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*How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.  
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## Administrator's News

By Mrs. Teri Lynn Schrag

Recently, I read a thought-provoking question that seems to have a simple answer until you begin to search your thoughts, responses, values, and ideals. A renowned author asked the question, **"What do you love more – your child's happiness or your child's holiness?"** As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, we quickly give the "right" answer. Oh certainly, our child's holiness! But then in the quietness of our souls, we begin to look at how we spend our time and our money. We look at what we value, what we pursue, where our treasure lies, and how we use our words, and the answer begins to look clouded. We say that we desire our child's holiness and then we pursue their happiness. In essence we sacrifice our child on the altar of pleasure, fleeting and temporary pursuits, meaningless undertakings, or personal gain.

The Scripture speaks clearly about this pursuit and the Lord's call to holiness.

*How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By guarding it according to your word.  
With my whole heart I seek you;  
let me not wander from your commandments!  
I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.  
Blessed are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes!  
Psalm 119:9-12*

This school year, it is my prayer that we seek after the Lord, guarding our lives and the lives of our children according to His word. And that we can truthfully respond to the question with "Lord, we seek your holiness in our lives."



### Welcome new Cornerstone teachers and staff:

- Miss Rebecca Woods – kindergarten
- Miss Cassandra Crowe – first grade
- Mrs. Amy Fleming – resource teacher and part-time fourth grade
- Mrs. Sara Bookless – fifth grade
- Mrs. Christine Goodsell – fifth grade
- Mr. Kaleb Renfro – high school Bible and elementary PE
- Mrs. Andrea Knorr – kindergarten paraprofessional
- Mrs. Joy Thompson – elementary paraprofessional
- Mrs. Melissa Baxter – receptionist

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**CALENDAR**

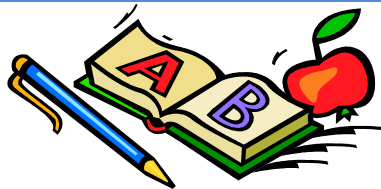
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| 4     | School Board Meeting  | 24 | Kindergarten begins full days  |
| 6 & 7 | Book Covering Sessions  | 26 | Elem Chapel –<br>Pastor Keeney<br>Lighthouse Baptist                   |
| 9     | Back to School Celebration  | 27 | MS/HS Chapel, Pastor Bryan<br>Rice, Christ the King Lutheran<br>Church |
| 11    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of High School (Noon<br>Dismissal)                |    |  |
| 12    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Elementary & Middle<br>School (Noon Dismissal) |    |  |
| 19    | Elem Chapel, Mrs. Schrag  |    |  |
| 20    | MS/HS Chapel, Mrs. Schrag   |    |  |

**2015/2016  
CCS Scripture Verse**

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*Psalm 119:9-10 ESV*

**Events & Info**



**First Day of School**

**High School**

August 11  
8:15 AM – 12:00 Noon (½ day)

**Middle School**

August 12  
8:15 AM – 12:00 Noon (½ day)

**K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

August 12  
8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon (½ day)

**See you soon!**

Plan to Attend Our  
**Back-to-School  
Celebration**



**New Location:** Base Lake, Bellevue, NE  
**Date:** Sunday, August 9, 2015  
**Time:** 3:00–4:30 PM for Elem Students  
4:30–6:00 PM for MS/HS Students

**What to Bring:**

- A plate of cookies to share
- Lawn chairs or picnic blanket
- Bug Spray

**See You  
There!**

Lemonade, water, plates and napkins will be provided by the PTF Committee.

**Cornerstone Christian School Music Department**

**Piano, Voice & Violin Lessons**

CCS offers piano, voice and violin lessons during the school day through our music department. Limited slots are available, so early registration is important. The lessons are reserved for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and teacher approval is needed. Lessons are \$70 per month and are taught through our music department.

We have a few slots still available. Please call the office to register your student for lessons.

**Piano teachers:**

- Mrs. Becky Deese
- Mrs. Bonnie Hartley
- Mrs. Susan Holdaway

**Voice teacher:**

- Mrs. Rachel Aalund Griggs

**Violin teacher:**

- Mrs. Bonnie Hartley



**Spiritual Advisory Committee**

CCS is blessed to have a spiritual advisory committee, dedicated to praying for our school, its teachers, students, and families. We are so grateful for the commitment of this team to the Lord and His work.

- Harold Carlson – Thanksgiving Lutheran Church
- Ryan Kim – Omaha Chinese Christian Church
- Jim Deese – Lifegate Church
- Brad Knorr – King of Kings Lutheran Church

**Welcome back to Cornerstone this fall from the CCS office staff**

Clockwise: Lisa Deese, René Sprunger, Michele Caldwell, Angie Hemsworth  
 Can you spot ten differences in these two photos?



**Score:**

Found all 10: Super observant, 7-9: Well done, 4-6: Need practice, 1-3: Not your game, 0: Come on, you weren't trying, were you?

**Spot the Difference Answers:**  
 1. Eye glasses on Angie, 2. Longer hair on Michele, 3. Car missing in front of building, 4. Lawn area bigger, 5. Daisies in bottom window panel, 6. Ear ring hiding on Lisa, 7. Smaller cougar on Rene's T-shirt, 8. Different bench, 9. Faucet gone on brick wall, 10. Michele's hand hidden

**Book Covering Session**



Please join us for a book covering session on Thursday and Friday, August 6 & 7 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the gathering room at the elementary campus. We will cover new books with contact paper that is provided and tear out consumable student work pages. Students and siblings are welcome to come. Please bring a pair of scissors and a smile!

Snacks will be provided.

**Cougar Care**

Cornerstone Christian School currently provides after-school care for our elementary students at the elementary campus. The program is from 3:20 to 5:30 and includes homework time, crafts, snacks, and activities. The daily fee is \$6 per student and the drop-in rate is \$7. More information will be sent home in August. Please call the office if you would be interested in registering your student(s).



**Thank You**

We are very grateful for the faithfulness of Mrs. Renee Hanson, Mrs. Kendra Williams, Mrs. Rachel Beasley, Mrs. Rachyl Spencer, Mrs. Melanie Lilly and Mrs. Karen Moritz for their years of serving the Lord as classroom teachers at Cornerstone. Please pray that the Lord blesses them in this school year as they continue to serve Him and His children.

**Looking for a way to volunteer?**

Thanksgiving Lutheran Church allows CCS to use the gym during the school day and then sets up chairs for their Sunday worship services each week. We are looking for CCS parents to assist with chair set-up each Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Please call the elementary office at (402)292-1030 to volunteer to serve the church in this way.

**Love and Logic Institute, Inc.**

by Jim Fay

Young teens, Maggie and Marcy, were on Mom's last nerve. They couldn't seem to get themselves going in the morning. Getting them out of bed was like pulling teeth. Since Mom drove them to school on her way to work, waiting for them caused her to be late for work several times.

Mom finally decided to take charge of the situation. (Otherwise known as setting limits by taking care of herself.) She bought them an alarm clock and announced that they would be waking themselves from now on.

She also called their attention to the family bulletin board, saying, "From now on my car will be leaving at 7:15 each morning. Feel free to ride with me if you are up and ready. If not, I've listed several options for getting to school.

"The phone number for the cab company is listed on the bulletin board. If you don't like their price, I talked to Mrs. Lackey next door. She'd like to earn some extra money, and would be glad to drive you for \$7.00. Or, you can call Dad at work and see how much he would charge to come home to give you a ride. I have no idea how much that would cost."

Let's give Mom some well-deserved pats on the back. I guess I don't need to tell you how this situation worked out.

