

BLUEPRINTS

BUILDING GENERATIONS ON A FOUNDATION OF FAITH

March 2024 | Cornerstone Community Church



How it all Began Larry Jones, Former Sr. Pastor 2000-2016

Hello Cornerstone! Congratulations on the launch of your Blueprints Campaign. It's exciting to see what God has done over the past 24 years.

Cornerstone started meeting weekly in the Grant Elementary School gym in February of 2000, but its beginning goes back a couple of years earlier.

A group of families had been interested in starting an Evangelical Free church for some time. Marshfield happened to be the largest town in Wisconsin without an E-Free Church. At the same time, the District Office had been praying about the same thing. Once the original group and the District started talking, plans began to form. For nearly 2 years this core

group of believers met and prayed and planned together.

It was in the summer of 1999 that I received some correspondence regarding this potential church plant. We were living in Texas at the time, and I had no intention to ever move 'up north.' But God had better plans. As we began to dialogue with the Marshfield group, it soon became clear that God was about to birth a new church and was inviting me to join Him in what He was about to do.

So with fear and trembling, my wife and I moved our family up from Texas to Wisconsin in August of 1999 just before the start of school.

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REACHING CAPACITY

Cornerstone has seen major growth in 2023, which means we're running out of space.

- ▲ Sunday Church Attendance: +16%
- ▲ Infant-12 Grade Ministries: +27%
- ▲ Kids Rock Ministries: +5%
- ▲ CSM (Jr. & Sr. High) Ministry: +28%
- ▲ Office space is limited, with one pastor using storage space to fulfill his duties



Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we need to expand our facilities at this time?

Cornerstone is growing! Praise God. This has occurred across all ministries...kids, students, and adults. We are constantly strapped for space. Kids and Student Ministries must happen on separate nights because they currently share the same ministry space. By providing new space for our student ministry, we make it possible for kids and students to have their own dedicated spaces. This means they will be able to meet on the same night. We also need to expand office space in line with the growth of staff, as well as additional spaces for adult ministries.

What are the specific plans for the project?

The plans are focused on 3 areas...

- Updating the exterior and interior of the Blue Building. We need to address not only the functionality of the Blue Building, but also its exterior, as it presents Cornerstone's face to the community. The goal is to present more of an open and inviting front door.
- Adding a new Student Ministries area off the north side of our building
- Adding additional spaces for offices and adult ministries

What is the timeline for the campaign and building project?

- Capital Campaign Spring 2024
- Design/Development Summer 2024
- Breaking Ground Late Fall 2024
- Grand Opening Fall 2025

What is our goal for the project?

Our current project cost is \$3.6 million and so our goal in the Campaign is to see God's people respond so that the project can be completed with minimal borrowing. We are open to borrowing within our means to fulfill the project goals. Incurring less debt, however, means more future opportunities for ministry in other areas. Because of fluctuations in market conditions and interest rates, exact details of things such as maximum loan capacity will be determined at a time closer to when the project begins.

Does the church currently have any debt?

The church paid off its previous mortgage in 2021 and is currently DEBT FREE. Our expectation is that donations through the Blueprints campaign will provide a significant amount (or perhaps all) of the funding to be used to launch the project.

Will the church accept donations from employers of Cornerstone people?

Yes! We encourage you to check with your employer or others who may support our mission to see if they have a matching funds program or something similar. Many companies offer programs like this. Let us know how we can help.

If the Campaign is not able to raise enough money, will the project be delayed?

Depending on the results of the Campaign, if needed, the Elders will then evaluate with input from the Building Team to determine the best way to proceed with the Building Project. Some aspects of the project may be completed, or the project may be delayed. The elders will ensure open communication with the congregation throughout the process.

Who will know what I've committed to the Campaign?

Your commitment will be known by our church Treasurer and Bookkeeper. This is basically the same as how your regular offerings are handled.

What if I can't fulfill my commitment?

The commitment you make to the Campaign will be between you and God, trusting Him to enable you to give. If for whatever reason you are unable to meet your commitment, that too will be between you and God. No one will come knocking on your door.

Additional Questions?

Send us an email:

office@cornerstonemarshfield.com



Join Us for 36 Days of Prayer

Connie Mullins,
Campaign Committee

Spending time with a family member or a friend is enhanced when you spend more time together. You learn more about who they are and what they and their family are like in more detail. There is even more heart-felt yearning for their achievements and challenging situations.

They are in your thoughts and even in your prayers more often. You probably reach out to them on a more consistent basis.

Just like people, the more you pray and spend time with God, the better you get to know Him. You will know God's heart for His vision for the unsaved, for whom He died. You learn more about

who He is, as well as what He and His family are doing in more detail.

There is more understanding of His life on earth and the goal He completed in obedience to His Father's will. There is more heart-felt yearning for His plan and will for His children – TO LOVE GOD, GROW PEOPLE, SERVE OUR CITY AND REACH THE WORLD.

As we consider our part in this building campaign, please join me in Scripture and prayer for 36 days. Let us seek God's heart with fervor to know His will for Cornerstone's future. You will know He is holy, trustworthy, and sovereign.

Daily Scripture

references

for 36 Days of Prayer can be found in the weekly Cornerstone Church bulletin, the Shout Out, and on our website starting March 17th.

Or sign up for a daily text alert at

cornerstonemarshfield.com

Online Resources

cornerstonemarshfield.com

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Past Newsletters
- Full Project Scope
- Plans & Costs Breakdowns
- Campaign Timeline & Events
- Sermon Series on Generosity
- 36 Days of Prayer Text Signup
- Online Giving Portal

How it all Began

That fall, we began having 'pre-view' services once a month in the Grant School as we prepared for our launch. Word began to spread of what was happening and the Lord began to add to our number. God was at work and we could all sense His hand with us during those days.

Once February rolled around, we felt we were ready to begin weekly services. We had our official public launch on Easter Sunday of April 2000. We were so excited about what we saw God doing we could hardly contain ourselves. God was bringing us families and adding to our number. It was an exciting time, but it was also stretching our faith. Each Saturday night we would set up the stage, sound system, chairs and projection and then all return the

next morning to a transformed gym to see God transforming lives.

God was building His Church. We were all growing and learning together...(and failing sometimes, as well). After 2 years of meeting in the school gym, the current property became available on McMillan Street. Stepping out in faith, we purchased the property and after some painting and minor renovations we moved in to our new church home. The church continued to grow and eventually in 2008, by the grace of God, we built the current Worship Center.

God used different people at different times to accomplish His purposes. May you continue to play your part in whatever the Lord has for you at this stage of your life.

JOIN US ON APRIL 7TH for BluePrints Sunday!

One service only - 9:30 A.M.

A time of worship, reflection & celebration
for our entire church family

Reception time with snacks & fellowship to follow