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Renewing our families, our communities, and our world by bringing faith and life together in Christ.

3@3: BLESSING OTHERS BEGINS WITH PRAYER

This reprint from 2017 is a good reminder to us of what we should be doing.

BY CARTER SANGER

"[It] is God's will, through his wonderful grace, that the prayers of his saints should be one

great and principal means of carrying on the designs of Christ's kingdom in the World."

(Jonathan Edwards, Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 1, Section III.)

The Parables in Matthew 13 reveal the secrets of the Kingdom. They show us how the kingdom comes, who it reaches, and how it affects them. In the parable

of the four soils, we find that the ineffectiveness of the gospel upon the hearts of men is not a fault of the gospel, but due to an unreadiness of the soil. Since God has commissioned His

people to go and make disciples, we are tasked with the work of preparing

that soil. That work must begin with prayer.

"When God has something very great to accomplish for his church, it is his will that there should precede it the extraordinary prayers of his people."

(Jonathan Edwards, Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 1, Section III)

"BECAUSE PRAYER IS GOD'S PLAN, MY HOPE FOR THESE PEOPLE HAS A SOLID BASIS."

For what ought we to pray? We pray for God's Spirit to be at work in and through us to the people around us. Each of us have been given unique experiences and talents and put in particular circles (at work, social groups, neighborhoods) by our sovereign God. You are where you are by design. So, what are you praying for?

Last week I challenged our congregation to pray for 3 unchurched people at 3:00 p.m. every day.

- Pray that God would be at work in their lives and upon their hearts.
- Pray that God would help

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Details on resumption of Sunday School have not been made yet. Stay tuned!
- We will welcome Carter and Rhonda Sanger back from their sabbatical in September and pray that it has been a time of refreshment for them.
- Thank you to Sam Downing, Jonathan Shumate, Alan White, and Kenny Wrubel who have preached in Carter's absence.

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MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Cornerstone held a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, July 19. We also included those who were watching on-line from home.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect two members of the congregation to the

Officer Nominating Committee. Tock Blacklock and Jason Corkran were elected to join Session members Ben Colston and Don Russell on the committee.

Men who are members of Cornerstone are eligible to serve on the Session, and

either men or women may serve as Deacons.

If you have a suggestion for someone who would be a good officer for our church, please pass their names along to one of the members of the committee.



Since Carter is on Sabbatical, the Session and Deacons took July off.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session and Deacons did not meet in July.

WE GET THANK YOU'S:

Dear Church Family,

I really appreciate you and all you do for me. Thank you for the Domino's gift card!

*Love you all,
Elijah Cassidy*

Dear Cornerstone Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. The plant arrangement you sent regarding my brother's death is lovely and has already found its place in the sun. I so appreciate all of you as we come to grips with another believer taken away so quickly.

I know Terry's days were ordained before one of them came to be. We just forget, or I do, that God doesn't revolve around my time tables!

May God bless you all and thanks again for all the care you've shown me and my family.

Love, Linda Lott

UPDATE FROM BOB ROANE

We were happy to have Bob Roane with us on Sunday, July 26, to oversee communion. His is one of the ministries that Cornerstone helps support. Here are some excerpts from the recent letter he sent to our Session:

Thank you; thank you for your support, prayer, and encouragement since 2010! You do not merely say that you love me as a brother in Christ and His servant, you show it by your actions, including your financial assistance.

We bring many people Christ's hope through evangelism, teaching, biblical counseling, leadership training, and act of mercy. Thank you SO, SO MUCH for helping us to do that!

Testimony from an Offender at Jester 3 Prison Unit:

"By God's grace, you have had a major impact on my

life. Your love, teaching, and example resonated deeply with my spirit in the Authentic Manhood Class (36 weeks). I really appreciate you coming to us week after week. It was clearly more than a class to you and after a few sessions it became more than a class to me.

"You being authentic and transparent about your own struggles and failings inspired me to keep on repenting and believing on Christ. You often reminded us that Jesus' followers may trip often, but with the Lord's help, we get up again and again and get back to following Christ.

"This time of quarantine is trying for me, but God is faithful and worthy of our trust. It prays that Jesus will meet all your needs in an abundant way. Thank you greatly. The Lord bless you!"

Mentoring a High School Student

Since February, I've been mentoring a young man, native of Costa Rica, who hopes to attend college here. He's a bright and delightful man and also a serious Christian, asking tough questions and wanting solid answers for following Christ in our confused and broken world.

Update on My Health

I am mending well from concussion (November 3) and two prostate cancer procedures (Nov. and Feb.). The concussion left me with brain fog that lifted slowly in stages. A big lift came in March and another in May, and I feel back to normal. So thank you TONS for praying. The Lord heard and answered mercifully!

"NOW MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING, THAT YOU MAY ABOUND IN HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."
ROMANS 15:13

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

BY CAROL KUTZER

☺ **Sunday School this Fall:** At the time of printing, no decision has been made on when we will return to children's Sunday school or providing childcare. I hope and pray this will be soon.

I am planning to host a virtual meeting on the idea of doing a virtual Sunday school ministry. If you would like to be part of this meeting please let me know. The more ideas the better!

☺ **Children's Catechism Chant:** Be sure your kids are staying on top of their Catechism. We've been using this chant put to music by Nathan Carico for almost 10 years.

☺ **Kids' Bulletins:** We understand that not every family is ready or able to return to gathered wor-

ship. And that is OK!! However, if the issue is not health related, I urge you to attend worship. Your covenant family needs you. We will continue to live stream our services and post weekly liturgy (bulletins) online.

I have begun posting weekly children's bulletins as well. Look for them in the weekly eNews and on Facebook. Or you can find these on the website under Get Involved and then News & Events.

☺ **Get to know our Childcare Workers:** If you could change places with anyone in the world, who would it be and why?

- Ms. Ann Alcorn: Jennifer Lopez, because she is rich and has the body I want.

- Ms. Carol Rutar: I would not want to change
- Ms. Kinsey Spain: A monkey keeper to play with monkeys all day.

"I AM PLANNING TO HOST A VIRTUAL MEETING ON THE IDEA OF DOING A VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY."

ROCKY RAILWAY IS COMING IN 2021

We won't be hosting VBS this year, but we are all set for summer of 2021! The Family Life Assembly of God church has donated all their props for VBS to us -3 car loads and 2 truck loads. A convoy from Cornerstone picked up the props, and they will be stored until next summer. We have given them at "thank you" donation.

We will need lots of teachers and staff for this, so tell Carol that you will be there to help! Dates for VBS will be set soon.



Don't get left behind! Rocky Railway will be the theme for our VBS next year.

SET YOUR CLOCK FOR 3:00 P.M.

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you be a good listener to them as you invest in building a friendship.

- Pray that God would give you opportunities to bless them through service, through compassion, and through sharing your story of grace.

Have you identified 3 people yet? I found it easier to set

my alarm to go off every day at 3:00 p.m. That way I can stop what I'm doing, take a moment, and pray for each of them by name. Because prayer is God's plan, my hope for these people has a solid basis. It may take time, but I have reason to expect change.

"The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." (James 5:16)

As simple as this is, I know it's hard to develop the discipline of praying for others. But it's worth it. It's doable. It's a great privilege. And it's a way we can encourage and challenge each other as we begin to share stories of answered prayer.

Carter



Set your clock for 3:00 (or whatever time works best for you)..



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

BY JOHN BARRETT

If you've been at the church campus recently, early in the morning before sunrise or late in the evening after sunset, you may have noticed the two lights on the East end of the parking lot are no longer working.

Those lights, which are mounted on the wooden pole, are old-style bulbs that only last about a year. They are very expensive to replace, because it requires a bucket truck or scissor lift to access the light fixtures.

We installed new bulbs when the new LED lights were installed about a year ago. Since that time, the bulbs have expired.

We decided to see if the new LED lights would provide enough light by themselves, and it turns out they do. The two new LED fixtures on steel poles on the North side of the parking lot, plus the new LED wall pack on the West side of the gym, provide adequate light for the parking lot.

The old lights on the wooden pole will no longer be necessary. Sometime between now and the next workday, we will decide what to do with the wooden pole and the old light fixtures. Most likely, they will be disconnected and removed. So far, the new LED lights have been a good investment. Utility and maintenance costs have gone down and the parking lot has plenty of light with only three fixtures instead of the original five.

"...THE NEW LED LIGHTS HAVE BEEN A GOOD INVESTMENT."

IDEAS FOR CORONAVIRUS TIME

Thanks to the Thomas family for putting this together.

Idea List

- Pray. Some are affected very deeply by this. (Some are facing quarantine, either self or mandatory. Some are alone, wage loss or job loss, uncertainty, anxiety.)
- Prioritize Scripture reading. Alone and together as a family.
- Text people that you prayed for them.
- Facetime / Video conversations and hangouts regularly.
- Record Prayer Videos. Example: A family setup a camera and prayed together for our family and then sent it to us on Facebook.
- Share that HEB (and some other stores) are allowing “seniors only” to shop for the first hour they are open.
- Ask to pick up groceries for those that are higher risk.
- If you have sidewalk chalk, write encouraging messages or pictures so people driving by can see them. (Our neighborhood is doing this together. Everyone is going to drive around on Saturday.)
- For \$15 a month you can have a ZOOM.com account and video call with up to 100 people.
- Share reputable FACTS and their sources. We were sent a message the other day saying that “country’s without 5G cell towers don’t have COVID-19...”
- Stay in contact. Email, Social Media, Text, Video Calls

Helpful Sites

- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/ – Care, prevention and information
- <https://systems.jhu.edu/research/public-health/ncov/> – Reliable numbers with “recovered” counts.
- <https://ourworldindata.org/> – Reputable numbers by country on the spread of the virus
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/> – Resources and videos to help students keep learning at home
- <https://katydisasterresponse.com/> – Good source for local information and helpful resources
- <https://favordelivery.com/order-delivery/h-e-b-5/> – or call 833-397-0080 (Restricted to Seniors only, 60+) for the H-E-B and Favor Senior Support program. Limit orders to 25 items max. Availability may change.)
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Helpful Apps (Other than text and Facebook)

- What’s App (International text messaging)
- Marco Pollo (Video messaging app. Easy to use.)
- Among Us (Game for up to 10 people played over the internet all together. Takes about 10 minutes a round. All ages, lots of fun. We setup a speaker phone and play.)
- Zoom (Free video calls)

Helpful Ideas

- Keep a routine. (Wake, shower, reading and coffee, news reading time, connect with someone time, etc.)
- Limit reading news ALL DAY. But do stay informed.
- Celebrate whatever you can in whatever way you can. Example: Send a video singing happy birthday to those you cannot be with in person.
- Let yourself and others be sad. That’s okay for a time.
- Helpful one page document for coping with stress and keeping a routine: https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/coping-with-stress.pdf?sfvrsn=9845bc3a_2&fbclid=IwAR2LMEwiGNeUGsNXMIRf5G_5DJLQBqQLGdtRgnZsczTjTjyvY94zBE4Evk

While you are talking with others or comforting someone during this difficult and unprecedented time, “rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep”. These are hard times and people are going to react in different ways. We need to be understanding of that. Listen with the purpose of understanding, identify with them, let them know you are there.

“fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10 ESV)

BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME ON-LINE

BY JENNIFER MAGEE

Beginning Tuesday, September 8 to Tuesday, December 1 the Evening Women's Bible Study Class will study the books of Ruth and Judges with the Coffee Cup Bible Series by Sandra Glahn. The study se-

ries is in a workbook format that examines the life and times of the Bible characters and the books of the Bible that pertain to them.

Due to COVID-19, the Bible Study will meet online

through Zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday evenings.

Please join us for the series. Contact Jennifer Magee if you have any questions.

SMALL GROUPS ARE STILL MEETING

If you miss seeing your Cornerstone friends during the week, join one of the Small Groups that are meeting via ZOOM or in-person.

To learn how to be involved, just contact one of the Elders.

SAYING GOODBYE TO ERICK

BY CAROL KUTZER

The majority of my time on vacation last month was spent doing what I love... scrapbooking. I love to relive the stories and people the Lord has used to bless and teach me. It is meditative and a great form of therapy!

The project I was focused on was completing the 2019 Guatemala mission trip. Such great memories. Such great people. Such a beautiful country.

It so happened that while I was working, the Guatemala team began receiving messages that our dear friend, Pastor Erick Garcia had fallen ill with COVID-19. In a matter of days, he was gone. Our friend, Eric DiCesare was so good about keeping us informed on the fight going on

in Guatemala. His daily calls to the family in Guatemala and then to us helped us know how to pray.

In the photo you will see me with my arm around Pastor Erick Garcia. Peeking over his head is Pastor Eric DiCesare. Next to him is our bus driver and security. I worked hard at remembering his name as he was our driver in 2018 and is such a great guy. But, alas, another year later has passed, and it escapes me. And most of you know Pastor Pablo Monroy on the far right. He leads Cosecha de Vida and is a huge reason why we love Guatemala so much.

Pastor Erick Garcia is such a humble servant. I can't tell you how faithfully he took care of all of us, he and his wife, Anna, and his children Paula and Samuel.

While he was quite the

livewire behind the pulpit, his day-to-day life was the living out of the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. I bet each of the team members on this trip could tell you a story of how Pastor Erick displayed all of these.

Please take a moment and pray for Anna, Paula and Samuel. Pray for their church, Príncipe de Paz (Prince of Peace). Thank the Lord for Pastor Erick and how God used him to care for us.

While our "Goodbye" is not forever, it is sad. We look forward to seeing him again.



We were saddened to learn of the death of Erick Garcia in Guatemala.

We asked you to share some of your favorite hymns recently.
You can send your favorite to Linda Cover at cover.linda@yahoo.com.
Here are some that we got:

TK Hanke: Be Thou My Vision
 Farther Along
Chana Hanke: It is Well
 How Great Thou Art



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