



# THE CORNERSTONE CONNECTION



LIVING VERTICALLY | LOVING HORIZONTALLY

## Meet Joe and Jessica Sassaman

Most Sundays you will see Jessica Bentley-Sassaman standing at the front of the church during the 9:30 worship service interpreting the worship songs and morning message to the members of the Cornerstone family who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

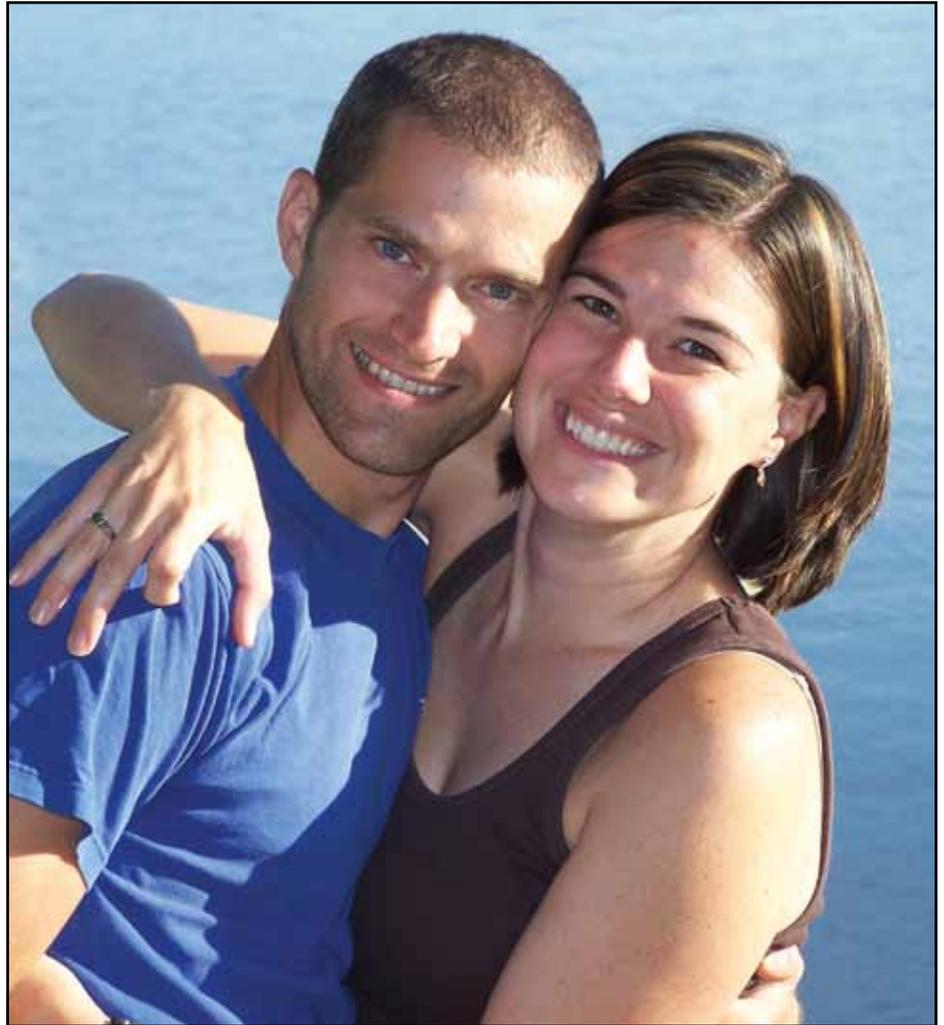
### **Finding the loves of her life**

About a year after Jessica graduated from Manheim Township High School and moved to Kentucky, she figured out what she wanted to do with her life. She came back to Pennsylvania and attended Bloomsburg University for a B.S. in Interpreting for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. And it was there she met a Perry County boy named Joe. "I was Joe's orientation leader and we hit it off as friends. A little while later we began dating and nearly 13 years later here we are!"

Jessica went on for higher education at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. (the only liberal arts college for the Deaf), where she earned a M.A. in the Linguistics of American Sign Language. Jessica also earned her doctorate (Ed.D.) from Walden University. Her research is focused on the experiences of Deaf and hearing interpreter teams.

Joe grew up on his family's farm in Perry County. He graduated from Susquenita High School and then Bloomsburg University, where he obtained a degree in Geography-Environmental Planning. He then continued his education at Shippensburg University, earning an M.S. in Geo-Environmental Studies.

"Other than my college years and a summer in Bellingham, Washington as an outdoor adventure educator," Joe says, "I've lived on the family farm. Jessica and I now live on the



farm, and I am the sixth generation on my mom's side of the family to live on the property." Jessica spent the first two-and-a-half years of her life in Champagne-Urbana, Illinois before her family moved to Pennsylvania. "I grew up in Lancaster," Jessica says, "but I've also lived in Louisville, Kentucky; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Washington, D.C., as well as Enola and Bloomsburg."

### **Actively involved**

Joe and Jessica have been attending Cornerstone for three years. "When we moved to the area, we visited a few different churches," Jessica says. "But I found out about Cornerstone while getting a manicure. A friend and I were

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getting our nails done and we were talking about churches and visiting churches. The manicurist then mentioned her church—Cornerstone Christian Church in Duncannon. A little while later we visited Cornerstone and we liked it right away. We enjoy the fellowship and learning more about God and His will for His people. Cornerstone is a very welcoming place. I've had some bad experiences at churches where people seemed fake, so it was so nice to come to a place where people are truly happy to see you and make you feel 'at home.'"

Along with interpreting the first service for the Deaf, Jessica attends and hosts a Journey Group and is a co-leader for DivorceCare 4 Kids. "We participate in the Drive-Thru Nativity and are both involved in Building Blocks," says Jessica. "Joe leads a Journey Group and he is on a chair setup team. He also helped map the trails here at Cornerstone."

Joe says, "Being at Cornerstone has definitely enhanced our relationship with God. Through participating in Journey Groups doing the "Digging Deeper" and other studies we are learning more about God and Jesus. Not just more of the history, but also the application of the Word today and how it impacts our life."

### **Blessed? You bet!**

"God has given me my husband, who has been a rock in my life," declares Jessica. "He supported me through my doctorate, as well as other endeavors. He makes me smile and laugh, and knows how to cheer me up. Just seeing him will bring a smile to my face. We have been blessed with a lovely house and a new dog, Maddie, a four-year-old white Lab. God has also blessed us with wonderful families and friends. We're down to earth. We have a very strong marriage and relationship. We've have been together for coming up on 13 years and married for almost six. God has blessed us with love for one another. We know his hand is on our marriage and that everything that we have comes from Him."

Joe's parents influenced his life by creating in him a love for nature. "That led me into my career. I work for the Department of Environmental Protection in the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation as an geologic specialist. I feel I can improve the environment while helping everyday citizens increase the productivity of their land." Joe has a great love of nature. "I'm a morning person. I love to get up early—breakfast is my favorite meal of the day! I'm most happy when I'm outside—I love to hunt, climb, bike, hike, cut wood, paddle, shoot, fish—and repeat!" Jessica's proud of Joe's accomplishments. "Although Joe is humble and may not admit it, he is a very good rock climber. He has been climbing for more than half of his life and has won rock climbing competitions. Joe worked previously as an adventure educator. He's compassionate and a good motivator. Secretly, he's a superhero (just kidding)!"

With her research and doctorate and her four national interpreter certifications, Jessica is an assistant professor for Bloomsburg University's ASL/English Interpreting Program and a nationally-certified interpreter. When she is not teaching, she interprets. "I'm inspired when I see my students becoming successful interpreters, and when I'm interpreting, I love seeing communication happen between people who otherwise could not have understood one another. "

### **Following dreams**

Jessica loves to travel and take vacations so that she can "get away" and just enjoy life without distractions. Maybe Germany for the history and scenery. Back in high school she went to Australia and New Zealand with People to People Student Ambassadors. Joe has gotten as far as Alaska when they went to visit Jessica's cousin. "We love Alaska," Joe says. "We have gone there twice and are looking forward to going again. It is so beautiful and you can see the magnitude of God's creation there. We just look out at the scenery and are reminded of God's creativity and how He has given us so much beauty to look at and enjoy. Someday I'd also like to rock climbing in the Tetons, another example of God's majestic creativity".

The Sassamans have great times canoeing and hiking together, and they plan on completing some outdoor house projects. When she gets the chance, Jessica likes to read, catch up with friends, or just be lazy. Joe has plans to get his Professional Geologist license next year. So it looks like they have plenty to keep them busy for a while. Jessica says, "We value our relationship with each other, our good friends, and all the blessing God has bestowed on us."

***When your life is filled with the desire to see the holiness in everyday life, something magical happens: Ordinary life becomes extraordinary, and the very process of life begins to nourish your soul.***

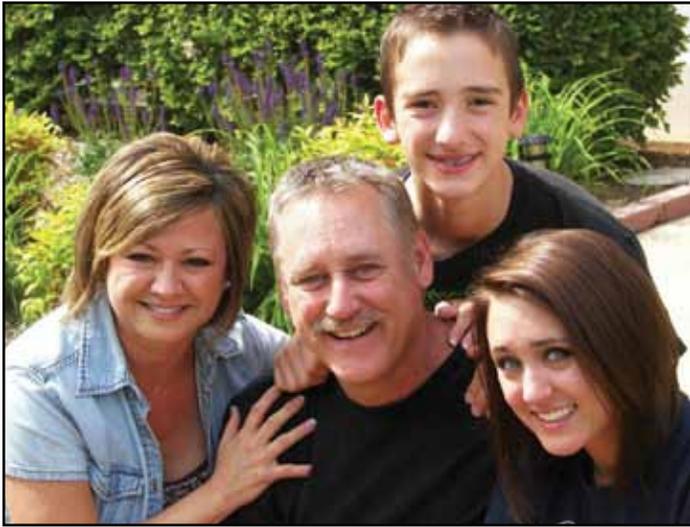
Rabbi Harold Kushner

***Thomas Edison said it well, 'If you did all the things in life you were truly capable of, you would astound yourself.'***

Nadja Piatka

***Men who fear God face life fearlessly. Men who do not fear God end up fearing everything.***

Richard Halverson



## The search is over

It was a long process—about six months—but God has revealed the man to join Cornerstone in its journey. David White was affirmed by the members of Cornerstone to be our lead pastor and work along side Pastor Dan and the rest of the staff. After the Pastor Search team voted unanimously to affirm him to the congregation as our new pastor, members received a letter explaining the affirmation process and reminding them of their responsibility and necessity to vote. Members were encouraged to come to the meeting on July 22, but included with the letter was a ballot giving members the chance to vote if they couldn't attend the Congregational Meeting. With the ballots received by mail and those dropped off at the church, plus the votes cast at the meeting, Cornerstone overwhelmingly affirmed David as our lead pastor.

There are logistics to be worked out for the Whites—like selling their house and finding somewhere to live in the Duncannon community—but David expects to be on board by early to mid August. Be sure to welcome David, Terri, Ashley, and Josh to Perry County and make them feel at home. It's an exciting time at Cornerstone! God is good!



Cornerstone's next round of Journey Groups kicks off the week of September 9. About mid-August you'll see signup sheets in the church lobby. Groups will meet at various times, days, and locations. Be sure to check out all the different groups and different topics—you're sure to find one that suits you. Journey Groups are a great way to get connected and get to know others at Cornerstone. If you have any questions, contact the church office (834-4641 or CCChurch@ptd.net).



*To all my Cornerstone friends—  
 "Thank you" will never speak my gratitude. You were God's work in my life at just the right time.  
 Thank you for the meals, the car, the mobile home, and ALL the extra gifts. I have been amply supplied and return home a very rich man—in faith, friends, and funds.  
 My prayer for you is that you find God's Peace, Protection, and Provision in the days, months, and years ahead. Let Christ be your CORNERSTONE so you can be a Rock of Refuge for Perry County. Be blessed and a blessing.  
 Rick Chromey*

*To say a prayer is not enough. One has to believe that it's possible for that prayer to be heard.*

Rabbi Marvin Hier

*Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest.*

Larry Lorenzoni

*We lie to God in prayer if we do not rely on him afterwards.*

Robert Leighton

*If at first you do succeed—try to hide your astonishment.*

Harry F. Banks

*A mother's lap is the best place from which to launch a life.*

Sarah M. Hupp

*Your worth consists in what you are and not in what you have.*

Thomas A. Edison



## Rah, rah, sis, boom, bah!

The tension in the crowd was palpable. Would they show up, and what would they look like? Well, they did show up, but it's doubtful that the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders have anything to worry about! Pastor Dan and Keith Wilson, as promised, appeared at Cornerstone's softball game with Sherman's Valley on Monday, July 23 at Wagner Field. With their flowered skirts, flowing hair, and pom poms, Dan and Keith led the crowd, estimated at close to 100 fans, in a few rousing cheers. That must have encouraged the team, for Cornerstone eaked out a win, 16-14. If the softball team makes the playoffs, our cheerleaders have promised a return appearance and will cheer during an entire game! Stay tuned for updates in August as Cornerstone plays its remaining few games.

Just a few games remain on the schedule, so come on out and support our team!

July 30	CCC @ Young's Youth	7pm
August 6	CCC @ St. Paul	6:30pm
August 13	1st round of playoffs	6:30pm
August 20	2nd round of playoffs	6:30pm
August 27	Championship (best of 3)	Loysville 6pm



Members of the Leadership Team are in the midst of planning for Cornerstone's **Fall Festival on October 13**. This year's festival will have a western theme, with each ministry providing a carnival-type booth or game. We'll also have pumpkin/apple launching, a bon fire, a chicken BBQ, funnel cakes, and lots more delicious vittles. We're also looking into having the Duncan-non Fire Company come out with the bucket truck to give free rides. Join us for an awesome time and a great outreach to the community.



*Learning how to live is much more important than learning how to make a living.*  
Warren Buffett

*When you're over the hill, that's when you pick up speed.*  
Quincy Jones

*How things look on the outside of us depends on how things are on the inside of us.*  
Paul Cousins

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



### Moms with a Mission

The final summer brunch is a few weeks away! Hang out, relax, and connect with other moms, and enjoy the fabulous summer weather and great fellowship. The food is always amazing and plentiful. No structure—come when you can and stay as long as you'd like (or until our hostess kicks us out!). No dress code—come as you are! Feel free to bring a friend. Baby-sitting will be provided! If you have questions, contact Jennifer Handke (consultingwithapurpose@gmail.com or 497-8804).

**August 14 • Emily Ciccocioppo's home**

### Coming in October

A new women's Bible study from Beth Moore will start in October. Led by Dolores Bennett, the Beth Moore study will run seven weeks. Watch the newsletter for more information.

### Creating woman

In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. One little boy seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down holding his side and asked, "Kevin, what is the matter? Are you feeling ill?"

Little Kevin responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm about to have a wife."

*Christ has no body on earth now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.*

Teresa of Avila

## Perry County Food Bank news

We all know people continue to struggle to simply survive in this nation's down economy. Right here in Perry County, the Perry County Food Bank served 1,084 households in June, and 31 of those were new families. These numbers reflect that the Food Bank served 2,803 individual people. While those numbers had declined in May (hopefully an indication that families were beginning to feel some relief), the Food Bank is seeing increases once again. Food stamps have been cut back and families are really struggling keeping groceries in the house. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers.

As food prices continue to rise, the Food Bank has been spending several thousand dollars more each month than it had in previous months. The Food Bank is truly blessed to have many people and organizations supporting it, and it is deeply appreciative of every contribution. But now more than ever, the Food Bank needs your donations to help with its rising costs. The next time you do your grocery shopping, pick up an extra item or two and help out your Perry County neighbors. Special needs for this month include any kind of cereal, soups, peanut butter, jelly, Jello and pudding boxes, pastas, pasta sauces, box mixes, ramen noodle packages, and any kind of canned vegetables or fruits.

But if you can't afford to help in this way, here are two ideas to think about:

Many of you have planted gardens. If you have anything extra you cannot use, please keep the Food Bank in mind. These families would enjoy the fresh produce very much.

Please consider giving some of your time and effort to the Perry County Food Bank by becoming a volunteer. Volunteers are always needed! They assist the families with their shopping needs, bag groceries, help take groceries to their cars, stock shelves, stock cooler and freezer items, etc. Volunteers are needed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am to 12noon and Monday and Wednesday 1pm to 3pm. Please call or visit the Food Bank if interested.

The Perry County Food Bank is located at 300 A South Carlisle Street in New Bloomfield. Call 582-9978 or e-mail at [pcfoodbank@perryco.org](mailto:pcfoodbank@perryco.org).

*The more you recognize and express gratitude for the things you have, the more things you will have to express gratitude for.*

Zig Ziglar

*It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked.*

Kahil Gibran

## LET'S GET TOGETHER

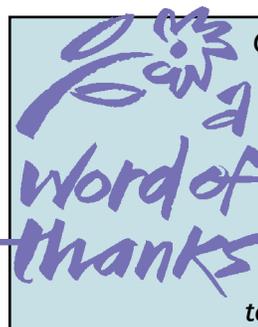
### Young Adults

*A ministry and fellowship group for anyone ages 18–39*

- Find us on Facebook! Page Name: Cornerstone Young Adults
- We're on Twitter too! CornerstoneYA
- E-mail us: [cornerstoneyoungadults@aol.com](mailto:cornerstoneyoungadults@aol.com)

### July 31 • Hersheypark in the Evening

Come smell the chocolate and ride the coasters! We'll be meeting at the park approximately 5–5:30pm. Stay tuned to the Young Adults Facebook Page over the next couple of days for more details.

 Cornerstone Christian Church—  
Thank you, thank you, thank you!  
There are not words that can  
express my gratitude! So  
thank you will have to do! Thank  
you for investing in this ministry,  
and for making it possible for me  
to go to Australia.

Naomi Elliott

*To all of our Cornerstone friends and family:*

*I cannot tell you how much your support means to Brittany and me. We are confident that God is shaping us and others at Hebron this summer, and I can honestly say that if it weren't for friends and family, I wouldn't be where I am right now. I am absolutely blessed to know each and every one of you. Thank you.*

Courtney Tietje

*How sweet are the feet of those who bring good news ... Thank you for helping us and our fellow staff. We appreciate your support as we strive to serve our great God.*

*In the Father's love,  
Brittany Tietje*

The church, through its Outreach Ministry, is helping to support Naomi in her mission work in Australia and Brittany and Courtney working during the summer at Camp Hebron.

*Beauty comes from a life well lived.  
If you've lived well, your smile lines  
are in the right places.*

Jennifer Garner

### Surviving divorce

**DIVORCE** *Care*

Have you experienced a divorce, or are you trying to find your way through a divorce right now? A divorce can affect many people and many aspects of your life. Join the DivorceCare group at Cornerstone and share your experiences and feelings, and learn ways to cope with all the difficulties. Meet on Mondays at 6:30pm in the Green Room. Child care will be provided for children less than 5 years of age. Older children will be asked to join the Divorce Care for Kids classes that are held at the same time. If you would like to join this group please contact the church ([ccchurch@pa.net](mailto:ccchurch@pa.net) or 834-4641) or call Barb Bardole (460-2583).

**DC4K**  
DivorceCare for Kids

Divorce Care 4 Kids also meets Mondays at 6:30pm here at the church. We are blessed to have talented leaders who will be available to help children between age 5 and 12 deal with this difficult life transition. If you would like to sign your child/children up to attend this group please contact the church ([ccchurch@pa.net](mailto:ccchurch@pa.net) or 834-4641) or call Barb Bardole (460-2583).

We are also looking to start other group counseling sessions through the church. If you need group counseling sessions in some area of your life, or would like to help lead group counseling, please contact Barb Bardole ([bbardole@pa.gov](mailto:bbardole@pa.gov) or 460-2583).

### Over 50—but not over the hill

Join Pastor Dan for breakfast with the Over 50s on the second Wednesday of the month (**August 8**) at the **Marysville Diner**. Come out again on the fourth Wednesday (**August 22**) for the regular Over 50s breakfast at the **Summerdale Diner**. Good food and good conversation—that combination can't be beat!



*Meals on Wheels is the week of August 13.*

*It is God who enables us to return to life after tragedy—not by eradicating all suffering but by giving us the strength and the courage to heal what we can heal.*

Naomi Levy

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



### VBS—learning about God's creation

Mark your calendars for August 5–10 for Wilderness Expedition. There's one last VBS planning meeting on Monday.

**July 30 at 7pm in the Rocks**

**Room** for anyone interested in helping with VBS this summer. If you like to hang out with kids, play games, serve snacks, or teach Bible lessons, then VBS is for you! And if you can't make this meeting and still want to help, just let Kindsey know. VBS is 6–8:15pm each night, beginning Sunday, August 5. The adventure ends with Family Night on Friday, August 10, which includes a banquet for all kids and their families. Contact Lindsey Melnick with questions ([lindsey.melnick@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.melnick@gmail.com) or 834-4641).



### Starting kindergarten?

If your child is going into kindergarten this fall, then mark your calendars for August 16 for a trip to Monkey Joe's. Details are being worked out, so keep your eyes open for more information.

*You're never actually on the bottom, since every little job you do has the power to take you to the top.*

Jerry Bruckheimer

*The happiest people are fearless dreamers. They use their imaginations to create hope and possibility.*

Ian K. Smith, M.D.

*Surround yourself with 'yay-sayers' not naysayers.*

Lynn A. Robinson



We're looking for a few volunteers on Sundays for Nursery, Toddlers, Sunday school, and Children's Church, plus helpers on Wednesday nights. If you'd be willing to hang out with kids for an hour or two a week and teach them about God, let Lindsey know ([lindsey.melnick@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.melnick@gmail.com) or 834-4641).



Friend us on Facebook:  
"Cornerstone Kids"

*If ever I reach heaven, I expect to find three wonders there. First, to meet some I had not thought to see there; second, to miss some I had expected to see there; and third—the greatest wonder of all—to find myself there.*

John Newton, songwriter of *Amazing Grace*

# YOUTH AT CORNERSTONE

## Take a stand. Make a move. Start a revolution.

### Youth Ministry Team

Megan Safko • YOUTH DIRECTOR  
Steve Peck / Josh and Nicole Martin / Sarah Tech /  
Aaron Jumper / Megan Clark / Melody Robison\* / Sean  
Stidfole / Jon Sanville\* / Bryce Davis\* / Naomi Elliott  
\* Seasonal

STUDENT LEADERS • Britt Morrison / Amy Shearer /  
Rachel Groff

YOUTH PRAISE BAND COORDINATORS • David Good /  
Katie Melcher

### Ongoing activities

**Sunday School** • Sunday school is a small group that meets in the Youth Room Sunday mornings to dive deeper into God's Word. Every Sunday @ 9:30am in the Youth Room.

**Youth Group** • Wednesdays @ 7pm. Come hang out, play some games, and learn more about the Creator of the Universe!

And bring your family to Cornerstone's worship service every Sunday at 9:30 or 11am.

### Parents corner

**D**id you know we have a Facebook page just for you? Check out Youth at Cornerstone Parents or check out the Parents Page on our Web site at [www.cornerstone-efca.com](http://www.cornerstone-efca.com) (click on the youth tab).

*The best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or to spend time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick along side it.*

D.L. Moody

*True greatness is the ability to serve. The capacity to lead not by the exercise of power, but by love.*

The Trappists of St. Benedict's Monastery, Snowmass, Colorado

*Deliberate with caution, but act with decision; and yield with graciousness or oppose with firmness.*

Charles Hole

### Birthday Wednesdays!

**T**he Youth are celebrating God's creation of each and every youth student and leader. On **August 1**, they will be having a party to celebrate all of the birthdays in August complete with cake and a unique version of "Happy Birthday."



### Upcoming Wednesdays

**Wednesday, August 1 • Olympic Night.** Go for the gold! We'll be celebrating the spirit of the Olympic Games. Wear colors of any country competing in the games and be ready for some international competition of all kinds.



**No Youth Group Wednesday, August 8** because of VBS.

**Wednesday, August 29 • Burn notice.**

What better way to kick off a new school year than with one last taste of summer? Youth at Cornerstone is having a bonfire on Wednesday, August 29. Hot dogs, s'mores, and more!



### Caffeinate for a cause

**I**f you haven't ventured into the church kitchen lately, you may have missed our soda fridge.

Sodas are 50 cents each and all proceeds benefit Building Blocks and the Generosity teams. So far, we have raised more than \$50 to help our community! Keep caffeinating!



*The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Creation memories

Megan Safko

It felt good to be back on the farm. I never thought I'd miss the heat, the dirt, the sweat, the noise, the late nights and early mornings, the cold showers, the lack of toilet flushing, or the art of brushing your teeth without walking to the nearest running water ... but after taking a year off from one of the nation's largest Christian music festivals, it was good to be back.

Last year, we decided as leaders we needed a break from Creation and had an awesome adventure and retreat at Ohiopele State Park. So this year, we wanted to head back to Agape Farm, and Creation didn't disappoint! In my 13 years of attending the festival, this year was one of the best. We had an awesome group of 44 leaders and teens (a small group by Cornerstone standards) that got to experience everything the festival had to offer.

The week was HOT (with temperatures reaching 100 degrees or more on some days) and there were some nasty storms (including one that forced leaders to wake everyone up at 3am and another that closed down the stage during an evening speaker), but that couldn't stop the Youth at Cornerstone! We climbed the mountain, got awesome seats from the Tarp Run (Walk), danced on the tarp, moshed in the pit, toasted marshmallows and enjoyed mountain pies, battled with water guns, learned from the speakers, joined a dance party with Family Force 5, sang our hearts out, played beach ball volleyball, braided hair, deterred campsite trespassers, and enjoyed milkshakes, cheesecake on a stick, and the awesome meals from our kitchen crew!

God showed up in big ways this week and changed the hearts of some of our teens, reminding us that He is still guiding our lives and is always present, and that we are beautiful creations because we belong to Him! As a leader, there really are no words to describe the feeling you get when you watch a teen accept Christ for the first time, or you know the struggles a teen is having and you watch as they lay them at Christ's feet. It's awesome and overwhelming at the same time. But night after night at the festival, we got to walk to the prayer tent with members of our group, pray with them as they begin life as a new creation in Christ, and celebrate with them at the awesome decision they made! This is why we attend the festival. The bands are awesome, the speakers are great, but it's about coming face to face with the Creator of the Universe and being humbled in His presence. It's the reminder that no matter how much planning I put into a week, He is still in



control. And it's the realization that I have the extreme privilege to work with the greatest group of teens and volunteers on the planet.

For me, Creation was more than just a trip this year. It was a power boost. A recharge of my system and a reminder of why I love what I do. So to the Elders, leaders, members, and everyone else in the Cornerstone family, I want to say

"Thank You." Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go through life with this incredible group of teens. Thank you for supporting the children and youth of this church and making a difference in their lives. Everything from buying a trinket at the yard sale or dropping of a bag of potato chips, to donating money and praying for our trips, gives us the opportunity to reach teens. And I have seen firsthand that their lives are being changed. It is a blessing to be a part of this church, to work with this group of teens, and to have opportunities to take them to the Creation festival and watch God work in their lives as He is continually working in mine.

Looking back on the trip (after I got into an air-conditioned room, had the ability to flush a toilet, and brushed my teeth at a sink), 2012 was one of the best Creations I have ever attended. The speakers were relevant and engaging, the bands shared their hearts along with their music, and we came back burning with a passion for God.

## ***I couldn't do it without you!***

**Aaron Jumper, David Good, Sarah Tech, Katye Melcher, and Jen Jumper**—Thank you for giving up your week and weekend to go on this trip, for loving these teens, and using your passions to serve God! Trips like this would not be possible without such an awesome team!

**JoAnn Adkins, Dean Adkins, and Joe Davis**—Our kitchen crew, first aid tent, set up leaders, and fire masters! Thank you just isn't enough for keeping us well fed and taking charge when the leaders couldn't hang in the heat!

**Britt Morrison, Amy Shearer, Kayla Callaghan, Morgan Snyder, Cobrette Bardole, Bryce Davis, and Jon Sanville**—It's awesome to have a group of recent grads and college kids come back to Creation with us! Thank you for getting up early for the tarp run (4am), staying up late to watch the fire (3:59 am), watching out for our group in the pit, and taking our teens under your wings to show

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# Creation memories

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them the ropes! It's great to have college mentors in our group that are living godly lifestyles.

**Bonnie Morrison and MaryAnn Camacci**—Thank you for bringing us more fruit and water! (They also brought a storm with them but we'll let that slide).

**Cornerstone Family**—Thank you for all of the donations towards tickets, food, and supplies! We couldn't have made it through the week without you!

**Youth at Cornerstone**—Thank you for being such a great group. It's awesome to be able to hang out with you guys each week!

## Other Creation memories

It was amazing to be a leader this year and watch the kids grow throughout the week. • **Cobrette Bardole** (former youth student, current college student)

I had fun! It touched my inner core with God and our relationship is a lot stronger. • **Shawn Fuller** (8th grade)

Reggi (Dabbs) and the other speakers inspired me to use all of my potential for God. (And to apply for the mission trip next year)! • **Madi Jones** (10th grade)

My favorite memory was when Liana and I told Tim Foreman (Switchfoot guitar player) that our name was "Sweaty!!!" After we waited in line for three hours to get their autograph! • **Brooke Fuller** (9th grade)

*Megan's note: The girls waited in line all afternoon to get Switchfoot's autograph. When Tim Foreman asked them their name, they didn't hear him and said "We're sweaty!"*

I've been to many Creations and this one was easily my favorite as a leader and one of my favorites of all time. Such an awesome group of kids who are on fire for God. Can't wait to see what God will do through them. • **Aaron Jumper** (youth leader and former youth student at Cornerstone)

It was an awesome week at Creation spending time with my sister. My relationship with God is a lot stronger now. Creation is what you make it. One thing I know for sure is that the Youth at Cornerstone knows how to have fun! • **Emily Koontz** (10th grade)

Creation was an ah-mazing time. I really learned some cool things there. It really did change me. • **Amber Dewitt**

Watching so many of our youth take a stand for Christ, whether for the first time or as a recommitment to Him, was overwhelming. It's always my favorite part of an event like Creation and never fails to move me to tears. God was throwing a BIG party in heaven during Creation this year!! I also thoroughly enjoyed hanging out with the teens and getting to know them better ... especially during our "cool down sessions," a.k.a. water battles! • **Sarah Tech** (youth leader)

# Australia plans

This summer has been very full with courses through Liberty University, plus working for the media team and the Youth Group at Cornerstone. I will miss all of the teens! I have loved working with both groups and look forward to hearing about how God is working while I am in Australia.

I returned to Australia on July 17. Right now I will only be able to stay three months, but I am hoping that the rest of my support will come in and I will be able to stay longer. Right now the staff in Australia is in Melbourne ministering in public schools. There have already been teens that have given their lives to Christ! Pray that they will continue to hear and respond to the gospel.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and also for investing in this ministry. I am so excited to see what God is going to do through me in Australia. You are each a part of that, so thank you again for your support.

Because they haven't heard,  
Naomi Elliott

## PRAY FOR

Safety while I am in Australia

The staff of Word of Life Australia and their families

## PRAISE

God for all the support that has come in and will come  
God for His never-ending love and faithfulness!

**Sometimes mistakes are the best thing that can happen, because they might lift you ... out of your complacency, and open your mind up to a whole other area that you wouldn't have gone to intentionally.**

Bobby McFerrin

**Forgiveness does not mean condoning what has been done. Forgiving means abandoning your right to pay back the perpetrator in his own coin, but it is a loss that liberates the victim.**

Desmond Tutu

**God is speaking to all of us, all the time. The question is not, To whom does God talk? The question is, Who listens?**

Neale Donald Walsch

## WORLD/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

*We're on a mission—to serve God while serving others.*



### Perry County Food Bank

The Food Bank is looking for donations of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, juice, canned fruit, Jello, puddings, chunky soups, pasta and pasta sauces, box mixes, and personal items. Diabetic items are also needed. If you can spare a few dollars every week or so, pick up a few extra items while grocery shopping this month and help your friends and neighbors in Perry County. All donations are greatly appreciated!

### Community Aid

Cornerstone has its own Community Aid clothing donation bin in our parking lot. For every pound of clothing Community Aid collects from our bin, we receive \$.04, which will go into our Building Blocks fund.

Items you can donate are:

- Men's, women's, and children's clothing—new and used
- Shoes, purses, wallets, belts, ties, wigs, and hats

So the next time you're cleaning out your closets and drawers, drop off your unwanted clothing in our Community Aid donation bin! You'll be helping Cornerstone and our community all at the same time!

If you would like further information on Community Aid, visit the Web site at [www.communityaid.net](http://www.communityaid.net).



### Collecting for a cause

#### Keeping tabs

Tom Comp, Cubmaster, Shermans Dale Lions Club Pack 94

Cub Scout Pack 94 continues to collect aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities, which provides food and shelter for those families in need with children in the various children's hospitals. Bring your tabs to the church kitchen and add them to the big plastic jar. If you have any questions, please contact Tom or Sue Comp (582-8098 or [comp7@pa.net](mailto:comp7@pa.net)).

#### Save those catalogs

Another way to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities is to save the many catalogs you receive in the mail. Keep them out of the landfills and recycle them instead! Take your shiny catalogs to the collection bin in the parking lot at the Summerdale Kmart.

#### Who's calling, please?

Don't know what to do with those old telephone books? Give them to Sue Comp. She knows a teacher who uses them with her students.

### Cornerstone is going to Joplin!

Next summer a group of adults and high school students will travel to Joplin, Missouri for a short-term mission trip. The city of Joplin is located at the edge of the Ozark Mountain region in southwest Missouri and was struck by a powerful EF-5 Tornado on May 22, 2011. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the tornado left 160 dead and more than 900 injured. Hundreds of homes, along with churches and schools were completely destroyed in the wake of the tornado. We'll be partnering with the organization Experience Mission to do some relief work and assist in the rebuilding of this devastated city. Individuals wishing to go on the trip (July 21–26, 2013) should submit a \$100 deposit to the church office by the end of August to secure a spot. Checks should be made out to Cornerstone Christian Church, with "mission trip" on the memo line. High school students must complete an application before acceptance to the team, and those forms are available through Sarah Tech or Megan Safko. For those unable to go on the trip but interested in supporting the team, we will have several fundraisers and will be taking donations throughout the coming year. Our first fundraiser will be a Yard Sale on October 6, so mark your calendars for that! Please keep the team in your prayers as individuals prepare to be used by God in this exciting way. Any questions, please contact Sarah Tech ([sarahmtech@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmtech@gmail.com)).

## CONNECTING AT CORNERSTONE

### In the know

Church directories containing the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of everyone who regularly attends Cornerstone are available on the Information Kiosk in the church lobby. The Directory also includes a "business directory." If you own a business or have skills/talents you're willing to share with the Cornerstone family, get listed! Submit new or omitted information to Pam Hoover (phoover405@comcast.net or 829-5211). The Directory is updated each month.



### O happy day!

When you see someone who has a birthday or anniversary this month, wish them a happy day, or send them a card. It's nice to be remembered on your special day. If your birthday or anniversary wasn't listed, please let Pam Hoover know the date and you won't be missed next time.

Aug 2 ..... Chris Haines	Aug 16 ..... Dee Parrish, Nate Myers
Aug 3 ..... Randy Goshorn	Aug 17 ..... Katie Hammarberg, Abby Hess
Aug 4 ..... Britt Morrison, Chris-tian Stump	Aug 18 ..... Bruce Samuel Gallagher
Aug 5 ..... Nicholas Hockenberry	Aug 20 ..... Dan McNaughton
Aug 6 ..... Amy Shearer	Aug 21 ..... Donny Comp
Aug 7 ..... Ashlee Sheibley, Kathy Ballew, Crystal Brenneman	Aug 23 ..... Leah Groff
Aug 8 ..... Erica Smith, Danielle Myers, Cody May, Jim Dersham	Aug 24 ..... Courtney Smith
Aug 9 ..... Pastor Dan	Aug 26 ..... Brad Morrison
Aug 10 ..... Brittany Rothermel, Michael Curtis, Owen Haines	Aug 27 ..... Jesse Boyer IV
Aug 12 ..... Graci May	Aug 28 ..... Natalie Camacci, Darin Melcher
Aug 13 ..... Kelly Raudensky	Aug 29 ..... Ericka Meik
Aug 15 ..... Kathryn Baker	Aug 30 ..... Tammy Sheibley, Ali McDonald
	Aug 31 ..... Mike Baker



Are you interested in receiving Cornerstone's monthly newsletter, being added to the e-mail distribution list, or to the church directory? These resources are a great way to keep up with Cornerstone events, learn more about Cornerstone, and to make contact with other church attenders and members. Please stop by the Welcome Center for information or the kiosk to sign up for what you're interested in! You may also provide your information to **Pam Hoover** (phoover405@comcast.net) or the **church office** (ccchurch@ptd.net) and you'll get connected!

Check out the church Web site—www.cccduncannon.com. Information for the Web site should be sent to the church office at ccchurch@ptd.net.

### I do, I do!

- Aug 18 ..... 22nd Keith and Kelly Kintzel
- Aug 21 ..... 13th Derek and Courtney Smith, 13th Tony and Ruthann Kyler
- Aug 22 ..... 25th Randy and Claire Goshorn
- Aug 24 ..... 27th Darren and Veronica Ressler



*God places us in the world as His fellow workers—agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so that there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world.*

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

*Throughout my illness, I prayed. My prayer was answered not because I lived; my prayer was answered because I felt better able to cope with my sickness.*

Rabbi David J. Wolpe, cancer survivor

*The next time you are called to suffer, pay attention. It may be the closest you'll ever get to God.*

Max Lucado

## God is good—all the time!

Cornerstone Christian Church is truly blessed.  
Pray for God to continue to bless us as we follow His will.

	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	BLDG. FUND	GENEROSITY
July 1	343	\$6,881.66	\$405.00	\$1,884.00
July 8	316	\$5,985.44	\$257.00	\$190.25
July 15	409	\$6,941.22	\$340.00	\$315.00
		special offering for Rick Chromey		\$2,795.00
July 22	369	\$6,434.52	\$290.00	\$242.00

**The next Membership Class will be offered this fall. If you're interested in membership at Cornerstone, stop by the Welcome Center and provide your contact information. We'll let you know the dates!**



**New Offering Envelopes**

**N**eed offering envelopes? Just stop by the Welcome Center. If you've recently begun attending Cornerstone and would like to use envelopes, or if you've been at Cornerstone for a while and just never used envelopes for your offering before, we just ask you to leave your name and address for our records. At the beginning of next year you'll receive a letter listing your donations for tax purposes.

For those of you who still have the old numbered envelopes—use them up and then just ask for a new box at the Welcome Center.



## Deaf signing

**J**essica Bentley-Sassaman generously offers her services as an interpreter for the deaf at the 9:30am service on Sunday mornings. If you need this service, please try to sit in the first row on the right side of the multi-purpose room as Jessica signs the lyrics to our worship music and the sermons.

*This is God's work. It makes blisters and it makes sweat, but it's worth my time and it's worth your time. Working together as God's people in the world—I don't know of anything more rewarding.*

Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity

**The next Child Dedication is scheduled for September 23. If you're interested in dedicating your child to God, stop by the Welcome Center and provide your contact information.**



## I'm looking for a home!

**H**i, I'm an Australian Shepherd and go by the name of Precious. My human is moving and can't take me with her. I'm eight years old, and up-to-date with all my shots. I know my new home is out there somewhere—is it with you? If you think you'd like to share your home with me, please contact Samantha Shutt (350-6625 or [cutiextinkerbell@hotmail.com](mailto:cutiextinkerbell@hotmail.com)).

## Worship helpers

### August 5

Greeters	(9:30am) (11am)	Roger Hockenberry/Rich & Lisa (W.C.) Nearhood/Angie Black Roger Hockenberry/Maureen Cleaver/Jena Harrison
Ushers	(9:30am) (11am)	Frank/Rock/Randy Lentvorsky/Roger H/Vince McCollum/Paul Handke Frank/Rock/Adam Gothel/Roger H/Barry Bennett/Mike Boyer
Hospitality		Cathy Lowe/Pam Hoover
Nursery	(9:30am) (11am)	Courtney Smith/Carol Smith Ruthann Kyler
Toddlers	(9:30am) (11am)	Mike & Lauren Baker Alicha Abaya
Set-Up Crew		Tom Comp's team

### August 12

Greeters	(9:30am) (11am)	Roger Hockenberry/Rich & Lisa (W.C.) Nearhood/Barry & Karen Malone Roger Hockenberry/Charlotte Barrett (Welcome Center)/Deb Morrison
Ushers	(9:30am) (11am)	Frank/Rock/Randy Lentvorsky/Roger H/Vince McCollum/Paul Handke Frank/Rock/Adam Gothel/Roger H/Barry Bennett/Mike Boyer
Hospitality		Katrina Boyer/Dorcas Elliott & Helene Yohn
Nursery	(9:30am) (11am)	Aggie Peiffer/Aggie Willoughby Cindy & Ashlyn Urich
Toddlers	(9:30am) (11am)	Jackie & Liana Verbos Alicha Abaya
Set-Up Crew		Jim Dersham's team

### August 19

Greeters	(9:30am) (11am)	Rock/Roger/Carol Wilfong (Welcome Center)/Lisa Hockenberry Rock/Roger Hockenberry/Angie Black (W.C.)/Kendra Martin
Ushers	(9:30am) (11am)	Frank/Rock/Randy Lentvorsky/Roger H/Vince McCollum/Paul Handke Frank/Rock/Adam Gothel/Roger H/Barry Bennett/Mike Boyer
Hospitality		Sandy Sizer/Crystal Allen
Nursery	(9:30am) (11am)	Michelle Czaja Elizabeth Groff/Casey Dersham
Toddlers	(9:30am) (11am)	Jena Harrison Alicha Abaya
Set-Up Crew		Steve Smiley's team

### August 26 • Newsletter Sunday

Greeters	(9:30am) (11am)	Rock/Roger/Dan & Sue (W.C.) McNaughton/Allyson McCollum/Pam H Rock/Roger/Gretchen Bicking (W.C.)/Maureen Cleaver/Pam Hoover
Ushers	(9:30am) (11am)	Frank/Rock/Randy Lentvorsky/Roger H/Vince McCollum/Paul Handke Frank/Rock/Adam Gothel/Roger H/Barry Bennett/Mike Boyer
Hospitality		Lynn Brenneman/Maryann Camacci
Nursery	(9:30am) (11am)	Jim Dersham/Jerry Myers Melanie Boyer & girls
Toddlers	(9:30am) (11am)	Mike & Lauren Baker Alicha Abaya
Set-Up Crew		Paul Handke's team

**Just a reminder to everyone—your commitment to serve is important. If you're scheduled and can't be there, PLEASE ASK SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU. Thanks!**

*The stronger the ties that bind us to God, the more likely we are to live, react, and behave in harmony with ... greater joy, peace, and happiness.*

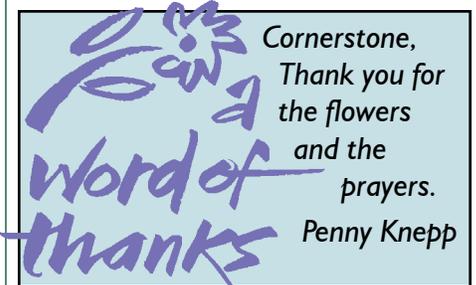
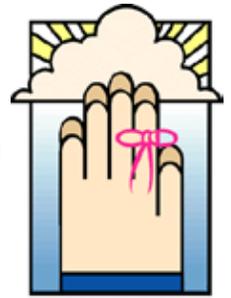
Jimmy Carter

*Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.*

Abraham Lincoln

## Remember to pray for ...

- our Elders, Leadership Team, and our new pastor, David White
- our country
- our church
- Pastor Dan
- our men and women serving in the armed forces
- People who have lost jobs, homes, and hope
- Sharon Wilson
- Ruth Smith
- Joan Rudy
- family and friends of John Weibley



*Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.*

John C. Maxwell

*Life is too short to eat vanilla ice cream and dance with boring men.*

*The word grace emphasizes at one and the same time the helpless poverty of man and the limitless kindness of God.*

William Barclay

*When a friend becomes ill, remember that hope and positive thinking are strong medicines.*

H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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