

# CORNERSTONE COMMUNICATOR

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## CORNERSTONE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

*The Cornerstone Communicator was created in 1985 to provide a way for church and ministry leaders to keep the people of Cornerstone informed about the activities and ministries of the church. While we hope that you will be lifted and encouraged by the articles you find in the Newsletter, **the primary purpose of this newsletter ministry is to keep you informed.***

### Sharing our Message

— Pastor Eli

*Cornerstone's leadership team has been exploring our culture, values, and future. We have gotten lots of good information and are trying to process it down into good communication.*

*Who are we as a community? What is God doing in us? What is God asking us to do, or even better, to be in the future*

*We are still at the very beginning of this discernment process, but I wanted to share the start a philosophy of ministry, and ask for your prayers and support as we move forward.*

I love the rich history that Cornerstone has experienced in its 30 plus years in the salty city. Today we stand on the shoulders of believers who have invested their lives into the mission of God in this valley. I will be forever grateful for the ones that came before us whose lives continue to have an impact here.

The threads that have held Cornerstone together over the years are: a strong commitment to the way of Jesus, a dedicated pursuit of Christ-centered community, and a high regard for the Word of God with an open-handedness regarding nuances of non-essential theology.

My family felt God's strong leading to pack up and move from our home in Wisconsin out west to Utah in the summer of 2011. It has been an unbelievable journey; marked by lots of grace, risk, adventure, and God's unwavering faithfulness.

We love the culture in this valley and the Church that thrives in the margins here. We see God actively pursuing people and want to join him in every way possible.

My heart beats to see Cornerstone be a place where God's people live out God's ways with courage, humility, and generosity. I dream of a community that is rich in love and known for its self-sacrificial way of life. A community where all people are welcomed well and Jesus is honored. To those ends, may we live full and free lives.

I would love to invite you into that journey with us.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

**Sundays** - Fireproof Youth Bible Study (9:45 am); Worship & Jr Church (11 am); Eben-Ezer Worship (5 pm)

**Mondays** - Women's Bible Study (6:30 pm)

**Tuesdays** - Encounter & Eben-Ezer Young Adult Meeting (8 pm)

**Wednesdays** - BHFLU soccer for boys grades 5-7 (5:30 pm); Sr High Youth (5:30 pm); Kids Club & Jr High Youth (6:45 pm) (NO Jr/Sr High or Kids Club on 3/28)

**Thursdays** - Eben-Ezer Service (7 pm); BiLT w/Shackelfords (6:30 pm); BiLT w/Speuldas (7 pm)

2nd ~ Templo Eben-Ezer Prayer Vigil

4rd ~ All-Church Potluck

6th ~ Prayer Meeting (7 pm)

10th ~ Food & Clothing Distributions (10 am)

10th ~ Women's IF Conference (9 am-4pm)

11th ~ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

11th ~ Congregational Meeting (1pm)

16th ~ Youth Spring Fling

17th ~ BHFLU Men's Blast @ Sandy Ridge Community Church

18th ~ Mexico Team Meeting (1pm)

24th ~ Get to Know Your Elder Bkfst (8 am)

24th ~ Mexico Olympics (10 am)

25th ~ Admin Board Mtg, Care & Share (1 pm)

25th ~ Newsletter articles due

28th ~ NO Kids Club, NO Jr. High or Sr. High Youth

30th ~ Good Friday

31st ~ Set up Easter booths...because

4/1 is Easter (He is Risen!)

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## Philosophy of Ministry

Loving God is expressed by loving people. We are attempting to create a place where people connected to God can fully give themselves in worship while inviting others into the celebration.

We want our doors to be wide open for people and want our lives to be an active witness to the life that we've found in Christ. A Christ-honoring community should always be growing in authenticity, generosity, joy, and grace.

We should be exploring new forms of artistic expression to celebrate and communicate the timeless message of Christ. We hope to be developing followers of Jesus and sending missionaries with the good news that life is come. That hope is here.

Adventure awaits. That joy is real. That love always gives fully. That love never walks out. And that love has a name. We will be a people centered around Jesus.

Blessings, —*Eli*

## We Believe

### **The Bible is the unique word of God.**

*It is Inspired. Infallible. All sufficient. It holds final authority on everything upon which it teaches. It is the written revelation of God.*

### **Jesus is the unique expression of God.**

*One person, existing in perfect unity, with God the father and the Holy Spirit as the one and only triune God. Jesus is the best revelation of the heart of God and the only way into relationship with God.*

### **The Church is the unique vehicle for God's mission.**

*Jesus came to start a movement where God's will and ways could be lived out and practiced in the context of community. That movement is known as the church and is God's hope for the communication of His message and the practice of life as He intends it to be lived.*

### **People are the unique bearers of God's image.**

*God's intent is to restore relationship with people living under the weight of sin, rebellion, and brokenness. God has utmost regard for people. He searches for, rescues, and restores them at highest cost to Himself. Those that have received life from Him, joyfully join in the search for others at cost to ourselves.*

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## Prayer at Cornerstone

- **Join the after-service prayer team.** If you'd like to pray with people after the service, please talk with Eli or one of the elders.
- **Pray for a growth of a deep love** in our church and a sense of unity and mission.
- **Use the prayer calendar.** It has names, ministries, topics.
- **Pray for the church as we prepare for Easter**—with some new ways to reach out to those who don't know God yet. Pray that everyone involved in planning would have creativity, energy, and focus.
- **Choose a leader or staff member** and pray for them each day.
- **Pray for Wednesday evening programs** that are have changed their format in some cases, are experimenting, and working to reach kids and love them well..



# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Christ be with me, Christ within me,            Christ behind me, Christ before me,            Christ beside me, Christ to win me,            Christ to comfort and restore me.            Irish Prayer (Patrick), part 1</p>				<p><b>1</b>  <b>BiLT Groups</b>            (6:30 pm/7 pm)            Eben-Ezer Service            (7 pm)  <i>Rickie Crandall</i></p>	<p><b>2</b>            Eben-Ezer            Vigil (8 pm)    <i>Blake Pulver</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b>            9:45am-Fireproof,            Spiritual Disciplines;            11am-Worship, Jr            Church; 5 pm-Eben-            Ezer Service  <b>All-Church Potluck</b>            (after worship)  <i>Landon Shackelford</i></p>	<p><b>5</b>    <b>Women's Bible            Study (6:30 pm)</b>    <i>Paul Owen</i></p>	<p><b>6</b>    <b>Prayer Meeting</b>            (7 pm)  <b>Encounter (7 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>BHFLU Soccer for            boys grades 5-7</b>            (5:30 pm)            Sr. High Youth            (5:30pm);            Kids Club and Jr            High Youth            (6:45 pm)</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>BiLT Groups</b>            (6:30 pm/7 pm)            Eben-Ezer Service            (7 pm)  <i>Danjuma &amp;            Danielle Alcala</i></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Food &amp;            Clothing            Pantry (9 am)</b>    <b>Women's IF            Conference (10 am to            4 pm)</b>    <i>Heather Ledbetter</i></p>
<p><b>11</b> <b>Daylight            Savings</b>              9:45am-Fireproof,            Spiritual Disciplines,            11am-Worship, Jr            Church; 5 pm-Eben-            Ezer Service  <b>Congregational            Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>12</b>    <b>Women's Bible            Study (6:30 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>    <b>Encounter (7 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>    <b>BHFLU Soccer</b>            (5:30 pm)            Sr. High Youth            (5:30pm);            Kids Club and Jr            High Youth            (6:45 pm)</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>BiLT Groups</b>            (6:30 pm/7 pm)            Eben-Ezer Service            (7 pm)</p>	<p><b>16</b>              Eben-Ezer            Vigil (8 pm)    <b>Youth Spring            Fling (6 pm)</b>  <i>Nancy Hepner</i></p>	<p><b>17</b>     <b>BHFLU Men's            Blast @ Sandy            Ridge Community            Church (9 am)</b></p>
<p><b>18</b>            9:45am-Fireproof,            Spiritual Disciplines;            11am-Worship, Jr            Church; 5 pm-Eben-            Ezer Service  <b>Mexico Team            Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>    <b>Women's Bible            Study (6:30 pm)</b>    <i>Karen Thomas</i></p>	<p><b>20</b>    <b>Elders Meeting</b>            (7 pm)  <b>Encounter (7 pm)</b>    <i>Bill Case</i></p>	<p><b>21</b>    <b>BHFLU Soccer</b>            (5:30 pm)            Sr. High Youth            (5:30pm);            Kids Club and Jr            High Youth            (6:45 pm)</p>	<p><b>22</b>    <b>BiLT Groups</b>            (6:30 pm/7 pm)            Eben-Ezer Service            (7 pm)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>    <b>Get to Know Your            Elder Breakfast</b>            (8 am)    <b>Mexico Olympics            Fundraiser</b>            (10 am)</p>
<p><b>25</b> <b>Palm            Sunday</b>            9:45am-Fireproof,            Spiritual Disciplines,            11am-Worship, Jr            Church; 5 pm-Eben-            Ezer Service  <b>Admin Board            Meeting</b>  <b>Care &amp; Share (1pm)</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>    <b>Newsletter articles</b>    <b>Women's Bible            Study (6:30 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>27</b>    <b>Deacons Meeting</b>            (7 pm)  <b>Encounter (7 pm)</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>    <b>BHFLU Soccer</b>            (5:30 pm)            NO Sr. High Youth,            Jr High Youth, or            Kids Club</p>	<p><b>29</b>    <b>Maundy            Thursday</b>    <b>BiLT Groups</b>            (6:30 pm/7 pm)            Eben-Ezer Service            (7 pm)</p>	<p><b>30</b>    <b>Good Friday</b>    <i>Grace Fuhrken</i></p>	<p><b>31</b>    <b>Set up for Easter</b>    <i>Sharon            Edwards</i></p>

# March

## PRAYER CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Irish Prayer (Patrick), part 2</p>				<p><b>1</b> Deacon of Fellowship: Heather</p>	<p><b>2</b> Kids Club Director: Becky <i>Friends and family serving God in other countries</i></p>	<p><b>3</b> Deacon of Building &amp; Grounds: Fred H <i>Single parents</i></p>
<p><b>4</b> Deacon of Worship Worship Service Iglesia Ebenezer <i>Answers for seeking hearts</i></p>	<p><b>5</b> Elders and Administrative Board <i>Unity and humility</i></p>	<p><b>6</b> Church Office: Becky <i>Peace in this Nation</i></p>	<p><b>7</b> Pastor Brach <i>Peace, guidance, and wisdom for leaders</i></p>	<p><b>8</b> Deacon of Missions: Elda Davila <i>Deeper love</i></p>	<p><b>9</b> Pastor Brach <i>Because He First Loved Us</i></p>	<p><b>10</b> Church Office: Becky <i>Vision and staff for food pantry/ clothing closet</i></p>
<p><b>11</b> Deacon of Worship Worship Service <i>Great hospitality for visitors</i></p>	<p><b>12</b> Elders and Administrative Board <i>Prayer at Cornerstone</i></p>	<p><b>13</b> Deacon of Building &amp; Grounds: Fred H <i>Vision for missions and outreach</i></p>	<p><b>14</b> Church Office: Becky <i>Love for each other</i></p>	<p><b>15</b> Deacon of Missions: Elda Davila <i>Because He First Loved Us Ministry</i></p>	<p><b>16</b> Deacon of Fellowship: Heather <i>Friends and family serving God in other countries</i></p>	<p><b>17</b> Pastor Brach <i>Love for our neighborhood</i></p>
<p><b>18</b> Deacon of Worship Worship Service <i>Because He First Loved Us</i></p>	<p><b>19</b> Elders and Administrative Board <i>Revival @ Cornerstone</i></p>	<p><b>20</b> Music and Worship Teams <i>Unity and forgiveness</i></p>	<p><b>21</b> Deacon of Finance: Karen <i>Youth in our neighborhood</i></p>	<p><b>22</b> Pastor Eli Church Office: Becky <i>Easter preparations</i></p>	<p><b>23</b> Pastor Brach <i>The women of our church</i></p>	<p><b>24</b> Deacon of Finance: Karen <i>Healing of wounds</i></p>
<p><b>25</b> Deacon of Worship Worship Service <i>Those who are searching for a connection with God</i></p>	<p><b>26</b> Elders and Administrative Board <i>Revival @ Cornerstone</i></p>	<p><b>27</b> Pastor Brach <i>Growing trust in God</i></p>	<p><b>28</b> Deacon of Building &amp; Grounds: Fred H <i>Single parents</i></p>	<p><b>29</b> Deacon of Missions: Elda Davila <i>Inviting people for Easter</i></p>	<p><b>30</b> Pastor Brach <i>Easter preparations</i></p>	<p><b>31</b> Church Office: Becky <i>Easter preparations</i></p>

## LIFE TOGETHER



**Resurrection Day is coming!** Easter is on April 1st this year, but it's no April fools' joke. We will be celebrating Jesus's life, sacrifice for us, and his resurrection, with love, joy, and creativity.

In the past couple of years, we have focused on celebration in the form of an outdoor and indoor party/carnival. This drew friends and neighbors, with a chance to get to know them.

**This year we'll be doing something different**, and with a sharp focus on Jesus. We'll be creating an experience using booths that allow people to enter into key moments such as the creation, Jesus's birth, his ministry, communion, his death, and his resurrection. In each

booth, a small group of people will experience art, media, or performance to bring that moment to life—and will have opportunities to reflect, ask questions, and even receive a free Bible or other materials. Of course, we'll also be having a great breakfast together, worshiping together, and some of the other traditions we've always held dear here at Cornerstone.

**There are many opportunities to help**—examples include helping with booth setup on Saturday March 31, signing up to bring food for the breakfast, inviting others to come, and helping to greet guests. Eli, Ronnie, Heather, or Becky can give you more information.

**Plans are evolving quickly** and it was not possible to convey all the details of Easter in this newsletter. So **stay tuned and pay attention** to announcements in church, the bulletin boards, and Becky's weekly email reminders—and ask around if you have questions. Thanks!



We want to give God away in the very places He's put us, so we're going to gather to discuss 2 Timothy and remember why following God and making disciples matters, March 10, 10 am to 4 pm. We'll watch the IF:Conference video in three sessions, break to discuss the video content (and personalize it) with those around our table, we'll have times of worship and prayer, break for lunch about 12:30 p.m. and wrap it all up by 4:00 p.m.

There is no cost to participate and though it is aimed at discipleship and believers, any woman is welcome to join in. During the lunch break, [Beautiful Uprising](#) will be selling their ethnically made home goods and apparel during lunch so you may want to bring cash or a check to support them.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to let us know you plan to attend. There is also a list of items we need for lunch. Please sign up to bring what you can. Let Lindsay know if child care is needed and contact her at 801 244 8604 for more details.

## LIFE TOGETHER

### Better in Life Together with the Shackelfords

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Includes themed potluck, prayer, worship, reflection to develop deeper community through worship and local mission.  
Contact: Eli or Lindsay



### Spiritual Disciplines

Sunday Mornings  
9:45 a.m.  
Classroom #3

Teacher:  
Roger Martin

Book: \$10.15  
(www.Amazon.com)



Better in Life Together with the Speulda's

- Thursdays at the Speulda's in West Jordan.
- 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. – meet to dig deeper into the previous week's sermon.
- Contact: Josh Speulda



Prayer Meeting  
Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m. Classroom # 1.  
All are welcome.



# CLASSIFIEDS...

## Food Pantry Needs

Quantities needed are indicated in the parentheses ( ).

Shampoo (20)	Jodanis Salt (20)	White Rice (20, 1# bags)
Toothpaste (20)	Sugar (20)	Dry Pinto Beans (20, 1# bags)
Toothbrushes (20)	Canned Fruit (20)	Tomato Paste (40)
Bath Soap Bars (20)	Canned Veggies (40)	Tomato Sauce (20)
Dish Soap (20)	Canned Tuna (50)	Vegetable Oil (20)
Mac & Cheese (40)	Ramen Noodles (40)	Masa (2)
Spaghetti Pasta (20)	Toilet Paper (40 rolls)	Powdered Laundry Detergent (2 buckets)



Financial contributions designated, "food pantry"

Questions about the Pantry? Contact Elda Arana, 801-612-8129

Donations no later than March 6th.

## CLOTHING

These items are needed:

- Good-condition, clean clothing, clean shoes in good condition
- Clean bedding

**We especially need CHILDREN'S AND BABY clothing. Please be sure donations are washed and in good condition. Thank you!**





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## God's love and power

*“What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive and that love without power is sentimental and anemic.*

*Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice.*

*Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.”*

*—Martin Luther King*



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