

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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*So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. ~1 Corinthians 13:13*

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## Administrator's News

By Dr. Schrag, Superintendent

Many years ago, I read a thought-provoking question that seems to have a simple and straightforward 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! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. Psalm 119:9-16*

In 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.”



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**2019**

**Summer Calendar**

June 24 – July 4	Fireworks stand	August 13	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of High School; Noon Dismissal
July 12	CCS Pool Party	August 14	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of K-8; Noon Dismissal, High School; Full Day
August 6 & 7	Book Covering Sessions	August 15	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Pre-K
August 6-9	Teacher In-service	August 17	Arrow to Aerospace Parade
August 7	School Board Meeting	August 19	Kindergarten Begins Full Days
August 11	Back to School Picnic	September 2	No School, Labor Day

**Cornerstone Summer Office Hours**

Pre-K—MS Entrance – Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

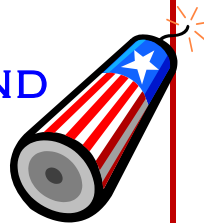
High School Entrance – Tuesday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Offices are closed on Fridays

**Events & Info**

**CORNERSTONE FIREWORKS STAND**

801 Fort Crook Road,  
Bellevue, NE



Be sure to stop by our fireworks stand

**TODAY or TOMORROW!**

The proceeds from this fundraiser support Cornerstone’s Tuition Assistance Program.



July 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm to 9 pm Pool Party at Dowding Pool.

**1500 16th Ave, Bellevue, NE 68005**

Bring snacks, pool toys, and enjoy a zero entry pool that stays shallow for younger children as well as a typical deep end pool.

Look for RSVP as we get closer to this fun CCS event!

**Back-to-School Picnic at Halleck Park**

Sunday, August 11



1:00-3:00 for elementary

2:00-4:00 for Middle School/High School



**Arrows to Aerospace Parade**

in Olde Town Bellevue

Saturday, August 17, 2019

**CCS School Board Meeting**

Wednesday, August 7 at 6:00 pm in the boardroom on the Pre-K/MS level.

Parents are welcome to attend.

# Cornerstone Mom's Group

We are excited to invite all Cornerstone moms to join Cherish the Moment. The goal is to make new friends and lift each other up as we raise children to love and serve the Lord. We will connect through a [Facebook page HERE](#), play dates, coffee dates and Mom's Night Out! We are also planning a Bible study. If you don't have Facebook but would like to know about activities by email, please contact Elizabeth Mayberry at [lizpacerfan@hotmail.com](mailto:lizpacerfan@hotmail.com) or 402-943-9395.



## Welcome Cornerstone Staff

- Kolton Mann will teach high school history and geography.
- Kyle Sittler will be teaching third grade.
- Erin Greve will serve as a kindergarten paraprofessional.



Cornerstone Facebook

Have you liked us on Facebook? Stay up-to-date on Cornerstone happenings by following us [HERE](#).



# Walk-a-Thon 2019



## Mrs. Janelle Benson



Mrs. Janelle Benson is our July Staff Spotlight. She was born and raised in the small town Beatrice, enjoying doing all the small town things - playing community softball, volunteering at her church youth group, watching movies, walking around Wal-Mart to have something to do and spending time with a close group of friends.

Janelle said, "My parents have been married for 39 years and gave me an incredible Godly legacy. I owe much of my worldview and basis for my faith to the way they raised me." She is the youngest of three kids with an older sister, Jessica, and brother, Jonah.

In 2011, she moved to Omaha to go to college, graduating from Grace University in 2015 with a degree in English and Bible.

While at Grace, she met the love of her life, Rob, and they were married in 2016. (Rob Benson is also a Cornerstone teacher). Janelle and Rob have traveled the world together and have a beautiful little kitty named Pevensie.

Previously, Mrs. Benson volunteered with the CCS middle school drama club when her husband was student teaching at Cornerstone.

In January of 2019 she began teaching at Cornerstone - high school English (9<sup>th</sup> grade, some 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade as well) along with Family Consumer Science and Art History. She says, "I have been so blessed by this school and these students. I have only been here for six months, but I feel so connected and at home. I see God's work every day in the lives of these students being disciplined by incredible teachers that I love and respect. There is something special about Cornerstone - I am just happy to be a part of it."



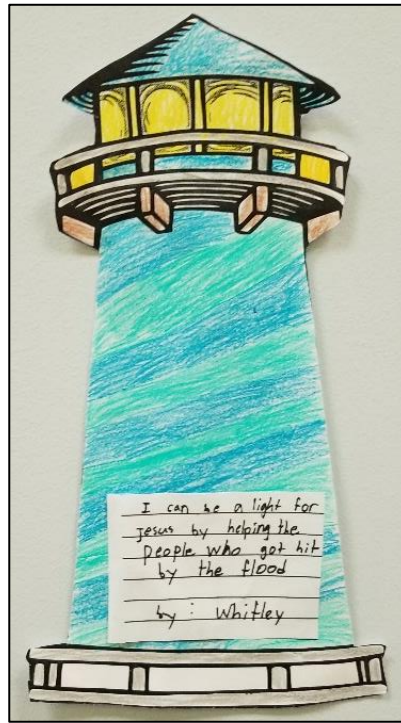
**Fun Tidbits:** She says, "I am a crazy nerd - I was raised on a healthy diet of Star Wars, Narnia, and Lord of the Rings." Janelle enjoys video games and board games. She loves to read all kinds of books, which is a big reason she wanted to teach English and Literature. Her favorite author is C.S. Lewis. She also does freelance creative writing and editing on the side.

**Favorite Scripture:** "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Philippians 2:3-4  
Janelle says, "This verse has helped to shape my view of humility and service in Christian community. There is a quote by C.S. Lewis that says 'true humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.' This idea of putting others first and removing selfish ambition from your focus helps me to center my life on servant leadership as the example that Christ set for me."

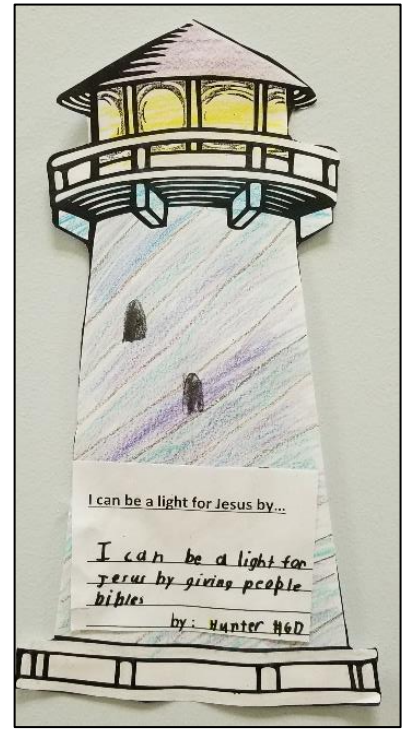
## Second Graders – I Can Be A Light For Jesus



*I can be a light for Jesus by being kind.*  
By Miles



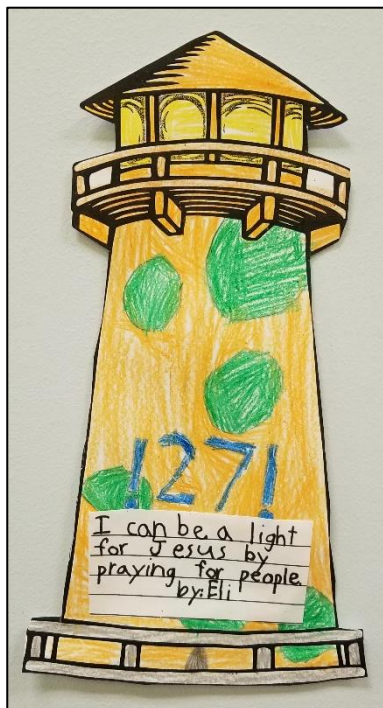
*I can be a light for Jesus by helping people who got hit by the flood.*  
By Whitley



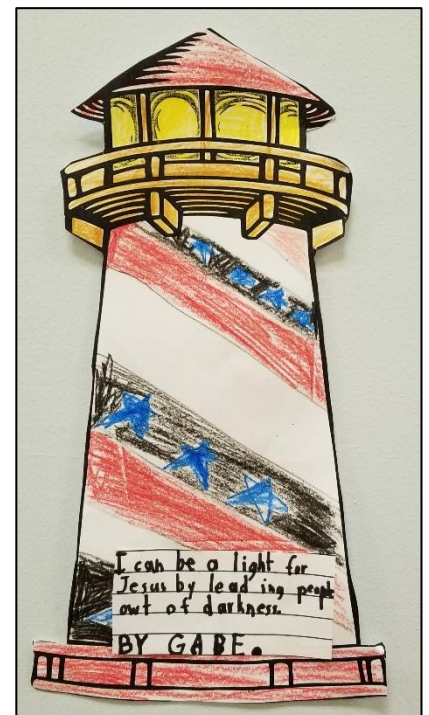
*I can be a light for Jesus by giving people Bibles.*  
By Hunter



*I can be a light for Jesus by giving to the poor.* By Adalyn



*I can be a light for Jesus by praying for people.*  
By Eli



*I can be a light for Jesus by leading people out of darkness.*  
By Gabe