

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Scott's Perspective — "Call to Prayer"

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

We are a busy congregation. We want to make sure our busyness is fruitful and effective and making a difference for God's Kingdom, and not mere religious activity. Our service for Christ will be spiritually fruitful and effective only to the degree that it is supported by prayer. The more our church is doing, the more prayer support will be needed.

Currently we have church ministries and activities going virtually every day of the week - all in need of prayer support. Our vision process is at a crucial juncture that will influence the direction of our church for the next several years. Our children's and youth ministries need prayer. Our missionaries need prayer. Many of our members need prayer.

Though many individuals and groups pray a few minutes here and there for our church throughout the week, the primary opportunity for devoting ourselves to extended prayer as a congregation is the Wednesday night prayer meeting. How many shoulder the burden of supporting all the above needs and activities to make sure we are a fruitful church and not merely a busy church? Typically, one man and half a dozen women. Is that enough prayer support for all we are doing as a church?

S.D. ("Chinese") Gordon (*Quiet Talks on Prayer*) elaborates on the relationship between prayer and service and making a Kingdom impact:

"The whole circle of endeavour in winning men (to Christ) includes such an infinite variety. There is speaking the truth to a number of persons, and to one at a time; the doing of needed kindly acts of helpfulness, supplying food, and the like; there is teaching; the almost omnipotent ministry of money; the constant contact with a pure unselfish life; letter writ-

ing; printer's ink in endless variety. All these are in God's plan for winning men. But the intensely fascinating fact to mark is this: -- **that the real victory in all of this service is won in secret, beforehand, by prayer, and these other indispensable things are the moving upon the works of the enemy, and claiming the victory already won.** And when these things are put in their proper order, prayer first, and the other things second; *second*, I say, not omitted, not slurred over; done with all the earnestness and power of brain and hand and heart possible; but done *after* the victory has been won in secret, against the real foe, and done *while* the winner is still claiming the victory already assured, -- then will come far greater achievements in this outer open service.

Then we go into this service with that fine spirit of expectancy that sweeps the field at the start, and steadily sticks on the stubbornly contested spots until the whipped foe turns tail, and goes. **Prayer is striking the winning blow at the concealed enemy. Service is gathering up the results of that blow among the men we see and touch.** Great patience and tact and persistence are needed in the service because each man must be influenced in his own will. But the shrewd strategy that wins puts the keen stiff secret fighting first."

"Prayer from God's side is communication between Himself and His allies in the enemy's country... **Prayer is** a man, on the earth, with his life in full touch with the Victor, **insistently claiming that Satan shall yield before Jesus' victory**, step by step, life after life. Jesus is the victor. Satan knows it, and fears Him. He must yield before His advance, and he must yield before this man who stands for Jesus in prayer down on the earth. Satan must yield as we claim victory in the Victor's name."

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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1 AM Communion
6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Nov. 5 11:30 a.m. Ladies
Lunch at Mo Brady's, Dav.
- Nov. 7 10:00 a.m. Re-
-Leaf Fest w/chili lunch
10:00 a.m. IBC Meeting
Resumed at Pine Lake Camp
6:00 p.m. Respond
Ministries Trivia Night
- Nov. 8 Nurse Office Open
6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Nov. 14 9:00 a.m.-noon
No Limits Service Project
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
"Arise! Cry Out!"
Worldwide Day in ROCK
- Nov. 15 AM Baptism Service
6:00 p.m. Home Groups
- Nov. 17 5:30-9:00 p.m.
CLASS 301 Blueprint for
Ministry
- Nov. 21 7:00 a.m. Trustee
Meeting at Village Inn, Dav.
PM—Sonshine Ministries
Bowl-A-Thon, Leisure Lanes
- Nov. 22 Nurse Office Open
11:45 a.m. No Limits
Parents Meeting & Lunch
5:00 p.m. NS Youth
Thanksgiving Dinner/ROCK
7:00 p.m. NS Thanksgiving
Service at Cornerstone
- Nov. 28 7:00 p.m. "Awake
& Alive" Tour at Adler
Theatre, Davenport
- Nov. 29
1st Sunday in Advent
6:00 p.m. Home Groups

“Prayer is man giving God a footing on the contested territory of this earth. The man in full touch of purpose with God praying, insistently praying – that man is God’s footing on the enemy’s soil. The man wholly given over to God gives Him a new sub-headquarters on the battlefield from which to work out. And the Holy Spirit within that man, on the new spot, will insist on the enemy’s retreat in Jesus the Victor’s name. That is prayer.”

“In its simplest meaning prayer has to do with a conflict. **Rightly understood prayer is the deciding factor in a spiritual conflict.** The scene of the conflict is the earth. The purpose of the conflict is to decide the control of the earth, and its inhabitants... Prayer is insisting upon Jesus’ victory, and the retreat of the enemy on each particular spot, and heart and problem concerned... ***Every time a man prays it is a waving of the red-dyed flag of Jesus Christ above Satan’s head in the spirit world.*** Every man who freely gives himself over to God, and gives himself up to praying is giving God a new spot in the contested territory on which to erect His banner of victory.”

Question: *If prayer is a spiritual battlefield where all true spiritual victories are won – then why is prayer regarded as women’s work? Are we the kind of church where the men send the women off to the front lines of spiritual combat? Where are the men who are winning spiritual victories in prayer?*

Chinese Gordon also writes that the Holy Spirit is the inlet of spiritual power in the life of the Christian, and there are five outlets of that spiritual power: *a godly life; our words; our service; our giving; and our prayers.* Of these, prayer is by far the most powerful because prayer releases the activity of God wherever we direct our prayers – locally and globally.

Financial Report

Giving to the General Fund (church budget) was very strong in October – averaging \$10,448 per week (compared to budget of \$9,579). For the fiscal year, however, weekly giving is still below budget.

Worship attendance was down in October compared to September due to illnesses and other factors (but still above year-ago levels).

Building Fund giving in October totaled \$4,375. Our remaining mortgage balance is now under \$100,000!

Thank you and God bless you for your faithful giving to the Lord’s work at Cornerstone.

Quoting him again: *“You must first win the victory, every step, every life, every foot of the way, in secret, in the spirit-realm, and then add the mighty touch of your personality in service. **You can do more than pray, after you have prayed. But you can not do more than pray until you have prayed.** And just there is where we have all seemed to make a slip at times, and many of us are yet making it -- a bad slip. We think we can do more where we are through our service: then prayer to give power to service. No -- with the blackest under-scoring of emphasis, let it be said -- **No. We can do no thing of real power until we have done the prayer thing.**”*

We have seen some spiritual advances in recent months. Those advances must be sustained and extended by prayer – both individual and corporate.

If you are committed to another ministry on Wednesday nights, we will pray for you as you serve. You can pray some other time. If you are already active at church 2-3 nights a week, stay home with your family, and find some other time to pray.

But if you are available to pray on Wednesday nights, we need you. **We especially need men. Spiritual combat is not women’s work only. Men: *Let’s take the lead in advancing God’s Kingdom against the kingdom of darkness.***

And to our women: Female prayer warriors are needed to pray for our kids and our schools on Nov. 14 at the “*Arise, Cry Out*” prayer conference we are hosting. This event is an opportunity to begin implementing the vision God is showing our vision team as He calls us to make a difference for God’s Kingdom in our schools and community. *Kingdom impact begins with winning spiritual victories in prayer.*

Jr. Church Class Changes

We are blessed to have a growing population of children in our church. And the more kids we have the fuller our classrooms will get. The Children’s Purpose Team (CPT) has been tracking the sizes of each class and noticed that the 3-4 year olds age group is consistently running over 20 kids. And 20 kids in the room they are presently in is too confining. Therefore, in January of 2010, we will be making a 3 year old Jr. Church and a 4 year old Jr. Church class. This will help in making each class more manageable and give kids better learning opportunities. As a result of this change there is an opportunity for more adults to teach a class. If you are interested in serving through teaching and helping in one of these areas please contact Pastor Mark or Mollie Hart.

The CPT has also been discussing the possibility of having Jr. Church extended to 5th & 6th graders. The Youth Task Force brought this before the CPT and we’d like to hear from some parents who have 4th-6th graders to see if that is an interest on your part- to have your 5th & 6th graders attend their own Jr. Church while the adults are listening to the sermon. There will be a questionnaire sent out to those parents to get their input.

A Word From Pastor Mark

What are some of the biggest sources of conflict in marriage? In a lot of marriages conflict arises predominantly around finances and sex. Finances and sex deal with preferences, power and control. And those areas can create frustration, anger, resentment and even disillusionment. Since finances can cause major troubles in marriage Cornerstone teaches financial classes to help couples get on the same page (usually an elective during the summer). But sex is still somewhat of a taboo subject in church. Why? Didn't God create it? Didn't God give it as a gift to be opened as a married couple? If God created it for marriages why should we be shy about talking about sex in marriage? Quietness or secrets are what help Satan to get a foothold on us.

When I counsel couples entering marriage or who are already married, sex is an issue that comes up. It is an essential topic to broach to help them to have less conflict and more satisfaction in marriage. Since this topic is so important to help couples understand the complexity of the issues we have been studying *The Five Sex Needs of Men & Women* by Dr. Gary and Barbara Rosberg in our Young Marrieds ABF. Though there are often red faces and laughter in the class we are learning together how different husbands and wives needs are but also how they are similar. I would recommend this book for couples who are preparing for marriage as well as married couples who have been together for years. This book is not about technique. It is really about building a stronger love relationship with each other. This book also reveals that many couples have struggled sexually in their marriages. That takes one big lie out of Satan's bag of tricks- the lie that "We are the only couple that struggles with these kinds of issues." If you believe that lie then you won't bring to light your struggles and therefore cannot get the help that is available. No openness means no hope for change!

I want to share some helpful information with you that can make a difference in your marriage. There much more information to glean from the book so it is worth purchasing, reading and discussing with your spouse.

Husbands and wives want the same things in their sex lives.

CLASS 301

CLASS 301- Blueprint for Ministry has been moved to Nov 17th from 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Please let Pastor Mark know if you are interested in attending. You need to have completed CLASS 201 already.

Dr. Rosberg writes, "They want relationship, intimacy and fulfillment. The differences arise from the ways we pursue those needs: men through the physical act, women through emotional connection." In their top five sex needs both men and women have connection as #2 in importance. For women, connection occurs when a husband and wife share their hearts and minds with each other. For men, connection occurs when they share their bodies with each other. The way men and women connect is created by God. It was His design in us. It is not a flaw. It is not a result of the fall.

The amazing truth in how we are created for connection is that when a husband chooses to draw close to his wife in sharing his heart and feelings in conversation (the way she feels connected) his wife draws closer to him and is more open to his way of feeling connected (sex). And when a wife chooses to draw close to her husband in sharing her body and love (the way he feels connected) the more open he is to sharing his heart and feelings (the way she feels connected).

As you seek to meet your spouse's sex needs yours in turn will be met. A wife will be far more open to her husband sexually when he is more open to her emotionally and spiritually. A husband will be more open to his wife more emotionally and spiritually when his wife is more open to him more sexually.

The best thing a husband can do for the marriage and family is to take the initiative to meet his wife's five sex needs. The best thing a wife can do for the marriage and family is to take the initiative to meet her husband's five sex needs. If all the married couple's committed to doing that our marriages would be strengthened, God would be honored, our families would thrive, our church would change and our communities would be impacted.

Don't allow finances and sex to rob you of the joy God created in marriage. And don't give Satan a foothold in these areas. Take responsibility for your roles and your marriage will become stronger and more satisfying.



Pastor Tony's No Limits News

Thank You to those who shared kind words of appreciation at the Quarterly Business meeting. It has been a privilege to work alongside so many good workers here at Cornerstone. It is rare in youth ministry that a youth pastor stays in one place long enough to see youth become parents and work with their youth. Thank you for allowing me that privilege. One of the changes I outlined at the business meeting that we want to point out once more is the new schedule for No Limits. Starting the 1st Wednesday of November, we will operate under this new schedule. Our volunteers will meet at 6:30 – 6:55.

6:55- 7:05 Doors open and snacks.

7:05-7:25 Open game time

.7:25-7:35 Announcements and opener.

7:35-7:50 Worship.

7:50-8:10 Group lesson.

8:10-8:45 Cell groups.

We would also like to give you a sample of a newsletter for parents that is available online. "Real World Parents" is available from Youth Specialties and comes out weekly. This week's letter is copied for you to look at. It is an issue that all my daughters have worked through and continue to work with. Jessica is constantly refining this lesson at the College level.

Sin Spotting

One of our great challenges as parents is to communicate to our kids both the seriousness of sin and graciousness toward sinners (like us!) that reflects God's love and compassion. On the one hand, we'd like our children to clearly perceive obvious sin with black-and-white clarity; on the other hand, we'd like to help them to avoid becoming arrogant, judgmental legalists.

Younger kids, especially, tend to think in terms of "good guys" and "bad guys." We can fall into the trap of portraying those who believe or behave differently from us—even sinfully—as "bad guys" in our children's eyes. And kids eager to demonstrate their knowledge of the universe sometimes rush to judgment of everyone on the other side of the fence.

Jesus warned the legalists of His day not to become volunteer judges, especially when blind to their own sinfulness. He stated clearly that a consequence of taking up the judge's gavel is to suddenly find yourself the one on trial in God's eyes and/or the eyes of others. In the next breath, though, He taught that there is an appropriate time to try to help "remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Jesus also warned that it is sometimes just pointless to "cast the pearls" of God's truth about right and wrong in front of those who have no interest or ability to hear that truth from His Word. At least, that's one take on His teaching about pearls and pigs in Matthew 7:6.

As you may have guessed, we're pulling this week's conversation starters from part of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" in Matthew 7:1-13. We hope a few of the following questions might stir up a good conversation between you and your child about sin, judgment, and God's grace.

They also provide talking points to help start discussions with your youth as well as suggested prayers to pray for them. Here are a few samples.

Talking Points

- Do you know anyone who tends to think of Christians as judgmental people? Do you think we are judgmental?
- Do you think it is judging to say that some things are right and others are wrong? Is it judging to believe that certain actions or attitudes are sinful? Why or why not?
- Will God ever judge a Christian for his or her sin? Why or why not? Does He forgive us because we deserve to be forgiven or because Jesus paid for our sin with His blood? If we are forgiven people who have received God's grace, should we be more or less likely to be judgmental to others? Should we be proud or humble about being included in God's family?

- Do you think it's possible for us to hate sin with real emotion and love people who do sin with real compassion? At the same time? How could we do better at that as a family?

Ask God to help your child learn to let forgiven offenses go and to not keep coming back to them. (See Proverbs 17:9)

Ask God to help your child learn to listen well before answering. (See Proverbs 18:13.)

Ask God to help your child to learn how to exercise self-control in the quantities of good things they allow themselves to consume. (See Proverbs 25:16.)

Ask God to help your child to enjoy His good gifts to them without living for those gifts instead of Him. (See Proverbs 21:17.)

If you would like to receive more of this kind of information you can sign up for the free emails at Youthspecialties.com.

In His Grip, Pastor Tony

Up Coming Events for November

Friday Oct. 30th – Sunday Nov 1st Breakaway

Sunday 1st Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's 6:00 pm till 7:30

Wednesday 4th No Limits Youth Ministry
6:55 pm – 8:45 pm

Sunday 8th Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's 6:00 pm till 7:30

Wednesday 11th No Limits Youth Ministry
6:55 pm – 8:45 pm

Saturday 14th No Limits Service Project 9:00 am-12 noon

Sunday 15th Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's TBA

Wednesday 18st No Limits Youth Ministry
6:55 pm – 8:45 pm

Sunday 22nd No Limits Parents meeting and lunch
11:45 am
North Scott Area Youth Thanksgiving
Dinner. 5:00 pm

Saturday 28th Awake and Alive Tour—Skillet,
Decyfer Down, Hawk Nelson
7 pm the Adler

Sunday 29th Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's 6:00 pm till 7:30

“Arise! Cry Out”

What is “Arise! Cry Out” ???

Simply put, *Arise! Cry Out!* is an international day of prayer by moms (and grandmas) for children and schools. The live event took place in October in California (and one of our interpreters from Moldova and her mother were in attendance... along with other moms from around the world), and the DVD simulcast will be played throughout the world on Saturday, November 14.

Cornerstone is a host site for *Arise! Cry Out!* We will be gathering with local women in the sanctuary from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Don't let the 4 hours scare you, though. We will spend time in small groups praying “here and there” and also

by Teresa Bivens

have time for worship and listen to Fern Nichols, founder of Moms In Touch International (MITI), give a keynote address. It will all be guided by a DVD.

All women are invited! Whether or not you have a child in school, we urge you to come. Children of this generation need our prayers...and schools need our prayers. If you can't come for the whole time, it's okay, just not ideal.

If you have questions about this event or the weekly Moms In Touch meetings, please see me or Suzy Gainer. Register online at www.momsintouch.org (register at Cornerstone Baptist Church as your host site).

Respond Ministries Responds!



Organized by Respond Ministries to Support Aaron and Laura Schwartz's Adoption from Ethiopia:

Trivia Night at Cornerstone ROCK
Saturday, November 7th
6:00 p.m.
General Trivia for All
\$10 per person

Popcorn and lemonade provided. Bring your own snacks too!
Max 8 per table. Power outlets provided upon request.

Registration Preferred:
Call Deana at 823-4638 to register

Quad Cities Dining Tour Books

2009-2010

This year's books are in and are a great value as always — a great present or to treat yourself. These books pay for themselves with just a couple uses. Fine dining like Brass Street Chop House, Brady Street Chop House, Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse, Osaka Japanese to name a few. With over 57 places for casual dining as well fast food and Fun Foods like Whitey's, it is easy to save enough in a year to get back your \$35 investment.

I have never been able to use half the book in a year's time and we always get our money's worth. See any youth or Pastor Tony to get yours while supplies last.

What a great way to help the No Limits Youth Program.

ROCK Center Policies & Priorities — Reminder to all!!

Ministry Priority — gym use

1. No Limits/AWANA/Weddings
2. Sonshine Ministry
3. Cornerstone Church Ministries
4. Ongoing Cornerstone sports groups
5. Church Members/Regular attendee's activities
6. Non Cornerstone Christian Ministries
7. Non Cornerstone activities — (excludes wedding receptions)

Rules for all functions:

1. To provide adult supervision for all participants and spectators.
2. That street shoes will not be worn on gymnasium floors, electrical outlets will not be altered.
3. To be responsible for carrying the proper insurance for the group's activity.
4. That the church and its agents shall not be held responsible for accidents, injuries, or the theft of personal property incurred by those parties authorized to use the facility.
5. To leave the facilities in good condition, comparable to the way they were prior in use.
6. To be responsible for any damage to equipment or property which occurs during or as a result of the use, and to report any damage to the church office.
7. To notify the church office in the event of a cancellation or variation of time.

Sonshine Community Ministries

Greetings to my fellow believers. Thank you to everyone who brought soup or dessert, to everyone who served and helped clean up after the Sonshine Ministries Soup Luncheon held on Sunday, Oct. 21. There was a wonderful turnout and \$1400.00 was raised to help support this ministry as we share God's love in this community. What a blessing this was. Thank you!!

I shared with those who were enjoying lunch about a little girl who had asked Jesus into her heart Sunday, the 18th. How sweet it was to hear her little voice praying to Jesus. Praise God! We had 15 children (ages 4-12) that Sunday for Sunday School and lunch.

Please set aside the date of Nov. 21 for our 2nd Annual "Strike Out for Sonshine Bowl-A-Thon". Families, Home Groups, ABF's, friends, co-workers consider being a team! After you sign up to bowl (there will be information and packets each Sunday at a table between ABF's and the church service and after the service) you'll ask people to sponsor you.

The end result will be a FUN way to help support Sonshine. Please pick up a packet with all the info SOON.

Soon you will see many ways to share during the Christmas season.

Sonshine will have several children and teens to "adopt". I know there will be many organizations asking for help, so I ask you to start planning now. This year might be difficult for "giving" families so we will try to make our requests as inexpensive as possible. I also understand that there will be many needs and that you can't help everyone. Right now I am thinking that for the children, one gift in the \$20.00 range and for the teens a \$20.00 gift card for a local store. I will have a table with names and sign up sheets soon. Because I also know people are very busy this time of year, if you wish to donate cash, I will do the shopping for you.

Please know that I appreciate the generosity of my Cornerstone family. I also appreciate the prayers that I know are going up for this ministry and myself. I came to Cornerstone about 13 years ago, hurting and broken. Little did I know that God could use that pain for His purposes. It is my greatest joy to be used by God and I will do so as long as He allows. Thank you for partnering with me and allowing me to serve.

By the way, there was a great article in the North Scott Press on Oct. 21 about Sonshine Community Ministries. I hope you get a chance to see it.

Jan Kloss (563-349-2342)

North Scott Community Thanksgiving Service

Cornerstone will be hosting this year's NS Community Thanksgiving Service **Sunday, November 22 @ 7:00 pm**. Cornerstone's worship team will be leading the worship service with a mix of contemporary worship choruses and one or two traditional Thanksgiving hymns. There will also be a time for congregational sharing, testimonies and giving thanks. The service will be held in the sanctuary.

Brad Gouwens, youth pastor at Long Grove Christian Church, will be giving the message.

There will also be a Thanksgiving offering of both food and money. The food will go to the North Scott Food Pantry. The money will go to the North Scott Clergy Group fund that is used to give money to CareLink for people in need.

Refreshments will be served in the ROCK Center following the service. *We strongly encourage Cornerstone people to attend this service that we are hosting and leading.*

Chili Lunch & Leaf Raking on Nov. 7

Following the volunteer leaf raking event on **Nov. 7** there will be a free, delicious chili lunch at the ROCK Center. This is a great opportunity for the volunteers to fellowship over some good eats and just relax after their hard work.

If you would like to help, here are the opportunities:

We need crock pots of chili
We need desserts
We need kitchen help, servers and clean up help.

Please contact Jan Kloss at 563-349-2342 if you can help. Thank you.

Special Christmas Events

Saturday, December 5th , Evening
Ladies Night Out

Saturday, December 12th 6:00 p.m.
50+ Christmas Party in ROCK

Friday, December 18th 12:30 p.m.
Assemble NS Food Pantry Baskets in ROCK

Sunday, December 20th AM Worship Service
PreK & K Christmas Program

Thursday, December 24th 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

November 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:30 a.m. Prayer AM Communion</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet at Pastor Tony's home</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Home Groups</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Seek & Soak, Heritage Church, RI</p>	<p>2 1:30 p.m. Moms-In-Touch at M. Crouch's</p> <p>6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery</p> <p>6:15 p.m. AWANA (K-6th grade)</p>	<p>3 7:30 p.m. College-Career -Singles at Idekers</p>	<p>4 6:30 a.m. Men at Cracker Barrel, Dav.</p> <p>6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery</p> <p>6:30 p.m. NL Vol. Mtg.</p> <p>6:55-8:45 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Prayer</p>	<p>5 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch at Mo Brady's, Dav.</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 10:00 a.m. Re-Leaf Fest with Chili following</p> <p>10:00 a.m. IBC Meeting Resumed, Pine Lake</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Respond Ministries Trivia Night</p>
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<p>22 8:30 a.m. Prayer</p> <p>NURSE OFFICE OPEN</p> <p>11:45 a.m. No Limits</p> <p>Parents/Lunch & Mtg.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. North Scott Area Youth Thanksgiving Dinner</p> <p>7:00 p.m. North Scott Thanksgiving Service at Cornerstone</p>	<p>23 1:30 p.m. Moms-In-Touch at M. Crouch's</p> <p>6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery</p> <p>6:15 p.m. AWANA (K-6th grade)</p>	<p>24 7:30 p.m. College-Career -Singles at Idekers</p>	<p>25 6:30 a.m. Men at Cracker Barrel, Dav.</p> <p>6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery</p> <p>No Youth Activities</p> <p>No Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 7:00 p.m. "Awake & Alive" Tour at Adler Theatre, Dav.</p>
<p>29 8:30 a.m. Prayer</p> <p>1st Sunday in Advent</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet at Pastor Tony's home</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Home Groups</p>	<p>30 1:30 p.m. Moms-In-Touch at M. Crouch's</p> <p>6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery</p> <p>6:15 p.m. AWANA (K-6th grade)</p>					

November Birthdays:

1 Ryan Doty
Eli Jones
Carroll Ramsey

2 Mark Bader
Deac Ryan

4 Sarah Proctor

7 Robert Brabant
Ava Perrin

8 Tresha Ambrosy
Alan Grimme
Nick Hansel

9 Leslie Skinner
Lori Swanson

10 Adam Wilke
Audrey Wilke

11 Marvin Van Ee

12 Jason Tkatch

13 Howard Keeney

14 Louise Collins
Sarah Wright

15 Susan Newsum
Lynden Zevenbergen

16 Linda Kemp

November Anniversaries:

2 Jody and Marcia Boddicker

3 Dennis and Mickey Blake

6 Robert and Amy Schladetzky

14 Rick and Lori Swanson

22 Tim and Kathy Doty

29 Scott and Teresa Bivens

30 Larry and Linda Jorgensen

18 Judy Dean
Mollie Hart
Judith Hodgett
Jann Stark

19 Larry Brewer
Heather Crouch
Richard Lindstrom
Dean Worthington

20 Jordan Hageman
Kim Hawley

23 Ian Hussey

25 Kevin Wohlford

27 Marcie Van Ee

28 Connor Nass

30 Ingrid Gerth
Ryan Reid

Vision Team Report

by Brent Bullock

“If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.” (Proverbs 29:18 The Message)

We have been asking God to reveal to us what He wants us to become and do in the next 3-5 years. With much prayer, we are exploring, inspecting and trying to discover what God is up to and where He’s directing us.

So far God has revealed the following themes to us:

- Freedom in our worship
- Being strong in the Spirit, strong in Scripture, and Strong in Service
- Higher standards of our worship based on reverence for God’s holiness, Christ-centeredness, theology, and for Him alone.
- Corporate repentance for our worship and spiritual gifts

We have been attentive to and have obeyed the Spirit’s leading for corporate repentance. As a result, God has blessed us as we have been attending to what He has revealed! Clearly, God is preparing us for the vision He has in store for us.

Additionally, we have been using some framework from the book “Church Unique” to help us establish our Kingdom Concept. We are seeking how we are “being free to live as God has created and called us to do in our unique setting.” (Church Unique) In order to do this, we focused on understanding where God has placed us, the passions He’s given us, and how He’s formed us. When we do this, we will begin to see His Kingdom Concept or that “big idea” that defines how we will glorify Him and make disciples.

Through our time seeking God’s direction, we realize God wants to enhance what He has blessed us with. God wants us to understand ourselves better and the spiritual gifts He’s

Thanksgiving Thoughts

The Pilgrims left Plymouth, England, on September 6, 1620. Their destination? The New World. Although filled with uncertainty and peril, it offered both civil and religious liberty. For over two months, the 102 passengers braved the harsh elements of a vast storm-tossed sea. Finally, with firm purpose and a reliance on Divine Providence, the cry of "Land!" was heard.

Arriving in Massachusetts in late November, the Pilgrims sought a suitable landing place. On December 11, just before disembarking at Plymouth Rock, they signed the "Mayflower Compact" - America's first document of civil government and the first to introduce self-government.

After a prayer service, the Pilgrims began building hasty shelters. However, unprepared for the starvation and sickness of a harsh New England winter, nearly half died before spring. Yet, persevering in prayer, and assisted by helpful Indians, they reaped a bountiful harvest the following summer.

given to us, both corporately and individually. God is asking us to deepen our knowledge about spiritual gifts through good Biblical teaching for all ages and through our Class 301. This is to further equip and help us serve with energy and passion the vision He is starting to reveal to us.

As we examined how God has formed us, it became quite clear that God has blessed Cornerstone with an abundance of spiritual gifts. This is something we are very grateful for but yet realize we are called to be good stewards. “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” (Luke 12:48) God has many big things planned for us!

We also began spending some time trying to assess our unique needs and opportunities in the community where God has placed us. We have looked at some demographic information, as well as, openly discussed with the school administration their needs. God has opened our eyes to some of the needs around us.

Prayerfully, we are starting to see and understand how God is bringing “how He formed us” and “the needs of our community” together. We are starting to sense God is revealing to us a vision that ultimately will lead us to reach kids and families with needs in and through our community schools. A vision like this will require our body to be unified and the Spirit and gifts of the Spirit fully functioning.

Please continue to pray for the vision, vision team, the vision process, for unity and for our protection as a body of believers. Your prayers are appreciated, helpful and working!

May He receive all the glory, honor and praise!

Faithfully serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

The Vision Team

The grateful Pilgrims then declared a three-day feast, starting on December 13, 1621, to thank God and to celebrate with their Indian friends. While this was not the first Thanksgiving in America (thanksgiving services were held in Virginia as early as 1607), it was America's first Thanksgiving Festival.

Pilgrims' Thanksgiving in these words: *"Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling [bird hunting] so that we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as... served the company almost a week... Many of the Indians [came] amongst us and... their greatest King, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought... And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet BY THE GOODNESS OF GOD WE ARE... FAR FROM WANT."*

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Contact Pastor Tony 285-8080

Juniors Retreat (2nd—5th grade) January 22-24, 2010
Contact Marvin Van Ee 285-9145

Junior High Retreat (6th—8th grade) February 19-21, 2010
Contact Pastor Tony 285-8080

Remember:
Saturday Evening, October 31st
Set your clock back 1 hour



Come and join us on Sunday Mornings:

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