

# Cornerstone Baptist Church Newsletter



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Please [click here](#) for the January 24, prayer sheet.

## Blood Drive

Blood supplies and giving are way down. Would you consider donating at our Red Cross blood drive being held tomorrow from 12:00 - 6:00PM.

[Click here](#) to sign up.

## Women's Movie Night

Women, you are invited to a movie night where we will be showing, "The Most Reluctant Convert - The Untold Story of C.S. Lewis", on Friday, February 2 @ 6:30 PM for ages 14 & up. The cost is \$3.00 and snacks will be available. So grab a friend and [sign up here](#).

## Men's Breakfast

Men, join us for the first breakfast of the New Year on Saturday, February 3 at 8:00AM. The topic will be leadership. Please [click here](#) to RSVP.

## Quarter 4 Members' Meeting

Our 4th quarter members' meeting is Sunday, February 4 at 5:30 PM. Come and hear, updates,

## This Week at Cornerstone

### WEDNESDAY **January 24**

- 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Winter Electives

### THURSDAY **January 25**

- 12:00 PM Blood Drive
- 6:00 PM Food Pantry
- 6:30 PM Chess & Game Night For Families
- 7:00 PM Transformation Groups

### FRIDAY **January 26**

- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting

reports, motions and be encouraged.

### **Story Time**

Our next children's story time is February 15 starting at 10:00 AM in the café for children 5 & under. A lite snack is provided. Please [RSVP here](#).

### **Baby Bottle Boomerang**

Join us as we celebrate the Sanctity of Life and kickoff the Baby Bottle Boomerang with our partner, CareNet Pregnancy Center. CareNet serves the Metro Detroit community by assisting women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy by providing free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds to confirm pregnancy, and various resources to help them through their journey. See the video below for more info. On Sunday, grab a baby bottle and fill it with change. Funds provide necessary resources for CareNet and their clients. Bottles due back February 11.



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I think I need to put you on notice that y'all poked the bear, well, more like the buckeye. For my beloved Ohio State Buckeyes, the reality of losing 3 years in a row to TTUN (The Team Up North), since no self-respecting, hard-core Buckeye ever utters the M-word, combined with watching them hoist the National Championship Trophy was just too much. The angst and anger has resulted in millions of dollars from the fan base being poured into 3 foundations that are used to pay star players through a legal scheme called Name, Image and Likeness (NIL). This means that college

### **SUNDAY**

#### **January 28**

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

### **MONDAY**

#### **January 29**

- 7:00 PM Men's  
Basketball

### **TUESDAY**

#### **January 30**

- 9:00 AM Food  
Pantry
- 9:30 AM Women's  
Bible Study

athletes can be compensated for their appearances and big schools have had to jump on board or watch all of their good athletes go to other schools. For the OSU football team, they have landed commitments from a truck full of 5-star athletes in the past few days (thanks in large part to Nick Saban retiring from Alabama), vowing to never allow the results of the last 3 years happen again - ever!

The Beach Boys sang a song called, "Be True to your School." That was long before the transfer portal and NIL negotiations. That song would now be laughed off the stage or replaced with "Be True to your latest NIL Package." The lyrics may be a bit more difficult to rhyme or harmonize, but it would be more honest. Even at the high school level, athletes are wooed to move or transfer (private schools) to places where they can raise their profiles and chances to be noticed. The "what's in it for me" is the poisonous gas that seeps into a setting where "do this for the team" is supposed to be the rule. Every coach will tell you how difficult it is to build a team around athletes who are concerned about posing for their latest Instagram post. This toxic air is not confined to sports team.

Have you ever heard someone say, "I need to find a church where I can exercise my gift?" On the surface that may sound reasonable. But let's dig a little deeper. Do you find that anywhere in the NT? Not exactly. What you find is that each member of a local church (see 1 Corinthians 12) is given a gift(s) for the common good (v.7). Those who use gifts as an excuse to make it about themselves completely miss the point (vs. 12-19). "The body does not consist of one member but of many." I cannot remember anyone ever saying they are desperately looking for a church where they can exercise their gift of cleaning the windows, stacking chairs, or serving in the nursery so the pastor can preach long sermons. Quite the opposite, actually. The "I need to find a church where I can exercise my gift" attitude is often a thin veil that doesn't do a good job of disguising the real desire of being admired and noticed. However, once again, the church is designed to be so different than the world. "On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are

indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor...." (vs. 22-23a)

If NIL ever caught on at the church this means that we would be signing lucrative deals with our security team, parking lot crew, door greeters, landscape workers, gardeners, food pantry workers, children's workers and the many, many others who serve behind the scenes simply because they love Jesus. That is the greater good and we are blessed by all of them/you!

Grace and peace,

Bob

Sunday's text: Luke 3:15-18

PS. Please take a look at the video from CareNet above (the crisis pregnancy center that we support). Our annual Baby Bottle Boomerang drive starts this Sunday.

### **Pray for these Cornerstone members this week:**

Lee Ann Shepherd  
Kathi Sherrill  
Rick Sherrill  
Bob Shervish  
Kristy Shervish  
Matthew Shervish  
Don Shively  
Sharon Shively  
Cliff Shock  
Denise Shock  
Benjamin Shotts  
Joy Shotts  
Chris Shovan  
Melissa Shovan

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