

VINE & BRANCHES

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Thank You!

STEW FUNDRAISER A GREAT SUCCESS!!

March 5th, over 300 quarts of delicious stew was prepared and sold. After cost of ingredients, \$1766.10 was raised and sent to Camp Pitt. Many thanks to all who helped with preparation, cooking, sales and clean-up.

VBS COMING SOON!

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CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF CHRIST

4 YEAR OLDS - 5TH GRADE

JUNE 6 - 10

9AM - 12PM

WE ARE CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS! OUR GOD IS AWESOME AND WE CAN SEE THE BEAUTY OF HIS GREATNESS ALL AROUND US, WHEN WE TAKE TIME TO LOOK AROUND!

FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER - EMAIL MICHELLE STALLARD AT DEARLYLOVEDCHILDREN@GMAIL.COM

NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR VOLUNTEERS

Positive News From The Ukraine

BY BOB PADDOCK, MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL

[The article below adapted from a recent post by Bob Russell]

This past week I had a conversation about the war in Ukraine with a veteran missionary to Europe. Since 1991, Tony Twist has served as president of TCM International Institute, a Christian Church mission based at Haus Edelweiss in Austria.

Tony Twist said, "Most of the leaders were familiar with war and knew there was no going back. They were confident Europe was about to be irreparably changed again. But they also anticipated that God could use the war to open doors and cultivate hearts. So, we crafted both a short-term and long-term response." Scores of displaced Ukrainians arrived...tired, dirty, traumatized and we started doing what we could to minister to them."

The TCM missionaries were thrilled when their Austrian neighbors noticed all the refugees showing up at Haus Edelweiss and asked, "How can we help? What can we do? If you get full here, you can put some in our homes." The locals brought food, clothing, toys for the kids and strollers for moms. Yet, most importantly they began accepting refugees in their homes.

Tony said, "We learned the same thing is taking place in other countries accepting refugees. This spontaneous hospitality on the part of Europeans is unusual but they remember past wars when people were displaced. Although most weren't alive during World War II, it's in the collective memory of everyone."

Tony Twist continued, "In Austria it's very hard to get a Visa and almost impossible to get a work permit. But the Austrian government has now eased up on the regulations and is granting the Ukrainians multi-year visas and work permits. The war is changing the culture. "The mayor of our city called and said, 'I see you are receiving all these Ukrainians'...'how can we help?' There's now an open door into the West European hearts and homes." At the moment, the war is uniting Europeans.

According to our missionaries, all this chaos provides an unprecedented opportunity for evangelism. Ukrainian refugees who are not believers are now staying in homes of Christ-followers. Sometimes the reverse is true; Ukrainian refugees who are strong Christians temporarily live with families who are not. Someday in heaven, we will probably meet people who were brought to Christ due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Something similar happened in New Testament days, Acts 8:1 is a pivotal verse in the early history of the church: "On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria." Satan and his minions sought to destroy the church by arresting, imprisoning, and even executing some of the Christians in Jerusalem. The result, however, did not stop the spread of the gospel, but actually increased it.

To learn more about TCM's response and how you can give, please visit TCM International Institute here. You may also send a check to TCM International Institute, P.O. Box 24560, Indianapolis, Indiana 46224.

-Bob Paddock - Preaching Minister

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BOB PADDOCK



REVIVAL

BY TIA HARMON/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

My word/topic for April is revival. I would love to have you follow along at <https://www.facebook.com/evidencetech/> as I explore songs and scriptures that have this word in the title. And other words in the future.

One of the definitions of revival is “an improvement in the condition or strength of something”.

Don't we need this in the church?? As things in the world deteriorate, it seems to me that it's more and more important for the church to arm itself for battle as Ephesians 6:10-18 tells us: “10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Come and be a part of our worship, study and prayer times. Help bring revival to the community around us!



EIGHT THIRTY EIGHT

WE ARE CALLING OUR STUDENT MINISTRY - "EIGHT THIRTY EIGHT" - BECAUSE ROMANS 8:38 SAYS THAT NOTHING CAN SEPERATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD.

WE SEEK TO LIVE OUT THAT TRUTH BY TRUSTING JESUS, SERVING HIM, AND LOVING OTHERS.

RECENTLY, SOME OF OUR STUDENTS WENT TO THE NORTHERN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY FOOD CENTER (PHOTO ON THE LEFT), TO HELP PACK BOXES OF FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED. AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK WAYS TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

WE HOPE YOU WILL COME JOIN US FOR THESE PROJECTS, OTHER EVENTS, AND OUR YOUTH GROUP TIMES ON SUNDAYS AT 9:15AM - AND WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM.

-DT - STUDENT MINISTER



Kingdomkids

Walking In the Love of the Resurrection

BY MICHELLE STALLARD, CHILDREN'S MINISTER

As Easter approaches, God has been impressing on my heart the ways that Simon Peter loved, got lost in fear and uncertainty, and was restored during the death and resurrection of Jesus. It reminds me of the path I walk as I follow Jesus. I pledge my undying love and confess Jesus Christ as my Lord, vowing to remain at Jesus' side ready to serve in any way He calls me, but then the storms of life leave me feeling uncertain and confused. Maybe I doubt God's goodness for me or just don't understand what He is doing.

I'm sure Peter got lost in fear and uncertainty when Jesus was arrested. This led to his denial of Jesus three times, and as that rooster crowed, I'm sure he was heart broken at his failure. Jesus continued to love amid the chaos. Jesus held onto the Father's will and love as He took on the cross for our brokenness, our suffering, and our sin, and loved to the very end..." Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." -Luke 23:34 Such love poured out for you and me! Then, three days later Jesus resurrected to new life and offered that new life to each of us.

What about Peter? Jesus is sitting on the beach, cooking him breakfast, inviting him back to live in that amazing love and new life (John 21). My prayer is that I can offer that kind of forgiveness to my children. When they mess up, just like I do repeatedly, do I cook them breakfast and talk about the mistakes in love? Also, do I allow Jesus to restore me, letting go of the shame of failure and moving to live in new life? As parents, we hope to model love and forgiveness to our kids every day. Help us to walk in the love of the resurrection each day. "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." - Ephesians 5:1-2

In Christ's Love,

Michelle Stallard

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UPCOMING EVENTS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LUNCHEON

APRIL 24TH - FOLLOWING SECOND SERVICE. CONNECT AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MISSION OF OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY.

For more info - contact Michelle Stallard at dearlylovedchildren@gmail.com

THREE DAY FAST

APRIL 14-16.

WE WILL BE FASTING AND PRAYING FOR THE 3 DAYS LEADING UP TO EASTER.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH'S 5 YEAR VISION.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT BOB PADDOCK AT PADDOCKVA@GMAIL.COM



HOOR OF DARKNESS SERVICE

OBSERVING THE SUFFERING OF OUR SAVIOR

APRIL 15TH - 7PM - FOR ALL AGES

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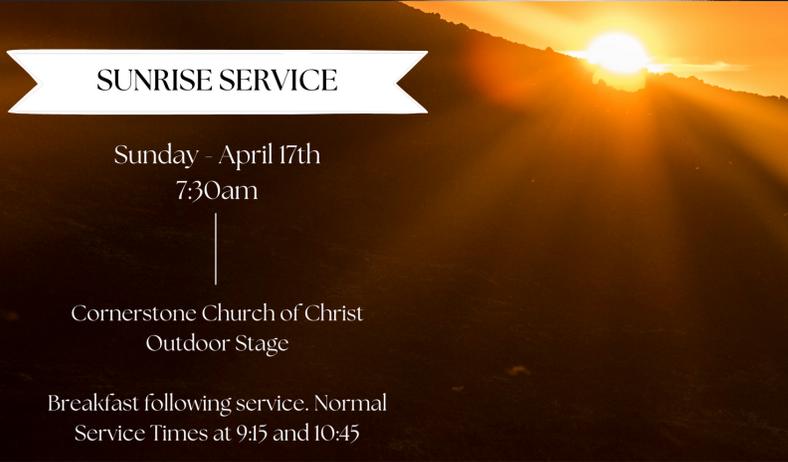


SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday - April 17th
7:30am

Cornerstone Church of Christ
Outdoor Stage

Breakfast following service. Normal Service Times at 9:15 and 10:45



Cornerstone Church of Christ

DOWNLOAD NOW



MICHELLE STALLARD

prayer REQUESTS

Send Prayer Concerns to Daniel Trent: dstrent12@gmail.com or call 434-432-4300

-For Cornerstone to train next generation leaders, reach and equip 500 new believers, mentor 100 students, double financial support to missions, break chains of dysfunction to create healthy families and individuals.

-Robert Ferrell – knee replacement surgery

-Meade Family – recovering from illness

-Mildred Gann – health issues

-Family and Friends of Holly Bailess (passed away)

-Tina Cook - Shoulder pain

-Terri Oakes - cancer

-Ronnie Short - health issues

-Mary Doss – health issues

-Amber Towler – to break free of addiction and to know the saving grace of Jesus

-Tammy Cook – family issues

-War in the Ukraine

-Waypoint Church Partners

-Alex Lisk's Australia Mission

-Government in our communities and state

-Unity among the churches

-World Leaders

-Central India Christian Mission

-Camp Pitt

-Being faithful disciples of Jesus Christ

-Students, teachers, and school faculty in our communities

-Pregnancy Care Center of MHC

-Rwanda Challenge

-Train the next generation of leaders

-Mentor 100 students

-Families in our communities

-Single people in our communities

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