



Cornerstone
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

January 8, 2017

Engage at Cornerstone

IN WORSHIP

Dr. Richard Alberta Preaching

"New Wine"

Mark 2:18-22

IN FOCUS

Gospel Beginnings Training Classes Start Today

Gospel Beginnings, a class for Kindergarten and 1st grade parents (and grandparents), begins today at 11:30 in room 110 and runs through February 5. Find details on page 3.

Wednesday Evening Classes Resume This Week

Join us this week for a special *luau dinner*, followed by the 2017 kickoff of our classes and worship rehearsals. Our Worship Ministry invites you to join us in this New Year. See our website for complete class listings and descriptions, and invite a friend to join you on Wednesday nights.

Congregational Meeting - Jan 15

Our Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2017 immediately following the 11:30 am service. The purposes of this meeting includes electing 5 Elders, approving the 2017 Slate of Deacons, electing the 2017/18 Nominating Committee, and approving the extension of the call for Pastor Richard Alberta for one year – from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018. Please attend this important meeting if you are able.

Family Input Survey

In an effort to better serve your family, Children's Ministry will be inviting families with children ages 3 through fourth grade to participate in an online survey beginning tomorrow, January 9. Be sure to watch for it in your email and participate in the survey.

Missionary Host Homes

We are looking for host families for our upcoming Missions Open House, February 18 & 19. If you are able to serve in this way, please visit the table at Events Registration today to sign up.



EVENTS REGISTRATION:

The Dance Project
Missionary Host Homes

SAVE THE DATE

Gospel Beginnings
Jan 8 - Feb 5
11:30 in Room 110
Congregational Meeting
January 15 @ 1pm
Blood Drive
January 16: 12-6 pm
Hess Hall
Storytime Women's Event
January 26 @ 7 pm
Gospel Truth
Feb 12 - Mar 19
Missions Open House
February 18 & 19

Hearing assistance devices are available at the Sound Booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

If you need assistance, please ask an usher for help.

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¹⁸ Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, “How is it that John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered, “How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. ²⁰ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

²¹ “No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. ²² And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.”

SERMON NOTES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Infant - Grade 4)

CALLING ALL KIDS!

Come, Learn, and Grow in your Faith! From birth through grade 4 all children are welcome! We seek to nurture and equip children to know the heart of God in order that they might have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and serve Him.

FAITH Milestones

Attention parents (and grandparents) of children in Kindergarten or 1st grade! Gospel Beginnings starts **today** at 11:30 am in room 110. Come and be prepared to cultivate this phase of spiritual development in the life of your child.

FAMILY INPUT SURVEY

In an effort to better serve your family by providing special events, programs and classes, Children's Ministry will be inviting families with children ages 3 through fourth grade to participate in a confidential online survey titled "**Family Input Survey.**" It will be emailed January 9th. Be sure to watch for it.

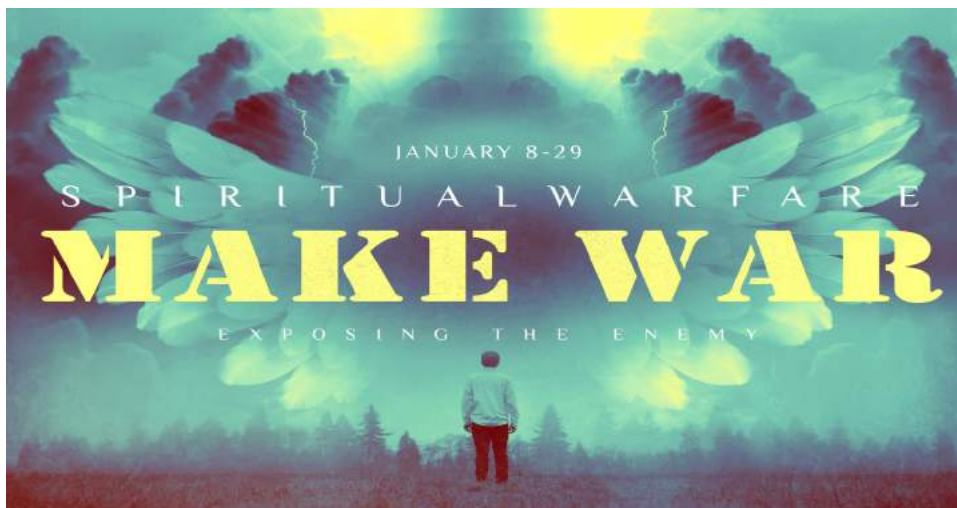
KEYS FOR KIDS

Hey Parents! Did you know that you and your kids can listen online &/or get daily *Keys for Kids* email devotionals at: keysforkids.org. Limited paper copies are available quarterly in the nursery and elementary hallway racks.

STUDENTS (5TH - 12TH GRADES)

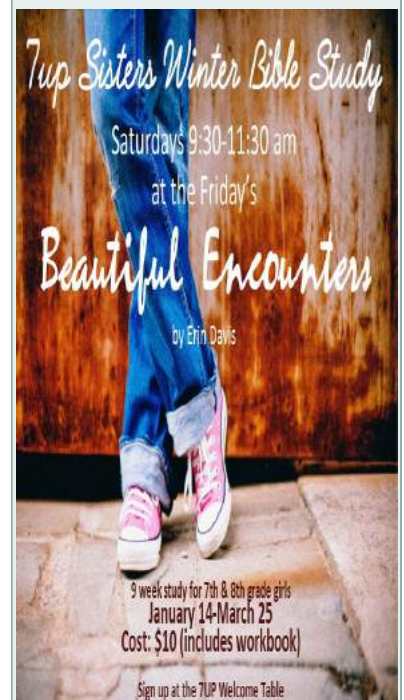
180 STUDY BEGINS TODAY - MAKE WAR

Join us for a new teaching series on *Spiritual Warfare*, beginning today and running through January. Equip yourself for the battle. Check us out in the Student Center today!



Parents . . . a gentle reminder from your servants in Children's Ministry. . . If your child is not feeling well or shows symptoms of illness, he/she belongs at home or with you in the service. Thank you for helping make our nursery and classrooms a happy, healthy environment for everyone!

7th and 8th Grade Girls!
Check out our Winter Bible Study!



COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community is an essential element of the Christian life. Find a list of our Sunday morning Communities to the right, and join us on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 11th at 5:15 pm for a fellowship dinner, followed by a variety of children, student and adult classes. RSVP for dinner through our website or App. You can find a listing and description of our classes on our website: cornerstoneforlife.com.

TRAIL LIFE FUNDRAISER

Trail Life Troop 4020 is selling split firewood as a fund raiser to help supply the troop with essential equipment for our campouts. We are selling the firewood for \$75.00 a face cord delivered. If you are interested in helping our troop acquire camping equipment and need fire wood for this winter please contact Steve Mahan:

stmahan4020@gmail.com,
248-760-3166
or Curt Kofahl:
cck3rd@comcast.com,
810-923-1168.

ADULTS

Class/Community	Topic	Location/time
Growing Together in Christ	Miracles - Signs of God's Glory	CC Classroom/8:30
Hunt Through the Bible	The Pastoral Epistles: Learning How God's People Should Behave in Church	CC Classroom/10:00
Crossroads	Evangelism	102/10:00
Merge	How to Read Difficult Passages	Room 113/10:00
Tapestry Community	I & II Peter	Room 101/10:00
F.A.I.T.H.	A Prophetic Journey - Exile and Exaltation	107/10:00
Side by Side	"iMarriage" by Andy Stanley	108/10:00
SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program)	Amazing New Testament Heroes	Room 109a/10:00
Rooted	Habits of Grace: Disciplines of the Christian Life	CC Classroom/11:30

Ladies, save the date for the next installment of our Storytime Series. Join us **Thursday, January 26 at 7 PM** as we celebrate God's story in our lives. An event for women of all ages. Sharing our stories for His glory. More info in next week's Engage.

CARE AND PRAYER

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

Following each worship service there are Elders and Prayer Partners who will pray with you in the front of the Sanctuary. If you'd prefer, you may fill in a pink prayer card (in the church pew) and drop it in the offering plate or turn it in at the church office. It will be given to a pastor for prayer. If you choose to include your name and number, you will be contacted by Caring Ministries. Filling in a prayer card does not automatically add your request to the published prayer list, as some people prefer confidentiality. Addition to the Prayer List must be specifically requested. Feel alone? Request a Stephen Minister to walk with you through the hard or confusing times of life.

CARE AND PRAYER

We extend our deepest sympathies to:

Deb Mathes, Dan and Paula Heard on the passing of Charles Mathes, husband of Deb and brother-in-law of Paula and Dan.

Don and Donna Forbes on the death of Alexander Forbes, Don's father.

Harry and Ilene Burch, on the death of their son, Dale.

Gary Toney and Scott and Rebekah Toney in the home going of Julia Toney, wife and mom.

Please pray God's peace and comfort surround them.

WORSHIP

Seeking Music Servants

Looking for a great way to love the Lord, build fellowship, and serve? Openings are available within the Cornerstone Choir & Orchestra. Rehearsal for Choir members begins Wednesday, January 11 @ 7 pm. Questions? Contact Director of Worship and Music, Dr. Rose Stevens, through the church office or email: rstevens@cornerstoneforlife.com.

Senior Pastor Search Committee Update

We wanted to give a quick update on where we are as your Senior Pastor Search/Transition Committee. In June we finished our Church Information Form (CIF) and posted the position online. We established a process by which to evaluate candidates and have been receiving applications since mid-June. As appropriate, we have been conducting our first and second round of interviews. Please **continue to be in prayer** for the committee, the applicants, and our church. Please pray for the committee's discernment and that we clearly hear the will of God in this process. At the January 15, 2017 Congregational Meeting, the congregation will be asked to consider an action to renew Pastor Alberta's call for one year beyond his 70th birthday. **This is consistent with the overall plan** that was outlined when the Senior Pastor Search/Transition Committee was put into place a year ago. This in no way impacts the process or timeline for selection of the next Senior Pastor at Cornerstone and provides the flexibility that had been envisioned for an orderly transition as further events unfold.



The 2017 BLACKLIGHT DANCE - SIGN UP TO HELP!

Prayer, chaperons, refreshments and set-up help are needed from our church family. Students in grade 7 to 12 are invited to a one of a kind dance experience including lessons for all the best dance moves. Put on the GLOW at this event, attended annually by 200 + students statewide. Fluorescent snacks & drinks will make taste buds tingle. The dance will take place on **Saturday, January 14th, 2017** from 8 - 11 pm at Highland United Methodist Church, 680 W. Livingston Rd., Highland. Doors open at 7:00 pm for early registration. A beginner's lesson takes place at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$10 per person at the door. Proceeds benefit *Swingin'fusion* and *The Dance Project*, a 501(c)(3) non-profit group with a mission of "changing the culture by promoting positive dancing" to area schools. All guests are required to have online liability waivers completed. To sign up or learn more, stop by Events Registration TODAY or contact Jamie Nicholson 248-210-9409, danceprojectmi@gmail.com, or visit: www.TheDanceProject.info.

TEACHING AND RULING ELDERS

Sr. Pastor Dr. Richard Alberta

Budget & Finance

David Andrews, Steve Mahan

Clerk of Session Mark Smith

Buildings & Grounds

Eric Dunatchik

Caring Ministries

Rev. Brian Tweedie, Ken Foster

Children's Ministries

Jon Morgan

Cornerstone School

Dr. Arthur Hunt, Steve Johnson

Discipleship

Rev. Chris Winans, Dan Forster,

Bob Wheelock

Men's Ministries

Wally Schram

Missions Rev. Scott Larson,

Rob Russell, Mike Rumbarger,

Jay Chamberlin

Student Ministries

Bob Kozal

Young Adult Ministries

Rev. Chris Winans

Women in Ministry

Laura Muhleck

Worship - Mike Beck

Senior Pastor Search/

Transition Committee Chair

Ford Cotton

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8

Day	Time	Event	Room
Sunday	8:30, 10, 11:30am	Worship Services Adult Education Children's Classes/Care	Sanctuary Various Various
	9:30 am 10:00 am	Library Open SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program)	Library 109A
	5:30 pm	Fish and Loaves Dinner	Hess Hall
Monday	6:30 pm	Trail Life	Student Center
Tuesday	9:15 am	Steps to Serenity	Parlor
	7:00 pm	Military Prayer Group	107
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Bread of Life	Celebration Center Classroom
	5:15 pm	Luau Community Dinner	Celebration Center
	6:45 pm	Classes/Worship Rehearsal	Various
Thursday	12:45 pm	Primetimers	Celebration Center
Friday	6:00 am	Men's Fraternity Class OFFICE CLOSED @ 12:30	Celebration Center
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	Parlor

God's Faithfulness to Cornerstone

	12/18	12/25	1/1
Worship:	1461	1714/740	760
Offerings:	\$149,184	\$101,599	n/a
Year to Date Actual:	\$1,783,088	\$1,844,686	n/a
Year to Date Target:	\$1,778,850	\$1,850,004	n/a
Weekly Target: \$71,154			

5:7 PAY DOWN GOAL:

Total Indebtedness (as of Nov): \$2,015,306*

Giving for 5:7 to Date: \$992,758

Total 5:7 Project Cost: \$2,740,000

*Includes prior mortgage debt

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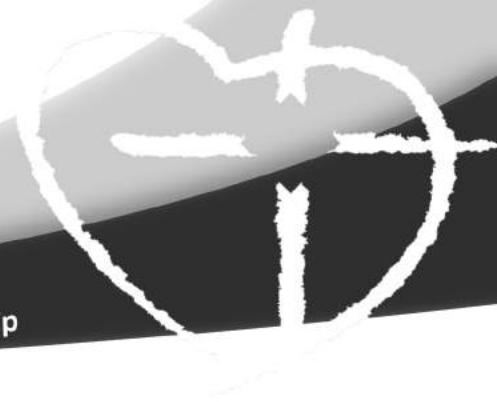
Cornerstone Events

January 2017						
◀ December						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Fish and Loaves Dinner – 5:30 pm	9 Trail Life – 6:30 pm	10 Steps to Serenity – 7 pm Military Prayer – 7 pm	11 Bread of Life 12 pm Luau Community Dinner – 5:15 pm Kingdom Seekers, Student Ministries, & Adult Programming 6:45 pm	12 Primetimers 12:45 pm	13 Men's Fraternity Class 6 am	14 Men's Prayer Group 7 am
15 Congregational Meeting 1 pm Men's Drop-In Basketball 4:00-7:00 pm	16 Blood Drive 12-6 pm Trail Life – 6:30 pm	17 Steps to Serenity – 7 pm Parents of Hope – 7 pm	18 Bread of Life – 12 pm Community Dinner – 5:15 pm Kingdom Seekers, Student Ministries, & Adult Classes 6:45 pm Foster/Adoptive Support Group 7pm	19 Primetimers 12:45 pm	20 Men's Fraternity Class 6 am	21 Men's Prayer Group 7 am Adult Drop-In Co-Ed Volleyball 6:30-8:30 pm
22 Men's Drop-In Basketball 4:00-7:00 pm	23 Trail Life – 6:30 pm	24 Steps to Serenity – 7 pm	25 Bread of Life – 12 pm Community Dinner – 5:15 pm Kingdom Seekers, Student Ministries, & Adult Programming 6:45 pm	26 Primetimers 12:45 pm CCS Kindergarten Information Night 7 pm Storytime Women's Event 7 pm	27 Men's Fraternity Class 6 am	28 Men's Prayer Group 7 am Adult Drop-In Co-Ed Volleyball 6:30-8:30 pm
29 Men's Drop-In Basketball 4:00-7:00 pm	30 Trail Life – 6:30 pm	31 Steps to Serenity – 7 pm	Save the Date for Special Classes and Events: Gospel Beginnings: Jan 8 - Feb 5 Gospel Truth: Feb 12 - Mar 19 Missions Open House: February 18 & 19 Find more info on Cornerstone events at cornerstoneforlife.com			

*Events in bold indicate church-wide events. All events on campus unless otherwise indicated.

January

Adult Classes and Communities



For more information, please visit www.cornerstoneforlife.com/adult-discipleship

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

- 8:30am** **Growing Together in Christ** Pastor Brian Tweedie Celebration Center Classroom
Current Topic: Miracles - Signs of God's Glory
- 10:00am** **Hunt Through the Bible** Pastor Art Hunt Celebration Center Classroom
Current Topic: The Pastoral Epistles - Learning How God's People Should Behave in Church
- Crossroads Community** Ken Stevens Room 102
Current Topic: Evangelism
- Tapestry Community** Kyle Hunt & Vicki Kloosterhouse Room 101
Current Topic: I & II Peter
- SNAP: Special Needs Adults Program** SNAP Teaching Team Room 109A
Current Topic: Amazing New Testament Heroes
- Merge** Pastor Chris Winans Room 113
Current Topic: How to Read Difficult Passages
- F.A.I.T.H.: Families and Individuals Trusting HIM** Matt Grimm Room 107
Current Topic: "A Prophetic Journey - Exile and Exaltation" A study on the prophets of the Bible.
- Side by Side: Couples of all ages and stages!** Side by Side Teaching Team Room 108
Current Topic: "iMarriage" by Andy Stanley
- 11:30am** **Rooted** Pastor Chris Winans Celebration Center Classroom
Current Topic: Habits of Grace - Disciplines of the Christian Life

MID-WEEK CLASSES

- Wednesdays** **12:00pm** **Bread of Life: All Men** Bob Clark Celebration Center Classroom
Current Topic: *John's Gospel*
- Thursdays** **7:30am** **Power and Light: All Women** Donna Alberta Brighton Chamber of Commerce
Current Topic: *"8 Great Biblical Themes" from Genesis to Revelation.*
- 12:45pm** **Primetimers: Adults 60 and Over**
Pastor Marv Valade and Pastor Art Hunt Celebration Center
Current Topic: *The Pastoral Epistles - Learning How God's People Should Behave In Church*

**** See Reverse Side for Wednesday Night Class Information****



NEW YEARS LWAW

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK OFF

January 11

MEAL SERVED AT 5:15
CLASSES AT 6:45

PLEASE RSVP FOR THE DINNER AT [CORNERSTONEFORLIFE.COM/WEDNESDAY-NIGHT](https://cornerstoneforlife.com/wednesday-night) BY TUES. 1/10

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

8 GREAT BIBLICAL THEMES

Pastor Richard & Donna Alberta | Celebration Center Classroom

SIMPLIFY: UNCLUTTER YOUR SOUL (4 WEEK CLASS)

Pastor Brian Tweedie | Room 102

"I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST"

Tom Austin - Director of Mid-Michigan Reasonable Faith | Room 111

BIBLICAL THEMES IN MOVIES

Pastor Scott Larson | Chapel

MERGE - YOUNG ADULTS

Pastor Chris Winans | Room 113

CHOIR/ORCHESTRA - 7:00

COMMUNITY CONNECT



Livingston County's 9th Annual
Saturday, February 4, 2017
Parker Middle School—Howell



Community Connect is a one-day community event to help the homeless—and others at risk of becoming homeless—easily connect to helpful information and services, such as housing assistance, health screenings, legal consultation, food services, government and faith-based agencies, medical insurance, resumé writing, clothing, and other personal needs.

We anticipate about 1000 guests to attend!
As in year's past, Cornerstone will be providing and serving lunch, distributing gift bags filled with personal need items.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED — BY SUNDAY JANUARY 29TH:

Women's Deodorant

Shaving Cream

Disposable Razors

(Please bring items to display in narthex – Regular size items please – NOT Trial or Travel Size or Jumbo)

VOLUNTEER BEFORE COMMUNITY CONNECT:

Food Preparation	Friday, Feb. 3	4pm - 9pm	<i>Hess Hall</i>
Set-up –	Friday, Feb. 3	4pm - 8pm	<i>Load truck at Cornerstone, transfer food & gift bags to Parker Middle School</i>

VOLUNTEER AT COMMUNITY CONNECT: Saturday, February 4 8:30am - 2pm

Guest Guides	<i>Guides are needed to help guests navigate the large facility, answer their questions and direct them to services. Training provided*</i>		
Food Service	<i>Starts at 7am with set-up, food prep, serve lunch, & bus dining room</i>		
Distribute Love INC Gift Bags	<i>– Pass out Love INC personal needs gift bags</i>		
Tear Down –	Saturday, 1pm - 5pm	<i>Re-load truck and unload at Cornerstone</i>	

***GUIDE ORIENTATION AT PARKER MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Dates to be determined – Watch the Engage for details

TO SIGN UP TO HELP

Go to the www.cornerstoneforlife.com, Events, Current Events
and Click onto Community Connect

– OR –

Call Karen Leaf – 810.494.4013 email: kleaf@cornerstoneforlife.com

DIVORCED? SEPARATED?

WE CAN HELP

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar and support group that will help you heal from the hurt. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through.

You'll learn practical information that will help you deal with the challenges of divorce. Best of all, you will gain hope for the future.

Is someone you know hurting? Tell him or her about DivorceCare, a weekly seminar/support group. DivorceCare features biblical principles for healing from a marriage breakup.

Tuesdays - 7-9pm

January 24 - April 24

Contact Person: Janine Fruehan 248.701.8689

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DISCOVER HOPE

EXPERIENCE HEALING

Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church 9455 Hilton Road Brighton

Call 810.494.4013 Visit cornerstoneforlife.com/divorcecare or divorcecare.org