

Cornerstone
Evangelical Presbyterian Church



December 11, 2016

Engage at Cornerstone

IN WORSHIP

Dr. Richard Alberta Preaching
"Jesus, the Light of the World" Part I
Matthew 2: 1-12

IN FOCUS

Final Christmas Concert Tonight!

Don't miss the final opportunity to worship with the Cornerstone musicians, this evening at 7 pm. Join us for a wonderful night of music, led by our Cornerstone Choir and Orchestra, as well as our Kinder and Kids' Choir. Thank you to all the musicians, tech support, volunteers, and facility maintenance staff that made our dinner and concerts possible! Your good works bring glory to God!

Military Avenue Christmas - Dec 17

It's not too late to help out with our annual Military Avenue Christmas party as we share the love of Christ and offer food and gifts to families in need. We are also collecting food boxes and children's gifts for the event. For more information, visit us at Events Registration today.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

Amidst the busyness of the holidays, we invite you to pause as we worship and recognize Jesus the Christ as the reason for the season. Please join us on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and invite your family and neighbors to do the same! (Service times listed to the right).

Foster Care Dinner - Help Needed

Student Ministries has the honor of hosting once again our dinner for foster families THIS Wednesday. We are in need of food tray donations, as well as student volunteers for the event. Please see the insert in today's Engage for details, and partner with us as we serve those who are reaching the orphans of our communities.



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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¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.’” ⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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
NURSERY		
INFANTS Nursery 2 COMBINED CLASS 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	COMBINED CLASS Infants- 2's Nursery 3
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
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
ELEMENTARY		
COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL Grades 1-4 103	JOYFUL JOURNEY Grades 1-4 Chapel	COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL Grades 1-4 103

FAITH Milestones

Gospel Beginnings is a class for Kindergarten and 1st grade parents (and grandparents) designed to equip you with a 'tool box' of resources to nurture your child's faith. We will explore how to use faith talks, memorize "echo questions" (catechism) and pray with your child in age-appropriate ways. **Training** runs on Sundays at 11:30 am in room 110 Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5. Questions? Contact Bonny : blinder@cornerstoneforlife.com, 810-494-4022 or 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.



Join Us for Christmas!

Christmas Eve Services:
5, 7 & 9 pm

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

Congratulations to Julien and Juliana Darrah on the dedication of their daughter, Vivienne Joy Louise at the 11:30 service today!

We extend our deepest sympathies to:

-Don Restauri, Sr and Don and Allison Restauri on the passing of Madolyn Restauri, wife and mother. A Memorial service for Madolyn will be held in January. Details will be published when we know them.

-Bill and Diana, Steven and David Bruce and Pete and Denise Wood on the passing of Diana and Denise's mother, Rita Fry (grandmother to Steven and David).

Please pray the God's peace and comfort surround them at this time.

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	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

VOLLEYBALL!

Join us for our final day of Drop in Adult Co-ed volleyball Saturday December 17 from 6:30-8:30. For more information, contact ktraud@cornerstoneforlife.com. **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.

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.

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 9:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Worship Services Adult Education Children's Classes/Care Library Open SNAP (Special Needs Adult Program) Christmas Concert	Sanctuary Various Various Library 109A Sanctuary
Monday	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Trail Life Fall GriefShare	Student Center Parlor
Tuesday	9:15 am 7:00 pm	Refresh Steps to Serenity Military Prayer Group	Celebration Center Parlor 107
Wednesday	12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bread of Life Foster Care Dinner: Sponsored by Student Min	Celebration Center Classroom Hess Hall
Thursday	12:45 pm	Primetimers	Celebration Center
Friday		OFFICE CLOSED @ 12:30	
Saturday	7:00 am 8:30am-12pm 6:30-8:30 pm	Men's Prayer Group Military Ave Christmas Drop-In Volleyball	Parlor Off Site Hess Hall

God's Faithfulness to Cornerstone

	11/20	11/27	12/4
Worship:	1304	1295	1333
Offerings:	\$66,015	\$54,774	\$87,457
Year to Date Actual:	\$1,429,503	\$1,484,277	\$1,571,734
Year to Date Target:	\$1,494,234	\$1,565,388	\$1,636,542
Weekly Target: \$71,154			

5:7 PAY DOWN GOAL:

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

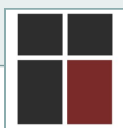
Giving for 5:7 to Date: \$14,048

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

*Includes prior mortgage debt

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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

Donate!



Email Sally Jo at sjfriday@cornerstoneforlife.com to donate



Christmas at Cornerstone

THE STORY of AMAZING LOVE

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."

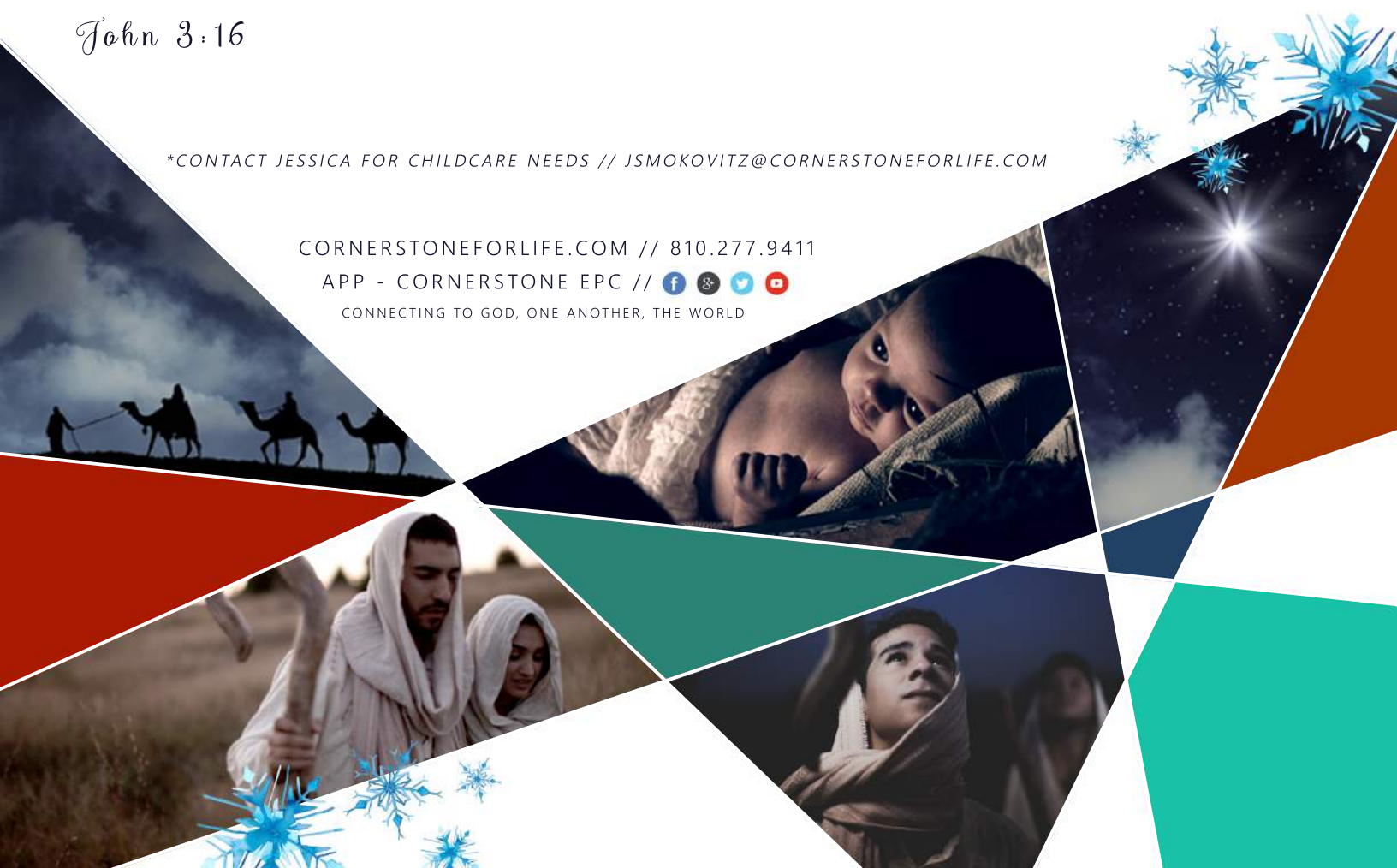
John 3:16

*CONTACT JESSICA FOR CHILDCARE NEEDS // JSMOKOVITZ@CORNERSTONEFORLIFE.COM

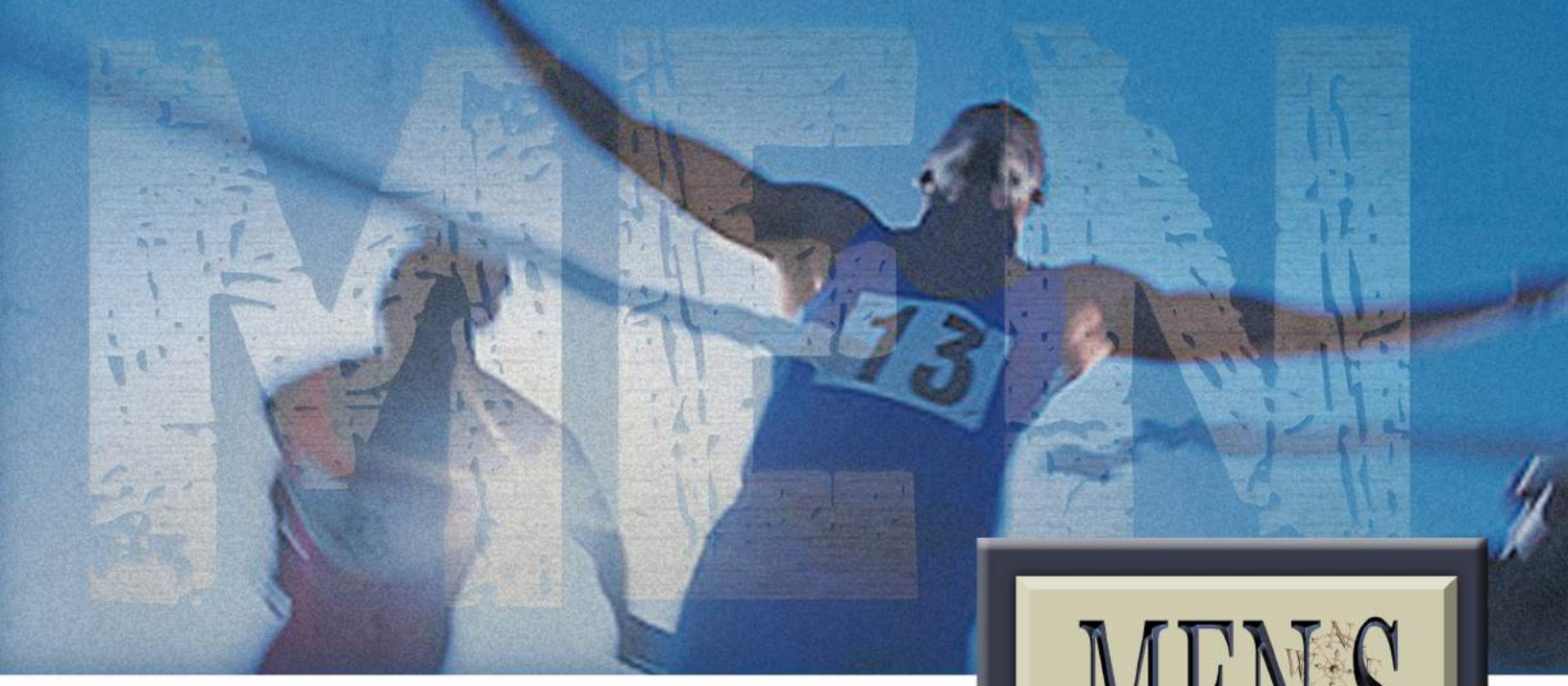
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CONNECTING TO GOD, ONE ANOTHER, THE WORLD



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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:

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