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“Impacting Culture for the Glory of God”

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It's Not Like Any Other Place . . . Remembering God's Faithfulness

The building is empty, the students have left, and the halls are silent. We don't hear the banging of locker doors and the chatter in the lunchroom anymore. The gym is quiet, and the chalkboards are spotless. Everyone's desk is empty and all the classrooms cleaned. The playground is vacant and teachers have left for a welcome break. Summer is here and for the next few months, Cornerstone is officially “closed.”

While taking inventory of all the “stuff” God has so greatly blessed us with, it occurred to me that over the years we have purchased so little! Virtually every desk and chair, every computer and printer, every TV/VCR player, every musical instrument, book-

shelf, file cabinet and even our sound system and office equipment have been a gift from God's hand. What Moses spoke to the Israelites in Deuteronomy speaks to me today:

“The LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey . . . and you have not lacked anything.”

Deuteronomy 2:7

Sometimes God provides us with brand new things. Other times, we receive items which have been used by others. I was pointed to a file cabinet that sits in one classroom. During the year, the teacher had carefully covered what the previous owner had permanently

April Kinzinger, Director of Development

posted on the front and sides of the cabinet. What was written was surrounded by skull and crossbones and gave grave warning to what would happen to the person who removed anything from the cabinet.

***“...along with His pro-
vision, the constant
reminder that Corner-
stone is not like any
other place.”***

As I thought about that sign, I smiled because it seemed so out of place here! Here our staff is quick to share supplies with each other and even quicker to lend a hand. There

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Things I Learned At Cornerstone Christian Academy

Becky Shames, Administrator & the Entire 8th Grade Class

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Every spring toward the end of the school year, I get the opportunity to interview all of the 8th graders. I ask each of them the same questions. I find out about their summer plans and though I already have some of the details, I ask them about their plans for next year and what brought them to their decision. I want to know what we can do better from their perspective. Some of them have amazing insight and it's not

unusual to implement an idea that comes from these interviews. But eventually, I try to get to what I think of as “the good stuff.” I talk to them about their spiritual lives. They are amazingly open with me. I learn who is walking closely with the Lord and who is struggling. They tell me about their prayer lives and their time in God's word. I wonder sometimes if they know that it shows – that there really is a relationship

between how much time they spend with the Lord and how they think and act. One thing has always held true, however, since our very first crop of eighth graders passed through my office: their time in this place in God's presence has an impact on them. How do I know? I'm glad you asked!

As they sit across the table from me, I ask these young

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My Story

Jerad Romine, Senior Student at CCA

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Jerad Romine

My name is Jerad Romine. This past year I was a junior at Cornerstone. My story starts about a month before school let out. Each Friday morning the students at CCA have Chapel, a time of worship, and I'm the worship leader.

One day in early May, Mrs. Hagberg, our worship team teacher, reminded us that if we were not right with the Lord, we should step down from the worship team and get right with Him. I knew from all the teaching and studying I've heard that when you're in a leadership

position and you're not right with God, He will take you out of that position by any means necessary. So I went to Mrs. Hagberg and told her that I felt I had to step down from leading the worship team. My priorities were all mixed up. I told her that I would rather get up in the morning and go to the gym than to spend time in prayer and reading my Bible. That's just how I felt and because of it, I felt like a hypocrite leading worship. So she told me she would be praying for me and gave me some advice.

Apparently, all the teachers began praying for me because I could feel it. I went to Mr. Huette, my Bible teacher, and asked him to hold me accountable to praying and being in the Word. So from then on, he asked me every day in study hall. Together we read the book of John....it's awesome! I got back on track with God through a lot of people praying for me and Mr. Huette holding me accountable. Within a few weeks, I was able to sing and play in our worship concert. God was at work in me and I could feel it. He showed me this year

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men and women to reflect on their time here. Some have been with us since Kindergarten, others for only a year. But I want them to reflect with a purpose, and so I prompt them. “As you think back over your time at Cornerstone, what has stuck with you? What have you learned here that you will always remember – what you might call a ‘life lesson?’” Let me share some of them with you:

Things I Learned at Cornerstone Christian Academy:

It's important to stop and think before I act. I don't want to do anything that I will regret later.

I have realized that I am always trying to fix myself. I am learning to let the Lord do it. It's His work.

I learned about “delayed gratification.” The best things are worth waiting for.

I am here for God's glory, not my own.

I have learned to take time to get to know people before making a judgment about them.

If God wants me to have something, He'll make it happen. I don't need to worry.

God is faithful and He always provides for His people.

Trust in God; things can change. Prayer really works.

It's not about me. Be humble.

My sin affects other people.

Though there were a few more and some duplicates, these represent the essence of what

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Giving to Date:

July 2005-June 2006

Annual Fund:

\$168,298.60

Tuition Assistance Fund:

\$94,499.89

Building Fund:

\$306,835.73

Total Giving:

\$569,634.22

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are no ominous warnings posted, and no threats of impending misfortune.

The file cabinet will stay. We'll be sure to cover it again for next fall. But every time we happen to see the sign, we'll remember the faithfulness of God to give us exactly what we need when we need it. And along with His provision, we'll have the constant reminder that Cornerstone Christian Academy is not like any other place.

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came out of the interviews. It's an impressive list, don't you think? I have known many people much older than these out-going 8th graders who could learn from them even as I continue to learn from them.

Their test scores reveal that these young people have learned much in their time at Cornerstone. The academic and athletic achievements of this group of kids are impressive. Though most of the world will take note of those credentials, I be-

lieve the Lord looks at the list above and smiles. After all, He is the Master Teacher, the changer of lives. I rejoice that He has chosen this place and these students in which to ply His trade.

I pray that each of us will take time this summer to sit at His feet and learn the lessons He has for us. May we learn them well and then put them into practice

For His Glory,
Becky Shames

Living Vertically in a Horizontal World

Christian Stewardship: Avoiding Crisis Fundraising

You've probably received a mailing recently that has a message printed on the outside envelope: "We Need Your Help Now!" Inside is a yellow-highlighted multi-page letter which pleads for your financial support. It's crisis fundraising at its best—or worst.

What would you say if while leafing through your mail one day, you came upon a letter from a familiar ministry that simply said, "We have enough! Don't give to us!"?

Or if on a Sunday morning the pastor of your church got up in the pulpit and announced, "We're not going to take an offering today, because you've already given enough."?

You'd probably say, "I don't believe it! That just doesn't happen!" But that's exactly what happened to the Israelites in Exodus 36, when, while building the sanctuary of the LORD, the people "over-gave." Because of that, "the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work." Exodus 36:7

We can't imagine a situation like that! In fact, usually the opposite is true. But we are challenged to live vertically and not with our eyes on

the world. For Christian organizations this can be difficult, which is why so many have fundraisers and crisis mailings like their secular counterparts. Consider this article about fundraising and recognition from a popular church and school fundraising website:

"For recognition purposes, nothing beats an attractive wall display in a high-traffic area such as a foyer or entryway. Let's face it. People like to see their good deeds recognized and they like to see them recognized where their friends and neighbors can also see . . . There are many more ways to increase your church or school fundraising; God helps those who help themselves."

If you give to Cornerstone, don't expect to see your name on a wall in our entry or a brick paver in the sidewalk. That may be the world's way of fundraising, but we are convinced God has a better plan.

The Bible teaches that if God's people will give according to God's plan of stewardship, the needs will be met and the kingdom expanded. So what exactly is God's plan of stewardship? How do we learn to live vertically in a horizontal world? From Matthew 25:14-30 we can understand what a faithful steward looks like. In

Jesus' Parable of the Talents, a rich man going on a journey entrusted three servants with varied amounts of money. When he returned home from his trip, two of the three servants could demonstrate how faithful they had been in doubling the money given to them. To each the master said, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" But when the third servant came and had nothing to show for his money, the master became angry, and his response was harsh.

This parable shows us that Jesus Himself is very interested in the financial choices of His followers. The master who goes on the journey is comparable to God, who also leaves His people with certain gifts – gifts to be used to further His kingdom.

At Cornerstone, we will not hold high-pressure fundraisers. You won't receive mailings with "Urgent-Your Help Needed Now!" printed on the outside of the envelope. We will however, always ask for your prayers as we trust God to provide for us, remembering that He owns everything and holds each of us responsible to handle His gifts as faithful stewards who consistently live with our eyes vertically on Him.



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that He is more concerned about who I am spiritually, and less concerned about who I am on the outside. I could get up on stage and lead worship and sing those words on the screen, but it would be



Worship Leader and Cornerstone Senior,
Jerad Romine

meaningless without a vital relationship with Him. He showed me that He doesn't need me to be the worship leader.

Another thing God has shown me is that I am surrounded by people that love me, especially at CCA. When I stepped down from leading worship, a fellow student, Nick Chambers stepped up and took the

lead until I was ready to return.

So why do I love Cornerstone? The teachers are genuine and are concerned about their students. The students truly care about each other. Add that together, and you know why I have stayed here since 5th grade. God is truly present in this place and is doing a marvelous work. I couldn't imagine going to any other school! -Jerad



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Fall Dates

PRESCHOOL ORIENTATION

Aug. 17: 9:00 AM - 4-Year-Old AM Classes
1:00 PM - 4-Year-Old PM & Pre-K Classes

Aug. 18: 9:00 AM - 3-Year-Old Classes

Preschoolers may attend with parents!

GRADES K-12

Aug. 21: First Day - High School Only*
Orientation for Grades 6-12 (8:30 AM)

Aug. 21 & 22: Visitation Days for Grades K-5
(9:00 AM-1:00 PM)

Aug. 23: First Day—Grades K-8**

* School begins at 8:10 AM

** School begins at 8:10 AM for Grades 6-8, and
8:20 AM for Grades K-5

