



# Tower Chimes

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"Sharing hope in Christ all over town- across generations -around the world

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9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:10 a.m. Sunday Small Group 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Cornerstone Community Church family,

In Psalm 127:1-2 which says, "(1) Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. (2) In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat – for he grants sleep to those he loves."

#### What does it mean for the Lord to build the house?

It seems like a *contradiction* that we are referred to as "the builders" in this Scripture. God wants us to *allow Him* to build the house. In the Hebrew, the word **unless** means, "if, except, either, else."

It is a part of speech that is a conjunction. It is a hypothetical particle or interrogative, imperfect, infinitive.

<u>Meaning</u>: Whatever is trying to be built, will go on and on *in vain*, for the person who does not build their life on God and allow God to build it for them.

The word, vain simply means: "emptiness, deceitful, false, vanity."

The simple form means this: Unless I (God) do that for you and bring it about, you are not going to get it right and you will waste your time.

To "Let God Work" in Psalm 127:1-2, is godly wisdom in the home and family life. It is the Lord who provides food, security, and shelter. All of life's securities are gifts from God (Deut. 28:1-14), not because of human achievements.

I want us to see these points about working without striving, God must build His Church His way! The following are five lessons from this text.

In Psalm 127:1-2, God is showing His children...

**1)** ... There is a way of working WITHOUT striving. "(1) Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain."

There is a way to conduct life without sweating and toiling for the outcome.

- 2) ... AVOID thinking our outcome is based on our own sweat & toil. "(2) In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat for he grants sleep to those he loves."
- **3)** ... Outcome is based on godly OBEDIENCE. (Luke 5:1-11) Jesus called Peter to throw his net once more onto the other side of the boat (Vv. 4-7). This act of obedience brought about the tremendous catch of fish.
- 4) ... God DESIRES for us to see Him working in our daily lives. (Psalm 18:25-30; 84:11)
- 5) ... God wants us to AVOID looking to our OWN EFFORT to gain an outcome.

<u>John 15:1-8</u> – If we abide in Jesus, we can do His Will. Apart from Him, we fail.

We at Cornerstone Community Church have a mission to fulfill, a Lord to serve and a world to tell about God's gift in Jesus Christ. If we take it on ourselves, that success depends on us, then we will strive in vain and have zero impact. "Unless the Lord builds the house," Cornerstone Community Church will build and strive in vain. May we call on and look to the One who has all power and Authority, Jesus Christ! God be with us as we move forward into this Fall season with the Lord Jesus Christ!

Rev. Jerry Ernst Matthew 9:35-38

# A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Dr. Gary Campbell, Pastor Emeritus

#### FROM EARTH TO GLORY

One of my twin daughters graduated from "the Naz" (the Nazarene University in Mt. Vernon) in 1985. For one brief period she was in Spain, and she asked what she could bring me from there. My answer was: A print of an El Greco painting.

Domenikos Theotokopoulos (1541—1614), "The Greek" (El Greco) moved to Spain in 1577. He won his place in art history by the paintings and sculptures he accomplished there, particularly in Toledo. His altarpieces adorn churches and chapels in Spain to this day. I was thrilled to receive my daughter's gift, a print of the El Greco work *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*.

El Greco signed a contract for this altarpiece for the church of Santo Tome of Toledo in 1586. He completed this painting measuring 189 x 141¾ inches in 1588. My print is in a frame above my desk, measuring 12 x 16 inches! Even so, it tells the story of The Count of Orgaz, a revered fourteenth-century figure. Legend has it that when the Count, known for his deeds of charity, was buried in 1312, Saints Stephen and Augustine miraculously appeared from heaven personally to conduct his soul into heaven. The painting shows a realistic scene of the earthly funeral. Above is a whirling vortex into heaven, where the Count is presented to the Virgin Mary and to Jesus Christ.

How far can it be from earth to heaven? El Greco's art always depicts human beings as elongated figures, as though drawn toward the unseen world above. Whatever theological differences separate us from Roman Catholic Spain of El Greco's time, we agree that human beings, created in God's own image, do have the hope of heaven in their souls, an inward urge in the direction of the divine, a deep-seated need for righteousness, for holiness, for God! And we pray that the distance between this earth as we know it and the Heaven of eternal life promised to all believers in Christ is, indeed, a very short span to be traversed by faith.



On July 11 and 12, 50 church members and friends had the wonderful opportunity to see NOAH on the stage of the beautiful Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. On the way home, we enjoyed a fun morning in Hershey. It was such a pleasure to travel as a church family and to spend this time together. THANK YOU SO MUCH to all of our good natured travelers, to those who assisted others with travel, to those who sponsored trips for others, and to our incredible travel agent Bethany Moody with *Vacation Visionaries*. God blessed us with a great weekend that we will not soon forget!



## New Members to Cornerstone Community Church



Ashlyn Carter

"I am a senior at Mount Vernon Nazarene University and will be earning my degree in Exercise Science this December. I work as a lifeguard and have been in the Army Reserves for 5 1/2 years. I am married to my amazing husband, Caleb Carter, for 10 months. I love anything outdoors, like hiking, fishing, camping, and swimming. Cornerstone has felt like a family since I started attending and makes it feel that everyone belongs here."



Karen McGuire

"I am truly blessed, I have been led to exactly what I have needed in my life-becoming a member of a wonderful family at Cornerstone Church." "My decision was greatly influenced when Pastor Jerry entered my life. He speaks from and about the Bible and from his Heart." Ephesians 1:5-6



**Bob Rodgers** 

"I have been attending Cornerstone Community Church with my wife Virginia since July of 2025. We are thankful that God led us to this fellowship of believers. I have a passion for Youth and serving others and looks forward to serving in the church and community for many years to come."



Alden & Carol Coe

Alden & Carol have been married for 63 years. The first two years of our married life, Alden was in the Army and was spent in La Paz Bolivia, S.A. We have 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren." Carol is a gardener, china painter, and the last 2 ½ years a quilter. Cornerstone church is an awesome church overall and we love it here.



Bruce & Gloria have been married for 42 years. They are parents to three adult children and are busy with their two grand children. You'll find Bruce on the golf course and enjoys working part-time. "We love Cornerstone Community Church and can feel the Holy Spirit present during worship service."

Bruce & Gloria Lauer



# <u>Library News</u>

Check out these new titles in the library:

3 book series: "The Jewels of Kalispell" by Tracie Peterson Historical Romance

"Second chance at Sunshine Inn" by Clipston

"The Chosen-40 Days With Jesus" Book Five

"The Watchmaker's Daughter" by Loftis Corrie Ten Boom's Story

"Where Secret's Lie" by Coble/Acker



#### Did you know?

Cornerstone Community Church is more than a welcoming place of Christian fellowship—it also offers an excellent event venue right here on our campus. Ideal for weddings, receptions, family celebrations, ministry gatherings, and much more, our facility features modern amenities, versatile spaces, a fully equipped commercial kitchen, and plenty of parking. It's designed to serve both our church family and the broader community.

We encourage you to discover all that's available—and please help us share this opportunity! If you know someone searching for a fantastic event location, feel free to share Events at Cornerstone.

Together, let's wisely use the blessings God has given us!

#### Joy Circle

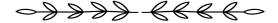


September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the GreatRoom

Hostess-Virginia Rodgers
Co-Hostess-Dianna Partington

Program: Teresa Bemiller former Knox County Commissioner. She will speak about how God led her and opened doors in her political career.

Wednesday, August 13th. If you have thought about joining the choir but just hadn't done it yet, now's the time! We'd love to grow our choir. We start rehearsing at 7:00 p.m. If possible let Mary Elder or a choir member know if you are interested.



New Biblical Citizenship Class offering Sundays from Sept. 21-Nov. 16th 5-7pm Contact:

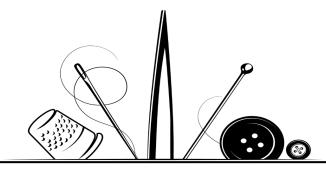
Penny Ducharme
(psducharme@yahoo.com) or
Todd McClay (tmcclay50@gmail.com)
Book: \$20 (optional)
For more information:
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#### **Community Church Service**

Sept. 14

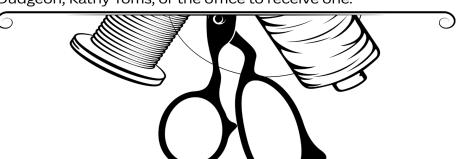
Food & Fellowship 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Service @ 10:00 a.m.
At the Fredericktown
Football Stadium



Prayers & Squares

Prayers and Squares is still on summer break until October. If you need a prayer quilt, there are plenty. Check with Louise Dudgeon, Kathy Toms, or the office to receive one.



#### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

We continue to send monthly cards to shut-ins, nursing home residents, people who are grieving a recent loss of a loved one, and folks living with cancer at this time. Many have stated they enjoy the cards and support. I also want to thank those who are sending cards to people just "because". I know they are very appreciated.

There are also several members who are visiting or calling on and praying with folks who need some extra visits and supportive listening ears. Communion is being offered and given to those who wish to partake. Birthday cards are sent to the ones on the list, hoping to brighten their day.

A few of the Care Team are planning a Health Fair later this Fall. More information on this exciting venture at a later date.

We always look for new helpers to share the gift of time with a shut in. Call Joyce Thomas if you know of someone who can benefit.

#### Bereavement Support--Healing Broken Hearts

Letters and articles of support and ideas for coping during the difficult first year after a loved one's death are being sent out at the onset, at 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and 12 months. Acknowledgment of the loved one's birthday and some ways to cope are being sent.

As always if you have a need of private one on one support please call Joyce Thomas, Rachel Blevins or Cindy Harvel.



The Moody and McClay families would like to thank the church family for your love since Bill's accident. Your visits, calls, cards, acts of kindness, and most of all prayers, have given us encouragement during this difficult time. Bill is making progress, but there will be more to be made in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Please continue to pray for him, and all of us, as we begin this new journey. We love you all!

Bill and Karen Moody

Todd and Robin McClay

Bart and Bethany Moody

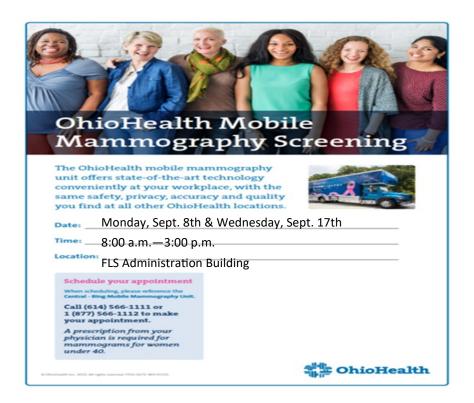
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Dear Lori, Angle, +
Team at cornerstone,
Than K you so much
for all you did for us
for our wedding event!
It went so well & was
a beautiful day!
Cornerstone was such
a blessing!
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(Lydia + Jid)







Center of Hope has made the decision to put their mobile distribution on hold at this time. You are welcome to visit their market in Bladensburg. Please check their website for address and hours.







The Center for Christian Virtue (CCV) will be holding their second annual Essential Summit called, "Hope and a Future" on Thursday, October 2nd, 2025 in Columbus.

The Essential Summit brings together hundreds of believers from across the state and nation to discover how they can put their faith in action, whether they're business leaders, pastors, educators, advocates, or simply Christians ready to take the next step.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Heart of Ohio Emmaus Women's Walk

Have you ever considered going on an Emmaus Walk? There will be a Women's Walk Oct. 16 – 19th. If you are interested, please let Kathy Toms know.









Our first Buddy Break will be held on Saturday,
August 23rd. Our theme will be God's Big
Creation Adventure! If anyone has dinosaur toys,
games, puzzles or stuffed animals that you
would let us borrow please let Mary Elder or the
office know. Also, if you know of a family with a
child who would qualify for Buddy Break please
let the office know. We accept new families and
new volunteers throughout the year. Our
September theme is God, the ultimate
Superhero. It will be held on Saturday,
September 20th.













# **Blessing of the Backpacks**

Sunday, August 10th

# Calling ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS, CHOOL STAFF and ALL PRAYER WARRIORS!

Please join us in THE LAB for a time of prayer.

Prayer starts at 10:10am, followed making a backpack tag.

Light refreshments will be served in THE LAB!



These 2nd graders will receive Bibles during the services on 8/17/25:

Tonya Miller, Ida Morrison, Shaylee Ruggles, Emerson Seward, Ida Mae Ute, Skylar Watson

> \*If your 2nd grader is not on this list, please see Kalvari ASAP!

# movin' on upi

#### SUNday, August 17th

- Kindergarteners officially join the big kids in the LAB
- —2nd graders learn how to be acolytes and receive Bibles
- —6th graders officially join
  YOUTH GROUP!
- —Youth NURSERY training



### FCP UPDATE

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2025





The Kid Zone Nursery is for newborns through preschoolers. We provide a fun place to learn about Jesus during both worship services. During the small group hour, we take a BIBLE ADVENTURE! We learn our verse and the answer to the question of the month. The Kid Zone is also open on Wednesday nights during the IGNITE worship services.







# **SMALL** GROUP HOUR









9:00 Service

11:15 Service

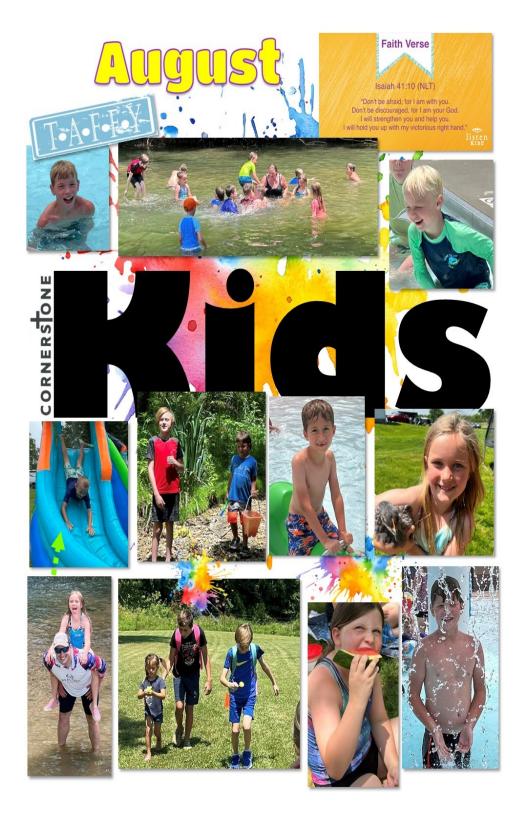
If you are unable to serve on your scheduled week, please try to switch with someone. If you cannot find a replacement, please reach out to Emily.



8/3	Matt & Jessica Moore	Melissa & Steve Rinehart
8/10	Leslie Ruggles & Emily Carter	Rob & Angie Simmons
8/17	Laurey Grogg & Emily Carter	Hunter & Montana Huvler
8/24	Caleb & Ashlyn Carter	Elizabeth & Leah Napier
8/31	Emily Carter	Susan Grogg & Kasey Grogg
9/7	Bethany Goeppinger & Madi Bender	Lynnea Clevenger & Leah Lindeman
9/14	Heather Miller & Emily Carter	Tami Mills & Emily Carter
9/21	Larry Andrejewski & Emily Carter	Cale & Gloria Grubb
9/28	Emily Carter	Danelle Black & Emily Carter









Faith Fact

God believes in me.

Faith Fact

God provides for me.

Faith Fact

God speaks to me.

Faith Fact

I will choose to follow God.





Small Group TIME!

Sunday Mornings 10-11am

Jr Church TIME!

During 9:00 & 11:15 services

**EPIC** 

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM!

FIRST DAY: OCT 1st

Every Wednesday 4-5pm

MUST SIGN UP!!!





To raise children to know God's love Leading them to seek, serve, and adore Him.

#### Happy Birthday!

# 8/01 MARY BEUTEL 8/01 BOB RODGERS 8/01 KATIE MAGERS 8/03 BRODE DAVIS 8/07 ANA SANDERS 8/07 JAYNE MAXWELL 8/09 DANE OVERHOLT 8/09 KRISTINE WILSON LEE 8/11 LORI WILKES 8/13 BECKY KIRKPATRICK 8/13 SKYLAR SIVITS 8/14 RHONDA GOEPPINGER 8/15 BILL MOODY

#### 8/15 AMARA SPRINGSTON

8/20 FAITH GROGG 8/23 RIDGE HUVLER

8/25 KALVARI KERSHNER

8/28 JENNIFER STANSBERRY

8/28 JANICE HASLEY

8/28 ROB SIMMONS

8/29 SYDNEY STADLER

8/29 ARLENE BYLER

8/29 AMANDA SHADE

8/30 COLLEEN HICKS

8/30 JANET LANTZ

8/30 ROSEMARY SMITH

#### Happy Anniversary!

8/01 Kurt & Kalvari Kershner

8/01 Dave & Lori Wilkes

8/01 Mark & Mary Leigh Wildermuth

8/02 Chuck & Janet Boone

8/04 Caleb & Ashlyn Carter

8/06 Bob & Virginia Rodgers

8/12 Jerry & Abbey Ernst

8/15 Milan & Holly Pozderac

8/15 Tom & Karen Tenney

8/16 Greg & Mickie Stadler

8/16 Rob & Angie Simmons

2/17 Dustin Charley Busyle

8/17 Dustin & Lesley Ruggles

8/18 Jake & Ashley Overholt

8/21 Ric & Cindy Harvel

8/21 Steve & Margaret Obert

8/22 Larry & Angie Overholt

8/24 Art & Anne Mizer

8/24 Kevin & Penny Ducharme





# August

Usher/Greeters 9:00 a.m.
Traci Durbin, Jenny Durbin, Bonnie Moore
Dave Wilkes, Lori Wilkes, Alden Coe, Carol Coe
Jeanee Davis-Visitor Care

Usher/Greeters 11:15 a.m. Lorraine Boss, Bob Boss, Joellen McGuire, Michelle Gregg

Sharon Fitzpatrick-Visitor Care

9:00 a.m. Scripture Readers

Aug. 3 Janet Boone

Aug. 10 Robin McClay

Aug. 17 Bill Byler

Aug. 24 Susan Link

Aug. 31 Rev. Gary Campbell

Coffee Clean-Up Rob Simmons

11:15 a.m. Scripture Readers

Aug. 3 Meg Bender

Aug. 10 Ryan Conley

Aug. 17 Worship Team

Aug. 24 Larry Andrzejewski

Aug. 31 Jennifer Stansberry



# SEPTEMBER



#### Happy Birthday

9/02 Keyara Murphy 9/03 Kathy Toms 9/03 Leah Lindeman 9/05 Lily Hambleton 9/05 Thomas Durbin

9/05 Joellen McGuire 9/05 Ashley Overholt

9/07 Jason Hambleton

9/08 Mason Wilkes

9/09 Kurt Kershner

9/09 Renee Lybarger 9/10 Gracie Stansberry

9/10 Tucker Tedrow

9/11 Michael Link

9/11 Tesa Snyder

9/13 Barb Guadagnin

9/13 Brian Hassel

9/14 Bethany Goeppinger

9/15 Mark Wildermuth 9/15 Kaia Cordle

9/16 Tracey Ruhl

9/18 Johnston Grubb

9/18 Ellianna Sanders

9/18 Christian Carter

9/19 Alayna Tedrow

9/20 Chayton Grogg

9/24 Ed Moore

9/25 Gary Campbell

9/26 Neil Kirkpatrick

9/26 Sue Kinton

9/27 Kathy Ridenour

9/29 Clara Miller

9/30 Laurey Grogg

9/30 Tyler Ruhl

9/30 Angie Simmons



#### **Happy Anniversary**

9/02 Dennis & Carol McElroy 9/03 Bill & Karen Moody 9/03 Andy & Lynnea Clevenger 9/04 Bill & Arlene Byler 9/04 Terry & Amanda Shade 9/11 J.R. & Jamie Thorne 9/15 Alden & Carol Coe 9/19 Mark & Jayne Maxwell 9/22 James & Tesa Snyder 9/26 Tyler & Torrie Ruhl

Neil & Becky Kirkpatrick

9/28



Usher/Greeters 9:00 a.m. Gary Alverson, Ray Davis, Bill Elder, Mike Link, Kathleen Ridenour

> Visitor Center Robin McClay

Usher/Greeters 11:15 a.m.
Brian Zimmerman, Julie Zimmerman,
Alivia Zimmerman, Byron Rock,
Serena Rock
Visitor Center
Meg Bender

9:00 a.m. Scripture Read<mark>ers</mark>

Sept. 7 Tom Bolton

Sept. 14 Todd McClay

Sept. 21 Cindy Harvel

Sept. 28 Mark Wildermuth

11:15 a.m. Scripture Readers

Sept. 7 Worship Team

Sept. 14 Lori Wilkes

Sept. 21 Dave Wilkes

Sept. 28 Marissa Simmons

Coffee Clean-Up Ken Goeppinger



# bubble run & family day

Benefiting Starting Point Pregnancy & family Resource Center

Fundraising Event: Bubble Run & Family Day

Date: Saturday, October 4th, 2025
Time: 2:30pm (5k begins at 3:30pm)

Place: Mount Vernon Nazarene University Chapel

**Details:** Join us October 4th, 2025 for an afternoon of family fun! Our Bubble Run & Family Day event features not only a laid back 5k (that you can either run or walk), but also activities, delicious snacks and bubbles for the whole family to enjoy!

Prizes will be given away to the first family, man, woman, student, child (4-12), baby (0-3) and dog that crosses the finish line!

All tickets include FREE entry to "An Evening with Mark Schultz" at 7pm on October 4th at the R.R. Hodges Chapel at MVNU.







To register or find more information, scan the QR code or visit www.friendsofksp.com/2025-bubblerun



An evening with

# mark Schults

Saturday, October 4th, 2025

A fundraising event benefitting Starting Point Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

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