

Community Notes

Pastor Kevin Key

Message Summary:

This was the first message of a new series called Unwrapped. The message started with some fun, a volunteer was asked to come and open an unopenable gift in under 7 seconds. As the volunteer struggled to open the gift, Pastor Kevin stated that our salvation is the same. We cannot be saved by our works, effort, resources, or manpower. Pastor Kevin stated that there are 2 parts to salvation; Gods Part and man's part.

Group Discussion:

1. What are some key takeaways from this weekend's message? Why is this so impactful to you?
2. **Read** Luke 1:26-55 Mary asked the question "How can this be?" I am already betrothed; I am a virgin. This is a question that I think any of us would ask. Pastor Kevin responds with the reason why Mary would ask such a question and refers us to Mary's Magnificat or Mary's song.
3. Pastor Kevin gives us five reasons why Mary was chosen...and how they apply to each one of us as well. First, it is **Because God made me for a purpose** (Read: Luke 1:46-47)
 - A. Do you really believe that God made you for a purpose?
 - B. Most would say that they don't really know what that purpose is. Share with the group on how you can find this purpose in Jesus.

**If you are unaware of your spiritual gifts, we want to help get you started. Look to the announcements at the bottom of the page under the heading STEPS CLASS and click the link below.*
4. Second, it is **Because no one cares for me more Read: Luke 1:48a**
 - A. What is the one sure way we know that God cares for you more than anything else?
 - B. What is the evidence of this care?
 - C. What do you think Mary's humble state was? And why do you think her humble state was instrumental in God choosing her to bear the Son of God?
5. Third, **Because it is the key to blessing Read: Luke 1:48b-50**
 - A. Why do you think every generation would be affected by this one miracle moment?

B. We read that he will show mercy in every generation and that I will worship him. Knowing this what effect can this have on your home, your family, your friends, and their kids, and their kids after them?

6. Fourth, **Because God honors humility Read: Luke 1:51-53**

- A. What is humility?
- B. Why does God honor it?

7. Fifth, **Because God keeps His promise Read: Luke Luke 1:54-55**

- A. **The Bible is full of God's promises. If we as Christians believe that God's word is the absolute truth, why do you think it's so difficult for us to believe it and apply it to our lives? Why do you think it's not as easy as "God said it and that settles it"?**
- B. **Share with the group a time when God has kept His promise in your life?**

Weekly Reflection:

- 1. **Based on how the Spirit has spoken to you this week, what is one action step you want to take this week to align yourself more fully with Scripture?**
- 2. **How has your time with God, in the Word and in prayer, been this past week?**
- 3. **What personal spiritual struggle(s) are you facing right now and how will you actively surrender them to God this week? (Marriage, parenting, work, finances, relationships, personal strongholds/sin, etc.)**
- 4. **What else can we be praying with you about this week?**

Upcoming Events

Connect with your Cornerstone Church family.

Volunteer for Small Groups

We are looking for help with the Small Group Kiosk. If you are in a Small Group and are currently not serving, we could use your help and service. For more information reach out to Josh Rhoads at jrhoads@cornerstonechurch.co
Thanks for your help.

Volunteer for Creative Arts

Are you a camera bug? If so, we need you at Cornerstone. We're looking for volunteers to take pictures and operate video cameras. No experience necessary. For more information contact Sarah Weece at sweece@cornerstonechurch.co

Men's Breakfast December 10, 2022, 8:00 - 10:30am

Be a man! But what does that mean? Whether at church, with our families, or alone, God gives us clear instructions on how we're designed to live. Build friendships with other men at Cornerstone, eat some great food, and discover your calling as a man following Christ. Breakfast will be provided!

Click the link to register <https://cornerstonechurchfl.churchcenter.com/people/forms/474947>

Christmas Eve Celebration December 24 - 25, 2022

We invite Deltona and our surrounding community to a special Christmas Eve celebration at Cornerstone Church. Feel in a hurry this year? Reset, relax, and enjoy our special one-hour celebration! Hear the traditional Christmas story... Engage in a featured live performance with special guests, sing along to caroling, enjoy free hot cocoa, and much more. Tickets are required but are free! Reserve your seats at one of our three shows, while space is available!

Get your tickets here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-eve-celebration-tickets-474251417757>

STEPS Class

Learn more about Cornerstone and your call to ministry! The purpose of this course is to help you understand the heartbeat of Cornerstone. You will learn why Cornerstone exists, our mission, vision, core values, beliefs, structure, membership, and discover your God-given gifts. This course is designed to be completed at your own pace in the comfort of your home, helping us to help you make your next steps toward Jesus. Look out for an email from us to get started!

*NOTE: Please check your Spam or Promotions folder for the email, and if you do not receive the email, please call our office at (386) 532-5100. We will be happy to help!

Go to our website (<https://www.Cornerstonedeltona.com>), click on "Connect". Choose "Ministries" from the pull-down menu and then scroll down to "Steps" where you can sign up.