



THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION



REGULAR PEOPLE IMPACTED BY A GREAT GOD

Meet the Brennemans

This month we'll get to know Lynn Brenneman and her girls—Crystal and Rachel.

Lynn was born and raised just outside Nashville, Tennessee. She got her Perry County connection through her mom, who married Tom McGowan Sr. of Landisburg. "My parents met while my dad was at auto deisel college in Nashville," Lynn says. "They divorced when I was really young, and we lived with my mom. She remarried when I was around nine. My father also remarried to a woman who had three daughters. My dad and stepmom had another daughter and two sons. When I was around 12, we started spending our summer vacations up here in Perry County with my grandparents. They influenced my life and my daughters' lives very much; when I was up here I worked in the McGowan General Store. There they taught us the value of money and responsibility. This past October my grandmother passed at 90 years old; she and my grandpap were the pillars of our very extended family. Later on in my adulthood, I met my girls' father, John, while I was working at my aunt's country music bar. We moved to Pennsylvania after John's father developed bone cancer in 1992. My first winter here the snow was over the cars, which was a huge change from a Southern climate. I feel very blessed to have two sets of parents; I have learned from all of them."

It was in the blood

"I remember being in a playpen in the middle of my grandmother's restaurant, not far from Music Row in Nashville," Lynn says. "After high school I went into the restaurant business myself. I started with waitressing and bartending, but later moved to banqueting which is what I had hoped to be in. I was then banquet manager for several large hotel chains. I spent almost 20 years in the food industry and banqueting business. I feel very fortunate that in my



Crystal, Lynn, and Rachel Brenneman

experience in the banqueting business I got to see and meet lots of music stars, interesting people, and actually served a couple of presidents. When my husband and I moved up here, I worked for the Holiday Inn East on the Carlisle Pike for a year. I had Crystal and decided to be a stay-at-home mom, but I delivered *The Patriot-News* at night for 18 years. Then life circumstances forced me to go back to a full-time job. I went to Empire Beauty School and received my Nail Technician license. I'm now going into my eighth year of owning my own salon along with electrolysis and a massage therapist.

Making memories

"As my children grew up, Fridays through Sundays were always something remembered. John would grill out every Friday night. Sundays were Steelers football. There was always something fun going on at the Brenneman house. The girls were raised in Ickesburg on the mountain between Port Royal and Ickesburg. Being in the middle of nowhere we got to have a lot of family memories. We gardened, hung out in the woods, fished, 4-wheeled, etc."

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Meet the Brennemans

The journey to Cornerstone

For 20-plus years Lynn didn't attend church regularly. Only when she was very young, and when she went home to visit her parents in Tennessee, did she attend a Southern Baptist church. "After we had our children, John and I decided we wanted to raise them in a church home," Lynn says. "We attended Centre Presbyterian in Loysville. There I was involved in VBS and I was a Sunday school teacher. Later on in life, my girls, especially Crystal, questioned God for the problems we faced at home and in our family as loved ones died. We neglected church until Crystal's freshman year in high school. Her 'big sister' in field hockey, Natausha Davis, invited her to come out to Cornerstone for Youth Group. Crystal was overjoyed after her first time there and continued to go to Youth Group with the Davises. Not long after that we started attending Sunday services and instantly fell in love with this church. We've been here for two years now. All of us have been deeply affected and thank every friend and every member of the church for that. What keeps us coming is the friends we've made and the powerful services from Pastor Mike and Dan that continue to strengthen our relationships with God. I always leave the church feeling refreshed and renewed. I am a part of the Hospitality Team, and Crystal is part of the Evangelism/Outreach Team and serves in the Nursery as well. Rachel should be taking her place in the church soon. The girls also attend Youth Group. Since the church is continuing to grow, I would like to see even more ways to connect with each other and have fellowship."

The two girls

Lynn's oldest, Crystal, is a junior at West Perry, and keeps quite busy with lots of activities. "I am a member of the Field Hockey team (indoor), the National Honor Society, ACE (architecture, construction, engineering) Mentor Program, a waitress at West Side Diner in Newport, am an independent sales consultant for Avon, and Class of 2012 treasurer," Crystal says. "My dream when I leave high school is to go to Penn State and major in Architecture and possibly minor in Special Education. There is always a big debate whether I look like my dad or like my mom, but I definitely have my dad's attitude and personality."

"My other daughter is Rachel," Lynn says. "She is a freshman at West Perry. Although Crystal and Rachel look alike, they are almost complete opposites. Rachel is very energetic and charismatic, but she is SO giving. She has such a big heart, but often her high spirits spark you first. She enjoys working with animals—she works with Natalie Knowles and her bunnies, dog sits, and enjoys socializing, and her Middle School counselor said the paparazzi would be following her someday. She always has something to make us laugh, which makes her very personable. She is still deciding on what her future goals may be, but she has

talked about assisting people with self-confidence issues."

Crystal's favorite food is creme brulee. Rachel's favorite food is nachos or tacos. Lynn's favorite food is pizza; she even enjoys it cold for breakfast. Both Rachel and Lynn are very picky but there's not many desserts they will say "no" to. Crystal eats just about everything, just like her dad. Crystal is infamous for her success at Youth Group Food Challenges like canned coconut milk, sardines, Big Mac and large fries, and whole can of jalapenos.

A veritable zoo

"Although we don't have any pets now, we have had a deer, a cougar, an alligator, an African Grey parrot, snakes, geckos, iguanas, pirahanna, squirrels, and many different breeds of dogs," Lynn says. "Now Crystal won't stop bugging me for a Teacup Miniature Potbellied Pig."

Change for the better

"I am so thankful that God led us to Cornerstone," Lynn says. "We have a saying in our living room above our mantel that says 'The will of God will never take you where the grace of God will not protect you.' This is very inspirational to me and gives me hope. Over the last few years, as a single mom, I have had many struggles. I am thankful God is here to help me through them. This past year has been a very changing year in my faith and I've learned that patience is key to listening and understanding God's plan for us. In October 2010, I had a major epiphany. I was delivering papers and all of a sudden I felt like all the answers came to me. I feel like my life is changed. In that moment, I realized ultimately that we can get through anything if we believe in Christ."

Free Valentine's Day babysitting

Haven't had a date night in a while?

Don't want to pay for a babysitter or have time to look for a good one?

Cornerstone has you covered! On **Friday, February 11** from **6:30pm to 9:30pm** bring your kiddos

to a night of games, crafts, and fun while Mom and Dad enjoy a night together! Dinner will be provided for the little ones. Please register with the **church office (834-4641 or CCChurch@ptd.net)** or at <http://valentinesdaybabysitting.eventbrite.com> for this event so we know how much of everything we will need.



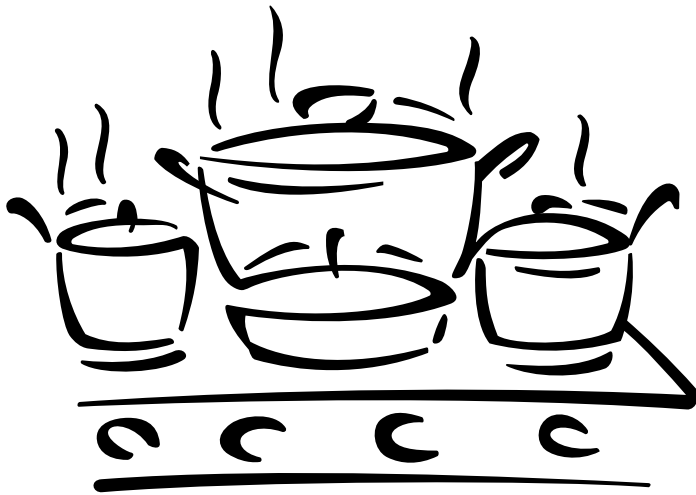
Valentine's Day Dinner

Even Jesus had a fish story.

Thank You! THANK YOU!

Pastor Dan and Maryann Camacci

To thank everyone for all your help and hard work, we will be having a **Thank You Party** on **Tuesday, February 1 at 6:30pm at the church** for all those who helped with the Drive-Thru Nativity. If you were a participant, helped with the animals, built sets, cooked or donated food, sewed costumes, directed traffic, or helped in any way, we hope you are able to attend!



Cooking lessons

Kristen Heller

As many of you may already know the kitchen stove is now operational. We used it extensively during the month of December for baking cookies and cooking for the Drive-Thru Nativity. With many church ministries wanting to use the kitchen, we would like to schedule some training dates to show people how to operate the stove safely. We'd like to have everyone on the Hospitality Team and the Free Breakfast Team trained on how to operate the stove as well as a minimum of two members of every ministry team (Children, Youth, Women's, Men's, Young Adults, etc.) We like to schedule training in early March, so please e-mail or call Kristen Heller (hellerkj@embarqmail.com or 834-4122) no later than February 18 if you would like to be trained.

Made the list

Congratulations to Jeniece Goshorn and Joseph Pagliaro, who made the Dean's List for the fall semester at Bucknell University.



Now showing at Cornerstone theatre

Join your friends and family for the next movie feature at on **Friday, March 18**. Show time is **6:45pm**. Come enjoy theatre-style snacks, including popcorn, candy, and drinks. The feature film will be announced in upcoming weeks. Stay tuned for more details.

It's a girl!

Jay and Heather Bange welcomed Abigail Elizabeth to their family on January 3 at 2:04pm, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 21 inches. If she could've just waited another 10 hours, Abigail would've been born on Mommy's birthday!



Lost & Found

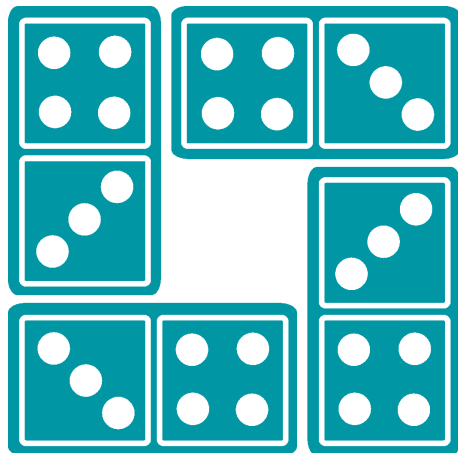


The Hospitality Team has collected a number of lost and found items on the counter in the kitchen that have been here since the Drive-Thru Nativity, possibly longer. Please take a look at the items the next time you are in and claim your items. Anything left unclaimed by the end of February will be donated or disposed of.

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Young Adult Hour

Are you between the ages of 18 and 39, and looking for a chance to connect with other Christians your age and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Come out to Cornerstone for an hour of worship, teaching, discussion, and prayer in February on **Sunday, February 6 (12:30–1:30pm)** and **February 20 (5–6pm)**. All young adults ages 18–39 are welcome!



Connect the DOTS

Pam Hoover

Like to play Mexican Train dominoes? The next session of DOTS (Dominoes On Third Saturday) will meet Saturday, February 19 at 1pm at the church, and last till, well, whenever! Bring a snack if you'd like. If there would be a scheduling conflict, we'll plan an alternate location or time. If you're interested in playing or learning to play, or have any ideas about the DOTS Club, please contact **Pam Hoover (829-5211 or phoover405@comcast.net)** or **Maureen Cleaver (834-6647 or cleaver@embarqmail.com)**.

Here's your sign

Thanks to those who have contributed to the church sign. We're almost half way to our goal! For the past five months we have been working with the Penn Township supervisors to obtain a sign permit. The next meeting is Monday, January 31. Please pray for this VERY important meeting with the Township supervisors.

Free community breakfast

The next Cornerstone Community Breakfast is **Saturday, February 26 from 8:30–10:30am**. Join us for a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice and meet members of the church and the community! Please invite family, friends, co-workers, or anyone you would like to introduce to Cornerstone or just someone who you know could use a good meal.



Over 50—but not over the hill

Join the Over 50s for their monthly breakfast on the fourth Thursday, **February 24 at 9am** at the **Ranch House** for good food and good conversation. That combination can't be beat!



On February 13 from 2:30–4:30pm the Over 50s are planning a birthday party with entertainment by Jim Mundorf on the accordion. Join us for snacks, cake, and ice cream! More details will follow.

Needing prayer?

Cornerstone's prayer ministry, headed by Michelle Truitt, meets the third Sunday of every month at 9am in the Green Room, just before the start of the Adult Sunday school class. Do you have a heart for this ministry and feel led to pray for the needs of the Cornerstone congregation, the community, and the world? Join Michelle and others and lift our concerns in prayer. The next prayer meeting is **Sunday, February 20**.



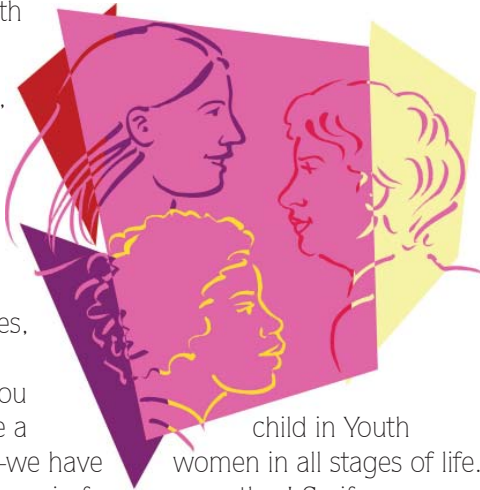
Faith is not believing God can; it is knowing that He will.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



WOW

Women on Wednesdays (WOW) provides uplifting fellowship with Christian sisters while growing in God's word. We are flexible in our setting and have been meeting in the "upper room" at church, aka, the "sound room" through the door next to the kitchen. Currently we have been enhancing our relationship with God and each other with the study guide "Experiencing Spiritual Intimacy." The class is designed so that while the children and teens are gathering and enjoying themselves, the moms get refreshed too. But you don't have to have a child in Youth Group to join us—we have women in all stages of life. Oh, the wisdom we gain from one another! So if you are longing for friendship and spiritual growth, try us out from 7–8:30 pm every Wednesday night. All are welcome!



Loving God with All Your Mind

A new women's Bible study begins Thursday, February 3 from 10am–12noon. It's a six-week DVD study by Elizabeth George called "Loving God with All Your Mind." In good times and bad times, knowing in your mind that God cares for you and has a plan for your life gives you the strength for what lies ahead. Bestselling author and noted Bible teacher Elizabeth George reveals six powerful Scripture passages that will help you ...

- recognize and live God's purpose for your life
- turn daily struggles over to God
- apply God's truths to everyday life
- focus on God and His principles for life
- find peace in all circumstances.

By focusing on loving God, you'll experience hope, joy, and a deeper understanding of His grace.

Contact Dolores Bennett (957-2829 or bennetts1963@centurylink.net) with any questions or to enroll in this study.

Moms with a Mission ... raising spiritual leaders

Are you a mom with a mission? Do you feel that your mission field is your family, your children? Do you desire for your children to know Jesus as their Savior? Do you need to fellowship with other moms who can encourage you, identify with you, validate you, or strengthen you?

If you said "YES" to any of these questions, we'd love you to join us at Cornerstone's "moms" group—**Moms with a Mission**. We meet the **second Tuesday of each month**.

2011 will be an exciting year. We hope you can find time to join us and get to know other moms from Cornerstone and the community. Feel free to invite friends, neighbors, and relatives. With all the "amazingness" of motherhood that we wouldn't change for the world ... it's tough to be a "mom." Moms with a Mission is a place for moms to talk about what gives us joy, what frustrates us, and to learn from others who have "been there" or "are there" right now. So, whether your children are on the way, brand new, or off to school, we'd love for you to join us. You are welcome to take advantage of our free childcare or keep your little ones with you.

Things to remember about Moms with a Mission:

- You don't have to be on time
- You can leave when you need or want to
- We can't care what you wear or how you look

Mark your calendars for the next few months! We meet in the Green Room at Cornerstone on the second Tuesday of each month. If you'd like a reminder call from the church the day before, please let Megan know in the church office.

February 8 • March 8 • April 12 • May 10

If you have any questions at all, please contact **Jennifer Handke** (497-8804 or handke0701@centurylink.net).

Women's Winter retreat

Chase away the winter blahs at a women's winter retreat at Camp Hebron February 25–27. The theme of the retreat is "Fill My Heart, Lord ... with Faith, Devotion, Forgiveness and Peace."

Cost is \$145/person (single occupancy), \$135/person (double occupancy), or \$110/person (triple occupancy). For more information, contact Kendra Martin at Camp Hebron (896-3441 or kmartin@camphebron.org).

Take a stand. Make a move. Start a revolution.

Youth Ministry Team

Megan Latchford • Youth Director
Steve Peck / Josh and Nicole Martin / Sarah Tech / Scott Weber / Megan Abruzzese / Aaron Jumper / Melissa Shumaker / Christa Heller / Sean Stidfole / Josh Mutchler

Plug in

A new virtual small group for the Youth at Cornerstone

A plug in is a software download that



adds features to a larger software system. Similarly, we want this small group to be a time of added conversation about our faith and time spent with the Creator of the Universe. Feel like you're stuck in your faith ... maybe in a spiritual rut? This four-week small group series is designed to talk about living our lives for God at all times.

This group meets online. Choose the time that best fits your schedule. Monday nights from 7:30–8:30pm OR Tuesday nights from 7:30–8:30pm.

If you're interested in joining, send Megan Latchford a message on Facebook or an e-mail (meganlatchford@hotmail.com). The groups begin February 21.

Play on!

Be sure to check out West Perry's production of *The Music Man* on **Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4 at 7pm**, and **Saturday, March 5 at 2pm and 7pm** at the high school auditorium. Doors open 30 minutes before show time. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students with ID and are available in advance from the high school or at the door. A number of the Youth Group are involved in some capacity—as a cast member, the band, the finale, or the pit orchestra.

Old Testament heroes

What can you learn from a bunch of guys and gals that lived thousands of years ago? LOTS! The thing is, times haven't changed all that much. Join your friends at Venture (formerly known as Sunday school) every Sunday morning at 9:30am and check out these heroes from the past.

Ongoing activities

Venture (Sunday School) • Sundays @ 9:30am
Youth Group • Wednesdays @ 7pm

Family snow tubing party

Bring your family and friends and meet us on the tubing hills at Ski Roundtop on **Saturday, February 26 from 2–4pm**. Cost is \$25 for a two-hour session. For more information on tubing or directions to Ski Roundtop, visit the Web site at www.skiroundtop.com.

Ohiopyle white water adventure

This summer the Youth at Cornerstone are heading on a white water adventure in Ohiopyle, Pa. The week will be filled with thrills, including natural water slides, exploring God's creation, camping, camp fires, s-mores, mountain pies, worship, learning, and, of course, white water rafting down the Lower Yough River!

Because of the rafting regulations, this trip is only open to Youth Group students age 12 and up. Cost for the trip is \$100, and includes all costs for activities, food, and transportation. For more information and to sign up for the trip, pick up a trip information form outside of the Youth Room or on the kiosk, or print one off of the church Web site at www.cornerstone-efca.com/#/youth/forms-downloads.

Rockin' Wednesday nights

Our youth praise band rocks! Come check them out the third Wednesday of every month as they lead the youth in worship.



What's Venture?

Venture is a small group meeting every Sunday morning in the Youth Room. This small group is for you if you want to dive deeper into the Bible and grow in your relationship with Christ. How do you join? Just show up!

**God doesn't need your capabilities.
He needs your availability.**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Children's fellowship groups

Brilliant Beginners—for kids 3 to 5 years old
Bethany Stout, Stephanie Morris, Allyson McCollum, Lauren Haines, Alisha Abaya, leaders

Promising Pebbles—for kids K thru grade 3
Cindy Dersham, Deb Takach, Jess Phillips, Tina Oiler, leaders

Rockin' 456ers—for kids grade 4 thru 6
Monica Foster, Angie Hockenberry, Tiffany Rothermel, Kim Dahlin, Keri Wright, Deanna Smith, Natalie Knowles, Tom Comp, leaders

Children's Ministry Team

Monica Foster • Children's Ministry Director
Meghan Musser, Jackie Verbos, Natalie Knowles, Bethany Stout, Stephanie Morris, Allyson McCollum, Lauren Haines, Alisha Abaya, Cindy Dersham, Deb Takach, Jessica Phillips, Tina Oiler, Angie Hockenberry, Tiffany Rothermel, Kim Dahlin, Keri Wright, Deanna Smith, Natalie Knowles, Tom Comp

Family snow tubing party

Bring your family and friends and meet us on the tubing hills at Ski Roundtop on **Saturday, February 26 from 2–4pm**. The Children's Ministry is joining the Youth Ministry for some snow fun! Cost is \$25 for a two-hour session. For more information on tubing or directions to Ski Roundtop, visit the Web site at www.skiroundtop.com.

Countdown to launch

Launch date is **February 20**. It's time to **Rev It Up!** No more titles, no more limitations ... The Children's Ministry is going to Rev It Up on Sundays and Wednesdays! Stay tuned for more exciting news for the Rocks and Pebbles age groups.



VBS planning begins

Start thinking about warm weather, sunshine, and kids galore. Plans are forming for Cornerstone's next Vacation Bible School week August 7–12.



It began **Friday, January 14**, and continues every Friday. What is it? It's **Kids at Play**, a great opportunity for toddlers and pre-K kids and their parents to spend some exciting **and educational time together**. From 10:30am to 12noon, kids can explore, discover, and play with open-ended toys and materials in "discovery" stations and socialize with other kiddos as they have fun exploring together. Parents can stay with their children as they visit their favorite discovery stations—dramatic play, exploration/science, gross motor, fine motor, arts and crafts, and music and movement. There will also be a time where everyone in the group will come together to sing, play, dance, and move around.

The cost is **FREE!** You don't want to miss these exciting mornings together at Cornerstone. Please invite your family members, friends, and neighbors. This is a great opportunity to visit and get to know other parents in the area as we come together to let the kids run and play!

Faith can move mountains, but only if you lay down the shovel and stop trying to do it yourself.

WORLD/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We're on a mission—to serve God while serving others.

Serving at Bethesda Women's Shelter

Looking for a fun way to get involved at Cornerstone? Sign up to help prepare and serve a meal for the women and children at Bethesda over the next two months. The dates and times for February and March are:

Saturday, February 26 • lunch • 10am–1pm

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Please contact **Sarah Tech** (sarahmtech@yahoo.com) if you would like more information on this opportunity to serve.

Special Outreach Team meeting

Join us for a special planning meeting on Thursday, February 17 for the Outreach Team in the Green Room at 6:30pm. We'll be discussing some exciting outreach opportunities for this year. We're taking the community by storm! You won't want to miss it! New members are welcome to join us to learn more.

Collecting for a cause

Soda can tabs

Tom Comp, Cubmaster, Shermans Dale Lions Club Pack 94

Cub Scout Pack 94 continues to collect aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. **Please pass your can tabs on to the Comp boys or add them to the jar in the kitchen.** If you have any questions, please contact **Tom or Sue Comp** (582-8098 or comp7@pa.net).

Bottle caps

Brian and Jen Ebersole are collecting plastic bottle caps (any size) for the American Cancer Society. Keep the **caps from water bottles, fruit drinks, salad dressings, etc.** and either **give them to Brian or Jen or leave them in the church kitchen.**

Perry County Food Bank

February needs are cake mixes, canned meats, soups, and paper products. All donations are greatly appreciated!



Angel Food Ministry

The Angel Food Ministry is a low-cost monthly meal program and **anyone** can utilize this convenient (and yummy!) food provider. The distribution site is now in Marysville at 405 Lansvale Street. Menus are available on the kiosk or in the church office.

Also available is a gift card option. Forms are on the Kiosk in the church lobby. Check out www.angelfoodministries.com for more information, or call the Marysville-Rye Council of Churches (723-1522).

Missionary Highlight of the Month

D.O.O.R. International (Deaf Opportunity Out Reach)

Many of you may know Jay and Heather Bange from our church family here at Cornerstone, but do you know Julia Bange, Jay's sister? Julia currently serves with D.O.O.R. International in Kenya, Africa. She is a missionary to the deaf, bringing the Gospel message through sign language and picture representations of the Bible to a people group who may never **hear** the Good News otherwise.

Julia serves in Nairobi, Kenya and has a vision to bring God's Word and Christian fellowship to the deaf. As a Translation Facilitator, she works to strengthen communication between the translation team and the deaf community as new materials are created and tested within the African culture. Being deaf herself, Julia understands the obstacles involved in communicating with others, and she has a passion to serve those who need the Gospel in their own language—sign language. What an exciting opportunity in outreach!

If you would like to learn more about this inspiring ministry, check out www.DOORInternational.com. And, if you feel led to support Julia financially in the work that she is doing, please contact her through the addresses below:

D.O.O.R. International (Deaf Opportunity Out Reach)

P.O. Box 457
Bunn, NC 27508-0457

For donations, please send to:

D.O.O.R International
P.O. Box 602167
Charlotte, NC 28260-2167

OVER 50s—Meals on Wheels is the week of January 31st.

WORLD/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We're on a mission—to serve God while serving others.

Heading “down under”

One of Cornerstone's own, Naomi Elliott, has the incredible opportunity of serving with Word of Life in Australia for two years. She is currently raising the funds that she will need to live there while serving with the Australian team in Sydney. She will be working in schools and churches, as well as helping with other outreach events. During this time, Naomi will also work at finishing her education through online courses with Liberty University (by her own funds, not those raised to serve as a missionary).

We will keep in touch with Naomi while she serves and include regular updates here in the newsletter to keep you informed of her ministry opportunities. Please keep Naomi in your prayers as she prepares to serve God in this way. The following is a snippet from a letter by Naomi describing her reasons for taking this next step in missions



... “This past year I have learned so much from being at Word of Life Bible Institute. I not only learned about the Bible, I learned about ministry and the importance of taking what I have learned and sharing it with the world around me. I have had many opportunities this past year to share Christ with others, not just on the streets, but also in the dorms and classrooms. God asks us to be faithful even in the small everyday things, as well as in the big go and

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If you would like to give financially towards Naomi's service on the mission field in Australia, you can go online to the Web site [https://home.wol.org/giving/giveto/Naomi+Elliott+\(OL0849\)](https://home.wol.org/giving/giveto/Naomi+Elliott+(OL0849)). Or, you can send a check made payable to Word of Life Fellowship. All donations are tax deductible.

Dear Cornerstone members, attendees, and friends,

We have been in prayer over the struggles and health issues that many are facing in our church. We feel there have been times we've unintentionally dropped the ball, and for that we apologize. We love you guys, think about you, and pray for you often. The last thing we would want is for any of you to feel forgotten or unloved during your time of need. We also know that during difficult times many families like to have their space. So, we are asking that if you would like prayer, a phone call, or a visit, please let us know what you need so we can know how to help you. E-mail Megan at the office—CCChurch@ptd.net. Megan will communicate with the staff and Elders and see that you are supported.

We love you guys SO much and we don't want you to hesitate to reach out for support from your church family.

Pastor Mike and the staff and Elders at Cornerstone

New “Failure” sermon series

We tend to look at Bible characters as being perfect or near perfect. We put them up on a pedestal almost as if they are superhuman. The fact is, God has included some incredible stories of failure and collapse. We oftentimes learn the most through mistakes or failure. Pastor Mike's next sermon series is designed to teach us how we should view failure and give us practical examples to learn from. If you feel like a failure, don't beat yourself up ... understand that God wants to teach us through our failures and use us in spite of them.



A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.

An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.

CONNECTING AT CORNERSTONE

In the know

Church directories containing the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail



addresses of everyone who regularly attends Cornerstone are available on the Information Kiosk in the church lobby. The Directory also includes a "business directory." If you own a business or have

skills/talents you're willing to share with the Cornerstone family, get listed! Submit new or omitted information to Pam Hoover (phoover405@comcast.net or 829-5211). The Directory is updated each month.



I do, I do!

Feb 15..... 47th Al and Sharon Wilson

Get moving

Mondays at Cornerstone offer an aerobis class at 6:30pm, and pickup basketball at 7:45pm. If you're into Zumba, come out on Thursday nights from 6-7pm. Cost for each session is \$4.

If you ask me what still keeps me here on this earth, what keeps me alive then I would answer without hesitation: love.

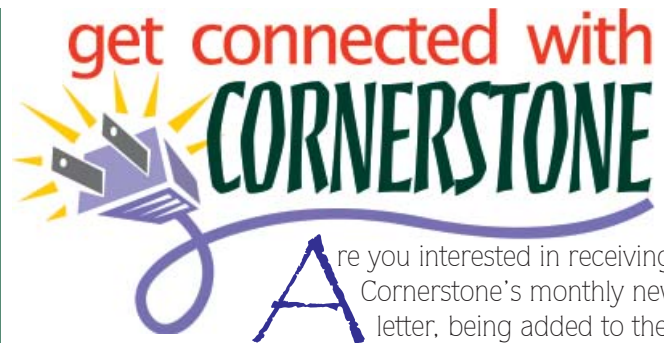
Imre Kertész, Auschwitz survivor

A long marriage is two people trying to dance a duet and two solos at the same time.

Anne Taylor Fleming

May you be poor in misfortunes and rich in blessings.

Irish proverb



Are you interested in receiving Cornerstone's monthly newsletter, being added to the e-mail distribution list, or to the church directory? These resources are a great way to keep up with Cornerstone events, learn more about Cornerstone, and to make contact with other church attenders and members. Please stop by the Welcome Center for information or the kiosk to sign up for what you're interested in! You may also provide your information to **Pam Hoover** (phoover405@comcast.net) or the **church office** (cornerstonecc@embarqmail.com) and you'll get connected!

Check out the church Web site—www.cornerstone-efca.com. Information for the Web site should be sent to the church office at cornerstonecc@embarqmail.com.

O happy day!

When you see someone who has a birthday or anniversary this month, wish them a happy day, or send them a card. It's nice to be remembered on your special day. If your birthday or anniversary wasn't listed, please let Pam Hoover know the date and you won't be missed next time.

Feb 1..... Hunter Reed	Feb 15..... Sandy Freysinger, Michelle Finger
Feb 2..... Josh Foster	Feb 17..... Veronica Ressler, John Raudensky
Feb 4..... Juliet Lightner, Mike Comp	Feb 18..... Randy Morrison, Sydney Fry
Feb 5..... Jason Harrison, Colton Jones	Feb 21..... Julie Reed
Feb 6..... Sharon Wilson, Dwain Cleaver	Feb 22..... Cheryl Desmond, Lacie Boyer
Feb 10..... Jack Smith	Feb 23..... Crystal Groff, Ryan Myers Jr.
Feb 12..... Jenna Lock	Feb 24..... Dee Peffer
Feb 13..... Hayley Boyer, Pey-pey DeWitt	Feb 28..... Katie McDonald

Holding on to anger, resentment, and hurt only gives you tense muscles, a headache, and a sore jaw from clenching your teeth. Forgiveness gives you back the laughter and the lightness to your life.

Joan Lunden

Worship helpers

February 6

Greeters (9:30am) Rock/Roger H/Rich & Lisa (W.C.) Nearhood/Allyson McCollum
(11am) Rock/Roger H/Gretchen Bicking (Welcome Center)/Jena Harrison
Ushers (9:30am) Frank/Rock/Randy Lentvorsky/Randy Lentvorsky/Greg Smith/Gold Gerhold
(11am) Frank/Rock/Gretchen Bicking/Nick Burns/Scott Weber/Adam Gothel
Hospitality Jen Ebersole/Wendy Hoofer
Set-Up Crew Steve Smiley's team

February 13

Greeters (9:30am) Rock/Roger H/Kevin & Lisa (Welcome Center) Wilson/Angie Black
(11am) Rock/Roger & Lisa Hockenberry/Charlotte Barrett (Welcome Center)
Ushers (9:30am) Frank/Rock/Randy Lentvorsky/Randy Lentvorsky/Greg Smith/Gold Gerhold
(11am) Frank/Rock/Gretchen Bicking/Nick Burns/Scott Weber/Adam Gothel
Hospitality Cathy Lowe/Vicki DeLellis
Set-Up Crew Scott Lukens' team

February 20

Greeters (9:30am) Rock/Roger H/Rich & Lisa (W.C.) Nearhood/Tammy Richwine
(11am) Rock/Roger & Lisa Hockenberry/Kendra Martin (Welcome Center)
Ushers (9:30am) Frank/Rock/Randy Lentvorsky/Randy Lentvorsky/Greg Smith/Gold Gerhold
(11am) Frank/Rock/Gretchen Bicking/Nick Burns/Scott Weber/Adam Gothel
Hospitality Linda Fowler/Pam Hoover
Set-Up Crew Jim Dersham's team

February 27 • Newsletter Sunday

Greeters (9:30am) Rock/Roger Hockenberry/Angie Black (Welcome Center)/Pam Hoover
(11am) Rock/Roger H/Maureen Cleaver (W.C.)/Deb Morrison/Pam Hoover
Ushers (9:30am) Frank/Rock/Randy Lentvorsky/Randy Lentvorsky/Greg Smith/Gold Gerhold
(11am) Frank/Rock/Gretchen Bicking/Nick Burns/Scott Weber/Adam Gothel
Hospitality Kristen Heller/Katrina Boyer
Set-Up Crew Steve Smiley's team

Just a reminder to everyone on the list—your commitment to serve is important. If you're scheduled and can't be there, PLEASE ASK SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU. Thanks!

God is good—all the time!

Cornerstone Christian Church is truly blessed.
Pray for God to continue to bless us as we follow His will.

	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	BUILDING FUND	BENEV.
January 2	504	\$7,434.00	\$350.00	\$290.00
January 9	536	\$7,308.88	\$350.00	\$250.00
January 16	542	\$9,194.85	\$235.00	\$208.00
January 23	527	\$6,744.820	\$455.00	\$100.00

Building Fund pledges as of January 23 \$323,533.23

Thank you, Lord

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, and tempers are short, my

children are so loud, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job often is monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for life.

Wednesday Family Nights

February 2

Hospitality Jen Fetterhoff

February 9

Hospitality Jerry Myers

February 16

Hospitality Sue Comp

February 23

Hospitality Jen Fetterhoff

Remember to pray for ...

- our church
- our Elders and Leadership Team
- our men and women serving in the armed forces
- our country
- John Weibley
- Henry Via
- Joan Rudy
- Della Dudley
- Nick Hippman
- Pam Hoover
- Audrey Boyer
- Charlie Freysing
- Missy Parrish, Dee and Leny Parrish's daughter-in-law
- People who have lost jobs, homes, and hope



You may find God in the laughter of your children; the grief of a friend; the opening of forsythias after a long winter; the noisy joyfulness of birds and wind; or the quiet testimony of ants and cobwebs. God's altar is everywhere and in everything.

T. Byram Karasu, M.D.

The purpose of life

An interview with Rick Warren, author of The Purpose Driven Life and pastor of Saddleback Church in California. In the interview by Paul Bradshaw, Rick said:

People ask me, "What is the purpose of life?" And I respond: In a nutshell, life is preparation for eternity. We were made to last forever, and God wants us to be with Him in Heaven. One day my heart is going to stop, and that will be the end of my body—but not the end of me.

I may live 60 to 100 years on earth, but I am going to spend trillions of years in eternity. This is the warm-up act—the dress rehearsal. God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity.

We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life isn't going to make sense. Life is a series of problems: Either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into another one.

The reason for this is that God is more interested in your character than your comfort. God is more interested in making your life holy than He is in making your life happy. We can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life. The goal is to grow in character, in Christ likeness.

This past year has been the greatest year of my life but also the toughest, with my wife, Kay, getting cancer. I used to think that life was hills and valleys—you go through a dark time, then you go to the mountaintop, back and forth.

I don't believe that anymore. Rather than life being hills and valleys, I believe that it's kind of like two rails on a railroad track, and at all times you have something good and something bad in your life. No matter how good things are in your life, there is always something bad that needs to be worked on. And no matter how bad things are in your life, there is always something good you can thank God for. You can focus on your purposes, or you can focus on your problems. If you focus on your problems, you're going into self-centeredness, "which is my problem, my issues, my pain." But one of the easiest ways to get rid of pain is to get your focus off yourself and onto God and others.

We discovered quickly that in spite of the prayers of hundreds of thousands of people, God was not going to heal Kay or make it easy for her. It has been very difficult for her, and yet God has strengthened her character, given her a ministry of helping other people, given her a testimony, drawn her closer to Him and to people.

You have to learn to deal with both the good and the bad

of life. Actually, sometimes learning to deal with the good is harder. For instance, this past year, all of a sudden, when the book sold 15 million copies, it made me instantly very wealthy. It also brought a lot of notoriety that I had never had to deal with before. I don't think God gives you money or notoriety for your own ego or for you to live a life of ease.

So I began to ask God what He wanted me to do with this money, notoriety and influence. He gave me two different passages that helped me decide what to do, II Corinthians 9 and Psalm 72.

First, in spite of all the money coming in, we would not change our lifestyle one bit. We made no major purchases. Second, about midway through last year, I stopped taking a salary from the church.

Third, we set up foundations to fund an initiative we call The Peace Plan to plant churches, equip leaders, assist the poor, care for the sick, and educate the next generation.

Fourth, I added up all that the church had paid me in the 24 years since I started the church, and I gave it all back. It was liberating to be able to serve God for free.

We need to ask ourselves: "Am I going to live for possessions? Popularity? Am I going to be driven by pressures? Guilt? Bitterness? Materialism? Or am I going to be driven by God's purposes (for my life)?"

When I get up in the morning, I sit on the side of my bed and say, "God, if I don't get anything else done today, I want to know You more and love You better."

God didn't put me on earth just to fulfill a to-do list. He's more interested in what I am than what I do. That's why we're called human beings, not human doings.

Everyone needs to be loved, especially when they do not deserve it.

Could you use a helping hand?

Are you elderly, home-bound, or disabled? In need of someone to help with shopping, a way to appointments, or just an ear to listen?

Tony Mannucci lives in Shermans Dale and attends Cornerstone, and is available to help you out on Saturdays and Sundays and on weekdays after 3pm. If you could use Tony's help, call him at 275-7236 or 636-1618.

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