



CORNERSTONE
Evangelical Presbyterian Church



Newsletter

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From the Pastor

What is the center of your life? We all have things in our lives that are important to us: our families, our friendships, our jobs, our possessions, our reputations, our health, our faith, as well as many others. One of those things, however, tends to take center stage as most important. Whatever that thing or concern is tends to re-configure or 're-frame' the entirety of our lives. Just as the sun and its gravitational force determines the orbit of the planets, so what is most important to us determines the orbits of the sources of meaning in our lives. Wait...what??? For instance, let's say your family becomes the center of gravity; what's most important. Wouldn't that 're-frame' decisions about time spent at work, the meaning of faith, as well as the role and importance of possessions? Imagine how those same things would be 're-framed' if your career was the center.



PASTOR CHRIS WINANS

In our next sermon series we are going to be exploring together the book of Colossians where the apostle Paul 're-frames' our lives in the light of the Lordship of Christ. How would your life and mine look different if Jesus was the center?

- 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

God is at Work

The Heart of a Child

There was little boy who had been apprehensive to come into Sunday school classes for a few weeks, and struggled to participate comfortably in any of the activities. He needed active assistance from a one-on-one helper to "survive" the hour.

On the other hand there was a little girl who was very comfortable and confident in class even to the point of "insisting" on too much attention because she always has so much to share and is very well versed in Bible stories.

When this little girl very naturally included the little boy in her "secret whisperings " a few times during story time, the little boy responded so positively that he soon started to participate more confidently in all activities. Her acceptance of him as just another classmate she could be "mischievous " with, made him feel at home.

As much as we work to help each child enjoy our classes, we are touched by the hearts of children, showing love and kindness, to accomplish what we couldn't.

Anniversaries

[We believe marriage is a commitment made before God and proudly celebrate our Church families' anniversaries!](#)

Congratulations to:

Jay & Ronda Savalle, celebrating 25 years of marriage!

Ralph & Jean Porter, celebrating 30 years of marriage!

Babies

Congratulations to Phil and Virginia Kofahl on the birth of daughter, Emily Ann. Welcomed home by siblings James and Rachel. Proud grandparents are Curt and Linda Kofahl.

Thank you

Dear Cornerstone Family,

We would like to thank you so much for the beautiful plant arrangement you sent for Dan's father's (Dick Forster's) funeral-home going. We also appreciate all the hugs, words of encouragement, prayers, cards, and love and support that you have shown our family during this difficult journey. We are so blessed to be a apart of this Body, the Body of Christ.

Much love, The Dan Forster Family

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New Visitors' Reception

New to Cornerstone? We would like to invite you and your family to join us on [April 8](#) to personally meet our Lead Pastor Chris Winans, enjoy refreshments and get to know more about Cornerstone!

Christianity Explored

Seeking to know more about the Christian faith or about life's big questions? We are offering an seven week class beginning [April 15](#) to help you explore Christianity. This class is held from 5:30-7:30pm and includes dinner. Call 810.227.9411 if interested in attending!

Membership Class

Have you thought about attaining membership here at Cornerstone? Membership at a church is an important step of discipleship within the body of Christ and we'd love to have you attend our upcoming membership class if you're interested! The next class will be Saturday, [April 21 from 8:30 am-4:30 pm](#) in the Celebration Center Classroom. For more information or to register go to **Events Registration Sunday, April 8 or 15** or contact Krista Menlen at 810.623.1456.

Wednesday Night Programming

Classes are wrapping up for the summer! Here are the end dates for our classes:

- Adult last day of class: April 25.
- 180 Students last day of class: May 2 | End of year party: May 9
- 7UP Students last day of class: April 25 | End of year party: May 2
- HWY 56 Students last day of class: May 2 | J12 Graduation: May 16
- Kingdom seekers "Last Hurrah" celebration: April 25 | Awards night: May 2

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Easter Lilies, In Memory Of...

Name	In Memory Of	In Honor Of
Jeff Adams	John "Al" & Fran Adams, Sandy Adams Bessert, John Adams Sr.	Colleen Gurczynski
Jim & Linda Gutting	Roberta Lange	Gary Francis
Wayne & Karen Jewell	Children lost to Abortion	Louise Carter & Ronald Jewell
Kevin & Loree Oeffner	Ron & Sandy Bos	Betty Oeffner
Char Olmstead	John Olmstead	
Gail Olson	Roger Olson	
Alex, Janalen & David Samson	Len Riccinto and Peter, Mireya & Steve Samson	
Kristi Shaffer	Edith Harpster	
Dan & Monica Thompson	Dolores Jonasz	
Tom & Diane Woodhams	Lyonla Dunkel, Arnie Woodhams, Greg Teichman	

Caring for Aging Parents - Support Group

A 7-week support group for caregivers of aging parents will begin April 10th. Led by Pastor Tweedie, the group will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 in the Parlor. To register, please email Karen Leaf at kleaf@cornerstoneforlife.com or call Caring Ministries at 810-494-4013.

Noon Time Prayer

Are you longing? Do you desire peace and joy through a higher power than yourself? Do you have needs no one else can answer? Do you need a moment of refreshment in the middle of your day? Our Sanctuary is open for Noon Time Prayer each Monday through Thursday, 12:00-1:00pm. Come freely. Be refreshed and stay as long as you need to pray.

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MyCC

Get connected to your Cornerstone family at the MyCC table in the Celebration Center between services, on April 8 and 15. Our staff will help you log in, update your profile, and post a photo. Once you've logged in you can set your communication preferences, request to join groups, set up online giving, access forms, and more!

National Day of Prayer

Save the date for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3rd. The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. If you would like to learn more, visit nationaldayofprayer.org.

Al and Joan Carlisle Scholarship

Applications for 2018/2019 are now available. If you are a member of Cornerstone preparing at the college or graduate level for full-time Christian vocational service, please apply no later than April 30, 2018. Applications are available online.

Numbers at a Glance

	January	February
Average Weekly Attendance:	1274	974
Average Weekly Offerings:	\$67,470	\$64,735
Year to Date Giving Actual:	\$2,203,834	\$2,462,774
Year to Date Giving Target	\$2,158,334	\$2,466,667
Weekly Giving Target: \$71,154		
Year to Date Spending Actual:	\$2,323,673	\$2,606,448
Weekly Spending Needs: \$74,038		

Sunday Classes

It's Never Too Late to Join a Class!

Growing Together in Christ - 8:30am

Pastor Brian Tweedie | Celebration Center Classroom
"Sermon on the Mount"

Hunt Thru the Bible - 10:00am

Pastor Art Hunt | Celebration Center Classroom
"Get Ready 'Cuz Here I Come!" An in-depth study on the book of Joel.

Tapestry - 10:00am

Kyle Hunt & Vicki Kloosterhouse | Room 101
"The Upper Room Discourse (John 13:17)"

F.A.I.T.H. - 10:00am

Matt Grimm | Room 107
"Romans"

Crossroads - 10:00am

Dennis King | Room 102
"Christian Joy"

S.N.A.P. (Special Needs Adult Program) - 10:00am

SNAP Teaching Team | Room 109A
"Amazing New Testament Heroes"

Side by Side - 10:00am

Side by Side Teaching Team | Room 108
"Cherish" A book study by Gary Thomas

Merge (Young Adults) - 10:00am

Pastor Dan Rose | Room 113
"Embracing Your Identity in Christ"

Students and Children

Nursery care for infants—2 year olds at 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30am.

Classes for 3 year olds—4th grade at 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30am.

Classes for 5th-12th grade at 10:00am



"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope..." -Romans 15:4

Children



Vacation Bible School

[June 25-28, 9:30am-12:30am](#) | Save the date for VBS!

Are you interested in volunteering? Please contact Bonny at blinder@cornerstoneforlife.com. Watch for our donation list in May's Newsletter. More information to follow.

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.

Feb. 29—Jun. 1 Full price—**\$199**

Jun. 2—Aug. 5 Late price—**\$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.

Volunteers needed: 7 host homes for counselors, dinner host for about 35-45 counselors on Thursday Aug 9th, and 9 registration helpers on Monday Aug 6th 8:00 - 9:30am.

Cornerstone Christian School

Thank you

The CCS Board, administration, staff, and families would like to say **thank you** to the Cornerstone Church family for your support of our recent Auction. Many in the congregation made item donations and/or attended the event. With the funds, we will be remodeling our library into a larger Library Learning Center. We were also able to raise almost \$12,000 for classrooms at the Casa Bernabe orphanage in Guatemala. It was a joy to feel the presence and excitement from the church family, and you helped to make this Auction our most successful ever!

Students

HWY 56

As we move into spring season, 5th and 6th graders will learning about God as the Creator. Peter Schriemer will lead students in the art of seeing the evidence for a loving Creator in the natural world and will be discussing the Biblical ways to care for God's Creation. Some live animals will be making an appearance too! "The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it." Genesis 2:15

7UP MOD Pizza Night

April 25, 6:45-8:15pm.

Join us for MOD Pizza night! Please meet us at the gym doors. We will load into cars at 6:45pm and return to the church at 8:15pm. Students must be registered to attend. Sign-up at the 7UP Welcome tBle, cost \$5.00.

7UP Mock Olympics

May 2, 6:30-8:30pm.

Our end of the year party is just around the corner and your student will not want to miss it!

180 MOVE Conference

MOVE is a 5-Day High School Youth Conference designed to transform HS Students from casual Christians to all-out Kingdom Workers. Cornerstone will be taking our group to the MOVE Conference hosted in Cedarville, OH from June 17th to June 21st.

Cost: \$390 Regular Registration (through June 8th)

Register in person: Fill out a yellow envelope or online form, \$100 deposit, & permission slip.

180 Girls Crepes & Study

April 15, 1:00-3:00pm in the Student Center

Spring has sprung! In celebration of that and our common love of Jesus, all High School Girls and their Moms are invited to join us after the 11:30 service as we make lunch together and study the Scriptures! Questions? Contact Angie Prieskorn at 810-772-9957.

Outreach

Bridging the Gap Seminar

Helping Followers of Jesus Gain God's Heart for Muslims

Friday, April 20, 7-9 pm and Saturday, April 21, 9-noon in Cornerstone's Chapel, followed by an afternoon visit to Dearborn, MI.

In response to Missions Weekend, guest speaker Mark has accepted your invitation to return to Cornerstone to present his seminar, "Bridging the Gap." Mark and his wife, Mary, will help coach and mentor us in U.S. Muslim outreach as we seek to gain God's heart and learn to build relationships with Muslims.

Sadly, many churches and individuals aren't reaching out to Muslims in their own communities because of fear or anger. How about you? Are you open to learning how to build relationships and love Muslims where you live and work? Are you ready to move from fear and anger to obedience to Jesus who said, "Love your neighbor"?

Mark and Mary will provide a full learning experience that challenges both mind and heart.

Please join us as we discuss the following questions and more:

- Is Islam a religion of violence?
- What do Muslims believe and practice?
- Can Muslims really be reached with the Gospel?
- Can Muslims and Christians have friendly dialogue about their respective beliefs?
- How can we "bridge the gap" between Muslims and us as Christians?

Saturday afternoon – don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to take what you have learned and allow your heart to be challenged as you interact with Muslims.

We will travel to Dearborn to visit a local mosque for a tour and explanation of Islam from a Muslim's perspective. Following the tour, we will enjoy a mid-afternoon meal at a local Arab restaurant owned and operated by Muslims.

Most of us will not be called to overseas missions or even called to focus on Muslim ministry in the United States; however, as followers of Jesus, we ALL are called to love our neighbor. The reality is, if we open our eyes, we have Muslim neighbors. They may or may not actually live next door, but they are our neighbors, in the form of classmates, colleagues, barista, children and grandchildren's friends, roommates, potential spouses. Are you prepared to love your Muslim neighbor?

Please let us . . . help you . . . love them!

Register for Bridging the Gap online at cornerstoneforlife.com

Questions? Contact Amy Rose | arose@cornerstoneforlife.com | 810-494- 4034

Women



Women's Retreat - Steadfast: Cross equipped!

May 4-6, Maranatha Bible and Conference Center, Muskegon Michigan.

Do you want to gain a deeper understanding of God's Word and passion for prayer? Do you want to connect with other women and draw closer to God? Join us on the coast of beautiful Lake Michigan for the 2018 Cornerstone Women's Retreat—Steadfast: Cross Equipped. Plan to join us May 4th through May 6th at Maranatha Bible and Conference Center with special guest speaker Kaye Hurta of *You Lead Ministries*. We will also be joined by the amazing harmonies of "Just Praise" as they lead us into worship. A weekend you will certainly not want to miss!

Sign-up online at cornerstoneforlife.com/women or at **Events Registration Tables**.

Cost:

Triple room occupancy - \$170 ea.

Double room occupancy - \$190 ea.

Single room occupancy - \$210 ea.

Women in Ministry Committee

Women of all ages are invited to join our Women in Ministry Team. Become a "part of God's story", reaching other women. Committee Meetings are once a month. Contact Women's Ministry elder, Linda Hull at lindahull@comcast.net or 248-425-4208.