



CORNERSTONE
Evangelical Presbyterian Church



Newsletter

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From the Pastor

For many people, spring is the best time of the year. Spring isn't simply when new grass begins to grow and the trees begin to bloom, it is also a regular reminder of God's story of redemption. The warmth of spring that brings forth life from the cold barrenness of winter is a reminder that at the resurrection of Jesus, new creation was launched. As ministers and ambassadors of God's kingdom, we have the unspeakable privilege of joining Jesus on His mission of renewal. We bring the light of the gospel to dark places and the life of Jesus to barren spaces.



As you are out enjoying God's good creation this year, be reminded that as nature proclaims the glory of God, so the seasons teach us about the fulfillment of His mission.

Grace and Peace.

- Pastor Chris Winans

About Pastor Chris Winans

Pastor Chris Winans joined the staff in 2013 after completing a Masters of Divinity degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. Pastor Chris stepped into the position of Lead Pastor in 2018. He has a passion for engaging and equipping people to have a growing journey in Christ while seeking out the answers to difficult questions that hinder faith in a hostile world. Chris also holds a Bachelor of Music Education and a Masters in Music Performance from the University of Northern Colorado, and worked for 5 years as a jazz director and educator before being called to pastoral ministry. He resides in Brighton with his wife Carey and 3 children.

Church Life

Anniversaries

We believe marriage is a commitment made before God and proudly celebrate our Church families' anniversaries!

Congratulations to:

Jim & Sara Starnes celebrating 20 years of marriage!
Jeff & Nancy Steffe, celebrating 20 years of marriage!
Ken & Maria Foster, celebrating 25 years of marriage!
Mark & Nancy Oeffner, celebrating 30 years of marriage!
Kevin & Kim Traud, celebrating 30 years of marriage!
Craig & Mary Cowell, celebrating 50 years of marriage!
Jim & Kathryn Allie, celebrating 40 years of marriage!
Dean & Theresa Van Conant, celebrating 40 years of marriage!
Denny & Sharon Tanis, celebrating 45 years of marriage!
John & Linda Acuff, celebrating 50 years of marriage!
John & Carol Grill, celebrating 50 years of marriage!
Rich & Mary Jane Bender, celebrating 50 years of marriage!
Bill & Sandy McGahey, celebrating 50 years of marriage!

Congregational Meeting

June 3, immediately following the 11:30am service.

There will be a Congregational Meeting where members will be approving the annual budget, including terms of call for our EPC Pastors. Information packets are available.

Numbers at a Glance

	February	March	April
Average Weekly Attendance:	974	1,159	1,324
Average Weekly Offerings:	\$64,735	\$67,257	\$69,055
Year to Date Giving Actual:	\$2,462,774	\$2,731,801	\$3,077,078
Year to Date Giving Target	\$2,466,667	\$2,775,000	\$3,083,334
Weekly Giving Target: \$71,154*			
Year to Date Spending Actual:	\$2,606,448	\$2,917,310	\$3,179,684
Weekly Spending Needs: \$74,038*			

*Consistent with budget approved in June 2017.

Church Life



"...so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."
-Romans 12:5

Bus Drivers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to drive the church bus for Cornerstone events and activities on an as needed basis! If interested, please contact Dave Schilstra at dutchflier@aol.com, or Carl Wades at cwades87@gmail.com. To volunteer for this position you will need a chauffer's license with a clean driving record.

Parking Lot

More people means a fuller parking lot! If you are a regular attender and are physically able, help us ease frustration and make room for visitors, by parking on the east side of the building (the school side). This will allow visitors and those less mobile to have nearby open spaces to park. Please be careful to only park in designated spots and avoid parking on the grass or at the end of the aisles.

Front Office

Needing to drop off items for staff ? We now have a 'Staff Mailbox' basket at our front desk! How about leaving an item for a ministry? We have a 'Ministry Drop-Off' basket too. Please use these baskets for ease of exchanging ministry-related items with others.

Joy Team

As we strive to love, welcome, and connect with the family at Cornerstone we will need many new volunteers to serve once a month! Will you commit to pray and seek where God wants to use you? Pick up your copy of the JOY TEAM Serving Schedule at the front desk or contact Sally Jo at sjfriday@cornerstoneforlife.com for more information.

Church Life

4th of July Parade

Cornerstone is looking to be a part of the Brighton community by entering a float in this year's 4th of July Parade! The theme and design are already in place, but we need your help to be artistic advisors, willing hands to make this happen, a hay wagon and truck with a hitch. Let us know if you can help at sjfriday@cornerstoneforlife.com. Plan to be a part of: Meeting/Planning on Thursday, June 14 at 7pm.

Build/Create on Thursday June 28, 6-8pm

Build/Create on Thursday July 2, 6-8pm.

4th of July Weekend - Student/Kids Programming

On Sunday, July 1 there will be programming for infant—kindergarten and no class for students. We invite families to attend worship together!

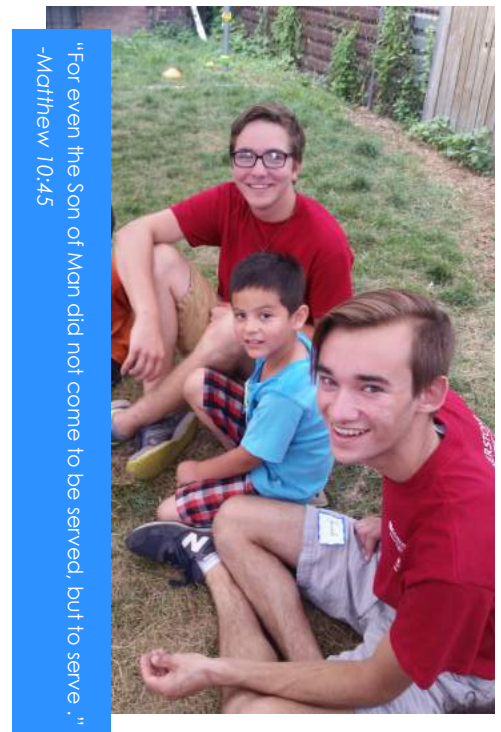
Outreach

Military Ave VBS

July 23-26

We are so excited to serve our neighbors in Detroit by helping host the annual Vacation Bible School at Military Avenue Church! To make this event happen, we need your help! Would you consider joining us as we share the truth and love of Jesus with the children and community of Detroit? Not only will you bless others, but you will be blessed by this opportunity to serve.

To sign-up to volunteer, see us at Events Registration on July 1, 8, & 15.



“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.”
-Matthew 10:45

Red Sea Project



We Need You to Make This Happen!

We are very excited to present our hallway and nursery remodeling project! Consider giving above and beyond your tithe to help us raise \$50,000. Designate donations to 'Red Sea Project' and drop it in the offering plate, at the front desk, or give online at cornerstoneforlife.com/give.

If you would like to donate your craftsmanship or time, please contact Bonny Linder at blinder@cornerstoneforlife.com.



From the Field



Tim and Lisa C. serve in Chiang Mai, Thailand with the Jesus Film Project, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International.

Tim is an audio engineer who records, edits and mixes new language versions of *The Jesus Film* throughout East Asia, SE Asia, and Pakistan. *The Jesus Film* is the book of Luke in movie form used around the world to share the gospel, especially with those who do not have a written translation of the Bible in their heart language. The film has been translated into more than 1,600 languages and viewed more than four billion times. It is the mission of the Jesus Film Project to give everyone the opportunity to hear the gospel in their own language.

Tim also trains partners from other organizations such as SIL/Wycliffe, IMB, and YWAM to record the film so that he can complete many more languages each year than he could do by himself. He has trained nationals who are now working in countries that are very hostile to the gospel (and where he cannot easily go), and is looking forward to training a new team of nationals in Nepal later this fall. Last year 20 new languages were completed through the Chiang Mai Studios.

Lisa is the director of the Extension Services Division (ESD) at Grace International School. ESD provides support services to homeschooling missionary families throughout Thailand. The goal is to keep missionaries on the field who might otherwise need to return home due to their children's educational needs. GIS serves 550 students from 37 nations whose parents serve with 97 missions organizations in 12 countries in the 10-40 window.

Bethany, Ellie and Micah are 17, 15 and 15 years old. Bethany is looking forward to her senior year of High School this fall.

Tim and Lisa C. will be at Cornerstone on June 17. Please join them in the Celebration Center Classroom at 10:30 during Hunt Through the Bible.

Mission Trips

Tennessee, July 7 – 13

Open to all family members ages eight and above

LAST CALL! The application deadline has been extended to June 3.

Join us as we partner with *Of One Accord Ministry* in Appalachia East Tennessee. You will have the opportunity to serve some of the lowest income families in the nation. The varied activities allow for members of all ages and skill levels to actively contribute to the team and impact lives for Christ. The estimated cost of this trip is \$350 per person. Team leadership will be provided by Tracy Kretlin, Tom McCarthy and Jay Chamberlin. If you are interested in this trip, please attend the next team meeting on Sunday, June 3 at 11:30 in the Celebration Center Classroom. If you are not able to attend the meeting, reach out to a team leader prior to June 3.

Wisconsin, August 5 – 12

Open to all; directed towards Student Ministry Families

Join us as we partner with supported missionaries, Benjamin & Ashley Dewing and Don & Teleka Dewing of *Midwest Indian Mission* in Crandon, Wisconsin. We will serve directly in ministry with Potawatomi and Chippewa Peoples along with completing work projects and helping with an evening VBS. Students entering 6th grade and above can participate with parent(s); students entering 10th grade and above can participate with or without parents. The estimated cost of this trip is \$400 per person. Application deadline and the first team meeting is June 10. Team leadership will be provided by Eric & Heather Major.

Puerto Rico, Coming This Fall

Open to adults only

Join us as we partner with *EPC World Outreach* and *Praying Pelican Missions* on a disaster relief trip. Team leadership will be provided by Tom McCarthy. More details to follow.

Guatemala, December 27, 2018 – January 6, 2019

Open to all family members ages nine and above

Join us as we partner with *Friends of Children Everywhere*. We will serve at *Casa Bernabe Orphanage* along with other projects off site. The estimated cost of this trip is \$1,875 per person. Team leadership will be provided by John & Margaux Krause and Tom McCarthy. More details to follow.

Is God calling you to go? Is God calling you to help send others? Is God calling you to faithfully pray for these trips? How will you respond?

**For additional information on all mission trips, contact Amy Rose | arose@cornerstoneforlife.com
Applications are available at the Missions Area in the Celebration Center and online at cornerstoneforlife.com/mission-trips/**

Children

Vacation Bible School

June 25-28, 9:30am-12:30am

You won't want to miss this year's VBS! Kids ages 4- 6th grade, join us as we learn to be a part of One Team. One God. One Goal. One Game.

Register online at cornerstoneforlife.com/children.

We have several volunteer needs including registration, kitchen crew, coaches, and assistants. We are also accepting donations for supplies. Please see donation list on the next page. If you are interested in volunteering or helping in one of these areas, please contact Bonny Linder at 810-494-4022 or blinder@cornerstoneforlife.com.

SpringHill Day Camp

August 6-10, 9:00am-4:00pm | Register early and save!

Your kids will love SpringHill Day Camps. From the climbing wall to the water slides, to the silly songs and amazing counselors, a week at SpringHill is an experience your family won't want to miss. We hire the best staff to teach your kids about God, they get to be a part of a team all week, and they get to try new and exciting things...all in your neighborhood. Cost \$219.

Scholarships: Sponsor a child to go to camp. Donations can be put in the offering designated "[CE Scholarship 81478](#)" on the memo line. Give any amount.

Nominate a Neighbor: Suggest a friend or neighbor who may never get the chance of sending their kids to camp without a scholarship.

Volunteers needed: Contact Amanda Abla at amandaabla@gmail.com or 810-610-2806.

We still need:

- 9 people for Registration Monday, Aug 6th from 8:15 - 9:30
- 7 homes to host counselors
- 1 dinner host for Thursday, Aug 9th
- 2 kitchen helpers

Sizzlin' Summer Sundays

Sundays in August, 9:45-11:00am

Kids grades 1-4 and their parents, join us every Sunday in August beginning at 9:45am to connect and have fun learning together. We will enjoy breakfast together before we break away into an engaging class for parents while your children dig deeper into the lesson through purposeful and fun activities.

Invite a Friend!

Invite a friend to VBS, SpringHill and Sizzlin' Summer Sunday by picking up a postcard at Events Registration or at the Front Desk!

VBS Donation List

Non-Perishable Donation Requests

(Please drop donations in the blue bins)

LOTS (**hundreds of rolls**) toilet paper
(72 rolls total) King's Hawaiian rolls (24ct packs Costco, 12ct packs GFS)
Log cabin syrup twin pack, 64oz each (Costco)
42oz Old Fashion Oats
(2) 36ct Nature's Bakery Fig Bar variety pack (Costco) DAIRY FREE SNACK
(2) 90ct Mott's Medley fruit snacks (Costco) NO ARTIFICIAL COLORS or FLAVORS, GF
(2) 2ct Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing 40oz (Costco)
(2) 280ct Ziploc snack bags (Amazon)
(4) Natural wood clothes pins set 100 (Amazon)
(6) 58oz Pepperidge Goldfish crackers (Costco)
(4) 12.8oz Chex – Rice or Corn (Meijer)
(1) 250ct 2.5lbs paper food trays (GFS)
(14) 28ct 12oz Gatorade Variety Pack (Costco)
(10) 23oz Boomchickapop Kettle Corn bags (Costco)
(6) 54ct 9oz paper cups (Meijer)
(10) 50ct 6oz all purpose white paper cups (Amazon)
(4) 95ct family pack 8.5" ultra medium weight plates (Meijer)
(20) 16 oz. bags tiny twist pretzels
(12) bags Twizzlers strawberry red licorice
(8) burlap gunny sacks
(4) whistles
(30) glue sticks
(50) black permanent Sharpie Markers
(600) wet wipes
40 transparent scotch tape

Perishable Donation Requests

(Sign-up at the VBS Registration table)

7) 40oz french toast sticks (GFS \$6.99/each)
(4) 32ct Gogurt portable yogurt (Costco \$7.99/each)
(7) boxes fully cooked breakfast sausage links (12 ct.)
(4) 2 dozen eggs (Costco \$2.99/each)
(2) 40ct Pillsbury crescent rolls (Costco \$3.97/each)
1.5lb cheddar cheese slices, 32 slices (GFS \$5.79)
1.5lb provolone cheese slices, 32 slices (GFS \$5.79)
(3) 3lbs Kirkland extra lean ham, 24 servings (Costco \$7.99/each)
10lbs variety of berries
(5) 32oz Yoplait plain/vanilla (Meijer \$2.89/each)
(6) 5lb bags of baby carrots (Costco)
(5) 60ct Frigo string cheese (Costco)
(4) boxes small frozen Eclairs (Aldi)
(4) boxes small frozen Cream Puffs (Aldi)
(16) 11.25 oz. bags Hostess Mini Donettes
Celery sticks (Meijer)
Cucumber slices/sticks
(10) seedless watermelon
(20) 5 lb. grapes
Yellow mustard
Brown sugar 2 lbs. Butter 2.5c honey 1.5c olive oil 1.5 maple syrup

Students



Mrs. Friday's Last Teaching

June 10, 10:00am

7UP on Sunday mornings will only have Mrs. Friday teaching for a few more weeks. Please plan to have your student attend the 7UP class on SUNDAY, JUNE 10th to be a part of Sally Jo's last teaching to the students! This will be a powerful lesson for the students and so prayers are requested for the words to be taught on June 10th to be declared clearly and with boldness!

7UP Promotion Sunday

June 17, 10:00am

8th graders will check-in to the 7UP classroom (East Side of Gym) at 10am as usual. A fun and memorable 7UP Power Point of the last two years in review will be presented, and an 8th Grade Student Challenge will be given!

Mid-way through the morning class, the 8th graders will then be promoted and escorted to the student center and join the High School 180 class!

7UP Service Project

June 25-28, 9:30am-12:30pm

Calling all 7th and 8th grade students to join the Cornerstone VBS leadership team. Please mark your calendar and register to serve! **VBS – June 25th-28th 9:30am to 12:30pm**

Graduation Sunday

June 10, during 11:30 service.

As the 2017-18 school year winds down, it is time for us as a church to honor our graduates. We will do this during the 11:30 service on Sunday, June 10th. If you have a student graduating high school or college, please provide us with the following by Friday, June 1st so that we can put together the display and the slideshow:

1. Their full name as you wish for it to be displayed
 2. Where they are graduating from (e.g. Brighton High School)
 3. What their current plans are for next year (e.g. University of Michigan, Mechanical Engineering)
 4. An up-to-date "head shot" photo, such as a Senior Picture, in digital form (.jpg or .png)
- Please email all of this information to emajor@cstoneepc.com.

Cornerstone Christian School



Member Tuition Discount

Did you know that members of CEPC receive a discounted tuition rate for their children/grandchildren to attend Cornerstone Christian School? We also have a rigorous tuition assistance program. Call 810-494-4040 for more information. CCS - Education for Eternity!

Enrolling Now!

Since 1999, Cornerstone Christian School has provided a rigorous academic program, keeping Christ at the center. With devoted teachers and small class sizes, CCS teaches from a Biblical worldview and educates the whole child spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and socially. At CCS we offer: Preschool (3 year olds) through 8th grade, extended care, arts, athletics, clubs, and up-to-date technology. We focus on partnering with parents who desire to raise their children to love and obey God.

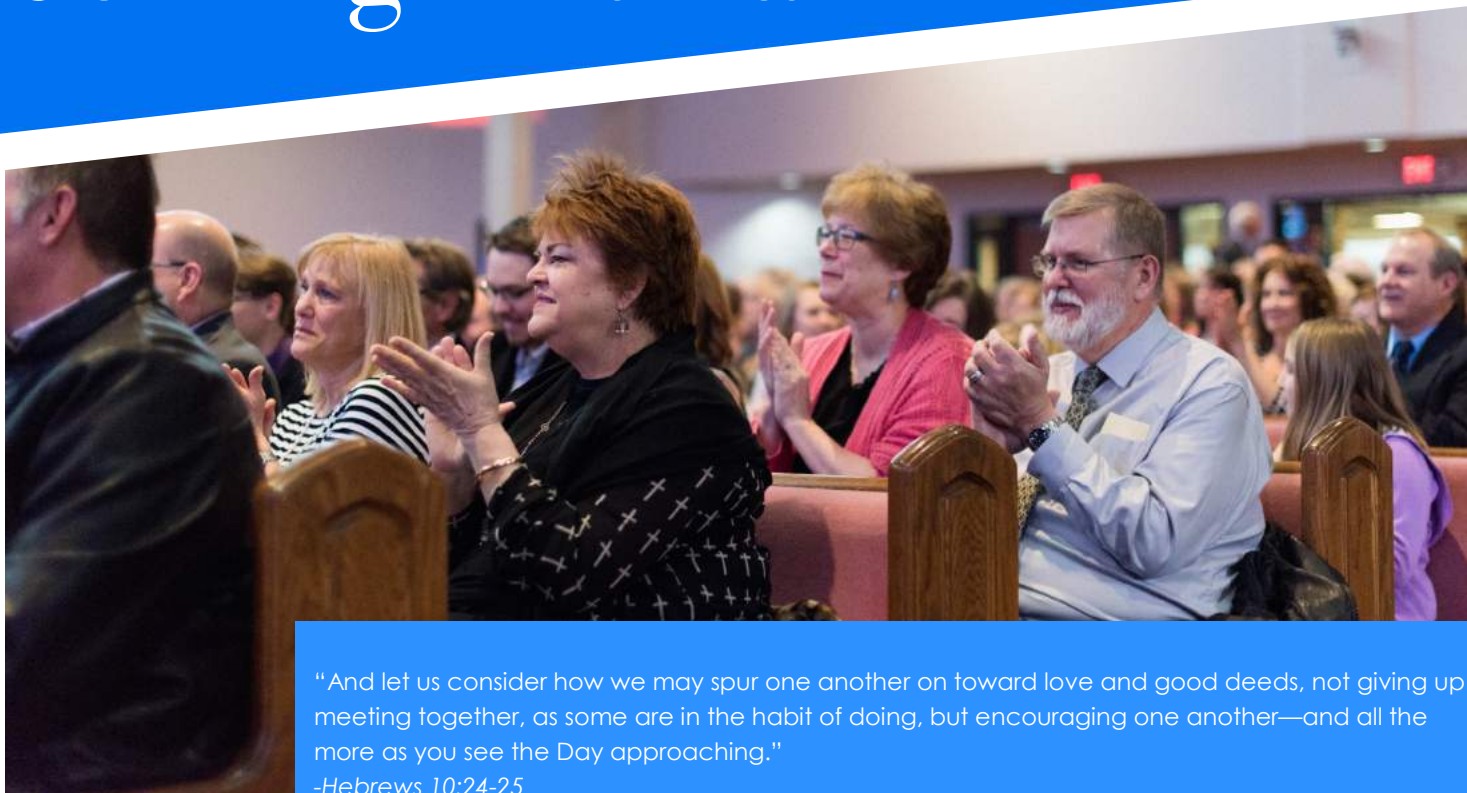
We're Hiring!

CCS is currently accepting applications for:

- Elementary Teacher
- Middle School Teacher

Applicants must have a valid State of Michigan Teacher Certificate and be a mature follower of Christ. Please contact the school office (810-494-4040) for more information.

Coming this Fall



"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

-Hebrews 10:24-25

Aiming to Serve

Where might God ask you to serve this coming year?

Between services in the Celebration Center on Sunday, August 19, ministries from Cornerstone and the community will have tables with information and representatives available to help you find the perfect place to get connected and use the gifts the Lord has given you to serve others.

Fall Kick-Off

Be sure to save-the-date for our Wednesday night Kick-off on September 12, followed by the beginning of adult, student and children's programming on September 19!

Small Groups are a Big Deal!

The Christian life is meant to be lived out in community. Some exciting new things are coming in the Fall of 2018! More details on our small group initiative will be shared with you in the coming months.