



Cornerstone
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

November 20, 2016

Engage at Cornerstone

IN WORSHIP

Dr. Richard Alberta Preaching
Stories Jesus Told: Part XI
"Hidden Treasures"
Matthew 13: 44-46

IN FOCUS

Celebrate Jesus Service November 20

Invite your neighbors and join us for a Thanksgiving service this evening at 7 pm as we share the gospel and celebrate through testimony and praise. Child care will be available. Please use the sign up sheets located outside nursery and Sunday School rooms to let us know you're coming.

Thanksgiving and Christmas at Cornerstone

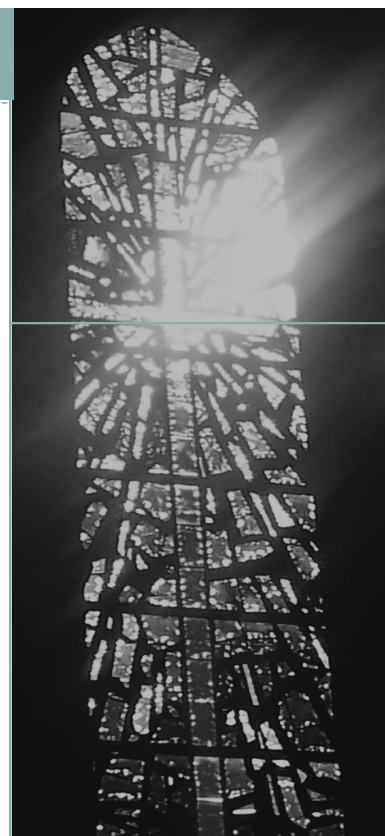
There are many opportunities to serve and participate at Cornerstone during the holidays, including our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, Christmas Concerts, gifts for Angel Tree, and Military Avenue Christmas. Please see the insert in today's Engage for a full list of opportunities and get signed up today!

Men's Fraternity - Winter Bible Study

Our Men's Fraternity will kick off a winter study beginning January 6 at 6 am. This is a great opportunity to kick off the New Year by going deep into the Word of God and coming together in community. Sign up today at Events Registration.

Time to Cook Turkeys!

Each year for Cornerstone's Community Thanksgiving we need to have 50 turkeys cooked. If you are willing, please pick up a turkey between services today. We provide the turkey in a disposable pan. Please prepare the turkey per the provided instructions and return the cooked bird to church on Wednesday 11/23. You can't miss us, we will be by the front doors!



EVENTS REGISTRATION:

LCCM Child of the Promise
Men's Fraternity
Persecuted Church

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Concerts
December 10 & 11
Christmas Eve Services
5, 7, & 9 pm
Christmas Day Services
8:30 and 10 am
**Military Avenue Christmas
Party - Dec 17**
Gospel Beginnings
Jan 8 - Feb 5
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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Stories Jesus Told: Part XI

“Hidden Treasures”

Matthew 13: 44-46

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

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
N U R S E R Y	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
E C	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
E L E M	COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL Grades 1-4 103	JOYFUL JOURNEY Grades 1-4 Chapel	COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL Grades 1-4 103

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 1st 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 or 810-494-4022.

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 will need donations of fruits and desserts, as well as youth volunteers to staff the event. Mark your calendar and watch for details in future newsletters and emails on how you can help!

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. If you would like to help again this year simply purchase a \$5.00 gift certificate to a local Ice Cream store, 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.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child. We were able to contribute 554 boxes to this ministry. We pray that these gifts provide joy to the children who receive them, and that the children and families blessed by this ministry come to know their Lord and Savior through the work of His Holy Spirit and the ministry of His people. Praise be to God!

Season of
Thanksgiving

"A life
contemplating the
blessings of Christ
becomes a life
acting the love of
Christ."

~Ann Voskamp

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: www.cornerstoneforlife.com.

NOTE: There will be no Wednesday evening classes this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the love and help I have received since my husband Bill died. The food was so very good and appreciated. Thanks also for the leaf patrol that literally vacuumed the leaves away. From the bottom of my heart I love you all, from the youngest to the adults. Remember that you are appreciated! God bless you all!

*Sincerely,
Leeloni Knechtges*

ADULTS

MID MICHIGAN REASONABLE FAITH - MEETING NOV 21

The next Mid Michigan Reasonable Faith chapter meeting will be Monday, November 21st at 7:00 pm in room 108. Our topic will be the moral argument for the existence of God. Once one begins to realize that morality is not relative, that it cannot be grounded in biological evolution, and that it cannot be fully explained on the basis of social conventions or individual taste, one immediately feels drawn to the conclusion that God must exist. Join us for discussion and equipping.

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. 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, or call the office at 810.227.9411.

COMMUNITY

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - DEC 11

Sunday, December 11 is the International Day of Remembrance for parents that have lost a child. 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 call Elly Cairns at 517.672.6003 or by email 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 please plan to arrive no later than 6:30pm. The candle lighting will be at 7 pm. Please 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 www.cornerstoneforlife.com. For more info on Parents of Hope, please visit www.newhopecenter.net or contact Elly Cairns.

CELEBRATE JESUS THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Join us TONIGHT at 7 pm 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.

REMINDER:

***Don't forget your
TURKEY on the way
out!*** Thanks for your help in cooking our turkeys for our Thanksgiving guests!

*Please return turkeys on
Wednesday.*



VOLLEYBALL!

Join us for Drop in Adult Co-ed volleyball Saturdays December 3 and 17 from 6:30-8:30. Contact 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 NOVEMBER 20

Day	Time	Event	Room
Sunday	8:30, 10, 11:30am	Worship Services Adult Education Children's Classes/Care	Sanctuary Various Various
	9:30 am	Library Open	Library
	10:00 am	SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program)	109A
Monday	6:30 pm	Trail Life	Student Center
	7:00 pm	Fall GriefShare	Parlor
Tuesday	9:15 am	Refresh Mom's Group	Celebration Center
	7:00 pm	Steps to Serenity DivorceCare	Parlor Chapel
Wednesday	9:30am-6 pm	Thanksgiving Prep	Hess Hall
Thursday	2:00 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner	Hess Hall
Friday		OFFICE CLOSED @ 12:30	
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	Parlor

God's Faithfulness to Cornerstone

	10/30	11/6	11/13
Worship:	1315	1390	1380
Offerings:	\$69,126	\$91,073	\$61,931
Year to Date Actual:	\$1,210,484	\$1,301,557	\$1,363,488
Year to Date Target:	\$1,280,772	\$1,351,926	\$1,423,080
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

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Jesus, Be in My Christmas

Daily Scripture Readings for Advent

Nov. 27	Jesus, Be in My Dreams	Matthew 1:18-21; Acts 2:17-18
Nov. 28	Jesus, Be in My Listening	Isaiah 50:4; Romans 10:17
Nov. 29	Jesus, Be in My Meditation	Luke 1:26-28; Psalm 19:14
Nov 30	Jesus, Be in My Guidance	John 16:13; Proverbs 1:5
Dec. 1	Jesus, Be in My Expectation	Luke 1:44-45; Romans 8:19, 21-22
Dec. 2	Jesus, Be in My Waiting	Isaiah 40:31; Galatians 5:5
Dec. 3	Jesus, Be in My Knocking	Luke 2:7; John 10:7-9
Dec. 4	Jesus, Be in My Opening	Matthew 7:7-8; Isaiah 30:18
Dec. 5	Jesus, Be in My Hospitality	Hebrews 13:2; 1 Peter 4:8-9
Dec. 6	Jesus, Be in My Entering	Luke 10:5-6; Hebrews 10:19, 24
Dec. 7	Jesus, Be in My Birthing	Luke 2:6-7; John 3:6-7
Dec. 8	Jesus, Be in My Groaning	Romans 8:22-23; John 3:6
Dec. 9	Jesus, Be in My Receiving	Luke 1:38; Acts 1:8
Dec. 10	Jesus, Be in My Happiness	Luke 1:46-47; John 13:14-15, 17
Dec. 11	Jesus, Be in My Darkness	Matthew 6:22; Luke 11:33
Dec. 12	Jesus, Be in My Enlightenment	Luke 2:9-10; Ephesians 1:18-19
Dec. 13	Jesus, Be in My Shining	Matthew 5:14, 16; 2 Cor. 3:17-18
Dec. 14	Jesus, Be in My Watching	Luke 12:37; 1 Peter 4:7-8
Dec. 15	Jesus, Be in My Seeking	Luke 2:14-15; Matthew 6:33-34
Dec. 16	Jesus, Be in My Purifying	Psalm 51:10; Isaiah 26:8
Dec. 17	Jesus, Be in My Loving	1 John 4:9, 11; 1 John 3:16
Dec. 18	Jesus, Be in My Looking Forward	Jude 20-22, 24
Dec. 19	Jesus, Be in My Searching	Matthew 2:2, 7; Deuteronomy 4:29
Dec. 20	Jesus, Be in My Finding	Matthew 2:9-11; Isaiah 55:6
Dec. 21	Jesus, Be in My Giving	Matthew 2:11; 2 Cor. 9:7
Dec. 22	Jesus, Be in My Gifts	Matthew 7:11; Romans 12:13
Dec. 23	Jesus, Be in My Telling	Luke 2:16-20; 1 John 1:3
Dec. 24	Jesus, Be in My Abounding	Luke 2:30; Colossians 2:6-7

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!**

1. Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
2. Toys for Kids—(Salvation Army & Military Ave.)
3. Christmas Dinner & Concert
4. Military Avenue—(Food boxes & Party)
5. Casa Bernabe in Guatemala—(Dress Shoes)

Thanksgiving Dinner at CEPC

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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.

TODAY—Help is needed today to cook turkeys for the meal.

Turkeys are available for you to pick up in the lobby

Disposable pan and complete instructions are included,

Please, plan to return the cooked bird on Wednesday 11/23

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

Salvation Army Angel Tree & Military Ave. Gifts

2

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 today, 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.

***Tags are available on the trees in the
Celebration Center—TODAY!***

Complete instructions are attached to the tag.

***Toys are due back to Cornerstone on or before
Sunday, December 4th***



*Volunteers are needed to help sort the toys and help parents shop at
Salvation Army Toy Shop*

Contact Liz Welch at 517.295.4347 or liz_welch@usc.salvationarmy.org

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!

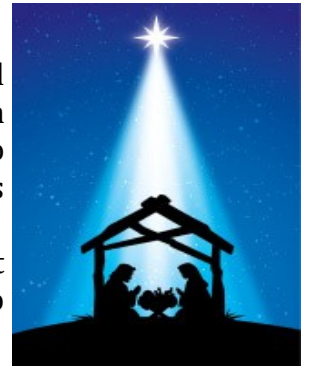
We’re a very blessed congregation with an abundance of gifts including great cooks and very talented musicians & choir. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of God and His blessings with our neighbors.

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, Love INC guests receive first priority.



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

Provide a Meal for a Family in Need

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.

Sign Up for Military Avenue will be—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

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Casa Bernabe Orphanage in Guatemala

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.



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