

Cornerstone  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church



October 30, 2016

# Engage at Cornerstone

## IN WORSHIP

Dr. Richard Alberta Preaching

Stories Jesus Told: Part VIII

*"A Lost Coin!"*

Luke 15: 8-10

## IN FOCUS

### **Sharing God's Goodness**

The holiday season is fast approaching, and with that comes many opportunities to serve. We invite you to check out the insert in today's Engage and reach out to our community where you are called.

### **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.

### **RTL - Christmas Cards on Sale**

Right to Life of Livingston County has an array of beautiful Christmas cards for sale, beginning today at Events Registration. Funds raised support Right to Life.

### **Sympathies**

We extend our deepest sympathies to

-Herb Fisher and family on the passing of Carlene, Herb's wife.

-Dorothy West on the passing of her daughter, Cynthia Hammersly.

Please pray for God's comfort to surround her at this time.



**EVENTS REGISTRATION:**  
RTL Christmas Cards  
Operation Christmas Child  
Bear Witness  
Storytime Advent Event

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Women's "Storytime"  
Advent Event—Nov 17

Celebrate Jesus Service  
November 20

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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## Stories Jesus Told: Part VIII

*“A Lost Coin!”*

Luke 15: 8-10

<sup>8</sup> “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

### **SERMON NOTES**

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY (Infant - Grade 4)

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - BOXES DUE NOVEMBER 13

Children and parents - we invite you to participate in this year’s Operation Christmas Child, sponsored by Samaritan’s Purse. 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](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) and click on the Operation Christmas Child button.



### 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.

## 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!

## 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

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community is an essential element of the Christian life.

Find a list of our Sunday morning Communities to the left, 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.

FIND A FULL CLASS LIST WITH DESCRIPTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE: [CORNERSTONEFORLIFE.COM](http://CORNERSTONEFORLIFE.COM)



## **ONGOING CARE AND PRAYER MINISTRIES**

### **DIVORCECARE**

Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. Register at [cornerstoneforlife.com](http://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](http://www.cornerstoneforlife.com)

### **MOMS IN PRAYER**

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:45 am in the Celebration Center Classroom. Visit [momsinprayer.org](http://momsinprayer.org) to learn more about this vital prayer movement.

## **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.

### **THANK YOU**

Art and Linda Hunt would like to express their thanks to the congregation on the recent recognition and celebration of Dr. Hunt's 30th anniversary of his ordination. They deeply appreciate the gift card and flowers, as well as the love of the Cornerstone body. Thank you for your support of their ongoing ministry.

*"How easy it is to adopt the culture of the world and regard people based on...superficial views. We tend to forget that those around us are flesh-and-blood people with real hurts, dreams, struggles, and loves. But Paul speaks of how our vision of people changes when we know Christ. We don't see them through the eyes of the world...but through the eyes of God...most of all we're mindful of what people can become: new creations in Christ, renewed and restored by the transforming power of God."*

~Mack Stiles, from *Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus*

## **COMMUNITY**

### **CALLING ALL VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS!**

Do you love volleyball? Are you familiar with being able to bump, set, spike? Join us on Saturdays in Hess Hall from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is no charge to play, but each player is required to submit a completed and signed waiver. For more information, please contact Kim: [ktraud@cornerstoneforlife.com](mailto:ktraud@cornerstoneforlife.com).

## WORSHIP

### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS - JOIN THE WORSHIP TEAM!

**Christmas Rehearsals are Beginning this Saturday, October 29 from 9AM-Noon!** We'd love for you to be part of the Cornerstone Choir, Orchestra & Band for the Concerts and upcoming Christmas Season. We are sharing Christ and "The Story of His Amazing Love." You will be blessed to be part of this special season of worship.

### Cornerstone Rehearsal and Concert Schedule - as best as each is able:

Saturday November 19 9am-Noon      Tuesday Nov. 22 7pm  
Wednesday November 30 7pm      Saturday December 3 9am -Noon  
Wednesday December 7 6:30pm

### Cornerstone Christmas Concerts: December 10 & 11 7 pm

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

For more information or if you have questions, contact Dr. Rose Stevens at [rstevens@cornerstoneforlife.com](mailto:rstevens@cornerstoneforlife.com).

## 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](mailto: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.

### 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.



### "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 OCTOBER 30**

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	7:45 am 7:00 pm	Moms in Prayer	N3 Parlor Chapel 108
		Steps to Serenity	
		DivorceCare Parents of Hope	
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 7:00 pm	Primetimers LCAP meeting	Celebration Center Student 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**

	10/9	10/16	10/23
Worship:	1126	1133	1279
Offerings:	\$84,246	\$57,948	\$71,533
Year to Date Actual:	\$1,011,877	\$1,069,825	\$1,141,357
Year to Date Target:	\$1,067,310	\$1,138,464	\$1,209,618
Weekly Target: \$71,154			

**5:7 PAY DOWN GOAL:**  
**Total Indebtedness (as of Sept): \$2,056,915\***  
**Giving for 5:7 to Date: \$935,614**  
**Total 5:7 Project Cost: \$2,740,000**  
 \*Includes prior mortgage debt

## Cornerstone Calendar – Upcoming Events

November 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Moms in Prayer – 7:45 am 7 pm - Divorce Care Parents of Hope Steps to Serenity	<b>2</b> 12 pm – Bread of Life 5:15pm – Community Dinner 6:45 pm – Children, Student and Adult Programming	<b>3</b> 12:45 pm – Primetimers	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7 am – Men's Prayer
<b>6</b> 4-7 pm – Men's Drop-In Basketball	<b>7</b> Trail Life – 6:30 pm Griefshare – 7 pm	<b>8</b> 9:15 am – Refresh 7 pm - Divorce Care Military Prayer Group Steps to Serenity	<b>9</b> 12 pm – Bread of Life 5:15pm – Community Dinner 6:45 pm – Children, Student and Adult Programming	<b>10</b> 12:45 pm – Primetimers	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7 am – Men's Prayer 4:30-8:30 pm – Co-Ed Drop-In Volleyball
<b>13</b> 5:30 pm – Fish and Loaves <b>*Operation Christmas Child boxes due</b>	<b>14</b> 9am-12pm – Operation Christmas Child Box Pack Trail Life – 6:30 pm Griefshare – 7 pm	<b>15</b> 7 pm - Divorce Care Parents of Hope Steps to Serenity	<b>16</b> 12 pm – Bread of Life 5:15pm – Community Dinner 6:45 pm – Children, Student and Adult Programming 7pm – Foster/Adoptive Grp	<b>17</b> 12:45 pm – Primetimers 7 pm – Storytime: Women's Advent Event	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7 am – Men's Prayer 4:30-8:30 pm – Co-Ed Drop-In Volleyball
<b>20</b> 4-7 pm – Men's Drop-In Basketball <b>7 pm- Celebrate Jesus Thanksgiving Service</b>	<b>21</b> Trail Life – 6:30 pm Griefshare – 7 pm	<b>22</b> 9:15 am – Refresh 7 pm - Divorce Care Military Prayer Group Steps to Serenity	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Dinner Prep	<b>24</b> <b>2 pm – Thanksgiving Dinner</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7 am – Men's Prayer
<b>27</b> 4-7 pm – Men's Drop-In Basketball	<b>28</b> Trail Life – 6:30 pm Griefshare – 7 pm	<b>29</b> 7 pm - Divorce Care Steps to Serenity	<b>30</b> 12 pm – Bread of Life 5:15pm – Community Dinner 6:45 pm – Children, Student and Adult Programming	<b>Save the Date:</b> <b>Christmas Concerts: Dec 10 (dinner also) &amp; 11</b> <b>Military Ave Christmas Party – Dec 17</b> <b>Christmas Eve Services: 5, 7 &amp; 9 pm</b> <b>Christmas Day Services: 8:30 and 10 am</b>		

- Bolded items indicate churchwide events

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:kleaf@cornerstoneforlife.com)**

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



*Annual Advent Celebration*  
**Thursday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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