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*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! Psalm 119:9-10 ESV*

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Administrator's News

By Mrs. Schrag

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6-8

God's Word which is infallible, without error, and incapable of error says this, "God is love." We often view this statement through our own experiences. At times, we question His love, or we think that His love waxes and wanes dependent on our behavior, actions, or responses. But read this again, "God is love." His loving is not something that He may or may not do depending upon us; it is not something He does between other acts of His nature. God's love flows steadily out to each of us in an unbroken, continuous deluge. There is truly not a time, not even a moment of time, when God's love is not demonstrated or given to us. It is constant and abundant because it is His nature.

Throughout our day, we may be tempted to question how God could love us, but as real as this feeling may be, it is a result of looking incorrectly at who God is. Although we say we know that there is nothing that we can do to make God love us more, and nothing that we can do to make God love us less, we still think that God may not love us fully. God does not love us because we are easy to love or

hard to love, He loves us because He is God. God's love is not drawn out by the object of His love; it flows out of God is a steady, abundant stream because He is love.

A.W. Tozer, Christian pastor and apologist, says, "God so loved the world, not because the world was loveable, but because God is love. Christ did not die for us that God might love us; He died for us because God already loved us from everlasting. Love is not the result of redemption; it is the cause of it."

Know this today, God is love and He loves you with a deep, deep love!

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!*

*Rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward to
Thy glorious rest above!*



*Lyrics by Samuel Trevor Francis
(1834–1925)*




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4	MS/HS Chapel, Sam Larson		24	Elem Chapel, Chris Smith, Wildwood Christian Church
5	Midterm 		25	MS Chapel, TBA
5	Spelling Bee		25-29	High School Missions Trips to Haiti & Fremont
8	Middle School Orientation, 6:30 PM @ MS/HS Campus			
9	MS/HS Pep Rally -School Spirit Day!			
10	Elem Chapel, Rich Rudd 	12	No School, Teacher Work Day	
10	Valentine's Parties	15	No School, Presidents' Day	
11	No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1-6 PM	16	Family Night Out, B&B Classic Dogs 5-9 PM	
		17	Elem. Chapel, Lori Schulz	
		18	MS/HS Chapel – Nathan Boeker, New Life Church	
		18	School Board Meeting, 6 PM, @ MS/HS Campus	

Hot Lunch Menu

Feb 3 – Pizza 

Feb 10 – Chick-fil-a

Feb 17 – Runza Hamburgers

Feb 24 – Arby's Roast Beef Sandwich

Events & Info

Middle School Orientation

Please come join the middle school teachers as we discuss the adventure of middle school. Some topics discussed will include curriculum, homework, daily schedule with passing periods, dress code, and athletics. We will be speaking on the transition to middle school and how to guide your student during these important years.

- When: Monday, February 8, 2016
- Where: Middle School campus, 16405 Clay Street
- Presentations and Q & A: 6:30 p.m.

Cookies and punch will be served.

This event is for parents only. In the spring, the fifth grade classes will visit the middle school campus for orientation. During this time, they will tour the school, meet the teachers, and join the middle school students for recess and lunch.

2016 – 2017 REGISTRATION

Student registration for next school year will begin in February. Packets have been mailed home. CCS will open registration to the community on March 14th, so please have all registration forms to the office as soon as possible to reserve your student's place for next year. We do have a waiting list from community members for the upcoming school year.

Mini Cheerleader Clinic

Feb 16, 17 & 18
Kindergarten – 5th grade



More information coming soon.

February School Board Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6:00.PM
at our MS/HS campus
16405 Clay Street, Bellevue, NE

Parents are invited to attend.

JOIN US FOR OUR CCS FAMILY NIGHT OUT *B&B Classic Dogs*

1020 Lincoln Road
Bellevue, NE 68005

Feb 16th, 5-9 PM

Wear a Cornerstone t shirt or tell them you are from Cornerstone.



Elementary & Middle School
Spelling Bee - February 5th



Kindergarten Konnection

Kindergarten Konnection will be on March 4th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Sanctuary. If you have a little one who will be in kindergarten next school year, be sure to call the office to RSVP. If you know of a family that you would like to receive an invitation, please call the office with names and addresses.

For parents of current kindergarteners, please mark your calendars. There is noon dismissal on March 4th. Pick-up will be the same as after school pick-up. Mrs. Cloward and Miss Woods will walk your child to the car.

Parent - Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 11, 1-6 PM
at both campuses.

Grades K – 5 Conferences

will be held in 15 minutes increments at the **Elementary campus**. [Sign up for conferences](#) through Sign-up Genius.



Grades 6 – 12 Conferences

will be at the **MS/HS campus**. Conferences are on a first come, first served basis and are held in five minutes increments. No appointment is necessary.

Please be conscientious of your time with our student’s teachers. If you would like to discuss a concern further, please schedule an appointment with the teacher by calling the office or sending an email.



Cornerstone Christian School has several teachers and staff that have been with Cornerstone for a decade or more. Can you name them?

10 years – Mrs. _____, S _____

10 years – Ms. _____, O _____ M _____

10 years – Mrs. _____, 2nd G _____ T _____

12 years – Mrs. _____, 4th G _____ T _____

12 years – Mrs. _____, 1st G _____ T _____

17 years – Mrs. _____, 4th G _____ T _____

(Answers on page 4)



Inclement Weather – School snow days and school closings will be announced on television stations KMTV (Channel 3), WOWT (Channel 6), and KETV (Channel 7.). Cornerstone Christian School follows the Bellevue Public School District in the closing of school due to inclement weather and icy roads. Whenever the weather is questionable, tune in to one of these stations.

Dear Cornerstone friends,

We deeply appreciate the generosity of the CCS community in contributing money to buy Kindle e-book readers for Caleb, Rebekah and Sara! We have limited access to children’s books in English here; your gifts arrived a week ago, and the kids have already been reading books on them. We are grateful for your friendship, and we miss you all even as we teach and build

relationships with Eastern European and Central Asian university students here in Lithuania.

Thank you, and blessings,
Joe, Lisa, Caleb, Rebekah and Sara Harder



Congratulations



SCIENCE FAIR Winners



Overall Winner

8th grade – Grace Hartley

6th grade

1st place – Kaitlyn Holaway

2nd place – Jake Barnard

3rd place – Gracie Campbell

7th grade

1st place – Katheryn Rice

2nd place – Joshua Miller

3rd place – William Dennis

8th grade

1st place – Caleb Carter

2nd place – Abbie Rumery

3rd place – Katie Goossen



WINTERGUARD COMPETITION

- Jan 30th at Bellevue West High School
- Feb 20th at Bellevue East High School
- Mar 12th at Papillion LaVista High School
- Mar 19th & April 2nd at Millard South High School

Cornerstone Trivia Answers (from page 3)

10 years – Mrs. Schrag, Superintendent

10 years – Ms. Caldwell, Office Manager

10 years – Mrs. Burkett, 2nd Grade Teacher

12 years – Mrs. Gilbert, 4th Grade Teacher

12 years – Mrs. Morrison, 1st Grade Teacher

17 years – Mrs. Binko, 4th Grade Teacher



Mrs. Amy Gilbert

Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Gilbert has been teaching for 12 years – all of them have been in service to Cornerstone! She began teaching 2nd graders while the school was located at Calvary Christian Church. As we transitioned to Thanksgiving, she taught a combination of 2nd and 3rd graders. She did that for two years then served teaching 3rd graders. When her son Andrew was born, she took some time away from work to take care of her family, then returned to teach 4th grade. She says, "It has been a joy to see my previous students grow and be molded into amazing young men and women. God is truly at work in the lives of CCS students!"

Amy and her husband have been married for 11 years. She became an instant mom to three children; 10, 8 and 7. Today Matthew is 21, Meghan is 19 and Jessie is 18. Andrew, age 7, is in 2nd grade at CCS and Nathan, age 5, is in Kindergarten. The newest addition to the Gilbert family is Elias Frey. He is 2 years old and is enjoying the family and having brothers to play with him.

Fun Tidbit: Amy has a half dozen kids and has only given birth to 2 of them. In high school she participated in drama. One of her favorite roles was playing one of the step-sisters in the play *Cinderella*. She loves photography, cooking, coffee and anything that is chocolate free.

Favorite Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.* This is her daily prayer not only for herself but also for her students: to fully submit to God's will and to fully trust in Him.

Mrs. Gilbert is pictured with sons, Andrew and Nathan.

