

Welcome to Worship

GATHERING
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
SONGS OF PRAISE
OFFERING
MESSAGE
COMMUNION*

**The Communion Bread is gluten free. The elders will be at the front of the auditorium following the service for anyone who would like prayer.*

Available during the Service:

- **Children's Church** for those in 4-year old preschool & kindergarten. Children are dismissed before the message. If your child will be attending Children's Church, please stop at the Information Center to check in your child(ren) prior to the worship service. If you are unable to check in your child before the service, please walk your child(ren) to Room 101 when Children's Church begins.
- **Video Monitor** – Parents, if you need to take your children out during the service, you may view the service on the monitor located in the lobby.

Today

Children's Bible Education - Pre-K-Senior high students
10:45-11:45am

Equipping Classes - 11:00-11:45am

*Providing tools to help you grow in your relationship with God
and live out the gospel wherever He has placed you.*

-Friendship Class (designed for people with special needs)- Room 103
-Getting the Most Out of the Bible - Room 211

Cornerstone Singers - 11:00am Rehearsal in Auditorium

Budget Q & A - 6:00pm in Room 211

Bible Crew - 6:00-7:15pm

This Week

Wednesday

- **CSM** (Cornerstone Student Ministries - 7th-12th grade) will meet at Cornerstone from 6:30-8:30pm.
- **Cornerstone Singers** - Rehearsal at 7:00

Saturday - Love, Joy, Peace...and Painting!

Cornerstone women, join us in the SonRise Café on Saturday, March 17 at 9:00am for a morning filled with coffee, muffins, and creating a beautiful spring themed painting. Cost to attend is \$25. Sign up at the Information Center by March 14.

News

Outreach Opportunity

Outreach Ministry is seeking donations for the 88.5 *Help for the Homeless* drive. Donation need to be placed in the basket at the Information Center by today.

New Members

We're thankful that Alora Rueth, Cindy Sanford, Jason & Heidi Lenz, Jamie & Arcelia Kloos, and Chase & Kaelie Gomez are in process of becoming new members at Cornerstone! If you have concerns about any of them, we ask you to make direct contact with them (Matthew 18:15-17). Any concerns you can't resolve may be brought to an elder. We anticipate welcoming these people as members at our annual meeting on March 18.

City Watch Prayer

March City Watch prayer guides are available at the Information Center. Cornerstone's week to pray this month is March 13-18. Join us for corporate City Watch prayer Sunday, March 18 at 8:30am in the Fireside Room.

Upcoming Events

Budget Q & A Sessions

Q & A Sessions will be held for anyone wanting to discuss the proposed 2018-19 budget. Members of the Finance Team and the Elders will be available in Room 211 at 6:00pm tonight.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 18 at 6:00pm. We will be voting on elders and approving the budget. Proposed changes to the Constitution will also be presented.

Community Good Friday Service

The Good Friday Service will be held at Cornerstone at 5:00 and 7:00pm. Children's Ministry will be provided for infants through children in 3rd grade. Please sign up for which service you will attend by going to tiny.cc/goodfriday18

Easter Celebration

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior!

Sunrise Service - 6:42am

Worship Services - 9:00am & 10:30am

(Bible Ed and Equipping Classes will not be held.)

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

The **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack** is coming back to Marshfield and will be hosted at Zion United Methodist Church from Thursday, April 12 - Saturday, April 14. Cornerstone has reserved 20 spots in each of three different time slots (Thurs.- 6:30-8:30pm, Fri.- 4-6pm, Sat.- 9-11am) for you, your family, your Growth Group, or whomever you invite, to serve at the **FMSC MobilePack**. You can sign up at the **Information Center**. Children must be **at least 5 years old** in order to serve.

Orientation Class

New to Cornerstone? Want to know more? Pastor Ken will be leading a three-week orientation class, "About Us: Why We Do What We Do the Way We Do It," on three consecutive Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm in Room 211 beginning April 11.

Message Notes

Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve

Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness is God's invention for coming to terms with the world in which...people are unfair to each other and hurt each other deeply. [God] began by forgiving us. And he invites us all to forgive each other. Forgiving seems almost unnatural. Our sense of fairness tells us people should pay for the wrong they do. But forgiving is love's power to break nature's rule.
- Lewis Smedes, *Forgive & Forget*

Matthew 18:21-35: *How to respond to someone who sins against you.*

At the center of God's heart we will always find reconciliation.

Verse 22 (paraphrased): "No, Peter. There is no limit to the number of times you are to forgive. In fact, don't even keep track of the number of times you forgive someone."

What do you do with the pain someone else has inflicted?

Karma: bad deeds will ultimately result in future suffering (getting what we deserve)
Kingdom of Heaven (verse 23): getting what we don't deserve

What exactly is forgiveness?

What it's not.
Who forgiveness is for.
What it is: *aphiami*.
Separating the person from the action.

Even though you've forgiven someone, there are still consequences to the sin.

For Further Thought & Growth Group Study

1. When was a time you did something mischievous and had to apologize to someone?
2. Read Matthew 18:21-35. Jesus commands us to forgive others since we have been so incredibly forgiven ourselves. Think back to the moment you experienced God's forgiveness for the first time. Share the story with the group.
3. Forgiveness separates the sinful action from the person who committed the sin. How is this different from excusing, tolerating, or forgetting sin?
4. Read Matthew 18:15-17. How does Jesus' prescription for handling conflict differ from what our human nature wants to do? (Think: reality TV)
5. Contrast the two systems of government Jesus eludes to in v. 23: The Kingdom of Heaven versus The Kingdom of Earth. When a person commits a wrongful act, how is it handled differently in each of these two kingdoms?
6. In v. 35, Jesus makes the distinction of forgiving your brothers and sisters "from your heart." What distinguishes "from the heart" forgiveness from surface-level forgiveness?
7. Throughout history, people have descended to incredible acts of cruelty toward others, from genocide to abuse to slavery, etc. How does the following definition of forgiveness challenge the idea that some things are just too hard to forgive?

When you forgive someone for hurting you, you detach that person from the hurt and let it go...Then invite that person back into your mind, fresh, as if a piece of history between you had been rewritten, its grip on your memory broken. (Louis Smedes, *Forgive and Forget*)
8. How has your understanding of forgiveness changed after this message?



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