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"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." ~ II Corinthians 5:20-21

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## Administrator's News

By Dr. Schrag, Superintendent

There is one question that you may be asked time and time again this month. "So what did you get for Christmas?" It is a question that friends ask of one another, teachers may ask students as they return to the classroom, and co-workers use as small talk after the holiday. And it is a great question to ask spiritually as well. "What gift have you been given by the Lord?"

Paul speaks of the gifts that are given to all believers in I Corinthians 12, each gift given for the Lord's glory and to be used for the common good of others. Paul continues his instruction on gifts in his letters to Timothy, telling him not to neglect his gift, but instead practice it and fan it onto flame.

Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them.

I Timothy 4:14-15a

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

II Timothy 1:6

And the Lord's words to you are the same, use the gift given to you as a good steward, as working for the Lord. Fan the gift He has given you into flame, practice it, and immerse yourself in it.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

I Peter 4:10

Peter also instructs the believers to use their gifts to serve others and, therefore, be good stewards of God's grace or as the King James Version states, "the manifold grace of God". Manifold means marked by diversity or variety and that is truly the nature of God's grace. Within the body of Christ, He gives gifts of great variety and use, gifts given in His wisdom and goodness.

Paul continues with his instructions to the church of Ephesus, "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." (Ephesians 4:7 KJV) The gift of God in Christ is grace.

So when you are asked this question "So what did you get for Christmas?", the best answer may very well be "Grace. Amazing grace. Unsearchable grace. Glorious grace. God's grace."

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Romans 11:29



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Jan 1 Jan 1-3	Happy New Year - 2020! No School, Christmas Break	00	anuary
Jan 6	School Resumes	Jan 15	School Board Meeting, 6 PM
Jan 6 Jan 7	PTF Meeting, 7 PM  MS Chapel – Jarell Roach,	Jan 16	HS Chapel – Brian Rice, Christ the King Church
不采水	Youth for Christ	Jan 20	No School, M.L. King Day
Jan 8	Elem Chapel – Dr. Teri Lynn Schrag	Jan 21	MS Chapel – No Chapel
Jan 9	HS Chapel – Blaize Smith,	Jan 22	Elem Chapel – No Chapel
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Jan 13	Family Night Out – Godfather's  @ Twin Creek, 4-9 PM	Jan 23	Pastor Appreciation Luncheon, 11:30 AM
Jan 13	PTF Family Fun Night,	Jan 28	MS Chapel – Kelly Deases
	Skate City, 6-8 PM	Jan 29	Elem Chapel – Peter Baye, King of Kings Church
Jan 14	MS Chapel – Paula Lawhead	Jan 30 🔊	KIC WALL SHOUTH THE TENT
Jan 15	Elem Chapel – Esther Beasley, Child Evangelism Fellowship	Jan 31	Midterm

## **Events & Info**

#### Family Night Out

Godfather's Pizza, Twin Creek January 13, 4-9 PM Be sure to join us there!



## PTF Family Fun Night

Skate City January 13, 6-8 PM



#### School Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, at 6:00 PM. Parents are welcome to attend.

#### **Pastor Appreciation Luncheon**

Cornerstone will host the annual pastors' lunch on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 at the Pre KMS Campus. Pastors from the 75 churches represented at CCS will be invited. We are truly blessed by the prayer of these leaders for our students and the Lord's work at CCS!



#### Save The Date

Cornerstone "His Legacy" Banquet Sunday March 8, 2020

Ticket sales start in January!

#### Cornerstone Dress Code Reminder

Jeans with holes that show either skin or undergarments are not permitted in our dress code. Jeans with frays, but no skin or undergarments showing are permitted as well as jeans with patches. Tights and leggings are not considered pants and thus, should not be worn as such. If they are to be worn at school by an elementary student, they must be worn with a long tunic or shirt covering the student's hips and bottom. For middle school and high school, leggings and tights may be worn with a fingertip length tunic or dress. If your student chooses to come to school out of dress code, a phone call will be made requesting a different set of clothes and if you are unable to bring anything, your middle or high school student will be given a P.E. uniform to be worn for the day. Our goal is to set a professional tone so that learning can take place during the school day.



# Frogs, Dogs, and Monkeys!

By Julie Clarahan

We've been exploring the animal world in Elementary art. The kindergartners had so much creating and painting their very own frog. The first graders were inspired by the book Grumpy Monkey written by Suzanne Lang as we drew and painted our very own monkey. The 5th graders did an AWESOME job creating their own version of "Blue Dog", a painting by the artist George Rodrigue. I'm so pleased by the effort our students are putting into their artwork this year.



























#### **Principal Jon Hood**

Our staff spotlight for December is Jon Hood. We are privileged to have him as Cornerstone's Principal. Jon and his wife Susan met in college and have been married for 23 years. They adopted their beautiful daughter, Ella, over 9 years ago – she is now 11 years old.



Jon grew up in Seattle, Washington then moved to Spokane during his high school years. He traveled half way across the country to attend college at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. There he earned a Bachelor's degree in History with an endorsement in Secondary Education. He went on to earn a Master's degree in School Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.



Mr. Hood has been in education for over two decades. Before coming to Cornerstone, he served as assistant Professor Teacher Education and Athletic Director at Grace University. He is in the middle of his sixth year at Cornerstone. It is interesting to note that his daughter, Ella, is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and has been at CCS longer than he has!

Many of you know that Mrs. Schrag prayed for six years for Mr. Hood to join the staff at Cornerstone. We are so blessed he did.

**Fun Tidbit:** Mr. Hood has had a variety of jobs/roles in education:

- a) Substitute teacher
- b) Classroom teacher at an alternative school
- c) MS history teacher
- d) MS basketball and track coach
- e) MS athletic director
- f) College professor

- g) College athletic director
- h) HS Bible teacher
- i) HS athletic director
- j) HS principal
- k) HS coach basketball /cross country / track

Favorite Scripture: The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent. ~ Exodus 14:14



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