APRIL NEWSLETTER

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

WE MAKE DISCIPLES WHO WORSHIP, GROW & GO

Thoughts from Pastor Josh Hargett
& Cornerstone Español Pastor Jonathan Ferre
Up Coming Events as well as News and Family Celebrations

FROM YOUR **PASTOR**

Hey Cornerstone Church!

As I sit to write this note to you all, I continue to be amazed at what God is doing in our Church. We pray consistently for the Lord to do something that can only be described as Him showing up and every time I turn around there is another example of that prayer being answered. While this is a time to be amazed, to worship, and to be excited, it is absolutely not the time to be complacent or to take our eyes off our our goal of making disciples who worship, grow, and go. No, right now is the time to buckle down and to humbly continue the work God has put before us. Over the last several months the Lord has continued to put three words before me… Thankfulness, Dependency, Urgency.

So many biblical texts remind us to be thankful. With so many reminders, why is this so hard to put into practice oftentimes? God has been so good to us as a Church. He is faithful and true. He has shown that he is not done with this place and that he is continuing to use us as a Cornerstone to our community. So, I am thankful! I tell everyone who will listen (and even some who won't!) about what God is doing in this place.

And then there is Dependency… Recognizing that nothing we are doing or trying to do for our God can ultimately be done apart from Him intervening and working through us! It's an odd prayer, but one I pray often…"God help me to honor you well today". And then there is urgency… This is not a time to stop, slow down, or get lazy. This is when we, as a church, continue the work with even more urgency.

For a long time in the life of our church it seemed as though we were waiting for God to give us direction, identity, and purpose as a church. He has provided those things for this season - We are Cornerstone Church - pointing everyone to the true Cornerstone and once again becoming that in our community. A legacy that was nearly lost. God has also lead us to launch Cornerstone Espanol. He has shown us where the "gas peddle" is in our current season and now is the time to press it with all our might for the good of our community and the Glory of our God.

So, my question for you is… are you all in? If so, let's run our race for the Lord well and leave nothing in the tank as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship, grow, and go.

Pastor Josh

FROM PASTOR JONATHAN FERRÉ

Hello Cornerstone family,
It's Jonathan Ferré again, your soon-to-be associate pastor for Cornerstone Español. These past few weeks have been such a joy, seeing God move in really tangible ways as we step closer to becoming one church in two languages. Last month I shared a bit of my story and our excitement about this partnership, thank you for all the warm welcomes, prayers, and support. Honestly, we're already feeling the unity the Lord is building among us.

On March 15, Cornerstone hosted an incredible Open House to welcome Gracia y Verdad and Iglesia Hispana de la Roca. What a day! People from both Hispanic congregations walked through the doors and were met with genuine love, big smiles, and heartfelt hospitality. They loved meeting the leadership, hearing more about the shared vision, and the tour around our new home, it really left everyone feeling welcomed and valued. It was a total success, and our hearts are just full of gratitude for how Cornerstone opened its arms.

The remodeling work has been nothing short of amazing. The space is coming together beautifully, giving us room to worship, connect, and grow together. A huge thank you to the team from First Baptist Church in Ponca City, Oklahoma, who gave an entire week of their time and labor to serve alongside us, it made such a difference. There's still a little more work to finish, but soon the basement will be ready for us to lift up the name of Jesus, and just a few feet below where you'll be doing the same thing up-stairs.

God continues to answer prayers in remarkable ways. One of the most encouraging moments came when Iglesia Hispana de la Roca unanimously decided to join us in this merger. After more than 20 years of meeting in Cornerstone's facilities, their leaders and congregation chose to unite fully with us. During the Open House, there was a moving ceremony where Daniel, one of their key leaders, passed the baton of leadership to me. It was such a beautiful picture of legacy, trust, and God's faithfulness across generations. We are so thankful for their partnership and the rich history they bring.

We're counting down the days, can't wait for our first joint bilingual Easter service on April 5! It's going to be an amazing celebration of the resurrection: worship, the Word, and fellowship all in one room, in both English and Spanish. People we've invited are genuinely excited to come, and I can't wait to share the hope of Christ with our city in such a visible way.

As we make this transition, I'm reminded of the original vision God gave Gracia y Verdad: "to be a multicultural community, united under the banner of Christ, who boldly live out the mission of making him known." That vision isn't ending, it's growing and being fulfilled even more clearly at Cornerstone. Here, it will become even more real as we worship side by side, reflect the diversity of our city and pursue the gospel and glory of God together.

Sure, challenges will come, like in any family, but if we keep our eyes on Jesus, I know the Lord will guide us forward together. Gracia y Verdad, as well as my family and I, are so grateful to be on this journey with you. Keep praying, inviting friends, and reaching out. Let's keep building these relationships.

The best truly is ahead. We're better together, and I can't wait to see what God continues doing. Thanks for trusting us and inviting us to walk this journey together, I look forward to seeing all of you on Easter!

Grace and peace be with you!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

MATT HAMILTON	4/3
SHARON WILLSON	4/4
ROMAN CORDOVA	4/4
JOSIAH ZELLER	4/4
GARRETT RUTHERFORD	4/6
KAYLA ANDERSON	4/7
MARTHA WALLACE	4/12
MUZGAN MAHATHEY	4/15
ERIC CARLSON	4/16
RICHARD RUTHERFORD	4/20
LEANN DIETZ	4/21
NOLAN CHAMBERS	4/21
AL WORDEN	4/29
MICHELE HAMILTON	4/30

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Margaret Lovett ~ Health
Mandry Family ~ Daughter-in-law (Sammi) Balance Family Life & New Full Time Teaching Position
Maestas Family ~ Coping with the loss of Isabella
Don Stith ~ Safety in Traveling Internationally with Paralympic Shooting Team
Mike Jaumott ~ Health
Keith Loyd ~ Health
Logan Lee ~ Health
Jovalene Pemberton ~ Health
Mike Yearout ~ Health
Burlin Fayne ~ Health & Loss of Harriet
Hal and Margaret Seagraves ~ Health
Fortune Family ~ Continuing to Adjust to Life After the Loss of Stephannie
Roger & Michele Hamilton ~ Health & Family
Teresa Chambers ~ Health
Annie Wade ~ Continued Provision For Teaching Job at The Daniel International School in Thailand
Continue to Pray for Peace in the Middle East

ARPIL PRAYER FOCUS: ORANGE AREA
THIS MONTH, WE'RE PRAYING FOR THE ORANGE SECTION ON OUR CITY MAP (IN THE CHURCH LOBBY).
BOUNDARIES:
ACADEMY BLVD (WEST), FONTAINE BLVD (SOUTH), GALLEY RD (NORTH), AND MARKSHEFFEL RD (EAST).
INCLUDES: RUSTIC HILLS, CIMARRON HILLS, EASTBOROUGH, SOUTHBOROUGH, AND THE AIRPORT AREA.
PRAY WITH US:
1) THAT GOD WOULD MOVE POWERFULLY HERE.
2) THAT WE'D SEE PEOPLE THROUGH HIS EYES.
3) FOR WISDOM AND COURAGE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.
PRAYER ISN'T JUST PREPARATION FOR THE WORK—PRAYER IS THE WORK.

Important Dates for March

April 3 - 6pm ~ Good Friday Service
April 4 - 8am ~ Men's Fellowship Breakfast
April 5 ~ Easter Sunday & Launch of Cornerstone Español
April 11 - 9am ~ Women's Breakfast & Bible Study
April 15 - 6pm ~ AWANA Neon Night
April 18 - 9am-3pm ~ Secret Church '26 (Sign Up in the Church Office)
April 29 - 6pm ~ AWANA Dart War Night

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