

Cornerstone
Evangelical Presbyterian Church



November 6, 2016

Engage at Cornerstone

IN WORSHIP

Dr. Richard Alberta Preaching

"The Sins of the Amorites and the Election of 2016"

Genesis 15: 12-16

IN FOCUS

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Next Sunday

All boxes for Operation Christmas Child are due back next Sunday, November 13. If you haven't had a chance to pick up a box yet, they are available today at Events Registration. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Women in Ministry - Storytime Advent Event Nov 17

Ladies, save the date for our annual Advent Event! Join us November 17 as we hear testimonies of Our Stories for God's Glory, as well as shop to raise funds to aid trafficking victims. See the insert in today's Engage or visit Events Registration for more details.

Celebrate Jesus Service November 20

Please note that child care will be available for our Celebrate Jesus Service November 20. Please reserve a spot for you and your guests by emailing Jessica Smokovitz at jsmokovitz@comcast.net.

Sympathies

We extend our deepest sympathies to

-Judy Bloss and family on the passing of John Bloss, Judy's husband.
Please pray for God's comfort to surround them at this time.



EVENTS REGISTRATION:
RTL Christmas Cards
Operation Christmas Child

SAVE THE DATE
Christmas Concerts
December 10 & 11
Christmas Eve Services
5, 7, & 9 pm
Christmas Day Services
8:30 & 10:00 am

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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“The Sins of the Amorites and the Election of 2016”

Genesis 15: 12-16

¹²As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹³Then the Lord said to him, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. ¹⁴But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. ¹⁵You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.

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.

	8:30	10:00	11:30
NURSERY	INFANTS N2 COMBINED CLASS Crawlers, Toddlers, Toddler's Too N3 2's N4	INFANTS N2 CRAWLERS N1 TODDLERS N3 TODDLER'S TOO N5 2's N4	COMBINED CLASS Infants—2's N3
EC	COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL 3's, 4/5's, Kindergarten 104	3's 104 4/5's 106 Kindergarten 105	COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL 3's, 4/5's, Kindergarten 104
ELEM	COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL Grades 1-4 103	JOYFUL JOURNEY Grades 1-4 Chapel	COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL Grades 1-4 103

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - BOXES DUE NEXT WEEK

Children and parents - please note that boxes are due back **NEXT SUNDAY** for Operation Christmas Child. You may pick up a box at your child's classroom or Events Registration today. Guidelines for suggested gift items will be distributed with each box. It is our prayer that many children around the world will be blessed by this project, as they are every year! For more information on this ministry and guidelines and suggestions for packing your box, please visit www.samaritanspurse.org and click on the Operation Christmas Child button.

STUDENT MINISTRY (GRADES 5-12)

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

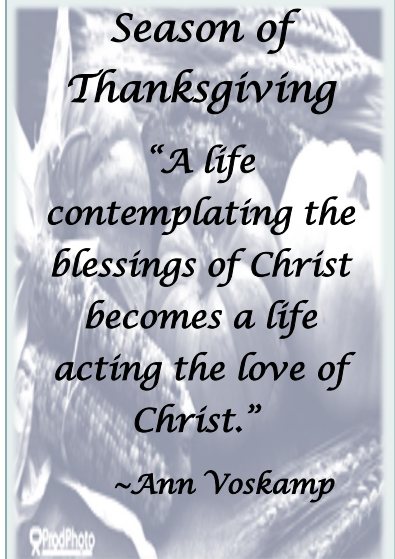
Cornerstone students in 5th thru 8th grade will once again be memorizing God's word. A BIG thanks to all of you who have helped in the past by donating ice cream gift certificates as prizes. If you would like to help again this year simply purchase a \$5.00 gift certificate to a local Ice Cream store (Dairy Queen, Yum Yum Tree, McDonalds...), place it in a sealed envelope and label the envelope "Middle School Bible Memory Contest." Then simply drop it off at the Cornerstone Church Office. BIG THANKS!

STUDENT MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Student Ministries is looking for one person to help every Thursday with restocking and inventory of the Roadhouse (snack shop). Commitment is about 1-2 hours per week during the school year. Contact Kim to get more details or to volunteer 810-494-4032.

PLANNING AHEAD...

There will be no nursery or classes December 25 or January 1.



LOST AND FOUND

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 Lost your coat, hat, umbrella, or Bible? Check the Lost and Found cabinet in the Celebration Center to see if it has been found. Unclaimed items are donated on the 15th of each month.



**ONGOING CARE
AND PRAYER
MINISTRIES**

DIVORCECARE

Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. Register at cornerstoneforlife.com, or contact Janine Fruehan @ 248.701.8689.

GRIEFSHARE

Meets weekly on Mondays at 7 pm in the Parlor. For those grieving the loss of a loved one. More information can be found on our website: www.cornerstoneforlife.com

Expression of Thanks

*My Dear Church Family,
Though I have had to move away from Brighton, you have showered me and my family with your many expressions of love, your prayers, and your support during the past two weeks' illness and home going of my precious daughter, Cyndi Hammersley. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

~Dorothy West

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community is an essential element of the Christian life. Find a list of our Sunday morning Communities below, and join us on Wednesdays 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 in the insert in today's Engage.

ADULTS

Class/Community	Topic	Location/time
Growing Together in Christ	Living Securely in an Insecure World	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	God's Wisdom for Our Times: Proverbs	102/10:00
Merge	Evangelism	Room 113/10:00
Tapestry Community	You Are What You Love	Room 101/10:00
F.A.I.T.H.	"God Behaving Badly?" Study on Apologetics by D.T. Lamb	107/10:00
Legacy	"Philippians: To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain" Video Series by Matt Chandler	111/10:00
Side by Side	Too Busy Not to Pray - Bill Hybels	108/10:00
SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program)	New Testament Heroes	Room 109a/10:00
Rooted	Habits of Grace: Disciplines of the Christian Life	CC Classroom/11:30

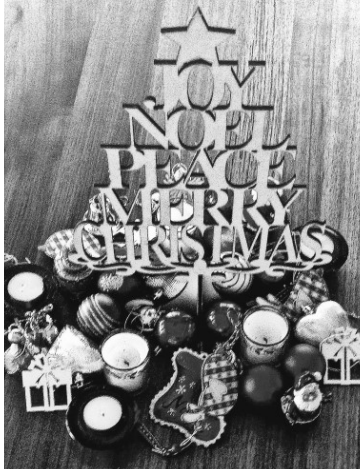
CARE AND PRAYER

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.

WORSHIP

Christmas at Cornerstone



Cornerstone Christmas Concerts: December 10 & 11 7 pm

Join us for an evening of worship and praise with our Cornerstone musicians as we reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Dinner: December 10 at 5 pm. Please reserve a spot by December 5 by visiting our website: cornerstoneforlife.com. Click on the Events tab, and the *Christmas at Cornerstone* button. You may also call the office at 810.227.9411.

Christmas Eve Services, December 24, 5, 7 & 9 pm

Christmas Day Services: 8:30 and 10 am (no child care available)

For more information visit our website at www.cornerstoneforlife.com, or call the office at 810.227.9411.

GIVE AND SERVE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVERS NEEDED

Do you have the gift of service and love working in the kitchen? Help is needed to prep and serve Wednesday night dinners. For more information, please contact Jessica Smokovitz at 810-610-2531 or jsmokovitz@cornerstoneforlife.com.

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST - LOVE INC

Is God calling you to the Love INC Ministry?

Are you looking for a 1 day a week commitment in assisting families during their time of distress? Do you like to Pray with people and offer Hope? The office of Love In the Name of Christ, Love INC, is in need of volunteers to answer the phones from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, Monday-Thursday or 10:00 AM-12:30 PM on Fridays. You may choose your day and time to volunteer. Love INC provides a complete orientation and training. For more information phone 517- 552-3816.

COMMUNITY

VOTER GUIDES

Looking for guidance on the election? Non-partisan voter guides are available online through the Michigan Family Forum at www.michiganfamily.org, or through The League of Women Voters at lwvmi.org. Right to Life also has information for voters at rtl.org.

CELEBRATE JESUS THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Join us November 20 for a special Thanksgiving Service filled with praise, testimony and celebration of the Gospel. We pray for God's continued work as He draws new believers to himself through the work of the Holy Spirit. Childcare is available. Please email Jessica at jsmokovitz@comcast.net to reserve a spot.



"Bear" Witness Project

*For the needy will not always
be forgotten, Nor the hope of
the afflicted perish forever.
-Psalm 9:18*

As we seek to share the gospel with those around us, we can ask these questions: Are we equipped? Are we motivated? Are we available?

Ask God to make a Divine Appointment for you this week.

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 NOVEMBER 6

Day	Time	Event	Room
Sunday	8:30, 10, 11:30	Worship Services	Sanctuary
		Adult Education	Various
	9:30 am	Children's Classes/Care	Various
		Library Open	Library
	10:00	SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program)	109A
	4:00-7:00pm	Men's Drop-In Basketball	Hess Hall
Monday	6:30 pm	Trail Life	Student Center
	7:00 pm	Fall GriefShare	Parlor
Tuesday	9:15 am 7:00 pm	Refresh	Celebration Center
		Steps to Serenity	Parlor
		DivorceCare Military Prayer Group	Chapel 107
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Bread of Life	Celebration Center Classroom
	5:15 pm 6:45 pm	Community Life dinner Kingdom Seekers/Student Ministries/Adult Classes	Celebration Center Various
Thursday	12:45 pm	Primetimers	Celebration Center
Friday		OFFICE CLOSED @ 12:30	
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	Parlor
	4:30-8:30pm	Adult Drop-In Volleyball	Hess Hall

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God's Faithfulness to Cornerstone

	10/16	10/23	10/30
Worship:	1133	1279	1315
Offerings:	\$57,948	\$71,533	\$69,126
Year to Date Actual:	\$1,069,825	\$1,141,357	\$1,210,484
Year to Date Target:	\$1,138,464	\$1,209,618	\$1,280,772
Weekly Target: \$71,154			

5:7 PAY DOWN GOAL:
Total Indebtedness (as of Sept): \$2,056,915*
Giving for 5:7 to Date: \$940,459
Total 5:7 Project Cost: \$2,740,000
 *Includes prior mortgage debt

Cornerstone Shares God's Grace and Goodness

In Our Community and Around the World...

There are many opportunities for you and your family to serve others at Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. So many different needs and projects; **select which ones you would like to be a part of!**

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| 1. Operation Christmas Child | 4. Christmas Dinner & Concert |
| 2. Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner | 5. Military Avenue—(Food boxes & Party) |
| 3. Toys for Kids—(Salvation Army & Military Ave.) | 6. Casa Bernabe in Guatemala—(jeans, games, hygiene items) |

Operation Christmas Child

1 Fill one of the free preprinted 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 \$7 for each box you prepare to cover shipping expenses.



Boxes are due back to Cornerstone on Sunday, November 13!

Boxes and brochures are available starting today on a table in the Celebration Center.

Thanksgiving Dinner at GEPC

2 **Thursday, November 24** is *Cornerstone's 10th 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 20 to cook turkeys for the meal.

Go to www.cornerstoneforlife.com to make reservations and to volunteer.

Salvation Army Angel Tree & Military Ave. Gifts

3 Lots of toys are needed for kids in need on Christmas. Cornerstone will be supporting our local Salvation Army with gifts for children in need. This year Caring Ministries is joining with our Missions department to ensure that there are enough toys for the children attending the annual Military Avenue Christmas party, as well. Starting on November 20, the trees will be in the lobby and you can choose a tag for either or both groups. Just choose a tag, buy the gift, tape the tag to the gift and return to church.



Watch for the details for this project in the Engage in the coming weeks.

Christmas Dinner and Concert

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On Saturday, December 10, Cornerstone will host a very special dinner and Christmas concert for the same friends we invited to Thanksgiving. Following a “homemade” dinner in a beautifully-decorated Hess Hall, guests will come to the sanctuary for inspiring Christmas music and a message reminding all of us that Christmas is because of Jesus!

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.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

December 10: Dinner at 5:00 pm, Concert at 7:00 pm

December 11: Concert Only at 7:00 pm

Watch the Engage—Details on how to make a reservation and to volunteer will be available soon.



Military Avenue EPC ~ *Cornerstone's Sister Church Located in the Inner City of Detroit*

Provide a Meal for a Family in Need

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FILL A BOX WITH FOOD and Cornerstone will provide the turkey. The approximate cost to fill a box is \$50. Boxes and the shopping list will be available on Sunday, November 27 and should be returned on Sunday, December 11.

December 17 ~ Food Distribution & Children's Party

Meet in the Cornerstone parking lot at 7:30 am to car-pool to Military Avenue. Join the “Turkey Brigade” or help with food boxes. Have some fun with the children; games and crafts and then Christmas presents are passed out! Many hands are needed to make this event a success.



Military Avenue Church

Sign Up for Military Avenue will be on Sundays, November 20 and December 4 and 11 at Events Registration in the Celebration Center
Questions?

Call Krista Menlen 810.623.1456 Email kmenlen@cornerstoneforlife.com

Casa Bernabé Orphanage in Guatemala

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This November we will begin collecting jeans & games for the children at Casa Bernabé, along with personal hygiene items for a medical triage clinic. Watch the Engage for further details regarding the dates of the collection, sizes needed, etc.

The items will be delivered in person to the children during the Christmas break.



Friends of Children
EVERYWHERE

For information about Thanksgiving, Christmas Dinner & Concert, Salvation Army & Military Ave Christmas Gifts, and Operation Christmas Child:

Contact Karen Leaf at 810-494-4013 or kleaf@cornerstoneforlife.com

***Watch for complete details of these projects/events
in future editions of the Engage***

November

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: Elijah - Living Securely in an Insecure World

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 Dennis King Room 102
Current Topic: God's Wisdom for Our Times - A Study in Proverbs

Tapestry Community Kyle Hunt & Vicki Kloosterhouse Room 101
Current Topic: You Are What You Love

SNAP: Special Needs Adults Program SNAP Teaching Team Room 109A
Current Topic: Amazing New Testament Heroes

Merge Pastor Chris Winans Room 113
Current Topic: Evangelism

F.A.I.T.H.: Families and Individuals Trusting HIM Matt Grimm Room 107
Current Topic: "God Behaving Badly?" a study on apologetics by David T. Lamb

Legacy Tim Osborne Room 111
Current Topic: "Philippians: To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain" a video series by Matt Chandler

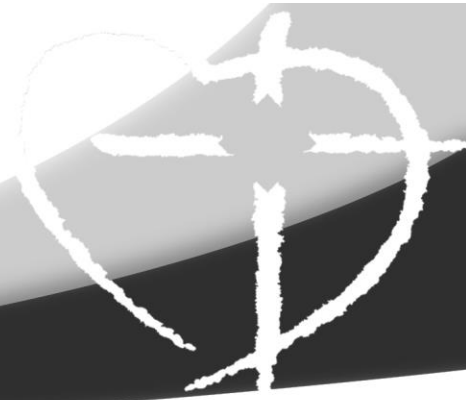
Side by Side: Married couples of all ages and stages! Side by Side Teaching Team Room 108
Current Topic: "Too Busy Not to Pray" a video series by Bill Hybels

11:30am

Rooted Pastor Chris Winans Celebration Center Classroom
Current Topic: Habits of Grace - Disciplines of the Christian Life

November

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MID-WEEK CLASSES

Wednesdays at noon

Bread of Life: All Men Bob Clark Celebration Center Classroom
Current Topic: John's Gospel

Wednesdays at 6:45pm

Sharing the Gospel Pastor Alberta Chapel
A study on how the Gospel can be effectively presented to our neighbors and co-workers...family and friends...to everyone we meet.

Christian Parenting Scott and Jenn Larson Room 111
A study on raising great kids.

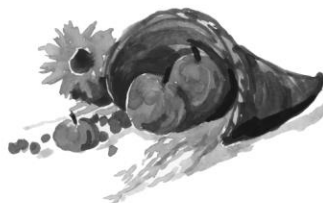
Boundaries Pastor Tweedie Room 102
Biblical answers on how to set healthy boundaries with your parents, spouse, children, friends, coworkers, and even yourself.

U2! Donna Alberta Celebration Center Classroom
Unimagined, Unstuck; Living Life Boldly for Christ

Merge Pastor Chris Winans Room 113
Studying "The Screwtape Letters" by C. S. Lewis

Thursdays at 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



****NO CLASSES ON 11/23 OR 11/24. HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!****



Annual Advent Celebration
Thursday, Nov 17th 5:00—10:00pm
In the Celebration Center

*Join us for an evening of great storytelling,
spiritual refreshment, and shopping with a purpose!*

- Advent Boutiques 5-7 & 8:15-10pm
- Program 7-8:15pm
- Complete details on back

Save the Date!



Each year as we approach the **Advent** season, we tell again God's great **redemption story** of Christ coming into the world to save sinners. The ongoing commitment of *Cornerstone Women in Ministry* is to support those Christian ministries working to rescue women who are ensnared by human trafficking or at risk of being trafficked both locally and globally.

This year's Advent Celebration

will be part of our *Storytime* series, and will feature a program with **two women sharing their personal and inspiring stories of reaching abused & trafficked women for God's Glory!**

You'll also enjoy:

- ◆ **Advent Boutique** — handcrafted items from two of our favorite ministries that work globally with women rescued from human trafficking -- **Amani ya Juu** and **Sak Saum** -- will be open from 5-7pm, and again following the program from 8:15-10pm.
- ◆ **Cornerstone Crafters Boutique** — items donated for purchase to benefit **Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac**
- ◆ **Snacks & dessert items with beverages** throughout the evening
- ◆ **NO admission fee or ticket necessary!** (But let us know you're coming at our Cornerstone info station or online at cornerstoneforlife.com)
- ◆ **A great outreach event — so invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors!!**



Handcrafted items needed!

Calling all crafters! We're looking for your donations of Christmas decorations, wreaths, Advent calendars, knitted personal articles (gloves, scarves, children's items, etc.) for our **Cornerstone Crafters Boutique**. All donations will be priced for purchase to benefit Grace Centers of Hope! **If you can donate, please call Bailey in the Women in Ministry office at 810-494-4034 & let her know.**

Please bring your donated item(s) to the church between **Sunday, Nov 13 and Wednesday, Nov 16.** Thanks!

Questions? Call Donna Albetka at 810-227-9411