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## CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 AM

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### *Just a note from the Editor...*

Many transformations are happening at our church. You can see the changes every Sunday when you come in for service. Our lives change every day too. Not just by getting older, that's a natural, but some real changes. Sometimes we don't expect it with the loss of a job or a friend, maybe a new relationship or a promotion. Or maybe a spiritual change. Sometimes we may not notice it but we can feel something has changed in our relationship with God. We just finished the "Transformational Bridge" series. Have you felt a change in your life? Has there been a change in your relationship with God? We realize that we cannot get to the end of the bridge on our own so we must rely on God to help us with his love and understanding. His strength to guide us and comfort us no matter what the obstacle is. As Shrek said "Us Ogres are like onions, we have layers". And we all do even if we are not Ogres. Have you worked on peeling away the layers and giving yourself a fresh start with God? What are the changes happening in your life?

*Steve Frank*

### **Who Do You See?**

Who do you see when you look at me? Do you see a person that has it all together? A confident person that can do anything she wants? Would it surprise you to know that what you see probably isn't what's truly inside? That I'm usually a wallflower and personally prefer to blend in? How about what I like to do? Have you ever wanted to sit down and really get to know me?

What about yourself? What do you see when you look in the mirror? Do you feel worthless or confident in your abilities? Does that truly go deep down, or is that just a face you put on so the world can't truly see the real you? What would it take to TRULY show people who you are?

I can understand how trust plays a part in how we form bonds with others. It isn't easy to let someone into the innermost thoughts and feelings. To trust that they'll keep what you have to themselves and not spread it to others. There's a difference between true friends and acquaintances. If you find yourself with just acquaintances, ask yourself... why is that? Do you WANT to change it, and if so, what could you do to change it? Are there people in church that you see as "acquaintances" but could actually be true friends? Are you so used to hanging around the same people that others would be excluded?

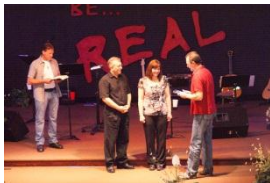
Cornerstone is getting R.E.A.L. Relevant, Encouraging, Authentic, Loving. What does that mean for/to you?

From your Assistant Editor,  
*Brenda*

## Cornerstone Has Won the Lottery!

Did you ever put on a jacket you haven't worn in a while and find cash in the pocket or clean out your desk and uncover that favorite pen you thought was lost? Doesn't it feel a little like what we all imagine winning the lottery must feel like? This is exactly the feeling I got when talking with Joan about her becoming a Pastor. She has been here all along (in fact the first person to greet my husband and me on our first day at Cornerstone) but somehow she remained hidden from the spotlight. A mislaid treasure that has been rediscovered and is now being given the opportunity to shine!

I looked up the definition of pastor and found: "a person having spiritual care of a number of persons". It seems we should have been calling her "Pastor Joan" for a long time already! There is no question that caring for others is where Joan's heart and her devotion are. You would be hard-pressed to find even one person at Cornerstone whom she has not positively affected whether mentally, spiritually, emotionally or physically. It has been Joan's lifelong goal in



her interactions with others; to be able to address the *whole* person and she continues this quest as she fulfills her responsibilities as pastor.

We have been taught that God does not choose perfect people to do His work. He picks ordinary, everyday, flawed, believable people. He has once again chosen a very "human" leader for our Cornerstone family. If you take the time to talk with her, you will understand Joan has to deal with some of the same challenges we all do in her quest to fulfill the role that God has called her to. Excited as she is with the opportunities this new position offers her, Joan is not too proud to admit to her own vulnerabilities.

I took the opportunity to pose a few questions to Pastor Bill regarding Joan's new position. When asked how he sees Joan and what we all should know about her, Pastor Bill had this to say: "Pastor Joan is an honest, compassionate and loyal person. She has a heart of mercy to care for the needs of others. She is full of wisdom and is faithful. She is just so down to earth and real. She has been and will be a great asset to helping others grow in their spiritual life."

This new appointment did not come as a surprise to her family; they have long been witnesses to Joan's work. Her husband, Steve, is confident that her past experience will

shine through in her abilities and advice, if we will just take the time to really listen. Pastor Bill further advises that "Everyone should treat her the same as they always have, with respect and encouragement."



Where we all benefit from the amplified focus of Joan's passion, her husband Steve and son Jonathon must deal with reduced flexibility for family time. The increased time commitment

associated with Joan's position is a sacrifice that touches them personally. While they continue in the adjustment of this appointment, we can help by including the Petznick household in our prayers and stepping in where we are called to share in Joan's work. After all, the more time and effort we each dedicate to the transformation of our church the more ownership we will feel and Cornerstone will continue to be R.E.A.L. as we move toward our future.

Relationship, Challenge, Perseverance and Conquering in the end; according to Joan, these are the elements to a good movie. It occurred to me that these could also be listed as the components to a strong and healthy church. Joan's vision for Cornerstone includes the encouragement of all members to develop a strong sense of ownership. It is her goal that we, at Cornerstone, continue to come together in an environment where we are challenged, helped and supported while we work cooperatively to develop a sense of community and trust. Together we can find the lost, redirect the confused, support those that stumble, and help raise up those that have fallen. These goals can be intangible, actions you may not personally witness, but the spirit in which they exist can be felt by all who visit and especially those who call Cornerstone their church home.

God is validating Joan's efforts by calling her to this visible role as pastor. She is not asking for praise or recognition, in fact, she refers to herself as "just Joan" and prefers that people continue to think of her that way. Joan is human, vulnerable, approachable, energetic, friendly, loving, hospitable and driven. She may be "just Joan" but how fantastic for each of us and Cornerstone Christian Church that she is! **By Cindy Philippon**



## Ministry of the Month

### Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study

The female teachers of Cornerstone occasionally host women's studies on Wednesday evenings for a series of a few weeks to a couple of months. The Bible Studies are for women only, but the women of the church can bring a (lady) friend or relative.

The most recent study, titled "POWER! POWER!... no power?" started Wednesday, April 11, 2012. It is a series about Listening to the Holy Spirit and will teach women how to have sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and receiving direction and guidance on how to hear the Holy Spirit. Some of the topics to be discussed are listening and understanding the difference between the mind, soul and spirit, as well as, many testimonies of faith and revelation. This study is being held on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45PM at Cornerstone Christian Church. It will be held every Wednesday, same time and place for 6 consecutive weeks, concluding on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

"POWER! POWER!... no power?" is being led by Kathy Krause, a member of Cornerstone Christian Church for two and a half years! Kathy states that, "it is cool how God has called and equipped" her to do this. Kathy has a different way of thinking and is unique in her interpretations and application of scripture to those around her. Kathy feels that she was called to do this ministry but didn't quite understand until 5 or 6 years ago that she was to minister to the women of the church.

For more information on this and other women's studies, contact Kathy at [classes@cornerstonenl.com](mailto:classes@cornerstonenl.com).

[2 Peter 3:18 Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen](#)

By Julie Huebner

### Compassion International

See the little girl in the blue dress? She's a child living in poverty in the mountains surrounding San Cristobal, Mexico.

When I went on a mission trip with a group from our church last summer, we met this little girl and many more like her. This particular picture is taken at a medical clinic we provided for a small, impoverished village deep into the mountains near the Guatemalan border.



This little girl in particular reminds me of a child my husband, Drew, and I sponsor through Compassion International. Our sponsored child's name is Amanda. She is about the same age as the little girl in this picture and she lives in a small mountain village in Guatemala, which I picture to be much like the one we visited in Mexico.

Through our sponsorship and the work of Compassion International in her village, Amanda's needs are met and she receives education and Christian teaching from Compassion staff.

I can't even begin to imagine what a difference it would make for Compassion to build a center in the impoverished village in the Mexican mountains that the little girl in this picture lives in. Her life would be changed forever. She would be healthier. More educated. She would hear about Jesus every day.

Did you know our church sponsors two impoverished children like Amanda and like the little girl in this picture?

Alex is an 11-year-old from Kenya and Veronica is a 10-year-old from Tanzania.

Drew and I correspond with them via letter. Their most recent responses along with updated photos of Alex and Veronica can be found on the missions board in the back of the church.

Recently, we asked each of them what their dream is. Veronica's dream is posted on the Connect-A-Dream wall at the back of the church. She wants to become a teacher. We are waiting to hear what Alex's dream is and will have a star put up on the Connect-A-Dream wall for him when we hear back from him.

If you would like to help make even MORE of a difference in Alex and Veronica's lives, one thing they always request in their letters is that we continue to pray for them and their families.

To learn more about Alex and Veronica, check out the new missions board at the back of the church.

To learn more about Compassion International, please visit <http://www.compassion.com/about/about-us.htm>.

By Sam Anderson

## Spies Invade New London

### Mission - Have Fun, Represent Christ!

The youth group took to the streets of New London on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, showing the world that Christian kids DO know how to have fun - and be respectful! With a list of point-valued "missions" in hand, each of the three teams of "spies" was given

a camera, map, and (adult) driver. The teams had one hour to complete missions and score as many points as possible. The team with the highest number of points was declared the winner. The yellow team came out on top, but everyone had a great time!



Team purple - l-r, Hannah Sevilla, Casey Loehrke, Hanna Hathorne, Holly Mattick



Mission - Find a man named Dave - we never did find a "Goliath"



Mission - Get a photo of all team members on a playground slide



Team yellow - l-r, Emma Hathorne, Sam Loehrke, Jonathan Laabs, John Sevilla



Mission - find out who was the man mentioned in Franklin Park and what he did.



Mission - Get at least two strangers to "flash mob" and dance with you. We are all doing the robot dance.



Team tan - l-r, Cameron White, Michael Saari, Andrea Saari, Hunter Kluge



Mission - Bring back chopsticks!



Mission - go through the Burger King drive through piggy back style... order a small soda, drink it, and belch... on video.



Winner of "best team photo in Hatten park"



Mission - What is aluminum worth on Shawano St?



Mission - find Oscar Meyer wieners and sing the song... on video.

By Special Agent X

## Dreamers Circle

### Roseanne Sanderfoot

My God Dream is to one day author and publish a book. I never planned to even start it until after my retirement from teaching, but I am well on my way already, at least on the writing part of it.

The circumstances of my youth took me to some very dark and ugly places that have impacted my entire adult life. Deep hurt and discouragement led to some bad personal choices with negative consequences. Over the course of my adult life, God redeemed and is slowly healing me of those wounds. Although my main goal may seem like publication of the book, I can see that God is actually doing an amazing healing in me just through the process of writing it.



For decades, I believed that my story would one day be published to encourage others. I feel that God assured me that the book was His will after it was technologically "lost" from my computer files.

I grieved its loss deeply and told Him, that IF it was His will for it to ever be published, He would need to restore the file. After about a month, it reappeared.

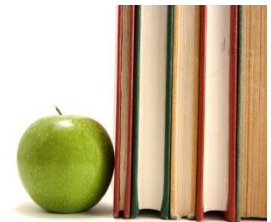
I couldn't believe it! I was scared and excited to think that it really was His will for my dream to move forward!

Because of time constraints, I don't write during the school year. All of my writing happens during the summer. Last summer, with taking continuing education credits, I did very little writing. I think that I am somewhere around page 95 or so, in my book.



From childhood on, I have always loved writing. My teachers made me believe that it was something I did well. For all of you other dreamers out there; ask yourself what you are good at, and what do you love to do? Somewhere in there, God probably has a future and a plan (a DREAM!) that He is preparing you for, to bring Him glory and honor. But, I would also advise...don't rush it. It will happen in God's timing and His timing isn't always the same as ours.

With the coming summer, I expect that I will continue to write my book. I sometimes find myself dreaming BIGGER than just the publication of this one book, but we will have to see where God will take it, and me.



**By Roseanne Sanderfoot**

## SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

### Someone's watching me....

Have you ever had the feeling like you weren't alone in a room, or that someone was watching you? Have you ever had odd things happen in your house, that had no logical explanation. Perhaps you know someone who has had those experiences. A co-worker, relative, or a friend. These things are a lot more common than you may realize. A lot of it all gets wrapped up in the two words "Ghost" and "haunted". But what does God's word say about the afterlife. In order to have a clear perspective on the afterlife we need a clear perspective on what God's word says about it. One scripture says "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

and another scripture says "It is accounted unto man to live once and then to judgment.". God's legal system is not like ours where you may have to wait six months to a year or more just to get a preliminary court date. No, as soon as you die you are present with the Lord, seeing if your name is in the book of life and about to receive your reward for the things done while in your body...whether it was for God's glory or your own. God isn't going to let you stew over it for awhile and he's not going to dilly-dally about it. He is going to be swift in bringing you to Heaven to give you your reward. Stay tuned for part 2!!

By Matt Bever

## Lovey notes

### Sons and Daughter's Bible Study

Friday, March 30 was the first official meeting of my Bible study at Lincoln school. I had two people come. We talked about David and Goliath. In this Bible story God gave David the gumption to say that he wanted to get up and fight Goliath. Goliath was a giant who fought for the Philistines. David used a smooth stone and a sling shot to defeat Goliath. From this story we can learn that no matter how small you are, God can use you to do great things.

After the story, we watched "Dave and the Giant Pickle" a Veggie Tales movie. We had snacks and time for discussion. Our next meeting will be Friday, April 27 at 3:30 in the Guidance Room at Lincoln School. If you need information email me at [ophil524@gmail.com](mailto:ophil524@gmail.com).

By Olivia Philippon

### May Dates to Celebrate

#### Happy Birthday to:

Sarah Saari..... 5<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Frank..... 5<sup>th</sup>  
James Barrows ..... 11<sup>th</sup>  
Hanna Hathorne..... 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Happy Anniversary to:

Mike & Angie Ditmeyer ..... 22<sup>nd</sup>

## What's Happening?

**May 1<sup>st</sup> Stitch 'n Chat:** A group for girls of ALL ages to get together, build relationships, and encourage each other in their walk with the Lord. Bring a project to work on or just come to enjoy the chat! Either way, feel free to bring a friend and enjoy some good "girl time". Contact Angie Ditmeyer at [AngieD@cornerstonenl.com](mailto:AngieD@cornerstonenl.com) with questions. *Stitch 'n Chat is held from 6-8 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at The Living Room Coffee Shop in Clintonville. No purchase is necessary! You may bring your own beverage for this event.*

**Bible Study Series:** The women's series "Power! Power! No Power?" led by Kathy Krause and men's series "What's the Point?" led by Dick Krause continue to run through May 16. Both groups meet at the church **Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45**. Contact Dick or Kathy at [Classes@cornerstonenl.com](mailto:Classes@cornerstonenl.com) for more information on either group.

**Youth Group Concert Reward** - The amazing Cornerstone Youth have been working through the challenging and exciting Answers Academy course on Christian apologetics. Those that completed all 13 lessons (including homework) will be rewarded with tickets to the Newsboys' "God's Not Dead" tour concert on **Thursday, May 3**. Contact Joan, Andrea, or Brenda for more Youth Group information [YouthGroup@cornerstonenl.com](mailto:YouthGroup@cornerstonenl.com) or on Facebook.

**TWO SERVICES BEGINNING MAY 6!** Starting May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012, we will be starting TWO SERVICES on Sundays! Service times will be 8:30 and 10 AM! We will have the **staffed nursery** for preschoolers and **children's church** for school-age kids (through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) at the 10AM service. At the 8:30 service the nursery will be open for parents to use but will not be staffed. The service is available to watch on the television in the nursery. **Common Grounds** will be available from 8AM until 11:30 so you will still be able to meet for coffee and fresh-baked cookies! For more information regarding the Nursery or Children's Church please contact Pastor Joan at [PastorJoan@cornerstonenl.com](mailto:PastorJoan@cornerstonenl.com).

**Family Game Night:** King me! Check Mate!! We're giving it another try and going WAY BACK this month, to the classic games of strategy! Come join us for Chess, Checkers, and Chinese Checkers **May 11 (7-9PM)**. Appropriate for ALL ages! Bring your kids! Bring your friends! Guaranteed FUN for everyone!! If you have a favorite chess or checkers set, feel free to bring it along but we will have some to use. If there's another game you'd like to share, you are welcome to bring that too. We don't discriminate :) If you'd like to bring a snack to share, snacks are ALWAYS welcome! Please mark the Family Game Night box on your Connection card, join us on Facebook or contact Andrea Saari ([AndreaS@cornerstonenl.com](mailto:AndreaS@cornerstonenl.com)) if you are thinking about attending so we can plan appropriately.

**Spring Cleaning:** **Saturday, May 12** we are doing a spring cleaning of the Church and Life Center starting at 9am and hope to be done by noon. Everyone is invited to help. We will be cleaning windows, painting the ramp, cleaning and sanitizing the nursery, and some other odds and ends to give our church home a good freshening up. Volunteers are needed, supplies will be provided but extra buckets or ladders could help get the job done quickly. Please contact Barb Frank at [barbjean126@gmail.com](mailto:barbjean126@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Connection Class: Bearing Fruit** - You are the sower, God is the grower! The fruit you bear depends on the seeds you plant. The Connection Class, Bearing Fruit, will help you understand the fruit that your life will produce. Learn what your Biblical responsibilities are, what the leaders' responsibilities are, and what God's responsibilities are as you serve Him. Join us on **May 13** at 8:45 to find out how to bear good fruit! Please indicate on your Connection card if you would like to be contacted regarding any of the upcoming Connection classes or email a request to <http://www.cornerstonenl.com/connectionclasses/>.

*The Connection Classes are designed to help you connect not only to Cornerstone, but to your unique and significant role within the body of Christ, are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month, rotating from Getting to Know Us through Bearing Good Fruit. The classes do not have to be taken in order and you do not need to be a member to take a class! If you make a note on the back of your Connection card regarding your interest in any of the 4 classes, you can receive an email reminder of the upcoming classes and dates they are to be held. For more information on any of the classes, or to sign up via email, contact Andrea Saari at [Classes@cornerstonenl.com](mailto:Classes@cornerstonenl.com). Find out more about each class at [www.cornerstonenl.com/membership/](http://www.cornerstonenl.com/membership/).*

**Baptisms: May 20-** Baptisms will be held at both the 8:30 and 10:00 am services. Anyone who is interested in being baptized is asked to sign up on the appropriate spot of the Connection card and/or talk to Pastor Bill.

**Meet and Eat:** Please join us in celebrating with those that will be baptized on **May 20**. The Meet and Eat will begin at 11:15 and wind down at 1:00. This is a great opportunity to acknowledge the commitment that has been made by our newly baptized members and to support each other in fellowship after the church services. The Hospitality team has set the menu to be a chicken dinner, and \$3.00 per person will cover a complete meal with drinks and dessert. (Soda and bottled water are also available for purchase.) To sign up, simply mark the Meet and Eat box on your Connection card and leave it in the bin at the back of church.