



***Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author
and perfecter of faith, who for the
joy set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame, and has sat
down at the right hand of the throne
of God.***

- Hebrews 12.2 (NASB)

VISION 2022



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SHEPHERDS

2021 was a pivotal year for the Cornerstone Church. After coming off an extremely difficult 2020 we needed to focus on healing. What a blessing 2021 has been. Do you remember the first service when we all came into the auditorium together without masks? Do you recall the singing that day? It was wonderful! There was a sense that the pandemic of 2020 was behind us. How exciting! The summer series was received with enthusiasm, not only at Cornerstone, but by Christians throughout the world via livestream. So many have reached out and thanked this family for the efforts that were put forth. They needed healing too.

We are experiencing more visitors each week than ever before. Through baptism or moving their membership, twenty-one new families have become a part of the Cornerstone Church since just before the beginning of the pandemic. Folks from many backgrounds and religious experiences make up our spiritual family. We are a diverse group coming together as one. God has blessed this congregation so richly. It is such a joy to be part of this local church. The question is how will we respond?

We are no different than the church of the first century. Jews came together with Gentiles. Samaritans were included in the fellowship. Slaves became brothers in Christ. Zealots, prostitutes, fishermen, lepers, and tax collectors all came together as one in Christ. Paul even wrote about this in Colossians 3.11: *Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.*

So how did they do it? They focused on Jesus. He was the one thing they could all agree on. This year, our theme is taken from Hebrews 12.2: *Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus (NIV), the perfecter of our faith.* It is only in Him that we will find complete harmony.

Just hours before the cross, our Lord spent time in prayer with His Father as recorded in John 17.20-21. He prayed: *I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

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As shepherds, one of our responsibilities is found in Ephesians 4.12-13: *to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.* Over the next few verses, Paul speaks of each member of the body contributing to its overall growth and progress. Just as that was true two thousand years ago in Ephesus, so it remains today for us here at Cornerstone.

Scripture is replete in its calls for unity among believers. Sadly, many in the Lord's church have decided to divide and criticize those who may not see all Scripture the same way they do. Paul Earnhart once wrote, "In all our dealings with others, we need to remember that we are not agents of the Lord's judgment, but of His salvation. Vengeance belongs to the Lord. Our task is to seek and to save the lost."

We encourage you to reread the "Who We Are" portion of our mission statement. A framed copy is in the entry of our building. We said: "The Cornerstone Church will focus on the beauty found in Christ and we will strive for excellence in everything we do, Philippians 4.8."

Perhaps Helen Lemmel said it best in her hymn published back in 1914: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in his wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and Grace."

We look forward to 2022 as one family, united by our love and our focus on Jesus Christ.



George Wacks



Rich Walker



Russ Robins

November 21, 2021

MOVING FORWARD

Isn't it amazing that of all the things Jesus could have prayed for in John 17 he prayed for oneness? He prayed for His disciples in John 17.11: *Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.* Then He prayed for us in verses 20-21: *I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

Jesus understood the difficult days and years that were ahead for brethren and the churches that would be established. The greatest weapon Satan could wield would be to divide brethren. Consider the church in Antioch. Those Jewish disciples who fled persecution from Jerusalem fled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch. Acts 11.19 says as they went they spoke the word to no one except the Jews. So in Antioch men that had come from Cypress and Cyrene reached out to the Hellenists (Greek speaking non-Jews). A great number turned to the Lord.

So here we are. Jews and Gentiles learning to coexist in fellowship in spite of their differences. The church in Jerusalem heard of this and sent Barnabas to Antioch. Verse 21 says: *When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose.* That could only happen by focusing on Jesus and being united in purpose for the kingdom. On top of this, Barnabas went to Tarsus and brought Saul back to the church in Antioch. The key figure in the persecution in Jerusalem was now in the church in Antioch. Could that have raised any concerns?

Here we are 2000 years later. Looking back, we see how churches have been plagued by division and discord. We have segregated into groups, all the while believing we are acting righteously as we completely ignore our Lord's command in John 17. May that never be the case here at Cornerstone. We are blessed to have brethren from all walks of life. Families with differing views on many things yet worshipping in harmony and unity.

How is this being accomplished? We believe it happens when we all focus on Jesus. He is what we can all agree on. This year as we study on the theme "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus," we hope to grow even stronger together. When we focus on Him, rather than ourselves, we can find complete unity.

We are on a journey together. We are all at different places in maturity and

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grace. When we look back at who we were 10 or 15 years ago, we may find we are very different today. What happened? Some have found that there are things that are essential, and things we at one time thought were essential, but since learned they were really just strongly held opinions. Some look back with regret on times where arguments and division occurred realizing today it was wrong. How do we avoid that going forward?

In their Bible study podcast, Wes McAdams and Steven Cuffle discussed the issue of Christian unity. They asked, “Can Christians be unified when they disagree”? In their discussion they said, “We all know that Christian unity is important, but why is it important and how can it be achieved? Christians have been arguing and fighting with one another for nearly 2,000 years. So, how can we be unified when we disagree on so many things? Is it even possible? When thinking about doctrine and practice, what is “essential” and what is a matter of “opinion”? Are we striving for unity or uniformity?”

The way we can unite is to fix our eyes on Jesus and find common ground where we can agree. It is OK to disagree on some things. It happens often in our marriages, careers, and relationships with friends. It does not mean those relationships have to be broken apart. We recently heard of a story of a man who was a vegetarian. Every time there was a church gathering, he did not call to remind the host that he needed to be accommodated by only being served vegetables. What did he do? He brought his own vegetable tray with him. Another family thought when partaking of the bread, it had to be broken off the loaf. Rather than complaining when the church they attended went to individual servings, they simply brought their own loaf and partook of it during the Lords Supper.

These examples demonstrate the desire to fulfill Ephesians 4.2-3: *with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* Antioch had its problems, but they changed the world. They were called Christians there for the first time. Christians...followers of Christ, focused on Christ. Cornerstone family, let's just be Christians. Let's pray we can affect the world just like they did!

When thinking about doctrine and practice, what is “essential” and what is a matter of “opinion”? Are we striving for unity or uniformity?

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

I have always been impressed with the challenge Jesus faced as He molded together the men who would become Apostles. There were fishermen, a tax collector, a zealot, and more. None of them came from the religious establishment. None of them were well connected or schooled in Jerusalem's esteemed institutions. All of them were in the lower class ... with varied perspectives, opinions, and personalities. They were all driven by pride (some more than others), and argued among themselves over who would be the greatest. Yet, from this group emerged the greatest mission ever launched; within a generation the gospel had been preached to all creation, Colossians 1.23.

Inherent in the gospel is the unification of people. The early church was a mixture of Jew/Gentile, man/woman, slave/free, rich/poor, and educated/uneducated. And yet, Paul declares: *There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; since you are all one in Christ Jesus*, Galatians 3.28. Today, over 2000 years later, these principles still ring true. Right here in the Cornerstone family, through the cross, God is bringing together people from all walks of life. We have differing races, backgrounds, religious histories, ... you name it. What will keep us together? Jesus. He is the common connection. It is our relationship with Him that produces the bond between us as we journey home. As we respond in love to His rule over our life, so we will exhibit warm, abiding love toward others. See Colossians 3.14; 1 Peter 4.8; 1 John 4.7-11.

While we may have differences in matters of judgment, it is our unifying around the teaching of Jesus and the Apostles that brings us together. It is also the warmth and outpouring of constant love that brings us together. Truly this is a family that puts Matthew 22.39 into practice. This is why, I believe, that we have witnessed such steady growth over the previous two years. Many of us have endured great difficulty in our personal lives ... and members of this church have surrounded us, rejoicing and weeping with us as we cope with life. New families have come here because they saw the love within this church. People continually visit here because they can feel the difference. Praise God for that. As we move into 2022, let us determine that we will follow Paul's admonition in 1 Thessalonians 4: *About brotherly love: You don't need me*

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to write you because you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. In fact, you are doing this toward all the brothers and sisters in the entire region of Macedonia. But we encourage you, brothers and sisters, to do this even more, 1 Thessalonians 4.9-10.

During 2022 we will continue to pursue growth by reaching out, serving, teaching, and coming alongside those who need Jesus. We have the greatest gift ever given – and it is up to us to share it with as many as we can. We intend to reach out through:

Sermons and Classes

It is my job to assist your shepherds in equipping every member at Cornerstone to realize their spiritual goals and bring souls to Christ along the way.

Soul-Winning

Your shepherds and minister stand as a resource when you need help, advice, or encouragement in this area.

Social Media / Online

We intend to remain active on social media ... promoting our livestream, church events, and Bible study. Your activity on our pages is one way you can help in our effort to reach the community.

Welcome / Guest Ministry

We will continue to follow up with every guest who visits. We will also continue to equip our volunteers with training and expertise on making our guests feel welcome here.

Small Groups

We got off to a good start with small groups during 2021 and are committed to expounding on them in 2022. We believe as these grow, they will increase our growth in spirit, unity, and number.

Thank You

It is my pleasure to work with you. I am truly blessed. I truly believe God has brought us all together *for such a time as this*. Let us use the time we've been blessed with for the glory of God.



Matthew Allen
Pulpit Minister

2022 CHILDREN'S CLASS TEACHERS

CLASS	WINTER 12/5/2021 • 3/2/2022	SPRING 3/6/22 • 6/1/2022
THEME	<i>God's Mighty Hand - Exodus</i>	<i>Take Time to be Holy - Leviticus & Numbers</i>
18 month / 3 Years Old	Primary: Dan/Trish Spargo Asst: Chris/Amanda Fles	Primary: Dan/Trish Spargo Asst: Jeremy/Gwen Price
Preschool/ Kindergtrtn	Primary: Sarah Spargo Asst: Lea Baker	Primary: Jessica Grushon Asst: Pam Grushon
1-3 Grade	Primary: Becky Renegar Asst: Jeri Hastings	Primary: Kathy Downey Asst: Tina Jacobs
4-6 Grade	Primary: Stephanie Braden Asst: Cheryl Wacks	Primary: Taylor Robins Asst: Yvonna Robins
Jr High/ Sr High	Mark Ringle Boyd Hastings	Eric Renegar Russ Robins



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. As your children go through this program, they will spend three years going chronologically through the Bible.

2022 CHILDREN'S CLASS TEACHERS

CLASS	SUMMER 6/5/22 • 8/30/2022	FALL 9/4/22 • 11/30/2022
THEME	<i>I'm in the Lord's Army - Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, & Ruth</i>	<i>Loving Hearts and Working Hands - 1 Samuel to 1 Kings 11</i>
18 month / 3 Years Old	Primary: Dan/Trish Spargo Wednesday Rotation	Primary: Dan/Trish Spargo Asst: Margaret Ringle/ Makenna Pratt-Hartley
Preschool/ Kindergtrtn	Primary: Lea Ann Long Asst: Kathi Stewart	Primary: TBD Asst: Emily McDonald
1-3 Grade	Primary: Josie Armstrong Asst: Sadonna Schofield	Pat Reeder
4-6 Grade	Primary: George Wacks Asst: Dru McLaughlin	Primary: Becky Allen Asst: Donietta Morrison
Jr High/ Sr High	Jeremy Price Rich Walker Wed: Guest Speaker Series	Jim Grushon Nathan Armstrong



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JESUS: WHO WAS THIS MAN?

Understanding how precious He is...

Jesus Christ. Great man? Amazing prophet? Or, Son of God? In Colossians 1, Paul affirms Jesus' eternal existence and power to create. There is nothing that exists without Him. There is nothing that supercedes His authority. All of creation is held together through His power. He has first place in everything, being the Head of the body. God fully dwelt in Him, which enabled Him to reconcile everything to Himself by making peace through the blood shed on the cross, Colossians 1.15-20.

Simply put, Jesus is our deliverer from the corruption and death created by sin. For 2000 years, He watched from heaven as evil spread. Finally, at the right time, He came into the middle of the mess to rescue us and make right what was wrong.

In the history of the earth, there have been two dark days that shaped the rest of history. One of those days was the day Adam and Eve sinned. The other was at the cross. When Adam and Eve fell prey to Satan's temptation, God confronted them and Satan in the garden. They were cast out from His presence and subjected to a curse. Creation has never been the same. Ever since, it has been groaning in anticipation of being restored, Romans 8.22-23. Even greater is the anticipation of God's crowning jewel of creation: men and women, who have been created in the likeness of God. From the moment Adam and Eve leave the garden, there is a glimmer of hope that Someone would come to bring deliverance.

This hope of restoration is what caused the Jews to hold on with anxious anticipation, an earnest looking and seeking for the One who would deliver them from sin and death. They were as good as dead. Ezekiel 37's description of the valley of dry bones explains their condition perfectly. Finally Jesus came. And with Him, He brought life and immortality. He brought hope. *He came to bring justice to the nations. ...He will not break a bruised reed, and he will not put out a smoldering wick, until He has led justice to victory. The nations will put*

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their hope in His name, Matthew 12, 18b-21.

Today, He still offers that hope. In fact, He is the only one we can hold on to in order to receive the hope of heaven. This makes Him so precious and important. There is nothing more valuable in the universe than the salvation He provides. He said: *I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*, John 14.6.

As we study together during the first quarter we want to make an emotional connection to Jesus Christ and come to a better understanding of who He is, how precious He is, and how to help the world see the glimmer of light He provides out of the darkness. The only hope we have is for Him to take us home. We will learn how:

- The Word became flesh.
- Jesus enacted the plan to save the world.
- Jesus defeated death.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	DAY	NOTES
December	The Word Became Flesh	12/5	
		12/12	Group 1 & 3 Meeting
		12/19	
		12/26	
January	Jesus' Plan to Save the World	1/2	
		1/9	
		1/16	Group 2 Meeting
		1/23	
		1/30	
February	The Man Who Defeated Death	2/6	
		2/13	Group 3 Meeting
		2/20	
		2/27	

SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE**Auditorium Class****The Fullness of His Love****Teacher: Matthew Allen**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
12/5/21	Accepting & Embracing Jesus' Love
12/12/21	Learning & Living Agape Love
12/19/21	The Fuel for Faith
12/26/21	Love That Serves God
1/2/22	Love That Meets Needs
1/9/22	Love That Shows Mercy
1/16/22	Loving People Through the Storm
1/23/22	Loving People Who Don't Have it Together
1/30/22	Love That Calls People Out of Darkness
2/6/22	Loving People Despite My Comfort
2/13/22	Love That Shatters Barriers
2/20/22	When Love Doesn't Come Easy
2/27/22	The Ultimate Lesson on Love

"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

– John 13.34-35

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WINTER QUARTER • DECEMBER 5, 2021 • MARCH 2, 2022

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

Adult Panel Class Topic: The Beatitudes Teachers: Matthew Allen & Matt Ringle	
DATE	LESSON TITLE
12/8/21	Introduction and Overview
12/15/21	Blessed are the Poor in Spirit (1)
12/22/21	Blessed are the Poor in Spirit (2)
12/29/21	Blessed are Those who Mourn *
1/5/22	Blessed are the Humble
1/12/22	Blessed are Those who Hunger (1)
1/19/22	Blessed are Those who Hunger (2)
1/26/22	Blessed are the Merciful *
2/2/22	Blessed are the Pure in Heart
2/9/22	Blessed are the Peacemakers (1)
2/16/22	Blessed are the Peacemakers (2)
2/23/22	Blessed are the Persecuted *
3/2/22	A Look Back: Seeing Jesus in the Beatitudes

** denotes 4th Wednesday speaker*

4th Wednesday Speakers

On the fourth Wednesday during the winter, spring and fall quarters, we have invited 9 men of our congregation to speak/preach. The asterisk on the 4th Wednesday indicates the subject for that evening.

Cornerstone is committed to the spiritual growth and development of our men in public teaching. We believe these speaking opportunities will allow these men who want to occasionally preach to have the opportunity to become more confident in their abilities.

WHY DID THEY FOLLOW?

What made Jesus unique?

In the summer of 2021 Americans watched in horror as our military pulled out of Afghanistan. Right on our television were images of desperate Afghani citizens riding on the side of a C-17, just under the wing, as it taxied down the runway at Kabal International Airport. Minutes later the sad reality of seeing these men fall thousands of feet to their death sank in as they were not strong enough to hold on as the plane ascended into the air. Their actions were an amazing testimony to the sheer desperation they faced by remaining in their country as the Taliban filled the vacuum after the collapse of the government. They were willing to pay the ultimate price by placing all their hope in the smallest chance of survival by holding on to the side of that plane.

As we turn back to the Bible we think of what is recorded in Matthew 4. This is the chapter that records the very beginning of Jesus' ministry when He began to preach, *Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near*, (Matthew 4.17). Ministering to others around the Sea of Galilee, Jesus came upon the fishermen Simon and Andrew. They were busy with their nets when Jesus said, *Follow me, and I will make you fish for people*. What happened next is amazing. These men immediately laid their nets down and followed Him, (4.18-20). Then, Jesus comes upon two more brothers, James and John, who were preparing their nets *in a fishing boat with Zebedee their father*. Jesus called them. And once again, Matthew says, *Immediately, they left the boat and their father and followed Him*," (4.21-22).

Can you imagine being Zebedee in that moment? Busy at work, and your two sons leave you immediately to go follow the Messiah. What is it that made Jesus so magnetic? What made people say, as Peter said in Matthew 19.27, *we have left everything and followed you*. The answer? The future disciples realized they had lost everything and the Messiah was their only hope for a future. For over 750 years of prophecy, these men discovered that what had been foretold was finally here.

He gave them hope. He proved everything that had been written about Him was true. All the promises were going to be completed. While they did not understand these things in their totality, they responded in faith. He showed them the Father. Perhaps one of the most powerful aspects

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surrounding Jesus' stunning ability to lead people to Him was His character. It was perfect in every way. Jesus was the exact representation of the Father and every day He walked on earth He exemplified it in every way. John said, *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth, ...No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father's side -- He has revealed Him,* John 1.14, 18. As we look at Jesus, we see a person who lived in the perfect way God had designed from the beginning. His goodness was on display for all.

And finally, He defeated death. He brought life and He brought it abundantly. He said, *A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance,* John 10.10.

Today, He provides us with hope. You can trust His promises. This quarter we will study how:

1. Jesus gives us hope.
2. Jesus shows us God.
3. Jesus gives us life.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	DAY	NOTES
March	Jesus Gives us Hope	3/6	
		3/13	Group 1 Meeting
		3/20	
		3/27	
April	Jesus Shows us God	4/3	Elder/Deacon Meeting
		4/10	Group 2 Meeting
		4/17	
		4/24	
May	Jesus Gives us Life	5/1	
		5/8	
		5/15	Group 3 Meeting
		5/22	
		5/29	

SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

Auditorium Class

Topic: The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

Teacher: Jim Grushon

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/6/22	Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount
3/13/22	The Light of the World (5.14-16)
3/20/22	A Superior Righteousness (5.19-20)
3/27/22	Reconciliation & Forgiveness (5.23-26)
4/3/22	Jesus & Divorce (5.31-32)
4/10/22	The Second Mile (5.38-42)
4/17/22	How to Give (6.1-4)
4/24/22	The Lord's Prayer (6.9-15)
5/1/22	Treasures in Heaven (6.19-21)
5/8/22	Don't Worry (6.25-34)
5/15/22	Ask, Seek, Knock (7.7-11)
5/22/22	Two Gates (7.13-14)
5/29/22	Entering the Kingdom (7.21-27)

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

– Matthew 5.14-15

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SPRING QUARTER • MARCH 6 • JUNE 1, 2022

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

Auditorium Class

Topic: The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

Teacher: Matthew Allen

DATE	LESSON TITLE
3/9/22	The Salt of the Earth (5.13)
3/16/22	Christ Fulfills the Law (5.17-18)
3/23/22	Victory Over Anger (5.21-22)
3/30/22	Victory Over Lust (5.27-30) *
4/6/22	Telling the Truth (5.33-37)
4/13/22	Love Your Enemies (5.43-48)
4/20/22	How to Pray (6.5-8)
4/27/22	The Christian & Fasting (6.16-18) *
5/4/22	God and Possessions (6.22-24)
5/11/22	Don't Judge (7.1-6)
5/18/22	The Golden Rule (7.12)
5/25/22	Trees and Fruit (7.15-20) *
6/1/22	Astonishment at His Teaching (7.28)

* denotes 4th Wednesday speaker

"You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

– Matthew 5.43-45

STRONGER TOGETHER

Maintaining the Unity Given to Us

Can you imagine being one of the Apostles and what it would have been like on the night Jesus died? Imagine being Peter, whose last look at Jesus was right after the rooster crowed. When he looked up and saw Jesus, he immediately remembered what Jesus had said. Peter didn't just deny Christ once, he did so three times! The rest of the disciples fled. Their lives ... their hope had been shattered. Maybe they were thinking that the three previous years had all been for nothing. Was it really worth it?

Now, imagine that Sunday morning. Mary tells Peter and John that Jesus had been resurrected. John says he outran Peter to the empty tomb. Could it really be? Is He alive? Later that day they would see Him in person, and over the next 40 days Jesus prepared them for their role in establishing the early church. John 21 tells us the amazing story of love and forgiveness -- as all was forgiven and they were able to move forward in the mission with a newfound Spirit endowed experience. Together, this ragtag group goes forth out of Acts 2 and literally change the world!

So what about us? The Cornerstone church has been given a mission that follows in the footsteps of the Apostles. Like them, we have come together from many different places and perspectives. We are temporary residents on this earth headed toward *the city that has foundations whose architect and builder is God*, Hebrews 11.10. What brings us together? Jesus and the unity He provides. Paul said it this way in Ephesians 4.13: *until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness*. When Jesus is our focal point, it brings us together in unity, spiritual maturity, and love.

We have one of two choices: *putting on love, which is the perfect bond of unity*, Colossians 3.14, or *biting and devouring one another*, Galatians 5.15. Paul would say, *I will show you a better way*, 1 Corinthians 12.31.

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As he closes chapter 13, he writes: *now these three remain: faith, hope, and love -- but the greatest of these is love*, 13.13.

What does this mean? It means we can be in unity without requiring uniformity. It means we can disagree in love. It means we all agree on there being: *one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope at your calling—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all*, Ephesians 4.4-6. These are the essentials of our unity.

During the third quarter we will focus on:

- 1. Unity
- 2. Love
- 3. Disagreement

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	DAY	NOTES
June	Unity in the Body	6/5	
		6/12	Group 1 Meeting
		6/19	
		6/26	
July	Love in the Body	7/3	
		7/10	Group 2 Meeting
		7/17	
		7/24	
		7/31	Youth Lectureship
August	When we Disagree	8/7	Elder/Deacon Meeting
		8/14	Group 3 Meeting
		8/21	
		8/28	

SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE**Auditorium Panel Class****Topic: A Better Way: Paul's Guidebook for Church Unity****Teachers: Matthew Allen & Eric Renegar**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
6/5/22	Congregational Oneness (1 Cor 1)
6/12/22	For the Common Good (1 Cor 12.1-11)
6/19/22	Unity & Diversity (1 Cor 12.12-20)
6/26/22	God Put the Body Together (1 Cor 12.21-31)
7/3/22	If I Don't Have Love (1 Cor 13.1-3)
7/10/22	Love is... (1 Cor 13.4-7)
7/17/22	Love Never Ends (1 Cor 13.8-13)
7/24/22	Gifts are for Service (1 Cor 14.1-25)
7/31/22	Youth Lectureship Weekend
8/7/22	Unity, Order, & Worship (1 Cor 14.26-40)
8/14/22	Keeping the Unity of the Spirit (Eph 4-1-3)
8/21/22	What Makes us One? (Eph 4.4-6)
8/28/22	Standing Firm in One Spirit (Phil 1.27-2.4)

Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

– Ephesians 4.1-3

MEETING THE NEEDS

In the Moving Forward section of the 2021 Vision plan, in reference to the new facility, we said, “Now is not the time to think we have arrived or become complacent. It is time for us to rally to the call to fill this building with souls looking for heaven. It is time to allow God to work here at Cornerstone. He will provide the increase if we commit to the work.”

Committing to the work.There is much to do that requires financial needs to be met. The following list are things we plan to accomplish as we continue to grow:

1. Renovate the classroom wing of the building.
2. Add on to the parking lot.
3. Hire a second preacher.
4. Three exterior door replacements.
5. Develop our own teaching curriculum for the children's classes.
6. Continue to help those in need within our church family.
7. Continue to assist our brothers who are preaching in Colombia.
8. Remodel the stage area to add additional auditorium floor seating.
9. Move the back wall into the Lecture Hall to allow for additional seating.
10. Plan for HVAC replacement as the equipment is reaching the end of its useful life.
11. Replace the perimeter fencing around the property.
12. Create staff positions for assisting the congregation in administrative, curriculum, and graphic design.

Can you help?

A generous person will be enriched, and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water.

– Proverbs 11.25

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SUMMER QUARTER • JUNE 5 • AUGUST 30, 2022

Tuesday Guest Speaker Series

Tough Questions		
DATE	SPEAKER	LESSON TITLE
6/7	Ken Weliever	Does God Exist?
6/14		Why Does God Allow Evil?
6/21		How Do I Connect with God?
6/28		What is Spirituality?
7/5	Buddy Payne	Is it Reasonable to Believe God in This Scientific Age?
7/12		Do the Heavens Declare the Glory of God?
7/19		Do Our Bodies Declare We are Wonderfully Made?
7/26		What About Junk DNA?
8/2	Dan Degarmo	Why Are Christians So Judgmental?
8/9		Is Jesus the Only Way to Heaven?
8/16		Why Do Christians Believe in Objective Moral Values?
8/23		Isn't Religion Merely Cultural?
8/30		How Do Christians Navigate the Moment?

But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

– 1 Peter 3.15

Summer Youth Lectureship

We live in challenging times. More than ever our youth are being inundated with secular teaching that denies the existence of God, emphasizes science over religion, and questions or denies biblical authority. Cornerstone is committed to equipping our kids and young adults with reasonable, biblically based answers. Beginning June 7 and continuing every Tuesday through August 30, we will be having special services especially designed for those who are on the frontlines of this battle.

During June, **Ken Weliever** will be answering *Tough Questions* from a philosophical and emotional perspective. Brother Weliever is planning on being with us in person to present these lessons. And, during August, **Dan DeGarmo** will be speaking on *Tough Questions* on objective and unchanging Christian principles and moral values. Brother DeGarmo will be with us in person each Tuesday during August. Both men are highly qualified to speak on these matters and will present their subjects in an engaging way.

We are very excited about the month of July, which will feature **Dr. Buddy Payne**, outgoing President of Florida College. Dr. Payne is well qualified to speak on *Tough Questions* on the Existence of God from a scientific perspective. Brother Payne will be with us in person to kick off the month of July, while speaking to us remotely during the two middle Tuesdays of the month. On July 26, he will be back with us in person and help us prepare for a great weekend of study, beginning Friday, July 29.

Cornerstone is pleased to announce its first ever Youth Lectureship beginning on July 29 and continuing through the 31st. Brother Payne will present a lesson Friday night, have a question/answer session Saturday morning, another lesson on Saturday night, and speak for us on Sunday the 31st. We plan on promoting this event nationally and invite teens to stay with us through the weekend. Beginning in January, we will put together a planning group to prepare for the event. We will be calling on volunteers to help with marketing, advertising, providing accommodations, etc.

We feel the time is critical to equip our young people on how to effectively resist the things they are hearing in science class, philosophy class, and in popular culture. Our summer youth lectureship should go a long way in accomplishing this task.

Seeing Jesus Face to Face

Our Driving Motivation..

It has always been hard to understand how the people of Judea saw Jesus and the marvelous works He did ... but they didn't really see Him. How could they see everything He was ... and not know who He is? Jesus quoted Isaiah's prophecy when He spoke *of the hearts of many having grown callous, with ears hard of hearing, and eyes shut*, Matthew 13.15-17. Nicodemus, at first, did not see Jesus as the Messiah, but only later would come to recognize Jesus as the Christ, John 3. And finally, Thomas wanted to believe, but would not until He touched Jesus' wounds, John 21.26-29. How did the lives of these and countless other individuals change when they realized who Jesus really is? How did they receive Him? They were completely transformed. Many of them followed Him all the way to a violent death at the hands of godless tyrants who saw themselves as a god. The New Testament and other documents from the first three centuries after Christ tell the story.

What does that mean for us in the present? Do we see Him as He really is? Do we let our opinions we have received generationally, keep us from focusing on His call for unity? How have we allowed Him to change our life? How do we see Jesus now? As we cope with life's problems and difficulties, are we fully looking to Him for guidance? This is especially relevant as we battle daily distractions that move our focus from where it should be. We battle the distractions of materialism, entertainment, and information overload. Will we follow the admonitions of the writer of Hebrews and lay aside the things that distract and entangle (Hebrews 12.1-3)? It is vitally important that we realize our role in the kingdom and focus on our response to the King. Will we see Jesus as part of every aspect of our life?

One day we will see Jesus face to face. This should be our driving motivation ... to anxiously anticipate being in His presence, pure and blameless, and with all barriers removed. Everything that seems so important here on earth will suddenly grow dim as the light of heaven

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comes into view ... growing brighter and brighter. These are the words of Helen Lemmel who urges us to:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

During the fourth quarter we want to capture the importance of seeing Jesus face to face.

We will see:

- Jesus in the past.
- Jesus presently.
- Jesus in the future ... face to face.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	THEME	DAY	NOTES
September	Seeing Jesus in the Past	9/4	
		9/11	
		9/18	
		9/25	
October	Seeing Jesus Now	10/2	
		10/9	Group 1, 2, 3 Meeting
		10/16	
		10/23	
		10/30	
November	Seeing Jesus in the Future	11/6	Elder/Deacon Meeting
		11/13	
		11/20	Congregational Mtg.
		11/27	

SUNDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE**Auditorium Class****Topic: How Did They Miss Him?****Teacher: Matthew Allen**

DATE	LESSON TITLE
9/4/22	Class Introduction
9/11/22	The Christ in Prophecy (1)
9/18/22	The Christ in Prophecy (2)
9/25/22	The Christ in Prophecy (3)
10/2/22	Matthew 2 - The Coming Messiah
10/9/22	Matthew 11 - John the Baptist
10/16/22	John 3 - Nicodemus
10/23/22	John 6.45-66 - The Crowds
10/30/22	Matthew 28/John 21 - Thomas
11/6/22	Matthew 26 - Judas
11/13/22	Matthew 23 - The People of Judea
11/20/22	Matthew 23 - The Pharisees
11/27/22	What if we Miss Him? (Heb. 6)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don't be faithless, but believe." Thomas responded to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

– John 20.27-29

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FALL QUARTER • SEPTEMBER 4 • NOVEMBER 30, 2022

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

Auditorium Panel Class

Topic: The Church of Acts 2

Teachers: Mark Ringle & Elders

DATE	LESSON TITLE
9/7/22	They Asked the Right Question
9/14/22	They Received the Promise
9/21/22	They Devoted Themselves to the Apostles' Teaching
9/28/22	They Devoted Themselves to Fellowship *
10/5/22	They Devoted Themselves to the Breaking of Bread
10/12/22	They Devoted Themselves to Prayer
10/19/22	They Were Together
10/26/22	They Held All Things in Common *
11/2/22	They Integrated Everyone into the Body
11/9/22	They Were Filled with Awe
11/16/22	They Were Filled with Praise
11/23/22	They Had Favor with all the People *
11/30/22	A Review of 2022

** denotes 4th Wednesday speaker*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. Now all the believers were together and held all things in common.

– Acts 2.42-44

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.*

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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.*

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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.



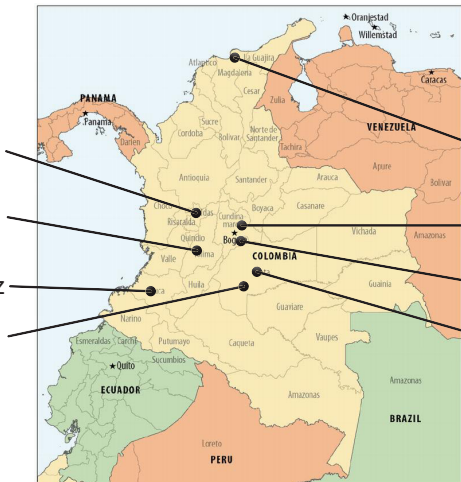
Andrés López Jerez lives in Bogotá, Distrito Capital. Andres has been preaching the gospel full time since 2013. He currently is serving a full-time work in the thriving city of Zipaquirá. He has served several congregations at the Lord's church including, El Rincon church of Christ in Northwest Bogota, 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.

Oscar Arias

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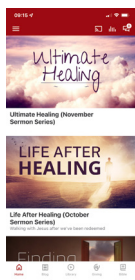


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9.45 am: Bible Classes (Age 18 mo-up)

10.45 am: Praise, Prayer, and Preaching

Wednesday:

1 pm: Adult Bible Class (Sept-May)

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

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