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“Where division might normally reign, unity should instead lead to an uncommon love”

From the Pastor

A unified church where enemies become siblings is one of the strongest evidences of the truth of the gospel, especially in a world as fragmented and divisive as ours. The church as the body of Christ is an alternative culture where one gives up their rights for the sake of others, loses their lives in order to find them, and denies themselves in order to gain Christ. This kind of unity is Holy Spirit empowered. That is why Paul told the Ephesian church to be “eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:3). It’s why he wrote to the Corinthians: “I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10). Where division might normally reign, unity should instead lead to an uncommon love, where believers listen to and bear with one another. “By this all people will know that you are my disciples,” said Jesus, “if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). Let’s be that kind of community; empowered by the Holy Spirit; trusting in His power and might.

- *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.



PASTOR CHRIS WINANS



Prayer List

**Not available in online
version.**

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

— 1 Peter 4:8

Thank you

FROM KAREN BRIETZKE:

Thank you for all your flowers, blessed cards, hugs and messages in the memory of my mother's passing. Your kindness has meant so much and is comforting. God bless!

Anniversaries

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jeff & Tracy Wenzel, celebrating 30 years!
Paul & Sally Jo Friday, celebrating 30 years!
Mike & Julie Bellanti, celebrating 35 years!
Peter & Brenda Rill, celebrating 35 years!
Rick & Bernadette Gosselin, celebrating 40 years!
Sam & Kelly Studer, celebrating 45 years!

New Baby

Congratulations to Richard & Donna Alberta and family on the arrival of their grandson, Brooks Benedetto Alberta.





Kids Choirs

It's not too late to sign your child up for our KinderChoir (ages 3—kindergarten) and KidsChoir (Grade 1—8)! Registration forms and rehearsal/performance schedules are posted online at cornerstoneforlife.com/worship.

Teen Choir

Come be part of Cornerstone's Teen Choir! We welcome all teens in middle school and high school to take part in Teen Choir. If you love music and love God this is a great opportunity to grow and make lasting friendships.

All choirs will be featured in the Christmas Concert and have the opportunity to lead worship with the adults monthly. More details at: cornerstoneforlife.com/worship.

The Dance Project - Masquerade Dance

OCTOBER 27, 7:00-10:00PM

The Dance Project is hosting its 10th annual Masquerade Dance – a semi-formal event with great, clean pop music and lively swing dance instruction (grade 7 - 12). Students come wearing modest, semi-formal dress, accompanying masks and/or modest costumes. The dance will take place at *Shepherd of the Lakes School*, 2101 S. Hacker Rd, Brighton. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for early registration. A swing dance lesson for beginners will be given at 6:30 p.m. Snacks & beverages will be provided. Admission is \$10 per person at the door. Dress code will be enforced. Proceeds benefit *The Dance Project*, a 501(c)(3) non-profit group whose mission is “dedicated to changing the culture by promoting positive dancing” to area schools. For more information, contact Jamie Nicholson, 248-210-9409, danceprojectmi@gmail.com or visit TheDanceProject.info.

See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

— Matthew 18:10

Join us this Fall in Children's Ministries

Our Fall programming is in full swing! We hope that you'll consider joining us on Sunday mornings at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30, as well as on Wednesday nights at 6:45, for engaging, age-appropriate activities that will draw your children closer to Christ. Hope to see you there!

Donations Welcome for Kingdom Seekers Store

The children of Cornerstone's Wednesday night program, Kingdom Seekers, are already working hard to commit God's word to their hearts. Twice a year they are able to purchase prizes at our "Kingdom Seekers Store" with the points they have earned from learning Bible memory verses. Would you consider donating to this cause? We are looking for games, books, puzzles, and other fun prizes that 1st through 4th graders would enjoy. Please contact Emily Dancer at edancer@cstoneepc.com for more information.



Bridges Out of Poverty

OCTOBER 13, 8:30AM—3:30PM

Broaden your mindset...make a difference in our community:

Join us for a 1-day workshop open to church members, social workers, counselors, public service providers, educators, and healthcare providers on the impact of poverty and our response to it. This seminar will be lead by **Terie Dreussi Smith**, co-author with Ruby Payne and Philip DeVol of *Bridges Out of Poverty*.

Bridges brings people from all sectors and economic classes together to increase awareness, build resources, improve outcomes, and support those who are moving out of poverty.

Impacting poverty begins with...

- Recognizing the causes of generational poverty
- Understanding the hidden rules that create barriers for those in poverty to successfully emerge
- Identifying critical resource gaps that need to be addressed in order for individuals to improve life outcomes

Want to get involved?

This event costs \$25 per person, which includes lunch. Register for this event at cornerstoneforlife.com/events or call 810.494-4013 for more information.

“The Bridges Out of Poverty training informs and enhances our mission and equips staff and community with the best understanding of how to assist low-income people to facilitate responsible, self-directed decision making, planning, and ultimately self-sufficiency. After reviewing literally hundreds of tools, we believe that Getting Ahead and Bridges Out of Poverty are significant additions to our long-term work to help people permanently leave poverty.” - Bucks County, PA

Extending the arms of Christ

Love Because Service Opportunity

OCTOBER 20, 8:00AM-1:00PM

Saturday, October 20, Cornerstone will be preparing and delivering meals and winter gear to foster and adoptive families throughout Livingston County. Here's how you can help:

- Sign up to help with preparations for the event, including shopping and meal prep.
- Bring in a new or gently used coat to donate for foster and adoptive children and their siblings. All sizes are needed.
- Sign up as an individual, family, or small group to prepare meals on Saturday morning and deliver them to families in the area. There will be stations for children to participate in on packing day, so we encourage the whole family to get involved!

Please visit cornerstoneforlife.com/events to sign up to volunteer, or sign up to receive a meal if you are a foster/adoptive family. Questions? Contact Carey Winans at careywinans@yahoo.com.

Military Ave Tutoring

WEEKLY, MONDAY NIGHTS BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 6:00-8:30PM

Tutors needed at Military Ave in Detroit for students Kindergarten through High School.

No teaching experience required; just a desire to spend time with children. High School students and older invited to volunteer beginning October 1st. The bus leaves Cornerstone every Monday night at 5:15 and returns by 9:00. If you don't have time to eat dinner before you leave, bring some money and you can pick up dinner on the way. If you prefer to drive yourself, meet at Military Ave for tutoring from 6:15-8:00. If you have questions, contact Barb Brown from Military Ave at 313-407-2031 or Amy Rose at 810-494-4034.

Life Remodeled

OCTOBER 6

We are gathering people to join Life Remodeled as we transform lives one neighborhood at a time. On October 6, our team will be working with other church volunteers to clean up a designated area of Detroit. We will create safe pathways to schools and homes by moving debris, mowing grass, planting plants and trees, park benches and bus stops. A bus from Cornerstone will take the team down for a half day. Bring eye gear, gloves, and closed toe shoes! If you can help, email Wally at wallyschram@gmail.com.



"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" - Mark 16:15

Mission Trips

Puerto Rico, October 27 – November 2, 2018

Cornerstone is sending a team of eight to partner with Praying Pelican Missions on a disaster relief trip to Puerto Rico. **Join us in prayer** as we work alongside local ministries to encourage and assist them in serving their community. Please **consider being a part of our financial support team**. You can contribute to the Puerto Rico Team online at cornerstoneforlife.com/missions

Guatemala, December 27, 2018 – January 6, 2019

We are finalizing our Guatemala team in the next couple weeks. **Join us in prayer** as we partner with *Friends of Children Everywhere*. We will serve at *Casa Bernabe Orphanage* along with other projects off site. Please **consider being a part of our financial support team**. You can contribute to the Guatemala Team online at cornerstoneforlife.com/missions

Jordan, February 28 – March 9, 2019

Have you thought about **going** on a mission trip? The Jordan team is currently accepting applications. Join us as we travel with Mark and Mary from EPC World Outreach. We are partnering with Global Hope Network International in reaching out to refugees, primarily from Syria and Iraq. We will go into the apartments of refugees, provide food bags and listen to their stories. When asked about the trip, Mark shared the following: *"It is an amazing experience to hear the stories of these people, love on them through listening, and sometimes offer prayer for them. Through the years, we have been blessed to see refugees come to know Jesus through this wonderful approach."* The goal is to bring "help and hope to the hidden and hurting."

For additional information on all mission trips, contact Amy Rose | arose@cstoneepc.com

Applications are available at Events Registration or online at cornerstoneforlife.com/mission-trips



From the Field

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP | BOLIVIA

Over the past 25 years God has been gracious to bring about lasting change in communities, families and individuals influenced by the word and deed gospel ministry of GATHER Network International. The focus of GATHER is to: (1) Build relationships with impoverished and gospel resistant communities. (2) Teach holistic ministry models, theology by extension, and evangelism. (3) Train nationals to identify, own, and overcome barriers to healthy kingdom living.

In July, Cornerstone had the privilege of sending a short-term mission team to Bolivia for ten days. We participated with Bolivian staff in the work of church and community partnership in the Berlin Zone of Bolivia. We joined together to help build a fence for a church in Dos de Agosto, participate in a workshop on Diabetic health and prevention in El Carmen, and visit Gathers rural development training center. For some members of the team it was their first time being in Bolivia and seeing the work first hand. Others have been making regular visits and were familiar with the work. We also had a few that had been before, but it had been 12-15 years between visits. They could hardly believe their eyes! It is one thing to see pictures and hear reports, but it is another thing to walk the land, see the people, and personally witness the transformation.

Our team was able to visit the Gran Chaco region where we spent time with Alcides, who serves as a community leader and church planter. We visited his church and saw many youth clearing land for a community garden they are initiating. This church is less than five years old and already has about ten families involved and 50 people coming on a Sunday. Remarkable for a community of its size!

Our trip to Bolivia was a fantastic experience. We were blessed by the hospitality and leadership from Renato Reyes del Rio, the Director of GATHER. Please pray for Renato as he directs the ministry and handles administrative tasks including legal and government issues. Renato and his family are a blessing to short term teams that come to serve in Bolivia. We enjoyed spending time with his wife and children, laughing with them and being treated to many Bolivian foods both in his home and throughout the city. It is so helpful having a bi-lingual family offer us their hospitality and care for our needs. Join us some time. You will be well cared for!!

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

— 1 Corinthians 12:27

Membership

October 6, 8:30am-4:30pm

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, October 6 from 8:30 am-4:30 pm in the Celebration Center Classroom. Want to join the class? Contact Krista Menlen at 810.623.1456 or register at cornerstoneforlife.com/events.

Celebration Center is Open!

Our Celebration Center & Sanctuary are open for you to use on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 7:00am-7:00pm. Meet with your small group, gather with friends, have your quiet time or simply join us for a free cup of coffee! *On occasion the spaces are reserved or in use for a funeral. Please check our website, cornerstoneforlife.com/events or give us a call if you have questions!

Immersion Baptism

December 16

We are having immersion baptisms during all three of our Sunday morning services on December 16th. If you would like to be baptized at that time, please contact Matt Grimm at mgrimm@stoneepc.com.

New to Cornerstone?

PASTOR MEET & GREET

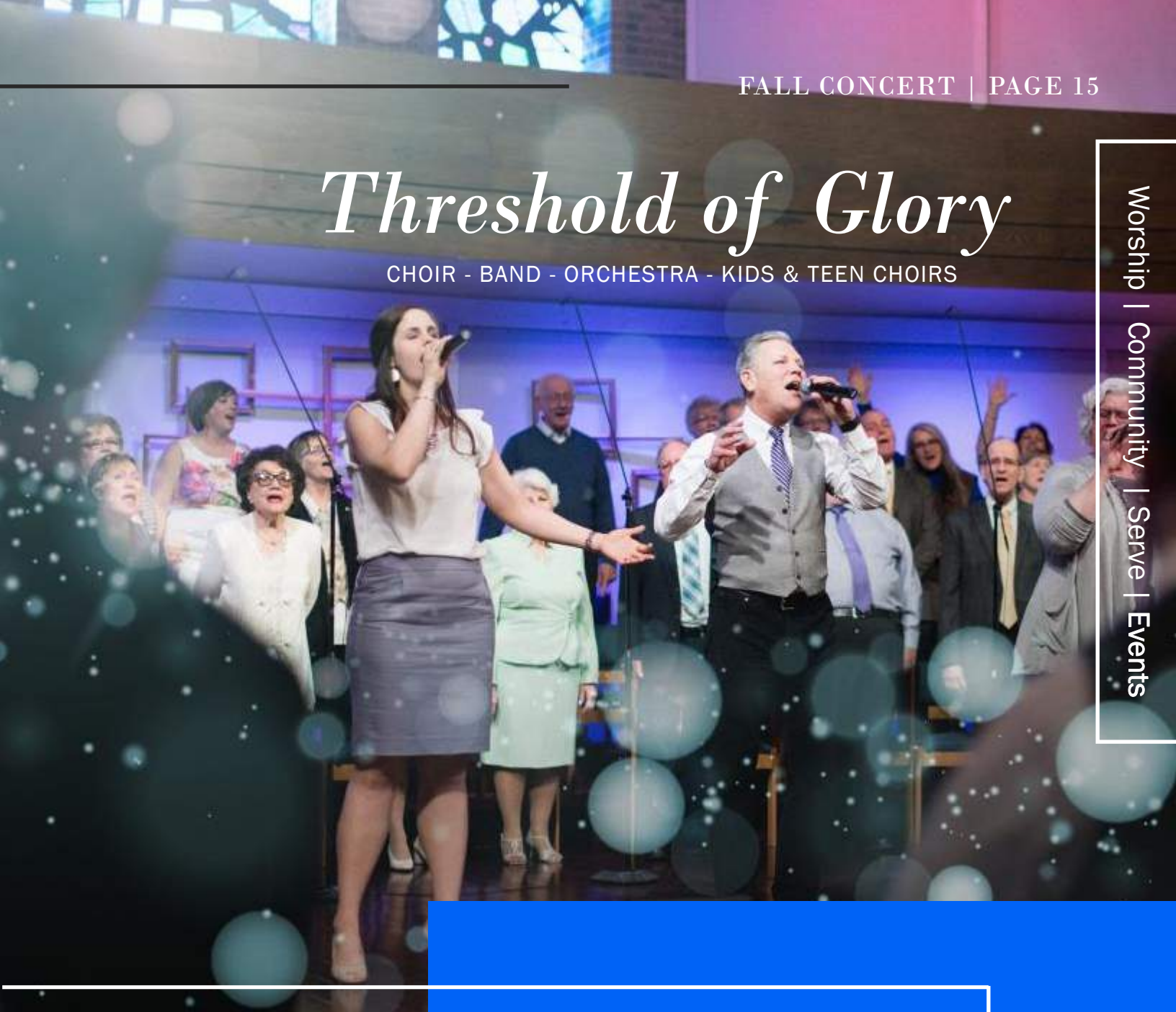
October 14, 6:30pm

We are so excited to have you here! You and your family are invited to an evening in the Celebration Center with refreshments, and time to personally meet our Lead Pastor, Chris Winans, along with learning more about our church. No need to RSVP, we simply hope to see you there!

Threshold of Glory

CHOIR - BAND - ORCHESTRA - KIDS & TEEN CHOIRS

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Cornerstone Worship Night

OCTOBER 21, 6:30-8:00PM

Join us for a night filled with a blend of new worship songs and old treasured ones, time in the scriptures with a message from our Pastor Tweedie, and communion.

Kids programming will be provided for infant—3 year olds.

Gift Tags

Provide Christmas gifts for children in need this year! Gift tags for Salvation Army and Military Avenue will be available in the Celebration Center on November 18.

Holiday Glow

We are building a team to bring the spirit of Christ to the community during Brighton's Holiday GLOW event. Join us as we make Him known at our warming tent on **Saturday, November 18**. For details, contact Sally Jo Friday sjfriday@cstonepc.com.

Military Avenue Christmas

Fill a box with food to feed our neighbors in Detroit and Cornerstone will provide the turkey. The approximate cost to fill a box is \$50. Boxes and the shopping list will be available in November.

The Military Ave Christmas will be held **December 15**. Join the "Turkey Brigade" or help with food boxes. Have some fun with the children; there will be games and crafts and then Christmas presents are passed out! Many hands are needed to make this event a success.

Operation Christmas Child

Fill one of the free pre-printed boxes for a boy or a girl with school supplies, toys, toothbrushes, t-shirts, balls and a personal note. Samaritan's Purse will deliver these boxes to children around the globe to share the love of Jesus with them. Your gift will be a precious treasure and can make an eternal difference in a child's life. Brochures are located around the church with the specific instructions and appropriate labels. Include a check for \$9 for each box you prepare to cover shipping expenses. Boxes are due back to Cornerstone on Sunday, November 11! Boxes and brochures will be available starting October 21st on a table in the Celebration Center.

Thanksgiving Service

NOVEMBER 18, 5:00-7:00PM

Come and celebrate Thanksgiving with your Cornerstone family! Join us for a meal at 5:00pm followed by a service of worship, testimonies, and baptisms at 6:00pm. Kids programming will be provided for infants—3 year olds. You will not want to miss out on this wonderful evening as we give thanks for all God has blessed us with.

Thanksgiving Dinner

NOVEMBER 22, 2:00PM

Join us for Cornerstone's 12th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Through Love INC, Fish and Loaves, and The Salvation Army, we invite members of our community to share a traditional "homemade" Thanksgiving Feast. Cornerstone families and others come together and we thank God for His provision to us. Last year nearly 500 gathered in Hess Hall! If you would like to volunteer, there are many opportunities. All of our volunteers are encouraged to join us for dinner, because this is not a "soup kitchen" type dinner! Reservations are Required.

Help is needed on November 18 to cook turkeys for the meal. Go to cornerstoneforlife.com to make reservations and to volunteer.

Christmas Concerts - Love Came for Me!

DECEMBER 8 & 9, 6:00-7:30PM

As we look to encounter Christ this Christmas season, we rejoice that *Love Came for Me!* We invite you to join us for our annual Christmas concerts as fill our Sanctuary with a heartfelt new music to remind us of the meaning of Christmas.

Following the concert, dessert will be served in the Celebration Center. Kids programming will be provided for infants—3 year olds. We're a very blessed congregation with an abundance of gifts including great cooks and very talented musicians & choir. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of God and His blessings with our neighbors and friends.

Christmas Eve Services

DECEMBER 24, 6:00 & 8:00PM

Celebrate the birth of Christ with us during our two Christmas Eve services led by Pastor Chris Winans. Kids programming will be provided for infants—3 year olds.

Our neighbors in Livingston County

Life Chain

OCTOBER 7, 2:00-3:00PM

Right to Life of Livingston Co. invites you to join other Christians in holding pro-life signs in a silent prayer chain against abortion. As in years past, we will assemble along Grand River Avenue in front of Stillwater Grill. Meet in Stillwater's parking lot to get a sign. Our goal is to stretch all the way to Main Street. If you are able, please park in the surrounding area.

Focus on Life Dinner

OCTOBER 16, 6:30-9:30PM

Right to Life of Livingston County presents Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, as its guest speaker for the 28th annual banquet at Crystal Gardens in Howell. Dinner reservations are \$50 per person or \$450 for a table of 10. Order forms and more information are available on our new website righttolifelivingston.org. You may also contact RTL at 810-227-5788 or rtlcc@sbcglobal.net or call Jeannie Schiavone 734-604-6130.

Flower Coupons

Year round, Right to Life offers Flower Coupons from local nurseries. They can be used for home improvement, holiday decorations and also make great gifts. If you are interested, please contact Right to Life at 810-227-5788 or rtlcc@sbcglobal.net or call Jeannie Schiavone 734-604-6130.

Forgotten Man Ministries Dinner

NOVEMBER 1, 6:00-8:30PM

Please join us for the Forgotten Man Ministries Fundraising Banquet at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center in Howell. Families are being reunited. Inmates are leaving jail with a new-found devotion to Jesus Christ. Their lives are changing. Celebrate with us as we hear about these triumphs and help us to continue God's work in Michigan county jails. Registration is required. Please reserve your seat online at forgottenman.org or email livingstoncounty@forgottenman.org or call 517-540-7965. Register yourself and any guests by October 22.

DivorceCare

TUESDAYS 7:00-9:00PM IN THE CHAPEL

DivorceCare is a 13-week support group for individuals who are experiencing the grief of divorce or separation. Each week includes a video seminar, group discussion and a personal workbook. See cornerstoneforlife.com/divorcecare for more details.

GriefShare

MONDAYS, 7:00-9:00PM IN THE PARLOR

GriefShare is a 13-week support group for individuals who have lost a loved one. Each week includes a video seminar, group discussion, and a personal workbook. See cornerstoneforlife.com/griefshare for more details.

Numbers at a Glance

	June	July	August
Average Weekly Attendance:	1,118	1,068	1,067
Average Weekly Offerings:	\$62,089	\$60,027	\$59,973
Year to Date Giving Actual:	\$3,592,317	\$300,137	\$539,755
Year to Date Giving Target	\$3,700,000	\$370,190	\$666,342
Weekly Giving Target: \$74,038*			
Year to Date Spending Actual:	\$3,825,256	\$260,888	\$554,442
Weekly Spending Needs: \$71,154*			

*Consistent with budget approved in June 2018.



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