

Cornerstone  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church



December 4, 2016

# Engage at Cornerstone

## IN WORSHIP

Pastor Brian Tweedie Preaching

*"Home for Christmas"*

Matthew 25: 1-13

## IN FOCUS

### **Christmas Concerts and Dinner Next Weekend**

Join us at 7 pm December 10 & 11 for a wonderful night of worship and Christmas celebration with our Cornerstone musicians, from smallest to biggest! We will also host a Christmas Dinner on December 10 at 5 pm. Registration for the dinner opens tomorrow, December 5. Due to limited space this event will close when we reach capacity. It takes many hands for this event to take place. Sign up to help with set-up, food prep, serving or clean-up by clicking on "Volunteer to Serve Christmas Dinner" on our website: [cornerstoneforlife.com](http://cornerstoneforlife.com).

### **Military Avenue Christmas - Dec 17**

The Christmas season is here, and it's time once again for CEPC to head to Detroit for our annual Military Avenue Christmas party as we share the love of Christ and offer food and gifts to families in need. The party takes place December 17, and we need volunteers like you to join us. We will also be collecting food boxes and children's gifts for the event. For more information or to sign up, visit our table at Events Registration today.

### **Men's Fraternity - Winter Bible Study**

Our Men's Fraternity will kick off a winter study beginning January 6 at 6 am on Fridays. Our 16 week study is entitled "Authentic Manhood: Winning at Work and Home." See the insert in today's Engage for more information.

### **Angel Tree Gifts**

Salvation Army Angel Tree gifts are due today. However, we still have many tags on the trees so if you can purchase a gift we will make certain it gets to Toy Shoppe!



## **EVENTS REGISTRATION:**

Military Avenue Christmas  
Men's Fraternity

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Christmas Eve Services**

5, 7, & 9 pm

### **Christmas Day Services**

8:30 and 10 am

### **New Year's Day Services**

8:30 and 10 am

### **Gospel Beginnings**

Jan 8 - Feb 5

### **Congregational Meeting**

January 15 @ 1pm

### **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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*“Home for Christmas”*  
Matthew 25: 1-13

<sup>1</sup> “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup>The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup>At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ <sup>7</sup>Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

## **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.



### Children's Ministry Schedule



8:30	10:00	11:30
<b>NURSERY</b>		
INFANTS Nursery 2 <b>COMBINED CLASS</b> Nursery 3 Crawlers, Toddlers, Toddler Too 2's Nursery 4	INFANTS Nursery 2 CRAWLERS Nursery 1 TODDLERS Nursery 3 TODDLER TOO Nursery 5 2'S Nursery 4	<b>COMBINED CLASS</b> Infants- 2's Nursery 3
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD</b>		
<b>COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 3's, 4/5's, Kindergarten 104	3'S 104 4/5'S 106 Kindergarten 105	<b>COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 3's, 4/5's, Kindergarten 104
<b>ELEMENTARY</b>		
<b>COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> Grades 1-4 103	<b>JOYFUL JOURNEY</b> Grades 1-4 Chapel	<b>COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> Grades 1-4 103

## FAITH Milestones

### COMING SOON!

**Faith Milestones** is Cornerstone's path for partnering with parents to equip them to disciple their children during the formative years of family life. **Gospel Beginnings** is a five week class offered to parents of Kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders beginning **Sunday**, January 8, 2017 at 11:30 am. Save the date...you won't want to miss it. Contact Bonny Linder [blinder@cornerstoneforlife.com](mailto:blinder@cornerstoneforlife.com) or 810-494-4022 to register. For more information visit our website.

## STUDENT MINISTRY (GRADES 5-12)

### LIVINGSTON COUNTY FOSTER CARE DINNER - DEC 14

Student Ministries will once again be hosting the Livingston County Foster Care Christmas Dinner on December 14. We are looking for student volunteers, as well as food tray donations. Please see the insert in today's Engage for details on how you can help.

### 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.

*Many thanks to all those that helped us and shared their time in preparing and serving a wonderful 10th annual Thanksgiving dinner. We served nearly 500 guests and volunteers, and still had food left over to send home with our guests. It is a blessing to serve our Love INC friends and to work with so many from our community at large.*

Thanks and Blessings,  
Janet Oswalt and Karen Leaf



*"He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute."*

~Augustine

## 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 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](http://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](mailto:stmahan4020@gmail.com),  
248-760-3166  
or Curt Kofahl:  
[cck3rd@comcast.com](mailto:cck3rd@comcast.com),  
810-923-1168.

## ADULTS

### NEXT STEPS FOR THE NEW BELIEVER

If you have made a recent choice to make Jesus Lord of your life, you may be wondering “What’s next?” We invite you to join the second of a two-part series for the new believer taught by Pastor Hunt this Wednesday, December 7, from 6:45 – 8:00 pm in Room 111.

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 at 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 beginning December 5 by visiting our website: [cornerstoneforlife.com](http://cornerstoneforlife.com). Click on the Events tab, and the *Christmas at Cornerstone* button. You may also call the office at

810.227.9411. Love INC guests receive first priority for this event.

**Christmas Eve Services:** 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](http://www.cornerstoneforlife.com), or call the office at 810.227.9411.

## COMMUNITY

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - DEC 11**

At 7 pm in every time zone around the world, families gather for a candle lighting in remembrance of their children who have passed away. Parents of Hope-Brighton, which meets at Cornerstone, will be sponsoring this event. At 7 pm on Sunday, December 11th there will be a non-denominational ceremony in the Cornerstone Chapel, followed by dessert and fellowship. For additional information and to register please contact Elly Cairns at 517.672.6003 or [ellyjcairns@comcast.net](mailto:ellyjcairns@comcast.net). Please RSVP by December 9th. To honor your child, please bring a self-standing framed (up to 8x10) photograph of your child or any precious memento to display. The program will start promptly at 6:45, so plan to arrive no later than 6:30pm. The candle lighting will be at 7 pm. Feel free to invite your extended family. Candles will be provided.

Parents of Hope is a ministry of the New Hope Center for Grief Support. This group meets at Cornerstone on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7pm in Room 212/214. For more information on this event, visit our website at [cornerstoneforlife.com](http://cornerstoneforlife.com). For more info on Parents of Hope, visit [newhopecenter.net](http://newhopecenter.net) or contact Elly Cairns.

### **CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED**



We would like to expand our substitute teacher list. Applicants are not required to be currently certified but should have a background in education. Please call the school office for more information: 810-494-4040.

### **VOLLEYBALL!**

Join us for Drop in Adult Co-ed volleyball Saturdays December 3 and 17 from 6:30-8:30. Contact [ktraud@cornerstoneforlife.com](mailto:ktraud@cornerstoneforlife.com) for more information.

Cornerstone's Women's Volleyball League now has openings for 4 full teams. Cost to play is \$5 per person plus a completed waiver (available on website); \$10 per person for a team shirt. Games are on Monday evenings beginning on February 6 and ending on April 24. For more information or to register your team, please contact Kim at 810-494-4032.



## 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 DECEMBER 4

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
	4:30 pm	Men's Drop-In Basketball	Hess Hall
Monday	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Trail Life Fall GriefShare	Student Center Parlor
Tuesday	7:45 am 7:00 pm	Moms in Prayer Steps to Serenity DivorceCare Parents of Hope	Celebration Center Classroom Parlor Chapel 108
Wednesday	12:00 pm 5:15 pm 6:45 pm	Bread of Life Community Dinner Children/Adult Programming	Celebration Center Classroom Celebration Center Various
Thursday	12:00 pm	Primetimers Christmas Concert and Luncheon	Celebration Center
Friday		OFFICE CLOSED @ 12:30	
Saturday	7:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Prayer Group Christmas Dinner Christmas Concert	Parlor Hess Hall Sanctuary

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810-227-9411  
Cornerstoneforlife.com  
Care & Prayer: 810-494-4013



### God's Faithfulness to Cornerstone

	11/13	11/20	11/27
Worship:	1380	1304	1295
Offerings:	\$61,931	\$66,015	\$54,774
Year to Date Actual:	\$1,363,488	\$1,429,503	\$1,484,277
Year to Date Target:	\$1,423,080	\$1,565,388	\$1,565,388
Weekly Target: \$71,154			

#### 5:7 PAY DOWN GOAL:

**Total Indebtedness (as of Oct):** \$2,021,673\*

**Giving for 5:7 to Date:** \$950,387

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

\*Includes prior mortgage debt

Livingston County

Annual Foster Care

Christmas

Wednesday

**December 14**

Cornerstone  
Serving the Community  
of Foster Care Families!

Christmas 2016



Hosted By  
Cornerstone Student  
Ministries

**Cornerstone Family!**

Your Generous Donations are Welcome, Appreciated  
and much needed in order that we might serve with excellence!

**You are invited to prepare or donate One of the Following!**

**Veggie Tray, Fruit Tray, Various Desserts**

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Donate!



Email Sally Jo at [sjfriday@cornerstoneforlife.com](mailto:sjfriday@cornerstoneforlife.com) to donate



# Christmas at Cornerstone

## THE STORY of AMAZING LOVE

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CHRISTMAS DINNER	DEC. 10	5:00 PM
CHRISTMAS CONCERT	DEC. 10 & 11	7:00* PM
CHRISTMAS EVE	DEC. 24	5*, 7*, & 9 PM <small>5:00 -FAMILY SERVICE</small>
CHRISTMAS DAY	DEC. 25	8:30 & 10 AM

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON,  
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."

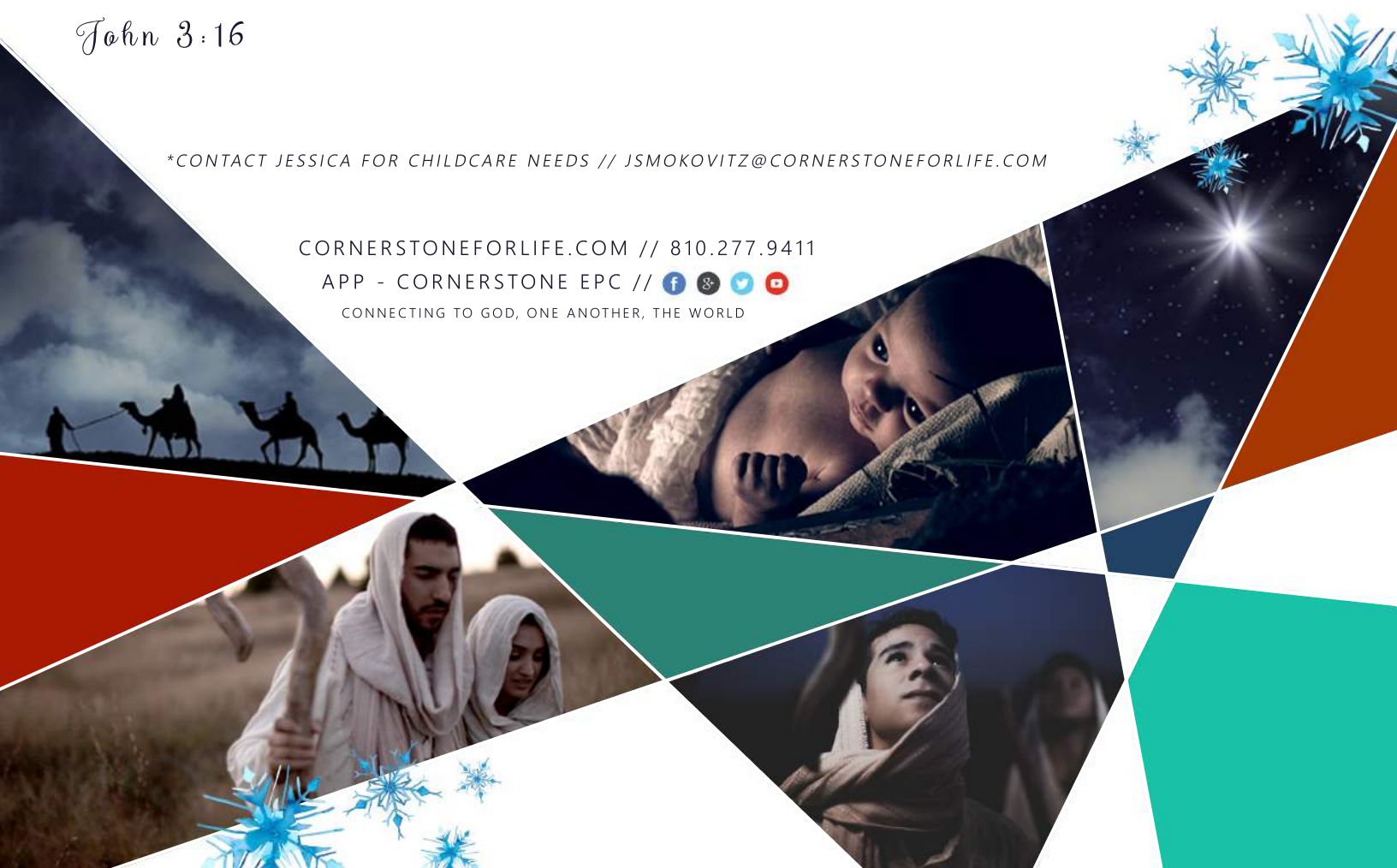
*John 3:16*

\*CONTACT JESSICA FOR CHILDCARE NEEDS // [JSMOKOVITZ@CORNERSTONEFORLIFE.COM](mailto:JSMOKOVITZ@CORNERSTONEFORLIFE.COM)

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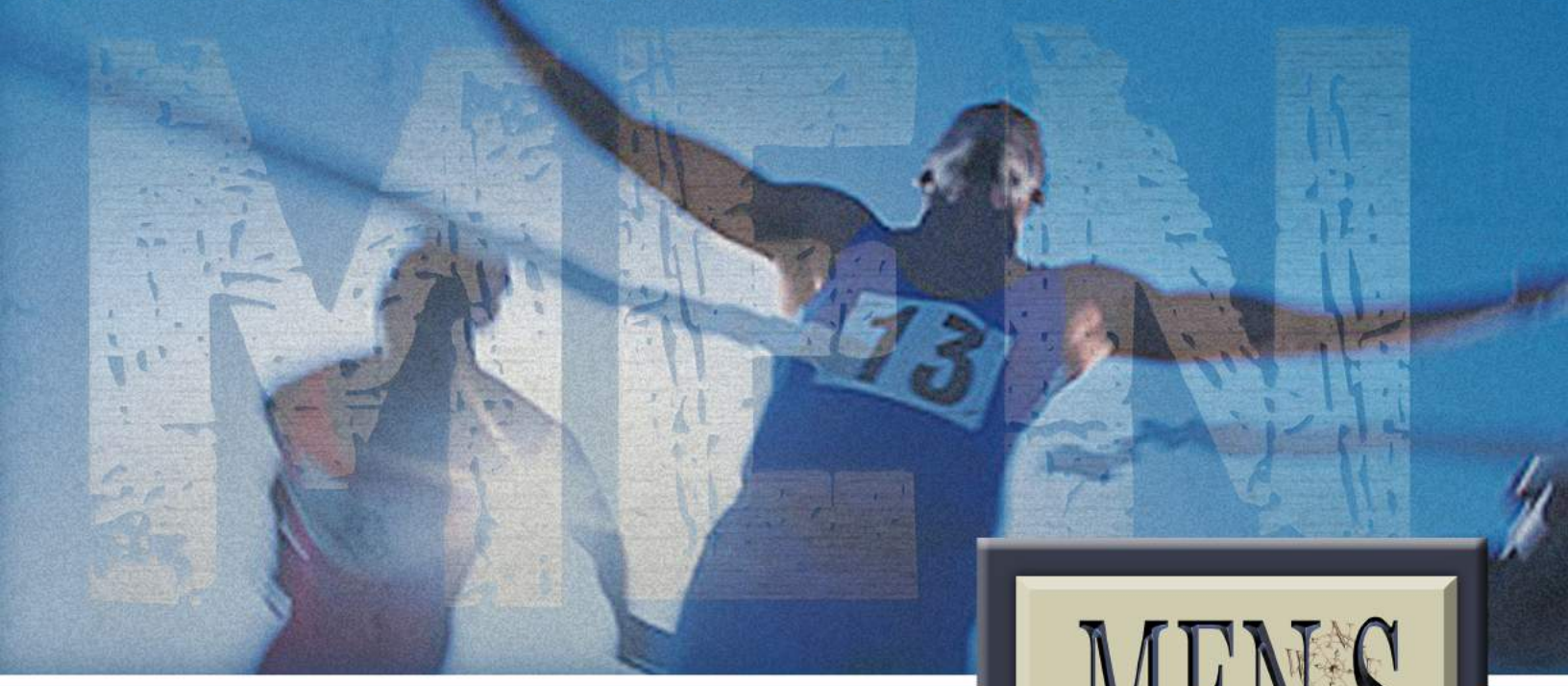
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CONNECTING TO GOD, ONE ANOTHER, THE WORLD





# CORNERSTONE



**AUTHENTIC MANHOOD**

# WINNING AT WORK & HOME

**PASTOR ROBERT LEWIS**

*For most men, happiness and satisfaction in life are locked up in two words – work and home. This study gives you a framework for winning in both arenas. You'll get the tools you need to build (or rebuild) your confidence; expand your vision; develop successful life strategies; and improve your performance in your relationship with your wife or girlfriend, in your relationships with your children, and in your job.*

**MEN'S**  
**FRATERNITY**

Join us for a 16 week study, fellowship, and a light breakfast on Friday mornings starting January 6th.

- Fridays @ 6am
- Celebration Center
- Suggested donation of \$10 to cover workbook cost.

Sign up at events registration today or December 18th.

Contact Wally Schram for more information:

Wally Schram  
(248)521-7789  
wallyschram@gmail.com



# ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**MARCH**  
**10TH-13TH.**

2017 MEN'S RETREAT IN TUSTIN, MI

\$100 PER PERSON

SOME DISCOUNTS MAY APPLY.

WATCH FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
COMING SOON!





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## Missionary Care Groups

Cornerstone is seeking people to join existing Missionary Care Groups! Missionary Care Groups meet once a month to pray for supported missionaries and visit with them when they are in the area. This is an incredible way to have a high impact at home and around the world while having a low impact on your schedule.



Interested? Contact the Missions Department at:

810-494-4034  
[eyzonheaven@comcast.net](mailto:eyzonheaven@comcast.net)

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## Military Avenue Church Food Pantry



Thank you for your on-going support of the Military Avenue Food Pantry! Hunger knows no season, so please remember to bring in your contributions.

Items especially needed include pasta and spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned meats, stews, and soups. You can place your donations on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity!