

GUEST SPEAKER

Join us March 15th
for our 10:30am
Worship Service



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MARCH NEWSLETTER



WE MAKE DISCIPLES WHO WORSHIP, GROW & GO

Thoughts from Pastor Josh Hargett
Up Coming Events as well as News and Family Celebrations

FROM YOUR PASTOR



Hey Cornerstone Church!

What an exciting season in the life of our Church. God continues to bless, grow our body, and expand our reach in our city. With the unanimous passing of “One Church, Two Languages” on February 22nd, we have truly stepped out in faith trusting that the Lord is leading us. I believe this decision will set us up for unique and specific ministry in our city for the next 20 years, and I cannot wait to see what God does through the Kingdom minded decision. It also reminds me of a story from the life of the great Pastor and Evangelist D.L. Moody who pastored the Illinois Street Church in Chicago and founded Moody Bible Institute in Chicago in the 19th Century.

In 1871, Moody began a series of messages on Bible characters at Farwell Hall in Chicago. Large crowds were soon attending the meetings. On the fifth Sunday night, he preached to the largest congregation he had ever addressed in that city. He preached on the text: “What shall I do with Jesus which is called Christ?” At the close of the service he did not call for an immediate decision. He said, “I wish you would take this text home with you and turn it over in your minds during the week, and next Sabbath we will come to Calvary and we will decide what to do with Jesus of Nazareth.” He considered that to be one of the greatest mistakes of his life. For between those two Sundays the great Chicago fire broke out.

Even as Mr. Moody went home from the service that Sunday night, he saw the glare of the flames and knew it meant ruin to Chicago. About one o'clock Farewell Hall was destroyed and soon afterward his own church on Illinois Street went up in flames. When he arrived home, the family retired but within an hour a loud call summoned everyone on their street to flee for their lives. The fire had leaped across the river and was bearing down on them. Only what could be carried in their hands could be saved.

On the twenty-second anniversary of the great fire, Moody was again addressing a large Chicago audience. “I have never dared to give an audience a week to think of their salvation since,” he said, recalling the fateful previous occasion. “If they were lost, they might rise up in judgment against me. I remember Mr. Sankey’s singing and how his voice rang when he came to that pleading verse:

“Today the Savior calls, For refuge fly!

The storm of judgment falls And death is nigh!”

“I have never seen that congregation since, I have hard work to keep back tears today. I have looked over this audience, and not a single one is here that I preached to that night. But, I want to tell you of one lesson I learned that night which I have never forgotten, and that is, when I preach, to press Christ upon people then and there, and try to bring them to a decision on the spot. I would rather have that right hand cut off than to give an audience now a week to decide what to do with Jesus.”

Through this incredibly difficult moment in history two lessons were learned that we would do well to remember today as well. These lessons - Missional Urgency and Decisiveness will be key for us as we move forward. We must proclaim Jesus in our city with urgency, and we must be decisive in our commitment to that proclamation. God is doing something tremendous in our church and city, pray with me that we would remain urgent and decisive in our ministry and evangelism.

As always, it is a pleasure to be your Pastor and to strive a long side of you to make disciples who worship, grow, and go.

Pastor Josh

GET TO KNOW



**CORNERSTONE
ESPAÑOL**

MARCH 15TH 4PM

GET TO KNOW PASTOR JONATHAN FERRÉ

Hello Cornerstone, I'm Jonathan Ferré, 41, native from Puerto Rico, but a proud Colorado transplant; I somehow ended up trading tropical weather for mountain winters, and love it. I'm genuinely thrilled to be stepping into this role as associate pastor as our churches come together to form Cornerstone Español.

My family and I, along with our church Gracia y Verdad (Grace and Truth), are excited about what God is doing in this new season, the unity and partnership the LORD is building among us, it is exciting. Thank you for opening your doors and heart, we don't take that lightly.

I grew up Catholic and came to know Christ at 16. Almost immediately I got plugged into evangelism and teaching, and before long it became clear the Lord was calling me to pastoral ministry, a calling that was affirmed by the pastor and church. I eventually planted a church and spent years training local pastors who, like me, didn't come up through formal seminary.

That work connected me with ministries stateside, including the North American Mission Board, and in time NAMB approached me about planting a Hispanic church in the U.S. After a lot of prayer, my family packed up and moved to Colorado in 2015. The best hard decision we've ever made.

Since then we've been building Gracia y Verdad, a diverse, vibrant congregation of about 70 people representing many nations (currently 10 different ones), all gathered under the flag of Christ. This April, we'll merge with Cornerstone to become one church worshipping in two languages, with one shared mission: to reach our city with the gospel.

Our city is home to over 100,000 Hispanics, and the need for the gospel is enormous. Together, I believe we'll better reflect that picture in Revelation, people from every nation and tongue, worshipping Christ side by side. There will be challenges and miscommunications along the way, no doubt. But keeping our eyes on Christ and our mission in focus will see us through, and I think we'll come out stronger for it.

My wife Myrna and I, have been married since 2007, we met at church when we were both 16. We have three kids: Peniel (15), Jonathan (14), who is autistic and nonverbal and has taught our whole family more about love and patience than we could have learned any other way, and Mirelix (9), our Colorado native. As a family we love movies, eating out, and keeping up with our very energetic dog, Jasper.

I hold a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Master's in Psychology, and I currently serve as a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve at Fort Carson. Outside of ministry, you might find me obsessing over my backyard lawn, as a wannabe bonsai artist fooling around with some tiny trees, making Neapolitan pizza, or sipping down on some coffee.

I can't wait to meet you, hear your story, and learn from you. Please don't be a stranger, reach out to me and to the rest of your brothers and sisters from Cornerstone Español. And hey, this is also a great excuse to dust off that high school Spanish. We're better together, and I truly believe the best is ahead for all of us.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MARY ESKEW
NIKKI SPENCER
SHAROL SMITH
BRADEN WALLACE
SOBRINA ROBERTSON
TOM WILLSON
SOPHIA LEE
MALLORIE RUTHERFORD
TONY MAHATHEY
JERRY FORTUNE
MICAH ASHLEY
RUSSELL PALMER
JOE PYLE JR

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PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Margaret Lovett ~ Health & Loss of Brother in Law
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



MARCH PRAYER FOCUS: BLUE AREA

WE'RE CONTINUING TO PRAY FOR OUR CITY—ASKING GOD TO MOVE, TO HELP US SEE PEOPLE THROUGH HIS EYES, AND TO GIVE US BOLDNESS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

BOUNDARIES:

THIS MONTH, WE'RE FOCUSING ON THE BLUE SECTION OF COLORADO SPRINGS, BORDERED BY ACADEMY (EAST & SOUTH), NEVADA (WEST), AND AIRPORT ROAD (NORTH).

PRAY WITH US:

THAT GOD WOULD MOVE POWERFULLY HERE.
THAT WE WOULD SEE PEOPLE AS HE DOES.
FOR WISDOM AND COURAGE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

PRAYER ISN'T JUST PREPARATION FOR THE WORK—PRAYER IS THE WORK.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR MARCH

- March 1 - After Service ~ Guest Services Interest Meeting
- March 1 - After Service ~ Summer Camp Parent Meeting
- March 4 - 6pm ~ AWANA Sports Night
- March 7 - 8am ~ Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- March 8 - 3pm ~ Overseers Meeting
- March 8 - 4:15pm ~ Quarterly Church Celebration
- March 13 - 11am ~ Rosie Miller Memorial Service @ Swan Law Funeral Home
- March 14 - 9am ~ Women's Breakfast & Bible Study
- March 15 - 10:30am ~ Dr. Jeff Iorg Joins Us to Speak During Our Morning Worship Service
- March 15 - 4:00pm ~ Cornerstone Español Get to know you Meeting
- March 18 - 6pm ~ Awana FROG Night (Fully Rely on God)
- March 22 - Noon ~ Church Clean-Up Day (Bring a sack lunch and stay to help with cleaning, organizing, and other projects.)
- March 25 ~ No Mid-Week Activities due to Spring Break