

As we see the fields around central Illinois, it is evident that harvest is almost upon us. Everywhere you turn, you can see farmers on their tractors, readying their combines, or walking their fields as they sense the subtle changes in the crop.

There are lessons from the harvest that can serve us well as Cornerstone Christian Academy looks forward to the day God will take us to our own land.

Everything has a season. Any farmer will tell you that a premature harvest is a mistake. You have to wait for just the right time before you can combine the crop. Corn has to be at just the right stage of maturity. It also has to be just the right percentage of dryness, to avoid the farmer's added cost. The telltale signs are evident to the farmer's trained eye. The leaves are gone off the soybeans and they are just the right moisture so the crop doesn't spoil in the bin.

Likewise, for Cornerstone, our eyes must be fixed on our great God, who is the only One who knows the exact timing for our move.

The season of waiting has its purpose. After the seed has been planted, the farmer can spread fertilizer, pull weeds, and hope for rain, but the actual growth is not up to him. Although he remains busy during the period between planting and harvesting, he also learns to be patient and wait, because without the wait, there will be no harvest.

Cornerstone is in a season of waiting right now. We pray consistently for a knowledge of God's will for the future. We must also be patient as we wait – as our building logo says, "In His Time, For His Glory." God's purposes in allowing our wait are His alone. But in the meantime, we are busy for His kingdom as we teach almost 300 students to think and act biblically.

It is God who makes the difference. The Bible says it is only God who makes things grow (I Corinthians 3:7). Although the farmer is busy all through the growing season, he contributes nothing to the growing crop. That is God's miracle alone.

God has performed miracle after miracle here at Cornerstone. We have pages of history which relate all He has done for us. He never ceases to be completely amazing! He recently added another miracle to the list when He provided an additional 28 acres for us to build upon. We now have a contiguous **78 acres** east of Bloomington on Ireland Grove Road, which will someday house our complete campus! So it is evident to us that even while we are waiting, God is at work behind the scenes to accomplish His purposes for CCA.

Cornerstone has been planted in this community. And we are ever mindful that the most important thing for us as we grow, is that we be "*a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor*" (Isaiah 61:3). As we wait for our next move and our new building, we know that it will only be God who can make the difference for us. In the meantime, we will pray and work. Won't you pray with us, and ask the Lord of the harvest what part you can play in the future of Cornerstone Christian Academy?

The harvest **is** coming – and it will be worth the wait.

Upcoming Founder's Banquet

Our 4th Annual Founder's Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 18th at 7:00 PM at the Radisson Hotel. This year's speaker will be Dan Cole. Up to this fall, Mr. Cole has been the Superintendent of Portland Christian Schools in Portland, Oregon. He recently took a new position as the Administrator at Sonrise Christian School in Sisters, Oregon.

Mr. Cole is an Associate Consultant for PAIDEIA, Inc., an organization that provides counsel to educational institutions. He has held seminars on effective student management which he has learned over his many years of experience.

CCA's Founder's Banquet has always been a wonderful time of reviewing and remembering the goodness of God to us here at Cornerstone. The banquet is free, but you will need a ticket and space is limited! When your invitation arrives, be sure to R.S.V.P. as soon as you can. Our own Sue Chambers will delight us with music, and we look forward to our annual slide show as well. Plan to join us!

Grandparent's Day at CCA

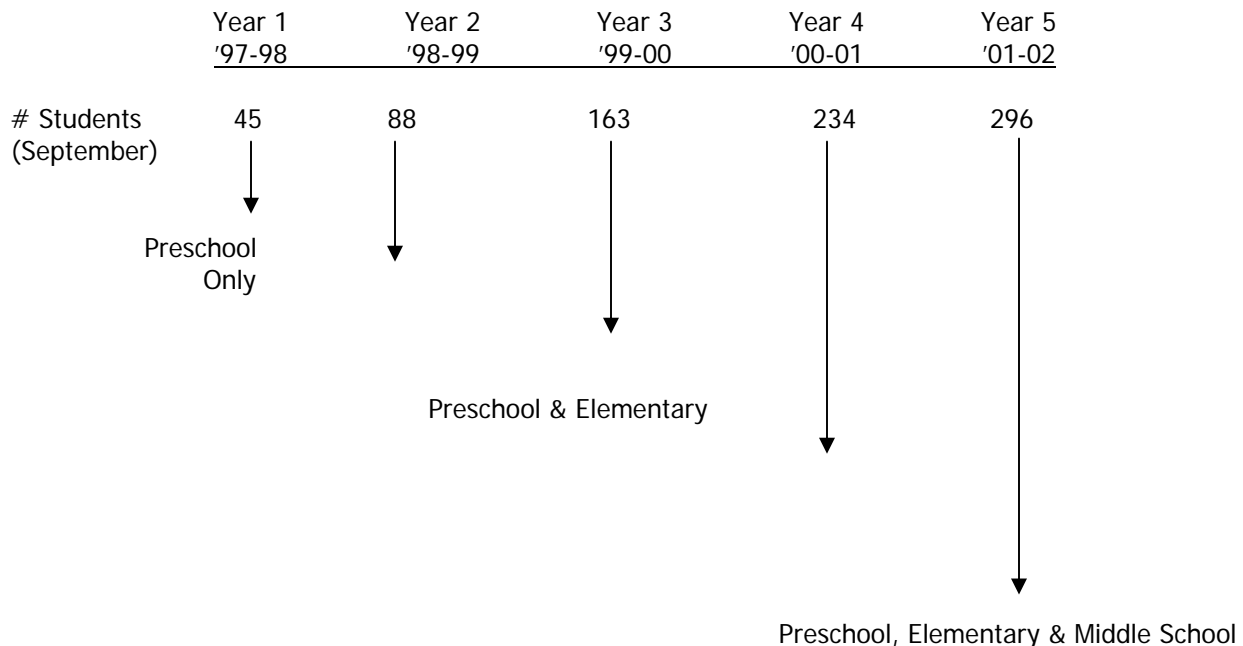
Friday, November 16th will be a special day for our Kindergarten through Fifth graders as they welcome their grandparents to visit. The day begins at 9:30 AM as CCA grandparents join our students for Chapel. Following Chapel, they will attend class with their grandchild, and enjoy lunch with them as well.

Want to be a volunteer grandparent for a day? We have students whose grandparents live too far away to be able to attend, so if you would be willing to be a 'grandpa' or 'grandma' for a day, please call the Academy office at 821-9232.

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