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...To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.
~ Jude 1 & 2

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Administrator's News

One of my summer tasks remains the same each summer- to read all the books that I intended to read during the school year, but never accomplished. The stack grows as the school year progresses. The books that are at the top of the list this summer are focused on a life of prayer. I have some of the great classics from George Mueller, Dwight L. Moody, and Andrew Murray to some modern authors like Richard Foster. These books will be insightful, challenging, and motivating, but the real need is not to read books on prayer, but to practice a life of prayer.

The disciples approached the Lord with a question for which we all need an answer, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1) As a school, we focused on this verse a few years ago in chapel and staff prayer times, but the question is never fully answered. One author I read said that in his quest for this answer he learned two things. First, that like everything else in life, we must be taught to pray and this includes practice. We do not expect our children to learn how to ride their bike the first day that one is brought home from the store. Neither, do we expect them to learn chemistry on the first day of school. We expect our children to practice both of these skills in order to improve. The dictionary defines to learn as "to gain knowledge or skill by studying, practicing, being taught, or experiencing something" As with all aspects of learning, learning to pray is to gain skill by practicing. Second, the author understood that the experience of prayer will sometimes be a challenge

just as learning a new skill is challenging. Learning to pray is a process; it is a struggle with a rewarding outcome. The disciples came multiple times with questions for the Lord, and His responses were one of grace and mercy. In the same way, He meets us with grace in our longing to pray.

I have spoken before of the great hymn of the faith, "**Sweet Hour of Prayer**".

Sweet hour of prayer!

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*That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.*

*In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

Are we truly desiring to learn the blessing of prayer or do we quickly exchange our "hour of prayer" for a brief request for blessing, our prayer lasting a fleeting moment of our day? My prayer for Cornerstone is that we are people of prayer!

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. Psalm 17:6



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Summer 2014 Calendar

June 25 – July 4	Fireworks Stand
August 7	Book Covering Session
August 10	Back to School Picnic @ the CCS South Campus
August 12	1 st Day of School - High School, Noon Dismissal
August 13	1 st Day of School - K – 8 th Grade, Noon Dismissal K – 12 th grades
August 25	Kindergarten Begins Full Days
September 1	No School, Labor Day

Events & Info

Smart Tuition Update

Smart tuition is due on the 1st of each month. Please contact Joya Kinney (kinney@ccsnebraskal.org) if you need to discuss a different due date.

School Board Meeting

Monday, June 23 at 6:00 PM
at the Middle/High School campus
16405 Clay Street
Bellevue, NE
Parents are invited to attend.

Family Night Out

We raised \$1519.59 from Chipotle Night Out on Tuesday, May 20th! Keep an eye open for future night outs!



Walk-a-thon 2014 Update

The new Walk-a-thon total is \$80,805. God is good...all the time!
Thank you to each parent and volunteer for everything you did to make this year's Walk-a-thon a success.
We are grateful for the extra effort by the 2014 Walk by Faith Walk-a-thon Committee - Julie Clarahan, Melissa Eby, Emily Edwards, and JoJo Williams.

Shalom Home – Rajahmundry, India

Thank you to each student who gave offering for the children of the Shalom Home in Rajahmundry, India. During the 2013-2014 school year, the students gave **\$1,121.11** to the orphanage. These offerings are used by Pastor Vijay for the children at the home, the widows' ministry, and the pastoral training center. Thank you for your prayers and gifts for the precious children at the Shalom Home in India!

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27



Fireworks Stand Volunteers Needed

June 25 - July 4

Mark your calendar for this fun event and click on the link below to sign up to help

[2014 Fireworks Stand Volunteer Sign-up](#)

We appreciate all the volunteers who make this such a wonderful fundraiser.

All proceeds go towards the CCS tuition assistance fund!

Welcome to CCS!

We are pleased to announce two new staff members for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Cami Hughes will join the high school staff, teaching Spanish I through IV. Mrs. Kim Stiansen will teach part-time alongside Mrs. Binko and Mrs. Gilbert in 4th grade. We are excited that God has called these teachers to Cornerstone!



Archived copies of the CCS Chronicle can be accessed on the [Cornerstone Christian School website](#).



Mrs. Hanson gives words of encouragement and blessing to the CCS 8th grade students at the Academic Awards Night, May 16, 2014. *“With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”* II Thessalonians 1:11-12