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For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5 ESV

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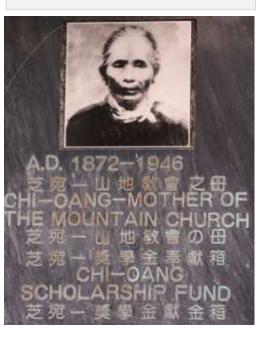
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# Administrator's News

By Mrs. Schrag, CCS Superintendent

On our recent trip to Taiwan, my two youngest, Nathan and April, and I had the opportunity to tour a cave in Yilan County where the Christian believers met during the World War II years of Japanese occupation of the island. These secret prayer meetings were led by a Chi-Oang, a woman from one of the mountain tribes. Born in 1872, she came to Christ at 52 old and studied years Scriptures with the missionaries, James and Lillian Dickson. Chi-Oang was one of



the first converts from this indigenous tribe and bore the tattoo marking on her face of the married women of the tribe and was known for her very petite stature. She also became known for her passion for Christ and His Word and her compassion for her people. During the occupation of World War II, travel in the mountains was restricted and preaching to the tribes was prohibited. The Japanese soldiers sought her out and when her fellow Christians heard of their arrival in the village, they hid her in tea baskets and carried her up the mountain on their backs, bringing her back when they

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#### Cornerstone Christian School Chronicle

2017

Summer

	July 2017
August 8-14	Teacher In-service
August 13	Back to School Picnic
August 15	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School, High School; Noon Dismissal
August 16	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School, K-8: Noon Dismissal – K-12

Calendar		August 16	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School, K-8: Noon Dismissal – K-12
	· <b>)</b> `	August 17	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Pre-K
July 11	School Board Meeting, 6 PM	August 19	Arrows to Aerospace Parade, 10 AM
August 7	PTF Meeting, 7 PM	August 21	Kindergarten Begins Full Days
August 8 & 9	Book Covering Sessions	September 4	No School, Labor Day

#### **Cornerstone Summer Office Hours:**

Pre-K—MS Campus – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 AM - 1:00PM High School Campus – Closed until further notice due to storm damage repair work.

# **Events & Info**

# Thank you

to all the volunteers who helped at the fireworks' stand! We appreciate your service to CCS. An extra thank you to coordinator Julie Clarahan, and shift managers, Jenny Cook, Melanie Lilly,

and Jon Hood.



Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date

Sunday afternoon, August 13

At the pavilion in Halleck Park Halleck Street & South Beadle Street, Papillion, NE

Elementary Families 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Middle School & High School Families 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date



## **Book Covering Session**

Please join us for a book covering session Wednesday, August 9 from 9 AM - 2 PM in the cafeteria at the Pre-K – Middle School campus. We will cover new books with contact paper 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.

#### Thank You, Mr. Deese -

A sincere thank you to Kelby Deese for his years of service to Cornerstone Christian School as a member of the school board. Kelby has served on the school board for over eight years both in the role of Vice President and chair of the tuition assistance committee. As Kelby steps down from the board to further serve the Lord in new capacities in his community, we are so grateful for his leadership, discernment, and steadfastness in prayer.

For those who serve well as Godly leaders gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. I Timothy 3:13



#### Arrows to Aerospace Parade – See you there!

Cornerstone Christian School will participate in the Arrows to Aerospace Parade in Bellevue, NE. The parade begins at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 19, 2017. It runs from the corner of Bert Murphy and Mission Avenue to Washington Park in Olde Towne Bellevue. Text or calls Becky Libby for more information. – (402)885-0708.

#### Cornerstone School Board Meeting

July 11, 6:00 PM Pre-K – 8 campus Parents are welcome to attend.



**PTF Meeting** 

August 7, 7:00 PM Join us for our Parent Teacher Fellowship meeting this summer at the Pre-K – 8 campus.



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felt it was safe. The mountain tribal people would travel great distances to hear Chi-Oang expound the Scriptures and to pray with her. The believers were persecuted for their faith; they were beaten, thrown into prison, and killed for their faith, yet their numbers increased. In 1945, when the Japanese withdrew, thousands of the villagers awaited baptism. The fruit of Chi-Oang's labors through the grace of God and the blood of the martyrs has continued to grow and now there are 377 mountain churches. Chi-Oang was a powerful testimony to her tribe of God's grace and His joy, leading the believers until her passing in 1946.

As we stood in the cave where she held nightly prayer services, my tears flowed. Standing in the small cave, I could imagine the whispered prayers and hymns. I could see the believers entering the cave and the two that would stand guard outside the entrance. Their prayers permeated the damp walls. Her testimony of faith echoed in that small cave. I can only imagine the prayers of great faith and trust uttered there and I was reminded that God's Truth never returns void and the power of prayer. And as I stood there, my prayers were added to that small, damp cave. Oh that I will be found faithful as Chi-Oang in the work of God's Kingdom.

They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Revelation 12:11

#### <u>July 2017</u>

# Spotlight

# Mr. Todd Fester

Cornerstone is blessed to have Mr. Todd Fester serve as our Elementary & Middle School custodian and maintenance personnel. Todd is beginning his second year at Cornerstone.



Todd and his wife, Brenda, will celebrate 26 years of marriage in August. They have a daughter, Rylee who attends Cornerstone and an adult son and daughter-in-law. On Mother's Day of this year, their first grandchild was born!

Mr. Fester served as the facilities' manager at his church in Kearney, Nebraska, for several years before moving here. He shares that he and his wife felt led by the Lord to move to this area of Nebraska. Then, God opened the door for him to come on staff at Cornerstone.

During the school year, his normal workday begins in the early afternoon and extends until near midnight. When I asked him what he likes about his job he said, "It is like cleaning for the Lord and taking care of his children". He added, "It is a blessing to work here."

In the few minutes I had to speak with Todd, I was encouraged and blessed over and over again as he shared many stories of how God has led and worked in his life and the life of his family. If you have not met Todd yet, I would encourage you to search him out and thank him for his "behind the scenes" work. You will be blessed.

**Fun Tidbits:** Todd enjoys fishing, camping, traveling and spending time with family. He has been to both the East & West coast in his travels.

**Favorite Bible verse:** "John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

## What is Red?

#### By Avery G.

Red is the fresh paint ruby paint on the barn. Red is the scarlet velvet dress I wear. Red is the brick house I grow old in. Red is the patriotic strips on our nations flag. Red is as bold as a lion on the hunt.

Red is the crimson juice oozing out of a strawberry. Red is the vermillion rose blooming in spring. Red is the blood-shaded wine aging in a bottle. Red is as radical as the deep ocean coral.

Red is the beet being plucked from the ground. Red is the cherry on the top of my ice cream scoop. Red is the apple swaying in a tree Red is the anger rushing through your head Red is the warning you see on a stop sign.

Red is the ripe garden tomatoes being sliced for lunch.

Red is a kiss from winter on the tip of my nose. Red is as spicy as a flaming cinnamon stick. Red is the rust on the old pickup truck. Red is the copper penny in my pocket.

#### What is Yellow? By Abbie B.

Yellow is a care free pansy petal In the sunny, topaz light. Yellow is happy as a baby chick Eating corn and melon bits. While looking towards the sun.

Yellow is a Orioles bird's feathers Dancing in the marmalade sun light. Yellow is like the dandelion's name, Yellow is a golden as butterscotch On a relaxing spring day.

Yellow can also be deceitful As a fox in a field of wheat. Yellow is the cone on a clown's horn, Yellow is a cautious star Hiding in the blanket of night.

Yellow is a hummingbird's chest Beating hard and very fast Yellow like a trumpet bush's bell Yellow is an amber fog At the gates of day.

