

Dear Cornerstone Family,

What an important and critical time to be serving our Lord together!

With a spiritually darkening world, it is an opportunity for us to remember that ***“we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9.*** As your Elders, we want to encourage you to serve Jesus wherever He has you planted. Remember who you are, and proclaim the glory of God to all you can!

We are in the midst of searching for our next Campus Pastor, and the Search Team is working hard to discern who it is that the Lord has selected. We are receiving regular reports from the team, and we hope to share an encouraging update soon on where we are in the process. Please pray for the Search Team members: Michael Byrne, Jan Bishop, Rachel Stear, Dan Kostenbader, Dan Cook, Doug Ranck, Pastor Kyle Manning, and Pastor Tim Ackley.

We would also like to honor our Deacons who are each serving on a subcommittee under our oversight. These capable and godly men are serving our church family in several areas: Financial matters, facility care, helping hands, security, benevolence, parking assistance, Men's Ministry, and Young Adult Ministry. Our monthly meetings between elders and deacons are high points for each of us as we pray for each other and pray together for our church family. Would you go to our website (<https://www.cornerstonechurches.org>), click on 'Discover', then 'Staff & Board', and take a few minutes each week to pray for our staff team and Elders and Deacons?

We are also looking at how we can reach out into the community with the love and the message of Jesus Christ. The staff team is hard at work organizing events like Praise in the Circle, Love thy Neighbor, Cheston Bible Club, and other outreach opportunities. We would encourage all of our church family to get involved with us, but also look for opportunities God is giving you right where He has placed you. The time is short, our King is coming, and we need to take the gospel to the lost as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

We would like to give you a quick update on our financial situation two months into our new fiscal year. The year-to-date giving is \$201,446, which is \$6,132 better than our budget, and our expenses are \$220,108, which is \$24,547 lower than our expected budget spending. Our investments and interest income have significantly exceeded the budget, which we are thankful for, and we praise the Lord.

Church, you can reach out to any of us; our emails are on the website, and we encourage you to do so anytime you need.

We are praying for you, Cornerstone Family. Blessings to each of you!

Sincerely,
Cornerstone Elders