldn't miss my church commitments for practice times. Well it still happens even in these new times where sports often take priority over just about all of life. We got to see a young man tell his football coach that he wouldn't be at football camp on Wednesday evening because he had a church activity that he was going to attend. That was so encouraging to me, though I was also a little concerned about what the sacrifice would cost him. He was firm though, "Youth group is my 1st priority and football will have to take 2nd place." And this is a young man that, just looking at him tells you he has the full potential to be a real quality player. May God bless him as much as his courage and stance was a blessing to me. God has been doing some amazing work in this young man's life, and it is great to get to watch it from the front row.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 2nd No Limits Youth Ministry Cornerstone Only
6:45 pm – 8:30 pm
- Wednesday 9th No Limits Youth Ministry Cornerstone Only
6:45 pm – 8:30 pm
- Friday 11th 12th Sr. High Camping — leave church 6:30 pm
- Sunday 13th Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house
Special time 5:30-7:00 pm
Sunday Night Football Bears vs Packers
Barry Shaw's 7:00-9:00 pm
Dusty Feet #2 Dan Marti's House, DeWitt
6:00 pm
- Wednesday 16th No Limits Kick Off
Hawaiian Luau 6:45-9:00 pm
- Sunday 20th Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house 6:00 pm
Dusty Feet #2 Dan Marti's House, DeWitt
6:00 pm
- Wednesday 23rd See You At The Pole
7:00 am school flag pole
- See You After The Pole Rally
Leave church 6:30 head to Heritage
Church Rock Island return 9:00 pm
- Sunday 27th Sunday School Lunch outing
Mongolian Grill 11:45 a.m.
Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house 6:00 pm
Dusty Feet #2 Dan Marti's House, DeWitt
6:00 pm

Class 301 Blueprint for Ministry
Tuesday, September 1st 5:30-9:00 p.m.
Contact Pastor Mark if interested in attending the class

Sonshine Community Ministries

First, a big THANK YOU for everyone who contributed to the \$3000.00 Challenge. We received the gift of \$3000.00 on July 31. We appreciate everyone who contributed to the challenge. Also, thank you for those who contributed to the "Birdies For Charity" event. Over \$600.00 was raised. The nickel cans have been coming in pretty regularly and that adds up. And, of course, we couldn't do it without our monthly givers.

So to everyone who contributes in any way: THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!!

For "SERVE FEST" we will have families & the kids who attend Sunday school at Lot 13 picking up litter at the mobile home park. We will also serve a "lunch" of hot dogs, chips & kool-aid. I will have items of clothing, shoes & misc. items

on tables outside that people can go through and take for free. It should be a fun morning.

We will be doing our "Strike Out For Sonshine" bowl-a-thon in November, so dust off your bowling shoes and bowling balls for this fun family event. More details will be coming in next months' newsletter and in the bulletin as we get closer to the date.

Thanks for allowing me to serve this community in both tangible and spiritual ways.

Jan Kloss (563-349-2342)

The Prayer Needs Are Plentiful, but the Pray-ers Are Few

Over the past couple of months, the Intercessory Prayer Team (IPT) has been busier than ever. We once were called to pray with people two to three times a month and have been currently needed two to three times a week.

While this is good – meaning that people are feeling comfortable asking for prayer and God is using us to do what we enjoy doing (pray!) – it is also a time to ask for others to come alongside us in prayer. The more pray-ers we have on the team, the less each member will be called upon.

In general, if you have a heart for prayer and can commit to confidentiality please consider coming on the IPT. We are looking for people with gifts such as mercy, encouragement, shepherding, intercessory prayer, faith, wisdom, knowledge, discernment, healing, etc.

Sept. 20 you will be able to hear testimonies of a variety of different answers to prayer.

If you are interested in knowing more (or if you need prayer), please contact me at 285-7285 or bivstikk@netins.net

August 23 Worship Service

Because of the importance of our August 23 worship service in our vision process, we encourage all members and regular attenders who missed that service to request a CD of the service (or sermon) – or go online to www.cornerstonebaptistch.org where you can either listen to the sermon or read the manuscript.

Even if you did attend the service, but have questions or concerns about something in the sermon, you are encouraged to

read or listen to the sermon again so as to avoid any misunderstanding or miscommunication that may be harmful to our church unity.

If you still have questions or concerns, you are encouraged to follow our Communication Guidelines and talk with Pastor Scott or Vision Team Chr. Brent Bullock or a Deacon.

Pine Lake Christian Center Fall Retreats

Women's Fall Retreat (Sept. 25-27) "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.

Contact Church Office if interested in attending.

Men's Fall Retreat (Sept. 18-20)

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!

Contact Church Office if interested in attending.

Influenza (commonly called the flu) season is rapidly approaching. Influenza is a viral infection that attacks the respiratory system, including your nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs. Influenza is not the same as the stomach viruses that cause diarrhea and vomiting. We have heard about outbreaks of swine flu (a type of H1N1 virus) and have continued to see the H1N1 virus cause illness during the normally flu-free summer months. There is some uncertainty about what the upcoming flu season might bring. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) has followed the flu trend and has made recommendations for the upcoming flu season.

There are two types of flu vaccinations. The first is the vaccination against seasonal influenza. The second is the H1N1 vaccine. The H1N1 vaccine is currently in production and **may** be ready for the public in the fall. This vaccination is **not** intended to replace the seasonal flu vaccine – it is intended to be used along-side the seasonal flu vaccine.

The influenza virus is constantly changing with new strains appearing regularly. Once you've had the flu, you develop antibodies to the strain that caused it, but those antibodies won't protect you from new strains. That's why doctors recommend getting a seasonal flu vaccination every year. The seasonal flu vaccine is safe for children 6 months and older.

Anyone can get the flu, but you are at increased risk of getting the seasonal flu if you are an infant or young child, over the age of 50, are a resident of a nursing home or long term care facility, have a chronic illness, have a weakened immune system, will be pregnant during the flu season, work in a health care facility where you're more likely to be exposed to the flu virus, or are in regular close contact with infants or young children.

Signs and symptoms of the flu include fever over 101 F, chills and sweats, headache, dry cough, muscular aches and pains (especially in your back, arms and legs), fatigue and weakness, nasal congestion, loss of appetite, and diarrhea and vomiting in children.

Prevention of the flu is the best line of defense. That includes receiving an annual seasonal flu vaccination, washing your hands, covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, eating right and getting enough sleep, exercising regularly (exercise boosts your immune system), and avoiding crowds during the flu season. The flu virus travels through the air in droplets when someone with the infection

coughs, sneezes or talks. You can inhale the droplets directly, or you can pick up the germs from an object, such as a telephone or computer keyboard, and then transfer them to your eyes, nose or mouth. If you do get the flu, your doctor may prescribe antiviral medications but these are not without risks. Most of the time the best thing for you to do is **stay home**, drink plenty of liquids, rest, and consider over-the-counter pain relievers.

The CDC highly recommends the annual seasonal flu vaccination especially to the high risk populations. They have prioritized whom to vaccinate with the H1N1 vaccine as it becomes available. Priority is to be given to pregnant women, household contact and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, all people from 6 months to 24 years of age, and persons aged 25 to 64 who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza. Once the demand for these prioritized groups has been met, vaccinations will then be made available for all 25 to 64 year olds. Current studies indicate that the risk for infection with the H1N1 virus among persons age 65 or older is less than the risk for younger age groups. However, once the vaccine demand has been met for the younger groups, programs and providers are encouraged to offer the vaccination to people 65 and older.

On Saturday, September 19th we are offering a community wide flu vaccination clinic in conjunction with Walgreens Drug Store. It will be held in the ROCK center from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost of the vaccination will be \$24.99. If you are a Medicare recipient they will bill Medicare directly. Pneumonia vaccinations will also be available at the clinic for \$49.99. Please pass the word throughout the community for us. We will also be distributing flyers. The more people immunized, the less likely it is that the flu will spread through a community. Vaccinations for children under 18 are available from your healthcare provider; they will not be vaccinated during this clinic. Currently the H1N1 vaccine is not available for distribution.

Nearly all the information contained in this article was obtained directly from the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov> and the Mayo Clinic website at <http://www.mayoclinic.com>. For further information you can ask your healthcare provider and/or search these websites. Let's also pray for a safe flu season for all.

Attention All Women!

“Girl's Night” is back!! Our first gathering will be held on Saturday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the ROCK Center. We will be ordering pizza and will watch the movie “One Night with the King” which is based on the biblical story of Esther.

There will be a \$5 charge to cover the cost of the pizza. Please pay and sign up in advance in the Narthex on Sunday, September 6th or Sunday, September 13th (or contact Deana Trotter at 823-4638).

QC Prayer Breakfast – Sept. 26th

Saturday, September 26th from 8-10 a.m.

Cost if \$12 per ticket, \$75 for a Table of 8, and \$500 for Ten Tables of 8. Invite pre-believing friends. Held at Davenport River Center. Speakers: Nicky Cruz, the former New York City gang leader, and Guy Penrod, past Gaither Vocal Band leader singer.

Together these bold and humble men will bring in an awesome sense of The Presence of God and, in the atmosphere, the LORD will do His glorious work of drawing people into the Kingdom, and establishing a great place of awe in hearts.

September 2009



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September Birthdays:

1	Don Davis	
2	Carter Owens	
3	Paula Phipps	
4	Peggy Goltry	
8	Richard Clark	
10	Dorothy Wilford	
11	Lori Paulus	
12	Harmony Hansel Mercie Hansel	
13	Lauren Armbruster Marc Orcutt	
14	Chelsey Blake Andrea Ideker Emerson Reid Amanda Wilford	
15	John Drinnon	
16	Kim Lacey	
17	Betsy Allen Teresa Bivens Sandy Green Nolan Hagge	
18	Lance Bader Pastor Tony Phillips	
19	Andrew Noel	
21	Bill Gerth Glory Hansel	

September Anniversaries:

5	Kerry and Leslie Skinner	Dan Allison Bob Brady Andrew Chapman
7	Jason and Amanda Schwartzhoff	Chad Guge
8	Alan and Wendy Grimme	Hailey Kaiser
12	Jim and Kim Lacey	Bailey Boddicker Cassie Carlson Steve Scull Mark Youmans Donavin VanEe
14	Rich and Renae Mohr	Connie Coy Tom Hurr
17	John and Alice Green (55 yrs.) Phil and Mollie Hart	Peggy Grell
18	Scott and Leah Carlson Pastor Mark and Andrea Zevenbergen	Nick Dose Kristin Green Victoria Hawley Brian Nielsen Lorena Seline Gabe Smith Anita Wright
20	Dustin and Jenn Lenz David and Susan Newsum Gary and Paula Phipps (25 yrs.)	
22	Dale and Julie Farmer	
25	David and Paula Mess Ozzie and Bonnie Osterberg	
26	Mike and Vicky Becraft	

The other day, my son Jackson and I had a funny conversation. We were talking about the pastors at our church and I mentioned that being a pastor was "their job". He said, "What do you mean it is their job?" I could tell by his voice that he was really surprised. I explained to him that just as dad gets paid to work for John Deere, the pastors get paid to work for the church. He asked me, "Who pays them?". So I proceeded to explain more about tithing and how a portion of that money is used to provide for the pastors, their families, missionaries, etc. It occurred to me that although we have had several conversations with our children about tithing, it is still hard for them to grasp how that money is working in God's kingdom. This is one of the reasons that we have loved getting our kids involved in the orphan ministry. This has been a tangible way for them to get involved and to see that they can make a difference in the lives of others.

Last February, Cornerstone partnered with Children's Hope International on several different projects which addressed the needs of orphans. We have received updates regarding some of these projects and wanted to share these reports with the members of Cornerstone.

Dang Yong Fu is an 18 month old boy from China who had a heart condition called Tetralogy of Fallot. This is a condition which causes poor blood oxygen flow in the heart. Cornerstone raised the full \$5000 needed to provide Yong Fu with this much needed surgery. This surgery was performed on May 20, 2009 in Shanghai. His post surgical reports have



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been good. Following the surgery, it was reported that his surgical wound was closing nicely. He was eating more regularly than before and his fitness was improving as well. They described him as having a brighter mood and stated that he was enjoying playing with his toys and was very curious. He does have light cerebral palsy, so nannies have been working with him to improve his muscle tone. Praise God for the success of this surgery and for the people at Children's Hope who have worked hard to get us reports on Yong Fu.

Cornerstone also raised money to provide fresh water in India. Cornerstone provided enough money for nearly 3 wells helping almost 4000 families in 3 villages. Paparao Yeluchuri, Children's Hope-India Director, writes:

The villagers were using pond water for drinking and cooking. The pond is very much polluted because the villagers were washing their clothes, washing their animals, and taking baths in that pond. So, the villagers were having a lot of health problems. All the villagers are very happy and thankful to you for your kind help.

In addition to these wells in India, Cornerstone also sponsored 2 medical clinics, and food for street children.

Although we don't always get to see how God is using our finances to advance His kingdom, what an awesome blessing and privilege it is when He gives us just a little glimpse!

Get Your Walking Shoes On!!!

It is time for the 19th annual CPC Pregnancy Resources **WALK FOR LIFE!**

*The two-mile **WALK FOR LIFE** will be held on September 19th at 9 a.m.

*The **WALK FOR LIFE** will be held in two locations simultaneously:

- Veterans' Memorial Park in Bettendorf
- Ben Butterworth Parkway in Moline

Choose the location that is the most convenient for you

*If you raise \$200 in pledges, you will get a **FREE WALK FOR LIFE** t-shirt.

*For every \$50 over \$200, your name will be entered into a drawing for a Quad City International Airport Gift Bag and a \$300 voucher for AirTran Airline tickets!

*See Andrea Ideker or Mari Brewer for pledge forms.

*Please review the brochure for all the details, start getting your pledges, and we will see you at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 19th!

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Family News

Congratulations to Jason and Amanda Schwartzhoff on the birth of their second child, Joshua Aiden, born on August 5th. He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 19" long. His best buddy will probably be his older brother, Jacob!!

Bible Bee – Sept. 12th

Servants are still needed in the following areas:
Kitchen Help Take-Down Team
Graders Judges

If you are available to help, please contact Pastor Mark.



Pictorial Directory Time!!!!

Pictures taken September 15-19

Please be sure you have scheduled your family for pictures in the new directory.

If you haven't, please call Sarah Hansel at 285-8830 or Jessica Witzenburg at 676-6305 to schedule an appointment.

The schedule is also available on-line at cornerstonebaptistch.org

Let's have 100% participation!!!!!!!

Come and join us on Sunday Mornings:

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