Cornerstone Baptist Church Newsletter



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Please <u>click here</u> for the November 15 prayer sheet.

3rd Quarter Members' Meeting

Join us for our Members' Meeting this Sunday Nov 19 at 5:30pm. 3^{rd} quarter reports & budget books are available at Guest Services. There will be a Q & A at 5:00pm in the cafe.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Our Thanksgiving Eve service is November 22 at 7:00PM. Come celebrate and give thanks with us! We will also observe communion.

Hanging of the Greens and Chili Cook-Off

Join us as on November 26 as we decorate the church for Christmas and enjoy some chili afterwards. Decorators, cooks, judges, and cookies are needed. <u>Register here.</u>

Missionary Christmas

If you would like to give a Christmas gift to our missionaries you can do so through Cornerstone Connection or use a pew envelope and mark your giving "Missionary Christmas." Gifts need to be received by November 26.

This Week at Cornerstone

WEDNESDAY November 15

- 9:00 AM Dorothy Fexer Funeral & Visitation
- 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Electives

THURSDAY November 16

- 10:00AM Story Time 5 & Under
- 6:00 PM Food Pantry
- 7:00 PM Transformation Groups

FRIDAY November 17

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 AM Ladies Craft Night (SOLD OUT)

<u>SUNDAY</u>

D-Term Classes

Sign up is going on now for our D-Term classes which begin November 29 and run through December 13. Click <u>here</u> for a listing of the classes and click <u>here</u> to sign up.

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As part of our budget proposal for 2024, the Elders are recommending that we support and join a new fellowship of churches called, ACME. You should know up front that I was involved early on in the conversations that resulted in the formation of this organization. So, because we, as a group of like-minded pastors from around the country, knew what we wanted to do, and did not give much thought to what we would be called, we just came up with the name ACME until we could find something better. Well, we never came up with anything better and someone in our group said that since we were an Association of Churches for Missions and Evangelism, that ACME is actually a good name. So, there you go.

Our church is in many ways like a NASCAR vehicle. We have stickers on us that represent the various organizations that we serve because they make sense to us as we pursue gospel opportunities. For example: We love and support Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary. So, that sticker is on our car. We also love and support The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, so that sticker is on our car. Supporting and loving one does not cancel out the other. The same thing is true about mission agencies and ministries. We partner with everyone that makes sense for us and the elders are recommending this because it makes sense to us.

Let me explain. We engage and support international church-planting and gospel work that we call missions. We form partnerships in order to do this well. We also engage and support

November 19

- 8:30 AM Food Pantry open for members
- 9:00 AM ABFs
- 10:20 AM
 - Worship Service

MONDAY November 20

 7:00 PM Men's Basketball

<u>TUESDAY</u>

November 21

 9:00 AM Food Pantry local and national church-planting that we call church-planting. We form partnerships in order to do this well, also. In many cases, we directly support the church-planting because of the relationships that I personally have with guys who are like-minded, competent and strategic. This part of our ministry needs to broaden beyond me. ACME is an association of churches that exists to unite and mobilize like-minded churches to fund pastors, church planters, missionaries, and other projects around the world.

When I say like-minded, I mean this: Every church adheres to and affirms to the eight following Member Church Affirmations: Expositional Preaching, Historic Baptistic Ecclesiology, Reformed Soteriology, Meaningful Membership and Discipline, Elder-led Congregationalism, One Unified Assembly, Biblically Oriented Public Worship, Church-Centered Missions and Evangelism.

We have found that people coming from our likeminded churches do not find understanding and support of these convictions from many mission or church-planting organizations. We are trying to solidify and deepen these convictions, network churches who agree and provide support to missionaries and church-planters who come from our churches.

The other documents that help provide definition for this group are: The New Hampshire Statement of Faith (1853, Revised), Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy (1978), Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood & Womanhood (1988), Nashville Statement (2017) and the T4G Affirmations and Denials (2006, Revised). For more information you can check out www.acmefellowship.org or <u>click here.</u>

Grace and peace,

Bob Sunday's Text: Luke 1:26-38

Pray for these Cornerstone members this week:

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