

# THE CORNERSTONE

"Mobilizing Disciples to fulfill God's passion to save and transform lives"

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND ALL STAFF RETURNING TO SCHOOL THIS MONTH.

## COME FLY WITH US!

and discover  
that EVERYTHING  
is possible with  
**GOD!**



SKY VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences to see, hear, and touch! Fun games, cool bible songs, and crafts are just a few of the Sky activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
July 29th-Aug 1st | 6PM-8:00PM

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
Aug 2nd | 6PM-8PM



## **Do You See What I See?**

At the time I am writing this, our youth are off at Christ In Youth (CIY). While they are there, those of us back home have seen some amazing work going into getting CPCC ready for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Which, by the way, has a very special place in my heart. Part of my personal testimony centers around the woman that always lead our craft times at VBS when I was growing up. I don't remember the stories we learned about, or all the fun stuff we got to do every summer during VBS, but I could never forget the joy of that woman. She would be forever surrounded with chaos. There was spilled glue, glitter everywhere, cut up pieces of paper and cloth, cloths pins, paper bags, cups of dirt with seeds planted in them, half started (or finished depending on how you looked at it) crafts that were piled up all around, plates, cups, bowls, wrappers and kids. Kids were busy digging through all that stuff. Some were not very happy and some were even somehow upset, but no matter the day or how crazy things got, that woman just kept on smiling and sincerely loving every moment of serving the Lord with everything that she had. For years, I watched her joy and I could not help but think about how I knew I wanted what she had, but what made her so joyful?

As we see all the preparations going into getting us ready for VBS, I cannot think about our body of workers here at CPCC without feeling overwhelmed by God's amazing love and seeing that same joy at work in the hearts and faces of everyone that's pouring into getting us ready for VBS. God, in His great mercy, has gifted each one of us with amazing abilities to serve in our own special ways. When we allow Him to direct our paths, we shine in His brilliance. One of the super cool things is God has brought us all together and gives each of us opportunities or, good works prepared in advance. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do to bring glory to Him." - Ephesians 2:20. There are Scriptures upon Scriptures that encourage us to be about God's work. I see that same unending joy at work in the lives of those that are getting us ready for VBS. If you've never been a part of VBS, I exhort you to get involved next year as all of us have a part in what God is doing through VBS.

The same goes for all the normal work being done by everyone here at CPCC. It does not matter if it is something everyone sees and knows about, or if it is stuff being done behind the scenes, it all makes our CPCC home a very special place where we are all part of the family of God. Each of us have a gift to share, a talent to use, love, compassion, grace, and mercy. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 tells us that, "There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men." Seeing everyone working so diligently at making VBS a special time for the kids in our neighborhood is inspiring to me. Knowing that God has directed who's here and what we are doing is encouraging. We are told in Corinthians 12:18, "But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be."

*a message from*

# OUR WORSHIP LEADER



Jayme Green

## August Updates

I don't really have much in the way of a newsletter entry like you may be used to from me this month. Things at the church have been pretty busy for me as I continue to take on more responsibility and roll with the changes that this year has brought us. As I write this, I am finishing up a whole week in the building here at 1535 SW Clay. I have spent the past week helping to cover the church offices while Elijah has been at CIY. It has given me a chance to take care of the very long list of administrative tasks that have been piling up over the past few months. It also gave me a chance to get a head start on something else that I'm pretty excited about.

Part of the reason that this month's newsletter is more informational than inspirational is because most of my inspiration is being channeled into another venture you'll get to be a part of in August. I will be preaching the last three Sundays of this month. I will be gone on a mini-vacation to our home away from home in Colorado with Dalton and Rhys on August 4th but after that, I'll be filling the pulpit for three straight weeks.

Although I've started working on all three sermons, they still aren't complete. You never know where the Lord will lead but as it stands right now I will likely preach a two part mini-series on August 11th & 18th about God's will and how it affects our plans and prayers. Then August 25th will be a good old fashioned sermon on spiritual warfare. I was raised Baptist after all. Now I don't plan on reinventing the wheel and there will likely be several familiar themes in all three of these sermons but, of course, it's me so there will probably be some personal stories, some random history lessons, and hopefully The Spirit will show up and be louder than I could ever hope to be. Don't worry though, I plan on leaving each Sunday with my shirt in the same condition it was in when I got there.

I ask for your prayers as I prepare to let the Father speak through me in the coming weeks.

Love you all, see you Sunday.

a message from

# OUR STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR



Elijah White

## Elementary School Youth Group

### “Kingdom Kids”

Pre-K to 5th grade

Wednesday evenings from

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

at the church.

Dinner is served at 5:30.

## Middle School Youth Group

### “Youth Elevated”

6th-8th grades

Wednesday evenings from

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

at the church.

Dinner is served at 5:30.

## High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group

Sunday afternoons

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

at the church.

Lunch is served.

## Time

What causes me the most anxiety? Time, the endless march of time. I often ask myself what has happened to it all. And I'm only twenty three years old! But time still slips away. Day by day, hour by hour, time keeps ticking. It never stops, it never slows down. Time is running out for us all. There is nothing we can do to earn more time. And the worst part is we never know when our time will run out.

“Every morning we have 86,400 seconds to spend and to invest. Everyday the bank named time opens a new account for you and for me. It allows no balances and no overdrafts. If you fail to use the day's deposits the loss is yours.” - Billy Graham

What can I do? How can I make the best of the time I have been given? I know I am supposed to cast my cares on Christ and I have. And He has given me peace, but the fact remains we all are given the same amount of time each day. And none of us know when our time will run out. So how can we spend our time wisely?

I will say this. When taking time to connect with God both at home and at work it always feels like God just slows everything down. I have a friend who is a worship leader and pastor at a church here in Topeka. He recently said that he never has enough time on Sunday mornings. It doesn't matter how prepared he is, it's the same every Sunday. But the Lord has been challenging him recently to just take time on to stop and pray with his team and, on top of that, to have a bible devotional during the band's worship practice time to start the day. The outcome, he explained, is almost like when he takes time to stop in the busyness of everything - it's like God is adding extra time to his morning.

I can say the very same thing. In a summer with middle school camp, CIY, VBS, and a baby on the way I feel like I never have enough time.

But when I remember to just stop and rest with God for a moment., He

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*a message from*

# OUR STUDENT MINISTRY PASTOR

## **Time...continued from page 4**

always adds time to my day in a way that is hard to describe but can be experienced by anyone who is willing to walk with God and walk at His pace. It means to just slow down, and rest with our creator.

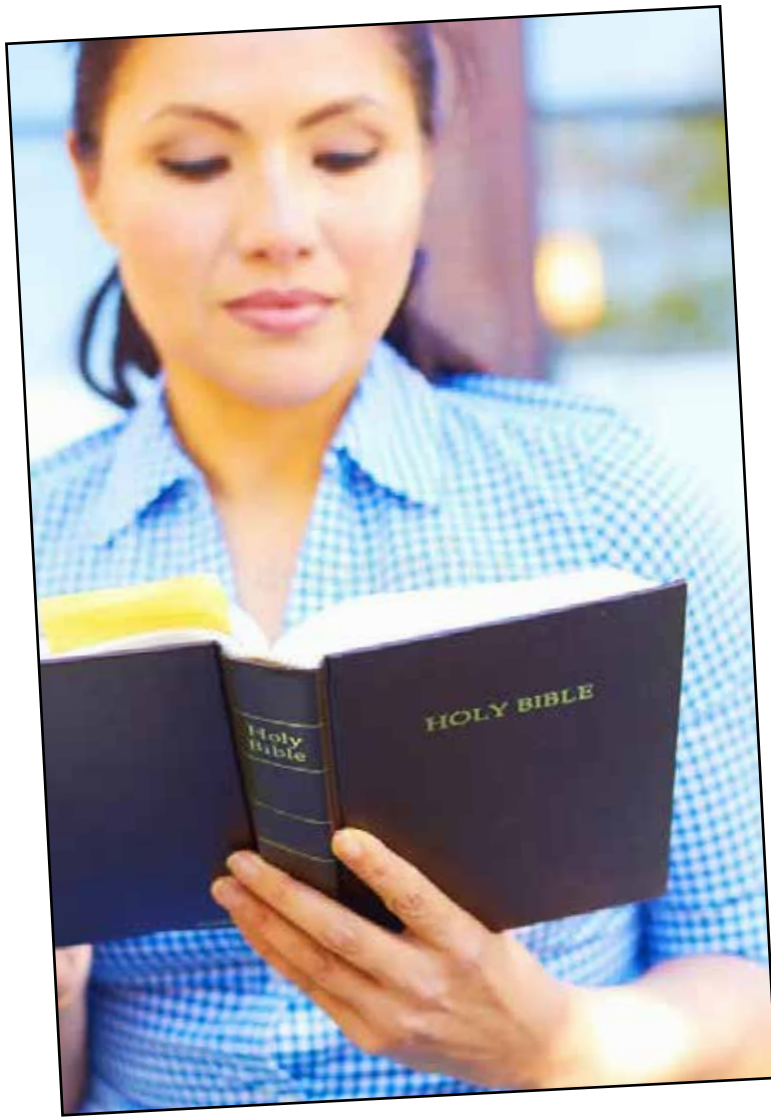
And that endless march of time goes from being a source of anxiety to becoming a source of peace knowing that I will be walking with our Lord for all of eternity and we will never run out of time.

Isaiah 40:31 - NKJV

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up on wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY



## AUGUST FELLOWSHIP AUGUST 4TH - SWIM PARTY

Linda Cunningham's Home  
3239 SW Briarwood Drive  
5PM to 7PM

Bring your swimsuit, a towel,  
and a snack to share!

## SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP SEPTEMBER 1ST - SPEED FRIENDSHIPPING

Back by popular demand!!! Join us from  
6PM - 8PM at the church for the  
ever-so-fun (not to mention, popular)  
Speed Friendshipping Game!  
Come as you are and bring a snack to share.

## OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP OCTOBER 6TH ~ FALL CRAFT 6PM - 8PM ~ More details to follow!

## NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP Possible Thanksgiving Tea - Stay tuned!!!

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays**

**6:15 to 7:30 p.m.**

*The Gospel of John*

*Led by Barb Gray.*

*Group meets in the 2nd floor Parlor.*

## Deaconess' Meeting

*The next Deaconess' meeting is  
Saturday, September 7th  
from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church.*

## Prayer Shawl Meetings

Tuesday, August 6th at 10:00 a.m. and  
Thursday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m.  
Meetings are held at Judi Cox's.

Contact Judi at 785-272-9803  
for more information.



## Monthly Bible Verse

*The Lord your God is in your midst, a Mighty One who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing. ~ Zephaniah 3:17*

## BIBLE *studies*

THURSDAYS - 10:00 a.m. at CPCC - Led by Ray DeMoss

THURSDAYS - 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at CPCC

SATURDAYS - 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at CPCC

To get involved or to help plan activities, please text or call  
Bill White at (785) 207-8622.

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### **Do You See What I See? ...continued from page 2**

*A message from our Elders*

So if you see what I see, which is God's people, full of His Joy, despite all the hard work that has to be done, full of grace, mercy and love, then I know, you too will want to be a part of our family. We are a city on a hill, shining forth the light of God's forgiveness for a lost and desperate world around us. It is not always easy and it's not always fun, but there is unspeakable joy in serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Corinthians 12:26 reminds us also that we suffer as one body and rejoice as one body, "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a part of it."

Thank you CPCC for being my family of God. For sharing your joy and for inspiring me to live a life that is worthy of the calling.

Blessings,

Bill

# CIY 2024



## move Williamsburg, MO



This Summer 13 students and three sponsors joined Pastor Elijah in Williamsburg, MO to experience CIY MOVE. If you are unfamiliar with this event, CIY Move is a 5-day, High School-only event designed to amplify Christ's call on students' lives to become kingdom workers.

The week included dynamic services designed specifically for teenagers, contemporary worship, fun games, stacks of activities and sports, focused small-groups, and moments that our CPCC youth will treasure forever.

To those who supported our fundraisers, donated time, gave of their energy, and shared their talents, we extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for your support of the CPCC youth!





# VBS CARNIVAL

**THANK YOU** to everyone who joined us for the VBS Kickoff Carnival on Sunday, July 28th! These smiling faces say it all!!!



# NEWS & NOTES

## JULY CROSS GUARD

**Sunday School**  
**9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

**August 4th**  
*Lynden Landholm*

**August 11th**  
*Rick Fischli*

**August 18th**  
*Mike Swickard*

**August 25th**  
*Brad Broadbent*

**Sunday Worship**  
**10:30 a.m. - Noon**

**August 4th**  
*Dan Force*  
*Tim Cunningham*

**August 11th**  
*Tyler Crow*  
*Tom Blair*

**August 18th**  
*Brian Stovall*  
*Jason Vinsonhaler*

**August 25th**  
*Michael Kates*  
*Ray DeMoss*

**AUGUST**  
**DEACONESS**  
*Ramona Ward*  
*Allison Crow*

## **Food Donations Requested**

We are requesting food donations for our Wednesday night program.  
If you can donate any of the following, it would be appreciated!

40 pounds of ground beef  
20 pounds of chicken

Meat may be delivered to the church during office hours Monday-Friday.  
The meat will feed students, Pre K-8th grade, and sponsors/volunteers  
for part of the school year. Questions? Contact Elijah.

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## **Meal Ministry Team**

Do you like to cook? Would you like to bless others in the church  
body with a home-cooked meal? We are looking for people to  
join the meal ministry team. Meals are provided to those  
who have been hospitalized, seriously ill or have experienced  
the birth of a new baby. Volunteers are called upon during  
the year to provide a simple meal for these families.  
Please contact Kim White @ 785-338-1378 for more details.

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## **Rent-A-Youth**

Need your car washed? Your house cleaned? Or some organization  
done? Rent a youth from CPCC to do any odd job and you'll  
help send them to camps/retreats. All jobs need to be arranged  
through Elijah and all earned money given to Elijah to be applied to  
the student's account. For more details, contact Elijah at 785-861-5868.

The next Cornerstone newsletter Tuesday, August 27th.  
Please have all items to the office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 20th.

## **Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**

Our card ministry team would like to celebrate your birthday and wedding anniversary with you! If you are willing to share these special dates, please email Stacy in the church office at [stacy@centralparkcc.org](mailto:stacy@centralparkcc.org). This information will be shared with Alison Crow and her team. Thank you!

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## **College & Young Adult Ministry**

Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. at the church. (Ages 18-29)  
Our topic for the next few weeks is "Friendship".  
Questions? Contact Elijah @ 785-862-5868.

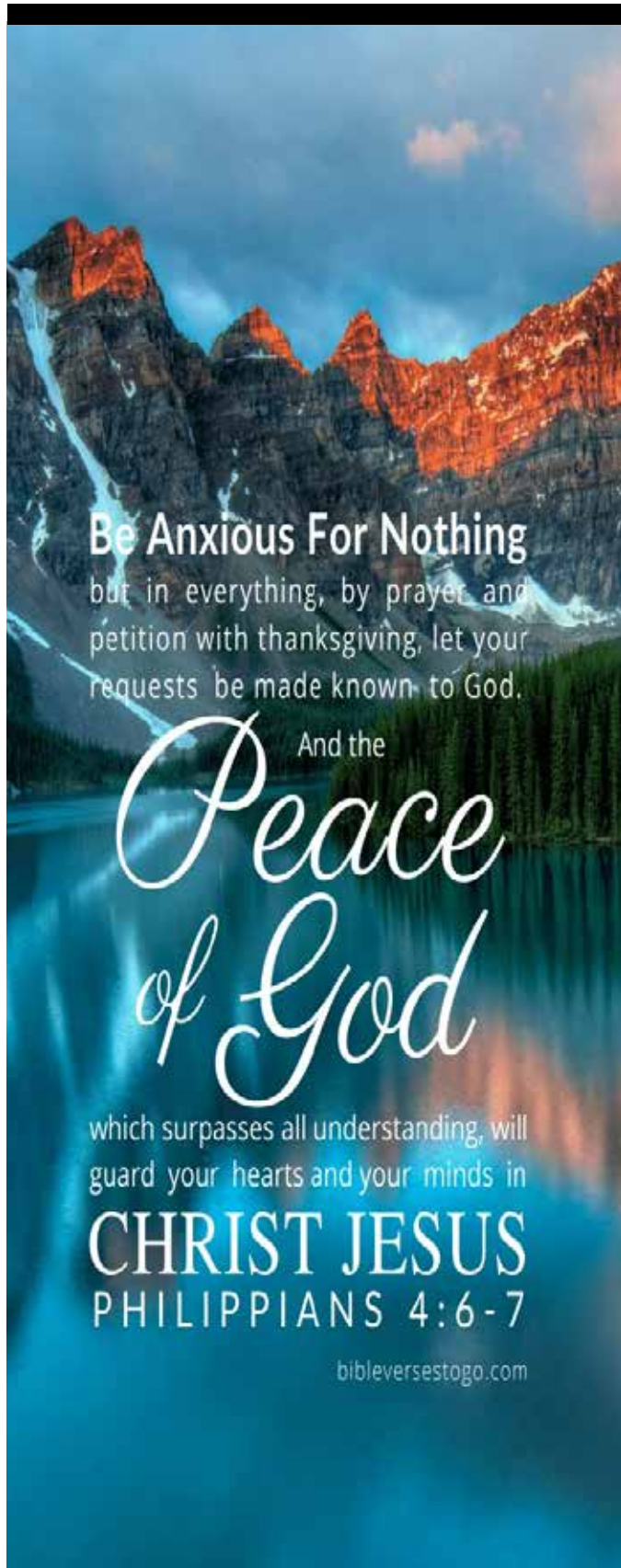
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## **Sound & Slide Volunteers Needed**

We are searching for volunteers willing to run either the sound or slides on Sunday mornings during the worship service. If this is something you'd like to help with, please contact our Worship Leader, Jayme Green at [jayme@centralparkcc.org](mailto:jayme@centralparkcc.org)



# Prayer & Praise



*Our Thoughts &  
Prayers are with...*

**Agnes Cox**

*Brookdale Memory Care Resident*

**Darlene McCarter**

*McCrite Plaza Nursing Home Resident*

**Shirley Wolf**

*Atria Hearthstone Resident*

## *Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting*

Join others at 8:30 a.m. Sunday mornings for 30 minutes, to spend time praising the Lord, praying for His leading and blessing, and asking Him to move powerfully in our classes and worship time. The prayer meetings are held in the 3rd classroom off of the Fellowship Hall and are also available via Zoom.  
[zoom.us/j/5147485908](https://zoom.us/j/5147485908) - passcode cpcc1535

## *Monday Prayer Meetings & Elders Meetings*

All are invited to gather together on Monday evenings, at 5:30 at the church, to pray for our church, our city, our state, and the nation. The prayer meetings are also available via Zoom.  
[zoom.us/j/5147485908](https://zoom.us/j/5147485908) - passcode cpcc1535  
\*Elder business meetings are held every Monday, except for the last Monday of the month, following the prayer meetings.

The meetings are open to members, so please join us!





# Monthly Events at GPCG...

# AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <b>NO EVENING ACTIVITIES</b> <b>LAST NIGHT OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6PM-8PM</b>	2 <b>FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6PM-9PM</b>	3 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study <i>Group meets at the church.</i>
4 8:30 AM Prayer 9:15 AM SS 10:45 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM H.S. Youth Group 12:30 PM 2nd Helpings <b>5PM - 7PM</b> <b>Women's Swim Party</b> <b>Details page 6</b>	5 5:30 PM Prayer Meeting at the church & via Zoom 6:30 PM Elder Meeting	6 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl at the home of Judi Cox 6:30 PM A.R.R.O.W.	7 5:30 PM Elementary & M.S. Youth Group (Dinner Served) 6:15 PM Women's Bible Study at the church	8 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study at the church 6:00 PM College/Young Adults at the church 6:15 PM Men's Bible Study at the church	9	10 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study <i>Group meets at the church.</i>
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## JOIN US DURING THE WEEK

**Prayer Time** - Sundays at 8:30 a.m. - 3rd classroom off the Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday School** - Sundays at 9:15 a.m. - We encourage everyone to join a class!  
**Worship Service & K-motion** - Sundays at 10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary  
**Second Helpings** - Sundays at 12:30 p.m. - Lunch, fellowship & study - Parlor  
**High School Youth Group** - Sundays 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall  
**Prayer Time** - Mondays at 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall & Via Zoom  
**A.R.R.O.W.** - Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall  
**Middle School Youth Group** - "Youth Elevated" - Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.  
**Grade School Activities** - "Kingdom Kids" - Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.  
**College/Young Adults** - Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

**Trustee:** Terry Barnes **Elders:** Geoff Gray, Lynden Landholm,  
Randy Spilker, Jason Vinsonhaler & Bill White