

WELCOME TO CORNERSTONE!

Thank you for joining us this morning. Cornerstone exists to be a community of grace and truth, making disciples of Jesus among all people. We are gospel people with gospel purpose.

WE ARE PEOPLE OF THE GOSPEL

We are people who were once far off,
who were without God and without hope,
but who now have been brought near by the blood of Christ,
who have been reconciled to God through the cross,
and who have been made members of God's family,
the church, a community of grace and truth,
built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as our Cornerstone.

OUR PURPOSE IS THE GOSPEL

We have not only been rescued by the gospel,
we have also been entrusted with the gospel.
We have become Jesus's ambassadors to the world,
proclaiming the promise of reconciliation with God
by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.
We are called to make disciples of Jesus among all people,
always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed,
to the praise of his glorious grace.

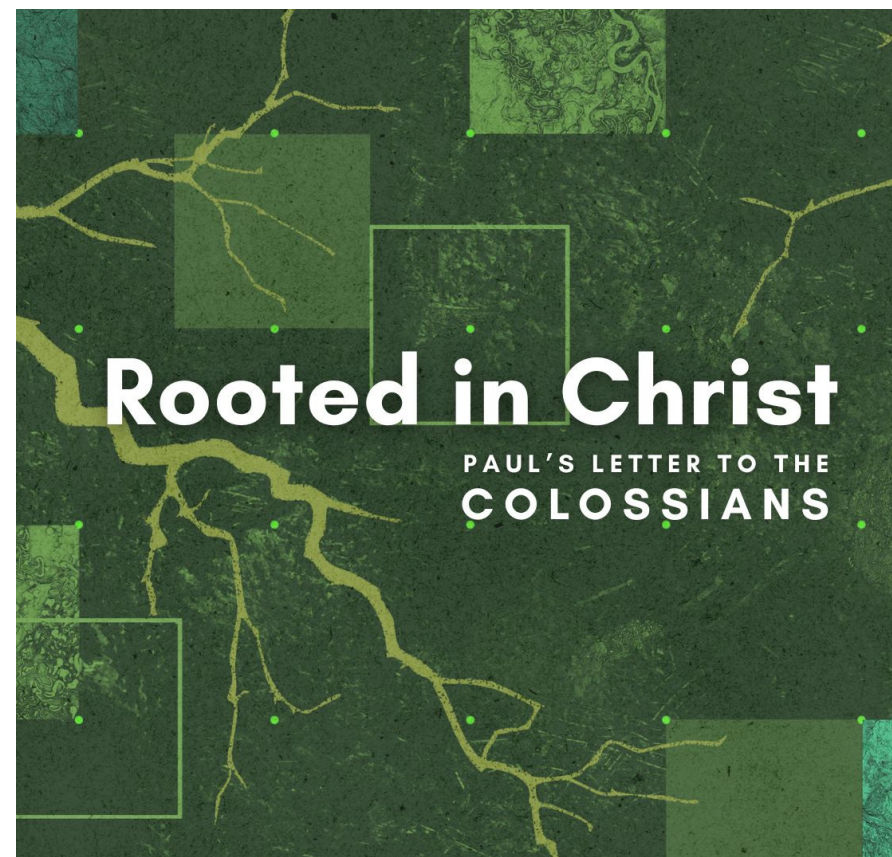
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-  Visit us on the web: cornerstoneefree.org
-  Send us an email: churchoffice@cornerstoneefree.org
-  Fill out a Connect Card and drop it in the box in the narthex
-  Join us on Sundays for Sunday School (9:30am) and worship (10:45am)



Cornerstone

AN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH



A COMMUNITY OF GRACE AND TRUTH MAKING
DISCIPLES OF JESUS AMONG ALL PEOPLE

*Gathered for Worship
on July 12, 2026*

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SERMON NOTES

July 12, 2026

Colossians 3:18-4:1

I. THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST REQUIRES HOW WE SUBMIT TO AUTHORITY

1. Under Christ, submitting to authority is a matter of choice, not coercion.

2. Under Christ, submitting to authority is about fearing God, not people.

II. THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST REQUIRES HOW WE EXERCISE AUTHORITY

1. Under Christ, exercising authority focuses on responsibilities, not rights.

2. Under Christ, exercising authority means accountability, not absolutism.

UPCOMING SERMONS

July 19 - Colossians 4:2-6

July 26 - Colossians 4:7-18

Aug 2 - The Ten Commandments: Why the Law?

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, through the blood of Jesus, in full assurance of faith, and offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.
(Hebrews 4:16; 10:19, 22; 12:29)

- GLORIFYING OUR
GOD

Call to Worship: Psalm 36:5-10 (p.435)
"Your Love, O Lord"
"Mighty Fortress"
- CONFESSING OUR
GUILT

Scripture: Ephesians 5:22-25; 6:1-9 (p. 919-920)
Prayer of Confession
Pastor Ryan North
- REJOICING IN
GRACE

Assurance of Grace: Colossians 1:13-14 (p. 924)
#85 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
#139 "Blessed Assurance"
Congregational Prayer
Beky Hazelton
- RESPONDING IN
GRATITUDE

Offering
Prayer for Missions: International Friends
Dave Hazelton
#299 "Show Us Christ"
(K-3rd Grade dismissed for Kids' Worship)
Scripture: Colossians 3:18-4:1 (pp. 925-6)
Sermon: Colossians 3:18-4:1
Pastor John Biegel
#490 "For the Cause"
Benediction

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

PRAYER FOCUS

That the preaching of God's Word would be biblically careful and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
(2 Thessalonians 3:1; 2 Timothy 2:15)

CHURCH LEADERS

Pastor: John Biegel
Elder: Ryan Horner
Deacon for Fellowship: Nicole Connell
Titus 2: Nicole Britton

CHURCH FAMILIES

Knudsen, Bill
Kuol, Dombek & Nhial, Achuil
Kyanvash, Mahnza

MISSION

International Friends NOVA
Pray for the continued dedication of the over 35 volunteers as they faithfully share the gospel in word and deed each year with over 300 international students studying at NOVA. Pray for students to join International Friends and for receptive hearts to hear the good news.

CHALLENGE

Pray for the youth at this year's Challenge Conference (departing tomorrow!)
See "Prayer for Challenge 2026."

CHILDCARE SCHEDULE

	This Week July 12	Next Week July 19
Nursery 9:30	No Sunday School Nursery	No Sunday School Nursery
Nursery 10:30	Steve & Sarah McIlvaine	Sam & Monica Tubb
Preschool Worship 10:30	Kyle & Robyn Entz	Paulo & Pauline Sison
Kids' Worship 10:30	John & Nicole Connell and Isaac	Joellen Binder and Barbara Timm

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

TRUTH RISING STUDY

Wednesday, from 7 PM to 9 PM, S108

Hosted by the Nyes; materials and refreshments to be provided. May be age-appropriate material for 9th grade and up. Even if you missed last week, you can still join. Questions? Call Steve Nye at 571-334-4838 or email stephen.nye@verizon.net. For more information on Truth Rising go to <https://colsoncenter.org/truth-rising-the-study/main-course>

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Sunday, July 19 after service in the Fellowship Hall

Ladies, come enjoy meaningful fellowship as Esther Horner and Perla Macias lead a conversation about sharing the gospel by seeing and loving people the way Jesus does. Lunch will be provided. Talk to Gretchen Nutz (gretchennutz@gmail.com) with questions or if you'd enjoy helping with food.

DEEP DISH CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday, July 14 from 7 to 9 PM, S108

Adelphos Room

Ladies, join us for this week's The Gospel Coalition's "The Deep Dish" podcast entitled "Becoming Good Stewards of Our Body." Use the QR code to the right to find the podcast. Questions? contact Ursula: littlesthebear23@gmail.com for more information.



Upcoming Topics for Deep Dish

- July 21 - How to make friends in real life
- July 28 - Worship is more than a playlist
- Aug 4 - Remembering death teaches us to live
- Aug 11 - Making decisions with our limits in mind
- Aug 18 - The Bible is for you.

PRAYER FOR CHALLENGE 2026

MONDAY, JULY 13

Travel, registration, and opening session

Pray for travel, for patience, grace and good communication.

Pray for the session "When I Wonder," that students will encounter God's greatness, which will compel them to pursue the Word in a fresh way as it reveals the true nature of God.

TUESDAY - THURSDAY, JULY 14 - 16

Morning Psalm 73, 13 and 100

Afternoon deployed into the city to pray and serve or head to Equipping Labs or Recreation

Pray for safety, divine appointments. Pray that students playing all kinds of sports in the Recreation Hall would simply be kids and have a blast, and that they would be kept from injuries. Pray for God to use this service for His glory, both in the city and in the lives of students.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Morning - Focused time to reflect and respond

Afternoon deployed into the city to pray and serve or head to Equipping Labs or Recreation

Pray for rich and real discussion as well as a compulsion to put feet to the truths we've studied in the Psalms. Pray that youth workers facilitate this discussion well and withhold from trying to give more teaching.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Travel home

Pray that God would seal in the hearts of each person what He has spoken to them and that the Evil One would not be able to snatch it away. Pray for groups to use the ride home to intentionally process the week both personally and together. Pray that God moves every adult to pull a few students close and help them take their first steps into deeper faith.

Thank God for every adult leader who left family, jobs and children to come alongside these students this week.