

# THE CORNERSTONE

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Tim's Tabloid;

We had an inspiring thanksgiving service, as well as a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner last Sunday! I want to extend thanks to Mary Lou Munster, Dianna Jones, Phyllis Norfleet, Kay Mitchell, Darlene Poindexter, Jean Eddy, Sheila Bradford, Gail Wohlwend and all who helped in the kitchen as we served over 125 people!

I have everyone's ticket for Christmas in the Chapel! We will leave from the Church parking lot at 4 PM Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for a festive buffet dinner at the Bonanza Steak House in Lincoln, and then on to the university for this year's performance of Christmas in the Chapel. When you come to the Church, I will have tickets for every one who's signed up.

Don't forget Christmas Caroling on Wednesday evening, December 7<sup>th</sup>! We need six or seven volunteers to bring a pot of soup/chili out to the Church at 6:30, and the rest will be supplied! After caroling we will meet back at the Church around 7:30/8 PM for a delicious meal of the soup/chili you brought plus sandwiches, chips, cheese and crackers, pickles, olives and all the condiments!

Our annual staff open houses will be held Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 PM. The Willis, Norfleet and Vollstedt families will host everyone in our respective homes for fellowship and refreshments! Both Christmas Musicals will be presented on December 18<sup>th</sup>, with the Adult Musical, *Mary, Did You Know?* at the 10 AM service and the Children's Musical, *The Great Christmas Giveaway!* at 6:30 PM. We will have our annual Christmas Eve Service at 6 PM on December 24<sup>th</sup>, followed up by Christmas Morning services at 8 and 10 on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Motivational speaker Cavett Robert once told about attending a 3-day convention in Boston where he had to leave the convention hotel after only 2 days because of a mistake they made with his reservation. He was not in the best of moods. As his elevator came down, it stopped at the 7<sup>th</sup> floor but nothing happened. Irritated and in a hurry to catch an early plane, Cavett said to whoever had pushed the elevator button, "Come on in!" Nothing happened. More firmly, he said, "Come in! Let's get the show on the road!" Still nothing! Finally he angrily muttered, "Come on in! Let's go! I'll be late!" At that moment a fine looking man with a white cane, completely blind, stepped into the elevator very cautiously, feeling his way along. Cavett Robert felt awful. To think he had been so rude to this visually impaired gentleman! He felt he needed to say something by way of apology, so he cleared his throat and said, "How are you today?" The visually impaired gentleman smiled and replied, "Grateful to God, my friend, grateful to God!" Robert was so choked up he couldn't reply! Any sense of impatience he had entertained simply shriveled into nothing in comparison to what this gentleman endured each and every day, living in the darkness of blindness!

Now here is what Cavett Robert later wrote in his column about this experience with the blind man: "Here was a man blessing the darkness while I was cursing the light! By now, I couldn't have cared less whether I caught my plane! But I did. Later that night, I found myself in prayer asking God that some day I might see as well as that gentleman!" This Thanksgiving Day, be sure to remember all the blessings God has freely given you, and give thanks! I'm looking forward to seeing you Sunday around His table; *Tim*

## YM UPDATE

### Past, Present, & Future

Last weekend, I had the privilege of taking a group of young men to the Illinois Christian Teen Convention in Springfield. For the better part of two days, these gents and I served together, ate together, worshipped, and had a great time together. We spent the morning working at Inner City Mission in downtown Springfield. While there, we raked leaves and made lunch for the residents of this homeless shelter. The guys got to hear stories, one first hand, from people whose lives had been changed by God through the ministry of the mission. After checking into the hotel and getting a bite to eat we took in a great conference with a gifted (and easily distracted) speaker, Arron Chambers, who talked about owning our past, present, and future in Christ. Worship was led by the Jordan Howerton Band, and we were also treated to a surprisingly good band called Gungor (last name of their lead singer). It was a good weekend all around. When asked about what they took away from the weekend, the guys said that God changes people's lives. They heard that from stage, but they also saw it first-hand. Personally, seeing these guys "get it" was a great joy to me. There is hope for the next generation if these guys and others like them really own who they are in Christ.

As you may know, the Operation Christmas Child drive ended with enough boxes collected to meet the goal we set for the project. That means that I get creamed! 3 kids will get a chance to throw a pie in my face at the JAM Christmas Party on December 7. I'm SSSOOOOoo...excited, I can hardly contain myself. But really, we did good work getting those gifts to bless 50 kids across the globe.

Along the lines of Christmas gatherings, Family Production takes to the stage to help clear away the post-Thanksgiving leftovers on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 pm. The Carpenter's Inn Open House is December 4 from 1-3 pm. If you'd like to help in the merriment, you can bring baked goods up for visitors to enjoy while watching the parade. Call Phyllis in the office if you'd like to help in this way. Also, if there's anyone interested in creating a float for the parade, contact me by Wednesday, or come meet up at the church Wednesday morning at 11 am for a brain-storming session. The Youth Group Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange will take place at our house following in the staff open houses on December 11. Come bearing gifts and get ready for a good time! Also, the Christmas programs happen on December 18 at 10 am and 6:30 pm. I hope you're all getting in the holiday spirit with Thanksgiving this week and parties galore heading into Christmas. Laura and I put up our Christmas tree (yes, in the special Christmas tree room!) on Sunday, so we're ready!

Blessings to you and yours as you gather and travel this week. Remember to be grateful no matter how the traffic/turkey/weather/check-out lines turn out!

Happy Thanksgiving! Joe

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**  
**Wednesday, November 23 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Methodist Church**

### NEW STUDY

**Carpenter's Inn Sunday School Class**  
**Starting November 27 - 9:00 a.m.**

*Becoming a Contagious Christian*

If you are not already attending a Sunday School class, we invite you to join us as we begin this exciting new study!

### WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

**Sunday, November 27 - 2:00 p.m.**

Anyone who is currently on a Worship Team or who would like to be on one is encouraged to attend. At least one person from each Team is requested to attend. If you have any questions, call Richard Munster, 309-750-5137.

### FACILITIES TEAM MEETING

**Tuesday, November 29 - 6:00 p.m.**

### BAKED GOODIES NEEDED

**for Carpenter's Inn Open House**

**Sunday, December 4 - 1:00-3:00 pm**

If you can help with snacks, contact Phyllis in the Church Office, 962-6491.

### SPECIALS NEEDED

**for Christmas Eve Service**

If you would like to do a special (music, reading/poem, etc) for our Christmas Eve Service, please sign up on the sheet on the front bulletin board.

### LEADERSHIP TEAM ELECTION

**Sunday, December 11**

**Following Each Service**

The following men have accepted the challenge to be members of the Leadership Team:

Deacon: Kevin Schoenwetter  
 Bob Middendorf

### PIANIST NEEDED

Carole Grimes and Karen VanNote are looking for someone to accompany them on the piano every 1st & 4th Wednesday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the LeRoy Manor. If you can help, contact Phyllis in the office, Carole or Karen.

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

This ministry served 14 families on Monday, November 14. The Pantry received monetary donations from the Seed Faith Evangelical Ministry to put towards the Thanksgiving baskets, and monetary donations from Tim & Denise Cox, and Betty Bradford. We also received a donation in memory of a loved one. Thank you very much! The LeRoy Women's Club and Pioneer Hi-Bred each brought in several bags of food they collected, which is appreciated so much! The Methodist Church had a Thanksgiving food drive and dropped off 40 bags of donations. Wow! Thank you! I don't always know who brought in the donations, but do appreciate all that is given to this worthy cause.

Thanksgiving is coming up this week, and this ministry has so much to be thankful for—a loving heavenly Father to guide us and touch the hearts of His children and helping those in need and the wonderful gift of giving and the blessing we receive when we give from our heart and help others!

God bless each of you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families!

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

*Dear Ladies of the Christian Church:*

*The family of Barb Spratt are so thankful for the delicious meal prepared for us. We appreciate everyone who donated food for the meal after Barb's service. It was so comforting to sit as a family and enjoy a good, hot meal and be able to relax, eat, and share memories.*

*What a gift you gave our family.*

*Thank you.*

*Becky & Jerry Starkey*

*Bob & Nancy Spratt*

*Barb & Bill Hood*

*and families*

*Thanks to all who prepared the meals for Wednesday nights. We had a variety of delicious meals! Thanks for making our Wednesday night meals such a great success!*

*Kay & Phyllis*

**THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR**

SUN, NOV 27	EZEKIEL 38-39 I PETER 4
MON, NOV 28	EZEKIEL 40 I PETER 5
TUES, NOV 29	EZEKIEL 41-42 II PETER 1
WED, NOV 30	EZEKIEL 43-44 II PETER 2
THURS, DEC 1	EZEKIEL 45-46 II PETER 3
FRI, DEC 2	EZEKIEL 47-48 I JOHN 1
SAT, DEC 3	DANIEL 1-2 I JOHN 2

**Statistics from  
Sun, 11-20-11 & Wed, 11-16-11**

Sunday Worship	221
Sunday School	108
Sunday Evening Services	64
Wednesday Evening	129
Regular Offering	\$7,467.07
Thanksgiving Offering	1,320.00
Weekly Offering Needed	\$6,700.00
YTD Difference	\$652.05
Additions for 2011	14

**CALLED TO SERVE  
NOVEMBER 27, 2011**

Greeters	Rod & Denise Noe
Comm. Prep.	Linda Vollstedt
At the Table	Richard Munster
At the Door	Steve Bates
Distribution	Mike Mitchell Ed Moreland Steve Moreland Elmo Munster Craig Noe Tucker VanVoorhis
To the Sick	Richard Munster Steve Bates
Nursery, SS	Denise Noe
Nursery, Church	<b>1st</b> - Frank/Lisa Lunn <b>2nd</b> - Vicki Gnagey
Wee Worship:	Sarah Nava Kelleah Allison
Children's Church	
8:00 service	Joe & Laura Willis
10:00 service	Nancy Stevens
P.A.	Mike Hillard
Power Point	Mike Bradford
Worship Team	Tim Vollstedt
Accompanist	Linda Vollstedt Diana Jones

If you cannot serve, please find a replacement.

**CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCH**

**Sunday, December 4 - 10:00 am: Madrigal Singers special**  
**1:00-3:00 pm: Carpenter's Inn Open House**

**Wednesday, December 7 - 6:30 pm: Christmas Caroling/Soup Supper**  
**JAM Christmas Party/Rewards Store**

**Sunday, December 11 - 2:00-4:00 pm: Staff Open Houses**  
**4:00 pm: Youth Christmas Party at Willis'**

**Saturday, December 17 - 6:30 pm: Mary Did You Know**  
**Christmas Cantata Dress Rehearsal**

**Sunday, December 18 - 10:00 am: Mary Did You Know Christmas Cantata**  
**6:30 pm: The Great Christmas Giveaway**  
**Children's Christmas Musical**

**Saturday, December 24 - 6:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service**

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## OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY 8 AM—3 PM

FRIDAY 8 AM—12:00 PM

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## Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship/Youth Activities

## Wednesday Services:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study/Youth Activities

**Our Mission: Seeking! Serving! Sending!**

*Matthew 28:18-20*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

**Tests/Test Results:** Christie Bates' dad, Ben.

**Upcoming Surgeries/Medical Procedures:** Shirley Riddle

**Surgery/Recovery:** Amanda Woodring

**Healing:** Pam Norfleet, Joey Wilson, Lyman Veach, Cindy Ohms, Chris Brittin, Christi Tretheway, Bob Willis, Laura Prewitt, Barbara Brake, Aaron Veach, Jim Poindexter, Lori VanVoorhis, Emma Quaid, Marilyn Grimes, Brandon Turner, Amanda Woodring, Theo Harris, Jerry Rittenhouse, Jake Reeves, and all others who need healing.

**Healing from Cancer:** Frank Anderson, Buffy Brooks, Lyle Hall, Cory Wagner, Jessie Swigart, Bob Hutton, Gary Back, Tina King, Karen Gaul, Matt Hendon, Cheryl Corbin, Derek Bryan, Randy O'Brien, David Brittin, Oliver Friedlein, Carolee Musgrave, Landon Howard, John Coakley, Don Whitehouse, Linda Shilt, Louise Miller, Merlin Landwehr, Vern Corbin, Mary Lavey, and all others who need healing from cancer.

**Protection/Safety:** Military personnel and all others who are traveling or away from home

**Expectant Mothers:** Jeni Misch, Amy Calhoun, Abby Bohall, Heather Johnson, Lane McFadden, and Kristi Henry Craig.

**Unspoken:**

**Special Needs:**

**Praise:** Ruth Harris is now cancer free after her surgery.

**Loss of Loved Ones:** The family of Gene Huckstep

The prayer list is for those with acute needs or on-going serious medical/spiritual problems. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, contact the Church Office. Our policy is to remove a name after three weeks. If you wish a name to remain on the list longer, please give us an update.