

Standing Firm in a Twisted World

So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

- Colossians 2.6-7

VISION 2023



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SHEPHERDS

id you know there are some trees whose root system is almost as large as the tree that towers into the air? Over the years the expansive root system plunges deeper into the earth taking in nutrients from the soil and firmly anchoring the tree to withstand the worst storms it may face in its lifetime. What a great example for us.

Last year we focused on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. From him we learned what really matters. We understand that being together in unity and love, we can face the trials of life. Our faith should grow deeper and stronger every day so we shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes," Jeremiah 17:8.

In 2023 our theme is "ROOTED: Standing Firm in a Twisted World." It comes from Colossians 2.6-7 and Ephesians 3:17-18, where Paul speaks of spiritual stability and maturity. For the Colossians, Paul desired that they continue to walk in him, being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude. For the Ephesians he prayed that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love.

Day by day, the attacks come faster and stronger as the world moves headlong into unrighteousness. We truly live in a time where Isaiah 5:20 has become a reality: Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness, who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Satan pursues each of us individually trying to pull us away from our faith.

How do we stand firm when everything around us is influencing and affecting our lives and those that we love?

Satan attacks our families by trying to destroy the very structure that God intended from the beginning. A confusing message is being sent to our children as they try to cope with broken homes and a world promoting lifestyles that are an abomination to God.

He is attacking our churches by trying to create disunity and division. By dividing us he creates an environment for error to creep in and destroy the relationship between brethren. By doing that he erodes our ability to influence the world for Christ.

He attacks us individually by seeking to appeal to our selfish desires, telling us that we deserve happiness and self-satisfaction. Just about every media

influence is designed to tell us we don't have enough and if we get or do this one thing we will be content. Satan is behind filling up our lives with distractions that deflate our efforts to grow spiritually.

This year we are going to talk about what we can do to strengthen our faith and become more rooted and grounded against the wiles of the devil. We are going to learn how to be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, and be strong, 1 Corinthians 16:13.

God is always there to help us through life's hardest moments. We will discuss how to lean on each other and to come along side each other during the toughest times of our lives.

Shallow root systems allow trees to be blown over with little force. But the depth of the root system of the mighty oak tree allows it to stand for years to come. Let's commit now to diving deeper in our faith and devotion to God. We can follow Paul's admonition in Philippians 2:15: that you may be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the world.

The world needs to see the unwavering light of Jesus reflected from us. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain, 1 Corinthians 15.58. Let the world see a church committed to our God, his Son our savior, and to each other as we stand rooted together no matter how twisted the world becomes.

Your Shepherds...



Boyd Hastings; Mark Ringle; Russ Robins; Dan Spargo; George Wacks; Rich Walker

November 20, 2022

MOVING FORWARD



he tallest tree in Wales had been damaged by a storm and was supposed to be cut down ... but chainsaw artist Simon O'Rourke found a better solution to symbolize the tree's last attempt to reach the sky.

A sister at Cornerstone shared this Facebook post back in December of 2020. Looking at this picture and thinking of the thought behind the caption, let us consider the legacy we leave behind. Isn't it wonderful when a christian passes into eternity and the strength of their spiritual

journey in this life remains as a testimony to just how grounded they were in Jesus? At Cornerstone, we have been blessed by many who have left a lasting impression upon this church long after they stepped into eternity.

Many struggle thinking they are not good enough or simply do not have the strength to make the journey through this life to reach heaven. Moving into 2023 we want to focus on ways we can make this journey together. Some will be able to extend roots deep down into spiritual soil. But others may not be as strong. Like the giant redwood or aspen trees we can intertwine our root system to become a unified, living, spiritual body and gain strength from each other through the journey together.

This year we will consider the question found in Micah 6:9: "What does God require of you?" During the winter quarter, we want to make the study personal. Twenty-six attributes will be studied to increase our individual spiritual roots.

In the spring quarter we will examine the value of being "Nourished and Knitted Together". We will study about the things we do together to come along side and lift each other up as the *called out*. We will also examine twelve churches in the New Testament and conclude our study by considering the Cornerstone Church of Christ.

Over the summer we will focus on our families. We will look at godly marriages, godly parenting, and maintaining godly families. At the end of June we have invited Wilson and Julie Adams to conduct a marriage workshop. They'll be talking about what a healthy marriage looks like. Breakout sessions will be provided where we can discuss some of the tough issues that affect today's marriages. Our summer series will also focus on marriage and the family. This year we have invited Wilson Adams, Joshua Welch, and Mark McCrary as speakers. In early August we will have our annual Ignite Youth Conference, with guest speaker Kris Emerson. Our conference this year will focus on relationships our young people are involved in. How can they engage in those relationships in a way that does not cause them to compromise their walk with Christ? Concurrently, while the youth conference is going on, we will invite adults to an informative and uplifting study on how they can improve their family relationships as well.

Finally in the fall quarter, we will discuss Cornerstone's role in impacting the world. We will look at how each Christian can live and flourish in a hostile world and along the way save others by snatching them out of the fire, Jude 23. With our deep spiritual roots in God, we can make a lasting, positive impression on those we know in the world.

The person who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence indeed is the LORD, is blessed. He will be like a tree planted by water: it sends its roots out toward a stream, it doesn't fear when heat comes, and its foliage remains green. It will not worry in a year of drought or cease producing fruit, Jeremiah 17.7-8.

In 2022 we asked everyone to focus their eyes on Jesus. Our plea is that we all continue to do that and look for ways to increase our faith into a deeply rooted and grounded life journey in Christ. For when we lose that focus and place trust only in ourselves, we begin the process of faltering in our walk with God and each other.

May God bless our study in 2023!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTERS

perfect passage to go along with our 2023 theme is found in Ephesians 4.15-16 where Paul urges the early Christians to focus on speaking the truth in love and the need to grow in every way into him who is the head - Christ. From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part. At Cornerstone, your ministers are totally committed to helping and assisting you in deepening and strengthening your spiritual roots so that you may experience the kind of growth Paul speaks of here.

God is not finished with us at the point of our regeneration and renewal. Day by day, by the work of His Spirit, He intends to make us conform to Christ more and more, Romans 8.29. His desire is to help your practice or walk more closely match who you are in Christ. He has already made you pure, 1 Peter 1.22. He has made you new, 2 Corinthians 5.17. He has given you life, Colossians 3.3-4. And finally, he has given you an unshakable hope, 1 Peter 1.3-6, 22-25. Since this is the case, we all need to be committed to the process of becoming what we are in Christ. We do this through a lifelong commitment of obedience to the wishes of our King, 1 Peter 2.1, and through a continual desire or longing for growth through the Word, 1 Peter 2.2a.

Looking closer at 1 Peter 2.2, Peter also says that the one who desires the word grows up into salvation. Again, we see the concept of a process. For Peter, salvation is mainly a future reality. He says, salvation ...is ready to be revealed in the last time,... and the goal of (our) faith (is) the salvation of (our) souls, 1.5, 9. We are saved now, but the emphasis is that we are growing all the time into a full and final salvation. That growth is not automatic. It is not mechanical. Rather, it is an organic and dynamic process. It is intentional and it often requires great effort and determination. Growth through the word is never optional or intended to be in the margins of our life. Becoming deeply rooted is an absolute necessity for every believer.

At Cornerstone we are working hard to provide you with every opportunity to participate with the Spirit in your spiritual growth and development. Besides your own personal study and devotion, almost every day of the week provides you with the chance to interact with others inside this family for the purpose of encouragement and

edification. Be it with a simple conversation on a telephone call or through a text message, a more organized small group study, or one of our Bible classes, a virtual spiritual buffet is at the ready at all times.

During 2023 your ministers will be more committed than ever to helping you facilitate this growth through:

Sermons and Classes

We are committed to carrying out the wishes of our shepherds in regards to our teaching curriculum, which has been designed with your personal growth in mind. Our sermons and classes are tailored specifically with our vision plan in mind.

Soul-Winning

Kody is prepared to be a helpful resource when you need assistance, advice, or encouragement in this area.

Social Media / Online

Cornerstone's growth over the last few years has been in large part to our efforts to reach people where they are online. Through our Sunday webcast, *Your Pathway Home*, our podcast, *Fuel Your Faith*, live-stream, and other posts, we continue to reach people locally, around the country, and throughout the world.

Welcome / Guest Ministry

We are committed to following up with every guest who visits. We also plan on doing more training to equip our volunteers with expertise on making our guests feel welcome.



During 2023 we want to expand the usage of our small groups. As these grow, they will increase our growth in spirit, unity, and number.





It is our pleasure to work with you. We are truly blessed to serve you. Let us use the opportunities God blesses us with for His glory.

Your ministers,

Matthew Allen and Kody Pritt

2023 CHILDREN'S CLASS TEACHERS

CLASS	WINTER	SPRING
	12/4/2022 • 3/1/2023	3/5/2023 • 5/31/2023
THEME	Measuring by God's Rule	Building Your Life for God
18 month / 3 Years Old	Sun: Dan/Tricia Spargo Mid: A. Fles / S. Dekoski	Sun: Dan/Tricia Spargo Mid: J. Johnson/L. McLaughlin
Preschool/ Kindergrtn	Sun: Nathan Armstrong Mid: Josie Armstrong	Sun: Morgan Ringle Mid: Taylor Robins
1-3 Grade	Sun: Lea Baker Mid: Taylor Robins	Sun: Sadonna Schofield Mid: Kathy Downey
4-6 Grade	Sun: Sarah Spargo Mid: Stephanie Braden	Sun: Tori Williams Mid: Yvonna Robins
Jr High/ Sr High	Sun: Chris Fles Mid: Paul Braden	Sun: Russ Robins Mid: Eric Renegar



Cornerstone currently uses the Shaping Hearts Bible class curriculum. Biblically accurate and personally applicable, this material is age appropriate and student-friendly. Your kids will have the opportunity to engage God's word through Bible readings and memory verses. The curriculum also promotes family Bible reading and study. Your children will spend three years going chronologically through the Bible.

2023 CHILDREN'S CLASS TEACHERS

CLASS	SUMMER 6/4/2023 • 8/29/2023	FALL 9/3/2023 • 11/29/2023
THEME	Lighting the Way	Stop, Look, and Listen
18 month / 3 Years Old	Sun: Dan/Tricia Spargo Mid: TBA	Sun: Dan/Tricia Spargo Mid: M. Ringle/M. Hartley
Preschool/ Kindergrtn	Sun: Lea Ann Long Mid: TBA	Sun: Becky Renegar Mid: TBA
1-3 Grade	Sun: Nathan Armstrong Mid: Marvin/Angela Lewis	Sun/Mid: Pat Reeder
4-6 Grade	Summer Series	Sun: Donneitta Morrison Mid: Becky Allen
Jr High/ Sr High	Sun: TBA Mid: Summer Series	Sun: Jason Schofield Mid: TBA

A Note from Our Children's Curriculum Deacon



Nathan Armstrong

One significant activity occurring when our family comes together is the teaching and nurturing of our children in God's Word. A healthy body of Christ constantly concerns itself with instilling precious faith and fervent love for their Lord into the youth among them. It is hard to imagine an activity with more potential impact to spreading the Gospel for generations. Our spiritual legacy will be carried through our children. We are extremely blessed and thankful for our loving, selfless, and talented teachers. Thank you! For those

not involved, we need you! We have openings to teach this year and are looking for volunteers. Please see me if you would like to get involved with this vital and rewarding work.

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MAKING IT PERSONAL

What Does the Lord Require of Me?

The ancient prophet Micah once said:

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

- Micah 6.8 NASB

Micah 6 is set up with the imagery of a court scene. God has called his people together and God prosecutes His case against them. They are called to remember what He had done for them in the past through the Exodus, providing leadership through the wilderness, His triumph over Balak, and the entrance into Canaan. The purpose of the Lord's statements are to bring the people to acknowledge His righteous acts, 6.5b. The people asked sarcastic questions in response, 6.6-7. To this, Micah responds. God left no person with any doubt with regard to His expectations. We inherently understand what is good. His fundamental requirements are threefold: We are to *do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God*. This is the only proper response to a gracious and loving Father.

The primary passage for this year's theme comes out of Colossians. Toward the end of chapter 1, Paul reminds Christians of Jesus' work of deliverance and reconciliation so that we might be holy, faultless, and blameless before Him. This is His intention and great desire. Now, note how Paul ties in our own personal responsibility to be willing and active participants in the process. Ours is a conditional salvation where we must remain grounded and steadfast in the faith, and (not be) shifted away from the hope of the gospel (we) have heard, Colossians 1.23a. We must continue to choose Jesus. This is why Paul instructs us, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, being rooted and built up and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude, Colossians 2.6-7. Our salvation is never precarious as long as we keep our heart loyal to the Savior by being personally committed to walking, growing, and being established in Him.

Perhaps our greatest challenge is, how do we receive and apply the message? For example, when we read or hear a passage quoted, how often do we tend to listen from the perspective of the way others need to respond to the

teaching? We have a much harder time with self-examination and application. And that's the challenge! *Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves.* ...Do you not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you? – Unless you fail the test, 2 Corinthians 13.5.

During the first quarter, we will work to come to a greater appreciation for personal responsibility. If we are to grow in our faith, becoming strong and rooted, we must take hold of it. No else can do it for us. We cannot do it for anyone else. Our salvation is uniquely individual. During the winter months we will ask:

December: What does God require of me?

January: Am I rooted?

• February: How can I deepen my roots?

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	DAY	NOTES
	What Does God	12/4	12/9: Group 6 Meeting @ Hastings home 12/9: Group 2 Meeting @ Robins home
December	Require of	12/11	Group 4 Activity/Group 5 Activity
	Me?	12/18	
		12/25	Christmas
	January Am I Rooted?	1/1	New Years Day
		1/8	
January		1/15	
		1/22	1/27: Group 1 Meeting
		1/29	
	How Can	2/5	
February		2/12	Group 3 Meeting
	I Deepen My Roots?	2/19	2/24: Group 2 Meeting @ Triplett Home
	,	2/26	

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SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Auditorium Panel Class

Title: What Does the Lord Require of Me? Teacher: Matthew Allen & Various Teachers

DATE	LESSON TITLE
12/4/22	Love the Lord with All My Heart
12/4/22	(Kody Pritt)
12/11/22	Examine Myself
	(Matt Ringle)
12/18/22	Visit Orphans/Widows in Their Distress
12/10/22	(Kevin Shanesy)
12/25/22	Weeping/Rejoicing with my Brethren
12/23/22	(Greg Morrison)
1/1/23	Submitting to One Another
1/1/23	(Dave Pennington)
1/8/23	Look to the Interests of Others
1/0/23	(Drew Triplett)
1/15/23	Do My Work Heartily - As to the Lord
1/13/23	(Paul Braden)
1/22/23	Let My Speech Be with Grace
1/44/49	(Tony Bumbalough)
1/29/23	Bearing with One Another/Being Forgiving
1/2//23	(Kody Pritt)
2/5/23	Be Patient with Them All
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2/12/23	Why Not Rather be Wronged?
Z/ 12/23	(Titus Sullivan)
2/19/23	Humble Myself in the Sight of the Lord
2/17/23	(Dillon Sluss)
2/26/23	I Will Confess My Sins to Others
2/20/23	(John Key)

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SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Lecture Hall Class

Topic: Colossians Teacher: Roger Robins

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DATE	LESSON TITLE	
12/4/22	Overview & Background	
12/11/22	Colossians 1.1-8 - Thanksgiving	
42/40/22	Colossians 1.9-14 - Prayer for the	
12/18/22	Colossians	
12/25/22	Colossians 1.15-23 - Preeminence of Christ	
1/1/23	Colossians 1.24-29 - Why Paul Preached	
1/8/23	Colossians 2.1-7 - Growing a Firm Faith	
1/15/23	Colossians 2.8-15 - Raised with Him	
1/22/23	Colossians 2.16-23 - Let No One Judge You	
1/29/23	Colossians 3.1-9 - Seek What is Above	
2/5/23	Colossians 3.10-17 - The New Self	
2/12/23	Colossians 3.18-4.1 - The Household Code	
2/19/23	Colossians 4.2-18 - Final Instructions	
2/26/23	Conclusion	



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WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Auditorium Panel Class

Title: What Does the Lord Require of Me?

Teachers: Elders & Various Teachers

DATE	LESSON TITLE
12/7/22	Love Your Neighbor as Yourself
	(Mark Ringle & Kody Pritt)
12/14/22	Share your Blessings
	(Rich Walker & Matthew Barnhart)
42/24/22	Abounding in Thanksgiving
12/21/22	(Russ Robins & Jason Schofield)
42/20/22	Be Angry & Sin Not
12/28/22	(Mark Ringle & Eric Renegar)
1/4/22	Do Everything in the Name
1/4/23	(Boyd Hastings & Roger Robins)
1/11/22	Make Things Right with Your Brother
1/11/23	(George Wacks & Kody Pritt)
1/18/23	Keeping Unity & Peace
1/16/23	(Mark Ringle & Randy Mullins)
1/25/23	Continue Earnestly in Prayer
1/25/25	(Rich Walker & Paul Braden)
2/1/23	Be Knit Together
2/1/23	(Russ Robins & Chris Terrian)
2/8/23	To Trust in the Lord
2/0/23	(George Wacks & Kody Pritt)
2/15/23	To Rightly Divide the Truth
2/15/25	(Boyd Hastings & Matt Ringle)
2/22/23	To Obey from the Heart
2/22/23	(George Wacks & Greg Morrison)
3/1/23	To Grow in His Grace & Knowledge
3/1/23	(Russ Robins & Kody Pritt)

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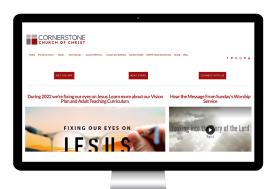
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WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Lecture Hall Class

Topic: Minor Prophets Teacher: Matthew Allen

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DATE	LESSON TITLE	
12/7/22	Introduction to the Minor Prophets	
12/14/22	Obadiah: Judgment on Edom	
12/21/22	Joel 1-2.17: The Day of the Lord is at Hand	
12/28/22	Joel 2.18-3: The Need for True Repentance	
1/4/23	Jonah 1-2: Jonah and the Great Fish	
1/11/23	Jonah 3-4: Jonah Preaches to Nineveh	
1/18/23	Amos 1-3: God Will Judge the Nations	
1/25/23	Amos 4-6: Condemnation for Israel	
2/1/23	Amos 7-9: The Reasons for God's Judgment	
2/8/23	Hosea 1-3: Hosea & Gomer	
2/15/23	Hosea 4-8: God's Dispute with Israel	
2/22/23	Hosea 9-11: Israel Will Meet with Destruction	
3/1/23	Hosea 12-14: Ephraim's Great Sin	



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THE CALLED OUT FAMILY OF GOD

Nourished and Knitted Together as the Church

What does it mean to be rooted or grounded? We often judge the strength of a tree by its root system. A single tree with shallow roots has a hard time withstanding the gusty winds of a severe storm. Single trees with a long tap root, like the southern Pine, can easily withstand some of the most powerful storms.

Even more impressive, however, are the great coastal redwoods of northern California. Their amazing height and width is a sight to behold. If you've visited that area, you may have driven your car through a tree. Equally amazing are the beautiful aspen trees of the Rocky Mountains. Each aspen grove is actually a single organism because they are all tied together by a single root system. The mature trees of both types are centuries old. As you stand there at the base a giant redwood, your mind wonders about the many storms and trials the tree has faced. Yet it remains strong and beautiful. What you may not know about the giant redwoods is that they have a surprisingly shallow root system, especially when compared to their height. (The average root depth is 6-12 feet for a tree standing 300 feet tall.) So what gives these awesome trees their amazing strength and longevity? As you stand in a grove of redwoods, the roots of each tree are intertwined and knitted together. Each one depends on the other for its great strength and sustenance. When a strong coastal storm blows in, these trees remain grounded and firm.

There are profound spiritual applications from these majestic trees. As you think about what it means to be rooted and grounded ... you should be thinking about your own spiritual connection to God, as well as to others. How strong is your connection to your spiritual family? The strength of our spiritual root system is not found in our own personal resources. Rather it comes through our being knitted together with those who stand along side us in this body of Christ.

Cornerstone presents you with many opportunities to deepen and intertwine your spiritual roots with God and other Christians.

Besides our normally scheduled worship and congregational Bible studies, there are many small group activities and studies for young and old alike. Our C.A.S.T. groups and ladies/men's retreats and activities have proven to be especially effective in helping brothers and sisters to get to know each other better, share their struggles, find spiritual companionship, and grow in the Word. This church is committed to helping you feel comfortable in sharing your failures and shortcomings, as well as your victories and success.

But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part, Ephesians 4.15-16.

During the spring quarter we will discuss:

- The Called Out
- How the Body is Nourished and Knitted

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	DAY	NOTES
		3/5	Group 6 Meeting @ Cornerstone
March	The Called	3/12	DST Begins
Maren	Out	3/19	
		3/26	
		4/2	
April		4/9	Easter
April		4/16	
	Nourished	4/23	4/28: Group 1 Meeting
	and	4/30	
Knitted May		5/7	
	Kilittea	5/14	Mother's Day 5/16: Group 3 Meeting
		5/21	Group 2 Meeting @ Cornerstone
	5/28		

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SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Auditorium Panel Class

Topic: How We are Knitted Together Teacher: Matthew Allen & Elders

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/5/23	Examine Yourself
	(Mark Ringle)
3/12/23	Confessing to & Praying for Each Other
	(Rich Walker)
2/10/22	Walking in Truth/Wisdom
3/19/23	(Russ Robins)
3/26/23	Effective Communication
3/20/23	(George Wacks)
4/2/23	Focus on Each Other
4/2/23	(Kody Pritt)
4/9/23	Love for Souls
4/9/23	(Boyd Hastings)
4/16/23	Joy
4/10/23	(Mark Ringle)
4/23/23	Gratitude & Thanksgiving
7/23/23	(Rich Walker)
4/30/23	Involvement
4/30/23	(Russ Robins)
5/7/23	In Our Mission
3///23	(George Wacks)
5/14/23	Caring for One Another
3/17/23	(Rich Walker)
5/21/23	Giving
3/21/23	(Boyd Hastings)
5/28/23	In Example
3/20/23	(Mark Ringle)

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SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Lecture Hall Class

Topic: 2 Corinthians Teacher: Jim Rutter

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/5/23	2 Corinthians 1
3/12/23	2 Corinthians 2
3/19/23	2 Corinthians 3
3/26/23	2 Corinthians 4
4/2/23	2 Corinthians 5
4/9/23	2 Corinthians 6
4/16/23	2 Corinthians 7
4/23/23	2 Corinthians 8
4/30/23	2 Corinthians 9
5/7/23	2 Corinthians 10
5/14/23	2 Corinthians 11
5/21/23	2 Corinthians 12
5/28/23	2 Corinthians 13



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WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Auditorium Panel Class Topic: Churches of the New Testament Teacher: Mark Ringle & Jason Schofield

DATE	LESSON TITLE	
3/8/23	The Church at Jerusalem	
3/15/23	The Church at Antioch	
3/22/23	The Church at Corinth	
3/29/23	The Church at Thessalonica	
4/5/23	The Church at Philippi	
4/12/23	The Church at Ephesus	
4/19/23	The Church at Smyrna	
4/26/23	The Church at Pergamum	
5/3/23	The Church at Sardis	
5/10/23	The Church at Philadelphia	
5/17/23	The Church at Thyatira	
5/24/23	The Church at Laodicea	
5/31/23	For Application: The Church at	
	Cornerstone	

Because you have kept my command to endure, I will also keep you from the hour of testing that is going to come on the whole world to test those who live on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one takes your crown.

- Revelation 3.10-11

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Topic: Minor Prophets Teacher: Matthew Allen

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/8/23	Micah 1-3: Judgment Against Judah/Samaria
3/15/23	Micah 4-5: The Glory of the Last Days
3/22/23	Micah 6-7: God's Desire for Man
3/29/23	Zephaniah 1: Jehovah Hides
4/5/23	Zephaniah 2-3: Examples of God's Judgment
4/12/23	Nahum: Judgment on Nineveh
4/19/23	Habakkuk 1: Habakkuk Questions God
4/26/23	Habakkuk 2-3: God Judges Judah/Babylon
5/3/23	Haggai: Rebuild the Temple
5/10/23	Zechariah 1-4: The Lord Remembers
5/17/23	Zechariah 5-8: The Future of God's People
5/24/23	Zechariah 9-14: In That Day
5/31/23	Malachi: My Messenger

Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vines, though the clive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though the flocks disappear from the pen and there are no herds in the stalls, get (will celebrate in the LORD; (will rejoice in the God of my salvation! The LORD my Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights!

- Habakkuk 3.17-19

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FAMILIES ROOTED IN THEIR FAITH

Practical Ways to Develop Family Relationships

In his book, *What You Are Is Where You Were When*, Dr. Morris Massey presents and develops his theory on our core values. In his book, the main premise is a person's core value system is programmed by age 10. That person will live by those values and make decisions based on them for the rest of their lives. The only thing that will change that value system is a "significant emotional event."

Dr. Massey coined the phrase in the 1970's. His theory has resonated ever since. His premise is that the values of our past directly drive how we behave. If we took the time to understand these drivers of people behaviors, we would be better equipped to understand their motivation and the basis of their life decisions. Massey's videos have been used in various leadership and management workshops as a tool to help understand team member dynamics.

Have you heard, "we are just products of our environment?" Some of us were raised in broken homes. Some raised with only one parent, maybe no parents but in the foster system. Some had parents who hated them, abused them, physically and mentally. Some were raised with parents who cared less about spiritual things. Some who were raised in those situations are still living with the horrors and nightmares of that childhood. However, for those raised in those situations, how did they rise above it all? What was their significant emotional event that changed the course of their lives?

Can we "apply" this theory in our family relationships and specifically as we raise our children from birth? If you were given a blank sheet of paper and were asked to develop a spiritual model to raise your children within the first ten years of their life, what would you write down? What would be your focus? What initial steps would you stress and develop? How would you implement, "Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up," (Deuteronomy 6:7) in your home and with your kids?

Would you teach them the Bible stories or by repetition, teach them book-chapter-verse. Would you teach them "church traditions" or would you teach them about the love of God, how God wants a relationship with them and the importance of that relationship: *Teacher which is the greatest commandment of the law? He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your god with god wit*

heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, Matthew 22.36-37.

This quarter, we want to explore the practical ways for developing those family relationships. We want to look at husband-wife, parent-child, and how to foster growth and spiritual development within the nuclear family. We want to consider how to nurture our children in that "God" relationship. Why is our time with them when they are young so important in those life decisions?

These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead, Deuteronomy 6.6.

This quarter we will look at:

- Godly Marriages
- Godly Parenting
- Godly Families

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	DAY	NOTES
June	God's Plan for the Home	6/4	6/9: Group 6 Meeting
		6/11	
		6/18	Father's Day
		6/25	Wilson Adams Guest Speaker
July	Godly Relationships	7/2	
		7/9	
		7/16	Group 3 Meeting
		7/23	7/28: Group 1 Meeting
		7/30	
August	Godly Parenting	8/6	Kris Emerson Guest Speaker 8/11: Group 2 Meeting
		8/13	
		8/20	
		8/27	

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SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Auditorium Panel Class

Topic: The God Centered Family

Teachers: Matthew Allen & Matthew Ringle

DATE	LESSON TITLE
6/4/23	Teaching Kids to Love God
6/11/23	The Power of Example
6/18/23	Family Priorities
6/25/23	Spending Time Together
7/2/23	Sacrificing for the Family
7/9/23	Raising Children Begins at Birth
7/16/23	Husbands Love Your Wife
7/23/23	Wives Submit to Your Husband
7/30/23	ChildrenObey Your Parents
8/6/23	Guest Speaker: Kris Emerson
8/13/23	The Power of Patience
8/20/23	Learning to Show Respect
8/27/23	The True Demands of Love

Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, offspring, a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons born in one's youth. Happy is the man who has filled his quiver with them.

They will never be put to shame when they speak with their enemies at the city gate.

- Psalm 127.3-5

Marriage Workshop

June 23-24, 2023

In his Jump Starts blog, Roger Shouse mentioned that the typical couple spends around 400 hours in planning for the wedding day. That is simply amazing. Certainly there are many decisions and choices that have to be made. The amount of planning some engage in for their wedding is simply mind-boggling. But, statistics also reveal that the typical couple only spends eight hours or less in marriage classes, counseling, or seeking pre-marital advice. Shouse opines: the perfect wedding often does not reflect even a good marriage.

Sadly, some only think about marriage from the perspective of warning against divorce. And yet, God's teaching on marriage has so much more to offer. Jesus, in His teaching with the Pharisees reminds all of us the standard God has set: For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh, Matthew 19.5. When we think about marriage training and development, the work never stops. Couples need to learn how to live life together. How do they handle the past, their family, and sins that are brought into the relationship? How can they get on the same page with regard to their finances, children, family time, in-laws, and goals? What is necessary for effective communication? What role do spiritual growth and the practice of spiritual virtues play in a marriage? How many couples need to learn more about grace, patience, forgiveness, and what it means to walk with the Lord? Couples that worship together, pray together, and grow together spiritually prepare themselves for marital success.

We are pleased to have Wilson and Julie Adams with us over the weekend of June 23-24, 2023 for a marriage workshop. Wilson will be presenting some important lessons on how to improve your marriage. His wife Julie will be presenting some vital lessons to women in breakout sessions. Julie, a professional counselor and spiritual advisor, will be available for private counseling sessions with our women. (Schedule and details to be announced.) Both Wilson and Julie are very qualified for the subject material and have decades of experience and wisdom to share. This is a weekend you will not want to miss!

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Tuesday Guest Speaker Series

Topic: Our Families in a Twisted World			
DATE	SPEAKER	LESSON TITLE	
6/6		The State of the Family Today	
6/13	Wilson Adams (Building Stronger	Seeing the Blessing of my Marriage and Family	
6/20	Families)	Impact of Divorce	
6/27		God Given Family Relationships	
7/4	7/4 7/11 7/18 7/25 Josh Welch (Life Comes at You Hard)	Thorns That Choke Out the	
//4		Family	
7/11		Overcoming Financial Crisis	
7/18		Rescuing Unfaithful Children	
7/25		Overcoming Betrayal	
8/1		Healing Broken Relationships	
8/8	Mark McCrary (Today's Culture and the Family)	The Impact of Social Media	
8/15		The Assault of Entertainment	
8/22		The Impact of Modern Education	
8/29	•	Love is 1 Corinthians 13.4-7	

Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not hoastful, is not arrogant, is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It hears all things, helieves all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

-1 Corinthians 13.4-7

Ignite Youth Conference

August 4-5, 2023

We are excited once again to hold our annual conference for youth at Cornerstone. This church family loves its young people and is committed to a positive, encouraging, and relevant opportunity for their spiritual growth. After last year's conference ended, we held a review session with our teens, looking



for ideas and suggestions for improvement this year. We also asked about their ideas for a good topic. Overwhelmingly their response came back to relationships.

If you think about it, the challenges to the various relationships our young people have are enormous. They face a much different world than what their parents and grandparents faced. The voices telling them what to do and how to navigate dating relationships, how to handle their relationships with their parents, friends in the

world, and various authority figures are far more diverse than just a generation or two ago. What are some effective and practical tools our kids can use to be successful in today's times? How can they learn to share Jesus in a non-

threatening/non-offensive way? What about their relationships with their siblings?

For this year's conference we have invited Kris Emerson to be with us. Kris serves as one of the ministers for Lindale Church of Christ, Lindale, Texas. In the process of raising teens of his own, we feel Kris is uniquely qualified to present practical lessons that will build up and strengthen our young people for the world they live in.



Another feature we are planning for this year's conference are sessions for parents, who will meet in a separate room while the kids are listening to Kris. How can you improve your relationship with your children? Lead them effectively? These will be great opportunities for you to become a better parent. Details to come.

Planning for this year's conference begins in January. Can you help? Be looking for announcements in the church bulletin or on our social media platforms. Your prayers and help with this event will be much appreciated.

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Saving One Heart at a Time

How Cornerstone Can Impact our World

In order to understand life in this world, we must accept a basic truth. We are born into a hostile world – a world at war spiritually. At Christmas time, we may sing joyful songs as "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night", but we must consider what was really taking place behind the scene. The book of Revelation describes the sobering truth: *The dragon ...was enraged ... and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring—those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus* (Revelation 12:1-5, 7-8, 17).

The horror of sin is all around us. Terrorism, crime, school shootings, human slavery, pornography, drugs, broken families, and life-destroying problems with addictions – the list seems endless, and the depravity of man seems to be out of control. How can we explain all the evil in the world? Until we come to terms with war as the context of our existence, we will not understand life. We will blame God, or others, or even ourselves for the terrible things that happen to us. We will also never know how to overcome. This should not surprise us, for we have been warned: For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms. Use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy in the time of evil, so that after the battle you will still be standing firm" (Ephesians 6:12-13).

This is the world in which we must survive. How can we possibly fight such a war under these circumstances? Do we mount a violent spiritual invasion of our present culture and force our will on humanity? Some religions believe this. Do we try to destroy people in the culture who promote evil and lead others astray? Some would agree whole-heartedly with this. Do we "circle the wagons" and seclude ourselves from those who refuse to believe? That has been tried many times and failed miserably. As Christians, we do not possess overwhelming numbers to fight, nor do we have the overwhelming intellect to conquer the minds of those who adamantly refuse to accept the truth. What can we do?

God has not abandoned us. He has given us the most powerful weapon for good in the universe: the healing blood of Jesus Christ. Second, He has prepared our hearts for the battle. Third, He has given us an overwhelming spiritual strategy – we are to plant our weapon inside the hearts of men with a spirit of love. Thankfully, the Word will produce a great harvest in some hearts.

The soil is actually the hearts of mankind. To those who long for His word and provide receptive soil, God will always provide the spiritual nourishment to thrive.

This year we have studied about the necessity of growing deep roots in our faith in order to survive this violent world of sin and flourish spiritually as an individual, in the nuclear family, in the church, and even in a hostile world. We have a two-fold mission during our time on this earth. We must plant the seed of the gospel in others wherever we go, not being selfish or selective. We must also prepare the soil of our own hearts so we can be completely receptive to God's word. The Spirit will continue to nourish us as we grow fruits outwardly and deep roots inwardly. The word will never fail, and we will be "more than conquerors" as we save one heart at a time with the gospel of Christ and grow the kingdom.

During this quarter we will discuss:

- The Sower
- 2. The Seed
- 3. The Soil

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	DAY	NOTES
September	The Sower	9/3	
		9/10	9/15: Group 6 Meeting
		9/17	
		9/24	
October	The Seed	10/1	
		10/8	
		10/15	Group 2 Meeting Group 3 Meeting
		10/22	10/27: Group 1 Meeting
		10/29	
November	The Soil	11/5	DST Ends
		11/12	
		11/19	Congregational Mtg.
		11/26	

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SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Auditorium Panel Class

Topic: Seeing the Opportunities Before Us Teacher: Matthew Allen & Kody Pritt

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DATE	LESSON TITLE	
9/3/23	Counting the Cost of Living in a Lost World	
9/10/23	How Can I Help Train & Equip the Ranks?	
9/17/23	How Does One Develop Courage & Perseverance?	
9/24/23	Does My Sense of Responsibility Match My Blessings in Christ?	
10/1/23	How Can We Spiritually Nourish My World?	
10/8/23	Benevolence vs. the Social Gospel	
10/15/23	Complacency Within Us and Indifference Without	
10/22/23	How Can I Avoid Distractions & Diversions in the World?	
10/29/23	Resisting the Enemy: Reality of Persecution	
11/5/23	Responding to the Changing Cultural Needs in the Church & the World	
11/12/23	Recognizing My Spiritual Opportunities	
11/19/23	Loving My Neighbor by Sharing My Lord	
11/26/23	Preparing for Spiritual Harvest of the Future	

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WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Auditorium Panel Class Topic: Galatians Teacher: TBA		
DATE	LESSON TITLE	
9/6/23	Overview and Galatians 1.1-10	
9/13/23	Galatians 1.11-24	
9/20/23	Galatians 2.1-10	
9/27/23	Galatians 2.11-21	
10/4/23	Galatians 3.1-14	
10/11/23	Galatians 3.15-19	
10/18/23	Galatians 4.1-16	
10/25/23	Galatians 4.17-31	
11/1/23	Galatians 5.1-15	
11/8/23	Galatians 5.16-21	
11/15/23	Galatians 5.22-26	
11/22/23	Galatians 6.1-10	
11/29/23	Galatians 6.11-18	

For through faith you are all sons of God in Christ Jesus. For those of you who were haptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; since you are all one in Christ Jesus.

- Galatians 3.26-28

MEETING THE NEEDS

ommitting to the work ... there is much to do that requires financial needs to be met. With your donations and weekly contributions, God worked through us during 2022 to accomplish these things:

- 1. Added a second preacher, Kody Pritt.
- 2. Three exterior door replacements.
- 3. Assisted with benevolent needs.
- 4. Assisted our brothers who preach in Colombia.

The following things are items we would like to accomplish over the next 5-7 years as we continue to grow:

- 1. Renovate the classroom wing of the building. (See building plan on next page.)
- 2. Add adult classrooms that will accommodate smaller groups for improved hearing, etc.
- 3. Add on to the parking lot.
- 4. Develop our own teaching curriculum for the children's classes.
- 5. Remodel the stage area to add additional auditorium floor seating.
- 6. Move the back wall into the Lecture Hall for additional seating.
- 7. Plan for HVAC replacement as the equipment is reaching the end of its useful life.
- 8. Replace the perimeter fencing around the property.
- 9. Look for qualified people to assist the congregation in administrative, curriculum, and social media / graphic design.

Can You Help?

We've made giving very simple at Cornerstone. Besides the opportunity to drop off your contribution in the box inside the entryway, you can give online through the app and website by clicking on the giving button. You can also mail a check to our church office: 5051 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, 45440.

CORNERSTONE EVENTS CALENDARS



e are excited to announce a new way of keeping up with events at Cornerstone. We have centralized events into four calendars. You may want to link the calendars to your smart phone or tablet. Connected to the calendar will provide automatic updates and notifications if desired. You can find these calendars under the *My Cornerstone* tab on the members-only portion of the website.

The four calendars are:

Cornerstone Teens Events

List of events for Teens to get together. Parents are not required to stay, but please plan accordingly for pickup.

Cornerstone Kids 4-13 yrs events

List of events for young people 4-13 years of age. Unless explicitly stated, plan to stay with your child during the event.

Ladies Events

List of events for the women of our congregation.

Cornerstone Family Events

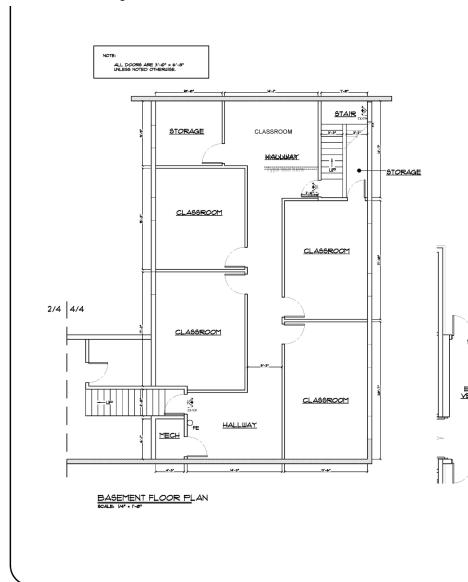
List of events for the entire Cornerstone Family. Everyone, please plan to participate.

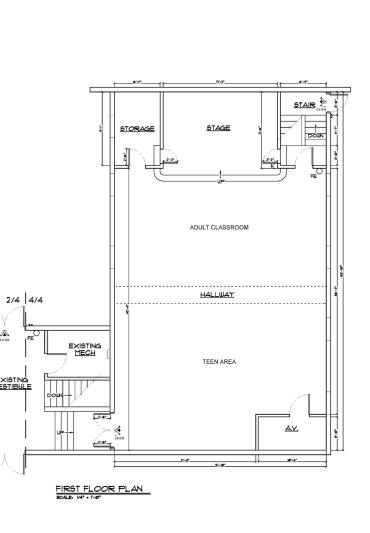
Cornerstone Worship

Public calendar where neighbors and friends can view our worship times and topics.

CLASSROOM REMODEL PLAN

In 2023, it is our intention to remodel the space we have in the old part of the building. With over 70 children from age 0-18, we need to add additional classroom space to accommodate our needs.







THOSE WE SUPPORT IN COLOMBIA



Oscar Arias lives in Villamaria, Caldas. Brother Arias has been preaching since 1999, and in Villamaria since 2011. Since 2013 Oscar has assisted with the new work taking place in Ecuador's Galapagos Islands. Besides preaching in various places around Colombia, he also makes yearly preaching trips to Brazil and Peru. The Cornerstone congregation has been supporting brother Arias since 2019.



Carlos Julio Rameriz lives in Cali, Valle del Cauca. Besides his work with one of the churches in Cali, Brother Rameriz travels throughout western and southern Colombia working with various churches of Christ. He has helped establish congregations in Pasto, Buenaventura, Palmira, and Popayan. He began preaching full time in January 2013 and has served as a shepherd for the Cali church since 2017. The Cornerstone congregation has been supporting brother Rameriz since 2013.



Rafael Amaya lives in Ibagúe, Tolima. He has been preaching the gospel since 2000. In 2005, he helped begin a new work in the neighborhood of Las Gaviotas in Ibagúe. Beginning with two families (6 individuals), the church currently numbers about 30 people. He also teaches twice a month in a village called God's Wáter (Agua de Dios). There are about 12 people there. He also works with another congregation in Ibagúe. The Cornerstone congregation has been supporting brother Amaya since 2013.

THOSE WE SUPPORT IN COLOMBIA



Carlos Correa lives in Barranquilla, Atlantico. He has been preaching the gospel since 2005. Brother Correa works with two congregations in Baranquilla. Besides this, he also assists with the work in Lorica, San Antero and Manantial. He has recently helped begin new congregations in Guabanano and Pueblo Nueva. The Cornerstone congregation has been supporting brother Correa since 2013.



Wilson Valbuena lives in Villavicencio, Meta. He has been preaching the gospel since 2008. Besides his work in Villavicencio, Brother Valbuena also works with congregations in Acacias, Castilla La Nueva, and Fuente de Oro. Around 35 Christians make up the church in Villavicencio. The Cornerstone congregation has been supporting brother Valbuena since 2015.



Julio Caesar Tellez lives in Bogotá, Distrito Capital. He has been preaching the gospel since 2000. Brother Tellez labors with the Bolivar church on the south side of Bogotá. Besides his work in Colombia, he also works each year with congregations in Ecuador and Mexico. Originally from the Colombian mountain town Vélez, Julio Caesar's wife, Nibia is from Mexico. The couple has two boys, Esteban and Sebastian. The Cornerstone congregation has been supporting brother Tellez since 2016.

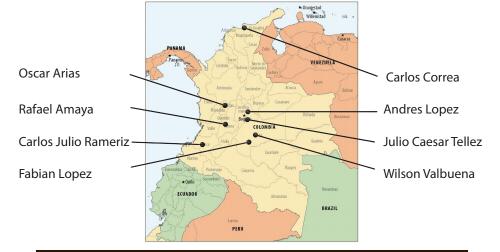
THOSE WE SUPPORT IN COLOMBIA



Fabian Aicardy Lopez lives in Acacias, Meta. Brother Lopez began preaching in Bogotá in 2012. Since early 2017 he has worked with the small congregation in Acacias. Fabian also assists in preaching for other congregations in Meta, including the Fuente de Ora church. Brother Lopez regularly partners with Wilson Valbuena in many evangelistic endeavors around SE Colombia. The Cornerstone congregation has been supporting brother Lopez since 2019.



Andrés López Jerez lives in Bogotá, Distrito Capital. Andres has been preaching the gospel full time since 2013. He currently is serving a full-time work in the thriving city of Zipaquira. He has served several congregations at the Lord's church including, El Rincon church of Christ in Northwest Bogota, Libertador, Chia, and Soacha. Andres also serves as an English-Spanish translator for preachers visiting Colombia and continues in English training to grow in this work. The Cornerstone congregation has been supporting brother Lopez since 2018.





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9.30 am: Devotional in Song

9.45 am: Bible Classes (Age 18 mo-up)

10.45 am: Praise, Prayer, and Preaching

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1 pm: Adult Bible Class (Sept-May)

7.00 pm: Bible Classes (Age 18 mo-up)

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