

THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Scott's Perspective — "Accept One Another Just As Christ Accepted You"

My three daughters are all mothers now. They are all spiritually dynamic Christians married to men who are spiritually dynamic Christians. They all have a heart for serving the Lord and for reaching the vulnerable and serving the needs of "the least of these." They all grew up in the same family with the same parents, in the same homes, same neighborhoods, same schools, same churches, same children's and youth programs, same Christian teaching. They are only 4 years apart from oldest to youngest. They all got married within 2 ½ years of each other. All three were pregnant at the same time entering 2010. All three will be stay-at-home mothers – and wonderful Christian mothers.

The three families have much in common – and yet will be quite different from each other in how they raise their kids. For all their commonalities, my three daughters – and their husbands – are all quite different from each other in many ways, including how they express and live out their Christian faith.

All three of my daughters and sons-in-law would be valuable assets to any church. And yet it would be a rare church that would be able to accept and welcome and fully utilize all three of these couples due to some of their differences.

It is unlikely that my daughters' families would ever live in the Quad Cities or attend Cornerstone (they will be scattered all over the country and the nations serving the Lord). But I have wondered: *How well would my daughters and their husbands and their SHAPes be accepted at Cornerstone?*

I think Kyle and Erika would fit right into our church culture without any difficulties. Their

personalities, their theology, their lifestyles, their gifts would all be a good fit with our church, and they would easily make many good friends. Our church would welcome them with open arms.

Peter and Jill would be a little more of a stretch. Peter and Jill are as solid as can be in their doctrines and conduct, but they make some unconventional lifestyle choices. They are non-conformists. They research almost everything and then make careful, deliberate decisions based on what they think are the wisest and best choices – regardless of how many or how few people agree with them. **Diversity enriches us and helps us to become a more complete body of Christ. Greater diversity in the spirituality of our members will help us become a more spiritually dynamic body. Greater diversity in the SHAPes of our members will help us make a significant impact in more and different kinds of vulnerable families.**

Some of their choices are fairly "mainstream;" some are quite "different." (Not wrong, just different.) Some people and some churches have a hard time accepting people who are non-conformists.

Mo and Emily would be even more of a stretch. That will surprise some of you because Mo and Emily are so likeable, friendly, and winsome. And their passion for Christ is so attractive and contagious. But Mo and Emily have had some unusual spiritual experiences, and they enjoy a high level of intimacy with God, and the supernatural and miraculous are part of their "normal" Christian living and ministry. Some Christians and some churches are uncomfortable and uneasy with Christians who are too passionate, or experience unusually intimate communication with God, or manifest certain miraculous gifts. Mo and Emily might be "too spiritually dynamic" for some Christians who are more comfortable with lukewarmness than with red hot zeal.

Upcoming Events

- May 2 AM Communion 6:00 p.m. Congregational Prayer
- May 6 National Day of Prayer 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 7:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer in Prayer Room
- May 7 6:00-8:00 p.m. Smart Discipline Parenting Seminar in ROCK
- May 9 Mother's Day Nurse Office Open
- May 16 After AM- Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Lunch & Special Business Meeting
- May 19 6:55 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits Youth Group Sixth Grade Kickoff Registration deadline for Jr. High to Adventureland
- May 23 Pentecost Sunday Nurse Office Open AM Honor Grads
- May 28-31 Family Retreat at Pine Lake Christian Center, Eldora
- May 30 NSHS Graduation
- Mark Your Calendars for June 7-11 Vacation Bible School 8:45-11:30 a.m.

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Erika, Jill and Emily occasionally have some conflicts with one another because of their differences (though for the most part they love each other deeply and are quite close as sisters). They are all solidly evangelical in their doctrines and are living godly lives with their husbands. But they have some different convictions on some secondary issues. And they live out their faith in some different ways.

It would break my heart as a father if Erika and Emily came to me and said: “We don’t think Jill fits in our family any more because she and Peter are making some different choices. We don’t want them at our family gatherings any more. They can go with Peter’s family from now on.” Or if Erika and Jill came to me and said: “We don’t think Emily fits in our family any more because she and Mo have had some different experiences and have some different views on some issues. We don’t want them at our family gatherings any more. They can go with Mo’s family from now on.”

As a father, I love all three of my girls deeply – and equally. They – and their husbands -- all belong in our family. They need to love and accept one another – and even learn to appreciate and value and learn from their differences. It would be absolutely unacceptable to me to exclude one of them from our family gatherings because of certain differences. We are one family.

As a pastor, it would also break my heart if our church could not accept and welcome – and appreciate and value and fully utilize – all three of my daughters and sons-in-law and all that they bring to the table. Our church would be greatly enriched by any – and all – of them. They would all help us to become a more spiritually dynamic body making a significant impact in vulnerable families through our neighborhood schools. What a loss if we were to say to any of them: “You don’t fit here very well. You’re too different from most of us. You should go to some other church.”

Financial Report

After a strong finish to the fiscal year ending March 31, the new fiscal year starting April 1 has begun quite anemically in terms of giving. Giving to the General Fund (Church Budget) averaged \$8,099 per Sunday in April. The new fiscal year budget is \$10,194 / week. We carried a nice cushion into April in our checking account, but much of that is now gone.

The offering April 25 (Serve Fest) was only \$5,281 (about half of what we need). About one-third of our congregation chooses not to worship and not to serve on our Serve Fest Sundays. And people who don’t come to worship usually don’t give either. Serve Fest is one of the best and most strategic outreaches of our church. It fits in with our vision perfectly. There is something for every person of every age and every interest and ability to do. Please come to our next Serve Fest to worship, to give, and to serve.

Giving to the Building Fund in April totaled \$5,699. **We are now within a few thousand dollars and a few weeks of paying off our ROCK mortgage!**

Our Father in heaven loves all of His sons and daughters deeply – and equally. He commands us to love and accept one another – in one church family. The same basic kinds of differences that exist among Christians today also existed in the first century. Plus there was the Jew-Gentile issue. These differences created some tensions and conflicts in the NT churches. Yet the Apostle Paul NEVER suggested the solution was to split into multiple like-minded congregations in each city so that believers could worship and fellowship and serve with others who were more similar. No. There was one church body in each city, and all believers were members of that one church body. This idea of fellowshiping only with believers who are “just like you” is totally foreign to the NT.

It is too late in history to return to one church in each city. But I believe it breaks our Father’s heart when some of His children say to other believers: “You don’t fit here very well. You’re too different from most of us. You would be better off going to another church where people are more like you.”

Diversity enriches us and helps us to become a more complete body of Christ. Greater diversity in the spirituality of our members will help us become a more spiritually dynamic body. Greater diversity in the SHAPES of our members will help us make a significant impact in more and different kinds of vulnerable families. Some “different” people might not be an easy fit. God will produce growth and maturity in us as we “make room” for them.

May we be the kind of church family that welcomes anyone who loves Jesus. Regardless of their different views on this or that secondary issue. Regardless of their different personalities or religious backgrounds or socio-economic status. Regardless of their different ways of experiencing God. Regardless of their different spiritual gifts. May we be a church body that welcomes believers into our spiritual family on the same basis as our heavenly Father welcomes sinners into His Family: namely, saving faith in Jesus Christ. Period.

Special Business Meeting May 16

A special church business meeting has been called for Sunday, May 16, following the worship service and the youth mission trip fund-raiser lunch.

The main item of business is for the congregation to vote to give approval to the Deacon Board to begin the search process for the calling of a worship pastor. *This one of the priority action steps recommended by the vision team to help us become a spiritually dynamic body.* A second item of business is a church discipline matter to remove from church membership a church member involved in ongoing, unrepentant sin.

We need prayer — and NO gossip — for these vital issues. Please come this Sunday, May 2 @ 6:00 p.m. to pray for these and other important concerns.

A Word From Pastor Mark

Plans, plans, plans. We make them. We talk about them. We pray about them. We feel these are plans that God would affirm. But some plans work and some don't. Why is that? I think Proverbs 19:21 can give us insight. "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails."

The plan of taking a team to Haiti this summer is now in jeopardy. A few days after the Haiti informational meeting I received a call from the U.S. Coordinator for Open Door Haiti. A large group of doctors and nurses made plans to serve the same week we had previously secured. The Pastor in Haiti has given them priority over any teams that might be coming that week (understandably so). That means we are bumped from the late June to early July dates. Another date was offered to us for late July to early August. Several, including myself, are finding that date to be problematic.

A decision to put this trip on the shelf until next year is looming. Please pray that God would reveal His purpose and di-



rection for Cornerstone getting involved in Haiti. Is Haiti part of God's plans for Cornerstone but not the right timing? Several from Cornerstone believe that we are to be involved with helping Haiti. What we do not know is the timing of it. But God does so we seek Him.

We are still planning on helping Haiti this summer even if we do not physically go there. Lucy Schmidt, when serving in Haiti earlier this year, saw that Church of the Open Door had only a few bibles in the pews that many had to share. During Vacation Bible School, we will be using the missionary offering to purchase Haitian Bibles (Creole language) for the church. Pastor Wiljean (Pastor of Church of the Open

Door) can take the money we send and purchase bibles near the church for \$12 US (no postage costs!). So every \$12 we raise- one bible makes it into the pews. Let us give so that others may read God's living and life changing Word.

Smart Discipline Parenting Seminar – Friday May 7th

There will be a Smart Discipline Seminar at Cornerstone on Friday, May 7th from 6-8 p.m. The seminar is free and is open to all parents. Consider inviting your neighbors, co-workers to this event. Here is an excerpt from the website: "The Smart Discipline for Parents Seminar is a fast-paced, 2 hour seminar that teaches parents how to self-motivate their kids to follow the rules while, at the same time, instilling in them a sense of self-esteem. Jim Garnett, Nationally Certified Parent Trainer, is the seminar presenter. Jim brings to each seminar over 30 years experience in family counselor. With a delightful blend of humor and honesty, he identifies the problems that parents face, then offers practical solutions."

Jim Garnett wants to ask you this question: "Just answer this...would you come out of your snug home for a guaranteed

way to stop the fighting and bickering between your kids... or, to get your kids to do what you ask the first time (without screaming at the top of your lungs)? If your answer is yes, we have a great deal for you! We're bringing the nationally acclaimed **Smart Discipline** workshop to Cornerstone. You'll learn guaranteed ways to sky-rocket self-esteem (even in negative kids) and proven techniques to get your kids to cooperate!"

There will be childcare available. Please RSVP soon to secure your spot (especially if you have children). Please call Pastor Mark @ 285.8080 or send him an email (zev4cbc@netins.net).

Vision Moments

Pastor Scott would like to incorporate a 3-minute "Vision Moments" spot in our worship services once or twice a month. This would be an opportunity for church members, attenders and ministry leaders to share how they are participating in the vision or how a church ministry is aligning with the vision. We want to expose people to as many different ideas and opportunities as possible.

If you would like to share how God has used you to help fulfill the vision, please call Pastor Scott at 285-8080 or email him at ScottP1CBC@netins.net.

Support Soldiers & Families

Saturday, May 8th at Modern Woodmen Park

Please join the Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association of the United States Army and area sponsors as they honor our troops and their families at the QC River Bandits game.

Tickets are free to all Active, Guard & Reserve Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and their families. Tickets may be obtained by contacting Army Community Service at (309) 782-0829 or 1-877-882-0523.

Pastor Tony's No Limits News

As we look at the new vision statement and what it means for the No Limits program, we are very excited to be part of this vision and continue to grow as a spiritually dynamic body making a significant impact in vulnerable families through our neighborhood schools.

There is one color in our rainbow that needs to become more prominent to see this ministry continue to grow and sustain positive movement. As the Youth Purpose Team has been reading the book "Think Orange," imagine the impact when church and family collide...we see an essential that has to come together if we are to be effective in achieving this new vision. Orange is a color that catches your eye and stands out, in food it looks healthy, in emergencies it is protective or attention getting. It's the beauty of fall leaves or tranquil sunsets. It is the combination of two other colors on the color chart. Mix red and yellow, and you get orange.

If we look at yellow as the color of light ...the church's primary role in the world is to shine the light of God into the world. To take the truth of Christ to the youth that come from vulnerable families in our neighborhood schools; the church is yellow. The church is not only the light of the world, but it is to shine its light on Christ so all will come to Him. Red is the color of warmth and love. It is the color of the heart. And no one is positioned to love youth like the family. It is the design of God that family be the place where we learn to feel the love of God. Bringing these two major influences together, you get the color orange. The warmth and love of the family combined in mission to share the light of the church creates an instrument that catches your attention and totally focuses on Christ.

As the book states, "Many of us believe that both the church and the family are at a crossroads. It seems we have arrived at a potentially defining moment in society in which the church is losing its influence and the home is losing its heart." As the two have struggled to find the solution, "Some churches are embracing the idea that the church needs to become a substitute for the family, while others are endorsing a movement that encourages the home to become a substitute for the church. As a result, church and home represent a polarization of ideas instead of a convergence. Those who love yellow are determined to create brighter shades of yellow, while those who believe in red are determined to make richer, deeper versions of red. But what if the solution for the next generation is neither yellow nor red? What if the answer is both, blended in a new and radical way? What if the church and the home combined their efforts and began to work off the same page for the sake of the children?"

As the Youth Purpose Team looks toward the future of No Limits we wish to start thinking Orange. To help bridge the gap and meet the new vision with a more complete and unified focus. We want to see more Orange.

A couple of weeks ago we had a service project involving our Dusty Feet group. We had planned to do a prayer walk that night. One of our members had a need of assistance and we started by getting the youth together to take care of some yard work 1st. Then I divided the group into two groups and gave them instructions to each take a separate street and walk down the street praying as they felt led for each house on the way. I also encouraged them if they met anyone while walking to try and start a dialog with them and see if they had any prayer request. Sounds easy enough, has a little challenge and shouldn't be personally too scary for anyone in the

group. Well baby steps in prayer obviously were not on the menu this evening. Our youth went door to door asking each house if they had any special prayer need that the group could pray for. I was ecstatic at their boldness and willingness to get personal with strangers. I was also amazed at how open and vulnerable some of the requests were. Yes they even got the opportunity to have a few doors shut on them. Which is also cool, but the fact that the youth went the extra steps on their own and got to pray with people for some seriously personal request is an awesome experience. It is awesome to see God take little steps of faith and use them to grow deep spiritual trust in these young lives. They were all very excited about the opportunity to pray. Kind of felt like we just had church in the middle of town. Hope nobody tells the government.

May Upcoming Events:

- Sunday 2nd Sunday School Outing BBQ at Dickies
Must attend Sunday school to join us —
leave after church and get back close to 1:30
Cost \$5
- Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house 6:00 P.M.
Revelation Chapter 4
- Wednesday 5th No Limits Youth Ministry
6:55 pm – 8:45 pm
Overcoming Evil
- Sunday 9th Mothers Day
NO Dusty Feet
- Wednesday 12th No Limits Youth Ministry
6:55 pm – 8:45 pm
- Friday 14th Ladies Night OUT — \$5 Meet at church at
6:00 for dinner and event. TBA
- Sunday 16th Summer Mission Trip Fundraising
Luncheon — Spaghetti and Meatballs and
fixings after church
- Last Baccalaureate Planning meeting.
4:30 Faith Lutheran
- Dusty Feet Pastor Tony's house 6:00 P.M.
Revelations chapter 5
- Wednesday 19th No Limits Youth Ministry
6:55 pm – 8:45 pm
6th Grade Kick Off — All sixth graders and
parents invited to join No Limits .
**Early Registration Deadline for the Jr.
High Adventureland trip. June 7th,
Cost \$25, After today \$45**
- Sunday 23rd Senior Recognition during morning
Worship service
- North Scott Baccalaureate Service
7:00 pm High School Auditorium

Missions Moment

Today was a beautiful sunny warm spring day. I was able to spend some relaxing time enjoying God and his creation. Hopefully you have been able to do the same. While reading a Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) newsletter I was reminded that in many parts of the world being a Christian means the end of what we would call "normal" life. Consider Sidra's story taken from a recent VOM newsletter:

On Sept. 15, 2009 Sidra was with her brother when she was unexpectedly surrounded by 16 Muslim men. As the 15-year-old daughter of an evangelist Sidra know what would happen next. The men beat her brother and then kidnapped her...for the second time. Sidra continues to be held against her will.

Sidra has been kidnapped twice in the past two years because of her father's bold evangelistic work. Her father, Javed, holds monthly prayer meetings in his home and invites both Christians and Muslims. One of Javed's neighbors was infuriated that he held Christian prayer meetings, especially on Fridays, the Muslim day of prayer. To retaliate, the man and his mother kidnapped Sidra for the first time in February 2008.

They locked her in a room and forced her at gunpoint to sign marriage papers making her legally bound to her kidnapper. "Your father and your brothers have been thinking to themselves that they can do anything, like prayer meetings. We brought you here to teach a lesson to your father", the kidnapers told Sidra. She was held for six months.

I have omitted details of her captivity to make the article family friendly.

Thanks for the Prayer Room!

Here is a condensed letter I received recently. I will keep it anonymous...

"God has laid it on my heart to share this with you. A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to spend some very special quiet time with God. I sooo reaped benefits from doing this.

My daughter had an activity at church, and I usually run errands at that time to make the work week less hectic. God led me to see if the prayer room was occupied instead of running errands. It was available. I first got "comfy" and wrapped the cozy prayer shawl around me :) I prayed and asked God to direct this time and speak to me. He led me to look at the prayer books. I picked up *When Moms Pray Together* without even looking at any other books. I skimmed through it, with Him leading me to two particular stories that related to the burdens on my heart. I instantly felt His presence and a sense of peace/comfort. I prayed, cried some and copied many Scriptures, asking Him to guide me as a mother. I asked Him to show me how to respond and be the mother He intends me to be as I enter this new world of teenage parenting.

I praised God for this time and this place. I even dozed off at the end. I entered that room that day with heavy burdens on

Sidra returned to her family, but they live in fear that the kidnapper would abduct her again. He lived just minutes away from her family. They often saw him in their neighborhood. Still, their faith remained strong. Tragically, it did not take long before the fears of Sidra's parents were realized.

Sidra was at home with her family for just a year before she was kidnapped a second time by the same man. Her parents know who has her. They are struggling to get her back. Javed needs to hire a lawyer and pay court costs. VOM is currently providing assistance to him.

Though Sidra is half a world away in Pakistan I believe through prayer the people of Cornerstone can be strategic in her release. Please take a few minutes now to pray for Sidra. Not sure how to pray; here are some ideas:

Pray that Sidra will be returned soon.

Pray for Sidra's kidnappers that the Holy Spirit would soften their hearts and they would come to know Jesus Christ.

Pray for Sidra's parents that their faith will remain strong.

Let's each pray daily for Sidra's release for the next 30 days. That's one simple way we can each make a difference for eternity!

Submitted on behalf of the Missions committee by Lee Randall

Submitted by Teresa Bivens

my heart and tears in my eyes. When it was time to leave, I felt so refreshed and renewed. I enjoyed the setting and time with God. It felt like I had an entire weekend *vacation*, just with myself and God. It was a time I enjoyed and cherished more than ever. Some of the things I specifically prayed for that day, were addressed/answered in a very obvious way **the very next day!**

I pray at home all the time, in my very-busy home, and I know God hears me just as much there. I know He doesn't care where and when we pray, but I have always dreamed of having a comfy, peaceful, quiet place where I can truly relax and feel closer to Him. I was able to have that in the prayer room that afternoon, and I am truly thankful.

With that said, I want to thank you and the church for the opportunity and privilege to enjoy such a wonderful & peaceful place that the prayer room has to offer...to be alone and seek my Lord."

The prayer room is open for anyone at any time the church is open. Please contact me if you have any questions! Teresa

Week of Prayer – May 2, 5 & 6

by Teresa Bivens

Lately, I've noticed the following post more than once on facebook:

“President Obama has decided that there will no longer be a ‘National Day of prayer’ held in May. He doesn’t want to offend anyone. Where was his concern about offending Christians last January when he allowed the Muslims to hold a day of prayer on the capitol grounds. As an American Christian ‘I am offended.’ If you agree, copy and paste no matter what religion you are. This country was built on freedom!!”

Question: **Even if this were true (which it is not – check it out on snopes.com), would it even matter?** Imagine all the howling from Christians if the President or Supreme Court or Congress were to cancel the National Day of Prayer. Yet how many of those Christians will actually attend a prayer meeting on May 6 – or anytime that week? What’s the point of a National Day of Prayer if Christians do not actually get together to pray on that day?

I am mindful of the many persecuted Christians around the world – living in countries that are not free like the U.S. – who risk their lives to gather for prayer...and do it joyfully and with gratitude for the privilege of prayer...and yet we

Moldova Mission

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. The tentative dates for the summer Moldova Mission trip are August 5-17.

This is a multi-faceted mission that includes a **medical clinic**. Nurses, doctors and other medical professionals are needed to help in this area. People who can help the patients find the right pair of **reading glasses** give them a **Bible** and / or **pray for the patients** and **share the gospel** with them are also needed. There is a **VBS** for the children. This is held at the same time and place as the medical clinic. Here the children hear Bible Stories, sing songs, do crafts, play games and have a fun time. “Workers” are needed to have fun

Americans can’t drag ourselves off our couches long enough to take advantage of the religious freedom that others died to give us. Instead, we (self-inclusive word) choose to ridicule the government and point fingers and fret and stew about how things that we think need to change. We have the greatest instrument for change at our fingertips - prayer! Let’s use this freedom boldly. Let’s gather together on May 6 (as well as the 2nd and 5th) to pray.

Sunday evening, May 2 – 6:00 – Prayer for the Vision

We will start in the sanctuary with worship through music and then those that want to go out to pray at local schools will be dismissed to do so. Others will stay in the sanctuary to pray. Families, bring your children and pray together! Our goal attendance is 80.

Wednesday, May 5 – 7:00 – Prayer meeting is leaving the building!

This will be the first of several prayer walks this summer (not weekly). We will meet at the church (in the ROCK foyer) at 7:00 and then go out together to prayer walk in specific areas of the community. Watch the bulletin for destinations. On the 5th – Eldridge City Hall, Police, Fire, NS School Admin. Bldg.

Thursday, May 6 – 7:00 – National Day of Prayer

Meet in the prayer room to pray together for our nation.

with the children and share the message of Jesus with them. At the end of the day they watch **the Jesus for Children video**. They have a chance to respond and many indicate that they prayed to ask Jesus into their lives!!

If you have a desire to help others in need and share the Gospel with people and have some respond favorably you are needed!! While this is called a “Medical Mission” you do NOT need to be a medical professional (although they are also needed) to participate in a Moldova mission trip.

If you would like more information, please call **Lucy Schmidt at 563-343-5170**.

May 2010



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2 8:30 a.m. Prayer AM Communion After AM NL SS Class to Dickies BBQ 4:00-5:30 p.m. Puppets 6:00 p.m. Congregational Prayer 6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet at Pastor Tony's home	3 No Moms-In-Touch 6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery 6:45-7:45 p.m. Center- shot Ministries	4 7:30 p.m. College-Career -Singles at Idekers	5 6:30 a.m. Men at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery 6:30 p.m. NL Vol. Mtg. 6:55-8:45 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits Youth 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg.	6 National Day of Prayer 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch at Cracker Barrel 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK 7:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer-Prayer Room	7 6:00-8:00 p.m. Smart Discipline Parenting Seminar/ROCK	8
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16 8:30 a.m. Prayer After AM Puppets to Sonshine Ministries After AM Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Lunch & Special Business Mtg. 4:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Meeting/Faith Lutheran 6:00 p.m. Dusty Feet at Pastor Tony's home	17 1:30 p.m. Moms-In- Touch at M. Crouch's 6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery 6:45-7:45 p.m. Center- shot Ministries	18 7:30 p.m. College-Career -Singles at Idekers	19 6:30 a.m. Men at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery 6:30 p.m. NL Vol. Mtg. 6:55-8:45 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High No Limits Youth — 6th Grade Kick Off 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. <i>Registration deadline for Jr. High Adventureland</i>	20 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	21	22
23 8:30 a.m. Prayer Pentecost Sunday Nurse Office Open AM Honor Grads 1:15 p.m. Puppets to DeWitt Nursing Home 7:00 p.m. North Scott Baccalaureate	24 1:30 p.m. Moms-In- Touch at M. Crouch's 6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery 6:45-7:45 p.m. Center- shot Ministries	25 4:00 p.m. Children's Purpose Team Mtg. 7:30 p.m. College-Career -Singles at Idekers	26 6:30 a.m. Men at Cracker Barrel, Dav. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Archery 7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. 8:15 p.m. Deacons	27 6:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball/ROCK	28 <i>May 28-31 Family Retreat at Pine Lake Christian Center, Eldora</i>	29
30 8:30 a.m. Prayer NSHS Graduation	31 Memorial Day					June 7-11 Vacation Bible School 8:45-11:30 a.m.

May Birthdays:

1	Ashley Crouch	17	Keith Curry Brennan Reid
2	Luanna Brabant Jaclyn Green Alannah Skinner Barb White	18	Vicky Becraft Mickey Blake Kyle Perrin Barry Shaw
3	Brenna Bullock Kaitlyn Crouch Adam Lacey	19	Brooklyn Bullock
4	Kirsten Munson Marianna VonMuenster	20	Stacy Phipps Susie Schmidt
7	Nicholas Boddicker Logan Eliassen Harold Hodgett Emily Truong	21	Linda Segerfeldt
8	Pastor Scott Pearson Amanda Henry Sheldon Phipps	22	Kaleb Henry Adam Kennedy Dee McGimpsey Andrea Zevenbergen
9	Shelbie Hagge Clarissa Rowe Stephanie Skadal	24	Connie Beer Jennifer Kabel
10	Betty Carter	25	Debbie Aisenbrey Isaac Brewer Vanessa McNeely
11	Liz Arter	26	Don Ryan Jim Yetter Pastor Mark Zevenbergen
12	Judy Saxton	27	Rob Beer Cheryl Hageman
13	Aaron Schwartz	28	Gaylon Ideker Joyce Kelly Thelma Skadal
14	Rachel Newton	31	Adam Major
16	Kevin Munson Michelle Paulus		

May Anniversaries:

1	Charles and Cheryl Hageman
2	Doug and Shanna Drinnon
4	Charles and Bea Dreuter Bill and Ingrid Gerth
19	Gerald and Judith Hodgett
25	Patrick and Julie Lonergan
26	Bill and Nancy Hagge
27	Lonny and Shawnelle Eliassen
29	Gaylon and Andrea Ideker

The UrbanEdge May 2010

Dear Cornerstone Family,
Please pray for us this month. Following are our requests and needs:

Terry is working towards a lighter work schedule to be able to devote more time to ministry. We have so many opportunities but little time and energy to follow up on them. As our children get older and more expensive, the income from Terry's job is so important.

Please pray for Luke's college decisions. Please pray for our son Dominic who is just recently out of prison and trying to follow Christ in an atmosphere of temptation. Also for Seth who is going to be attending University of Iowa in the fall and for Chaz who is attending school in Las Vegas and is not walking with Christ. Pray that Adam is a strong witness to his friends at North Scott and for Moses' whose birth parents are still around and not accepting of the court's decisions and have made several attempts to cause conflict.

Pray for a mom who has been attending church on Sundays with her children. Pray that we can be a strong support for her as she is trying to do the right thing for her kids. She is attending the Celebrate Recovery program at Adventure. Please pray as we make summer plans and get kids to Camp at Wildwood Hills Ranch.

Also, we praise God for the wonderful youth group experience that four of our kids are having at Cornerstone on Wednesday nights. The Cornerstone teens are accepting and warm.

We will be starting a new afternoon Sunday school at Grace Brethren, please pray that we are able to do effective outreach in the neighborhood.

Please pray as the Holy Spirit leads.

In Christ,
Terry and Lori Major

Women's Summer Bible Study

"Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer

A six-week DVD series with study guide

Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible Study from author and speaker Priscilla Shirer is designed to help you know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through His Word, you will be able to discern God's voice from the voice of strangers. The Member Book contains about 30 minutes of personal study for five days each week.

Tuesday, evenings 7-9 p.m. June 15-July 20
Thursday, mornings 9-11 a.m. June 17-July 22

Register before May 23rd. Sign up will begin May 2nd in the ROCK and Narthex.



Sonshine Community Ministries

Dear Cornerstone Family,
Words cannot express my gratitude for all the help we had with the Sonshine Luncheon on Sunday, April 18. I would like to thank everyone by name, but there were so many I'm afraid I would miss someone. Thank you so much for helping in the kitchen, serving, and clean-up. Thank you so much for bringing desserts and salads, they were delicious. And thank you for your generosity; \$2368.00 was given in the free-will offering.

Your support will enable Sonshine Community Ministries to continue to do the work God has called us to do...serving those in our community with both spiritual and physical needs.

Thank you and God Bless. Jan Kloss

Family News

Congratulations to:

Chad and Tiffany Guge on the birth of their first child, Emma Faith, born on April 1st. She weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 1/2" long.

Pastor Scott and Beth on the birth of their third grandchild born to Jill and Peter Swanson who reside in England. Juliann Eve was born on April 22nd weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces.

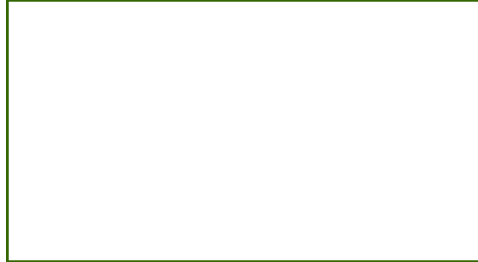
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God Uses VBS to Change Lives in Our Communities

Glory to God for ALL the 66 plus servants that came to help build the set & serve the week of, those countless people who brought in items, and those who helped with planning last year. It took us ALL to handle the 200 plus kids that came.

All these volunteers may seem like a lot of help (and it is!), but honestly our community is growing and so does the total of children that come every year. These children need God's Word and love in their lives. What an amazing impact we can ALL make for His Kingdom in our community. Even if you can't physically be there you can help, ask how! It's not just the kids' lives that are being transformed, the parents and families are being reached too.

* If you know ANY neighborhood child that would like to come this week, invite them. If you find you have extra time that week, come stop by, we'd love to have you serve with us! *



WHEN: June 7th – June 11th

TIME: 8:45am – 11:30am

WHO: Anyone K-6th Grade Fall 2010
(Preschool & Nursery for adult workers only)



Come and join us on Sunday Mornings:

Sunday School Opportunities

for the Family

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

10:10 a.m.