



### Weekly Schedule

Today  
 8:30am Revelation Study  
 10am Worship Service  
 3pm VBS Training Meeting  
 6pm +1 Youth Coffeehouse

Monday, 6/7  
 2pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday 6/8  
 1pm Cornerstone+ Rehearsal

Wednesday 6/9  
 5pm Prayer Meeting  
 6pm Youth Dinner & Bible Study

Thursday, 6/10  
 2pm Youth Worship Band

Friday, 6/11

Saturday, 6/12  
 8am Men's 318  
 10am Grief Share

We are a  
*gospel-centered*  
*multi-generational,*  
*multi-cultural*  
 church family working together  
 to encourage your next steps  
 in walking with  
*Jesus Christ*

Cornerstone Mission Statement

### Tithes & Offerings

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|---------------|--------------|
| May 30:       | \$ 18,675.47 |
| May Subtotal  | \$ 54,529.84 |
| Monthly Need: | \$ 41,500.00 |

## Welcome, Visitors!

*Please fill out the visitor card in the pew and stop by the Lobby Info Center for a free gift. We're glad you're here.*

**Send-off for the Circo family** next Sunday, June 13, following the morning service in the youth house. Join us as we say goodbye to the family and thank them for their years of service here at Cornerstone. This is a shared pot luck. Bring your food item to the youth house before service. Notify Sydney Hoppe at 562.762.0315 if you plan to bring a dish or you have any questions.

**Women's Summer Bible Study** *12 Women of the Bible* begins tomorrow, June 7th, at 2PM in the MPR. Books are \$10. Details & sign-up at the Info Center

**Next VBS team meeting** is today at 3pm. Meet us on the field and bring your white t-shirt to tie-dye. See you then!

**VBS Registration** Get your children age 4 through 6th grade registered for Inside Out, coming June 21-25. Register at the website or at the C-Kids Checkin Desk.

**Summer Youth Camp** July 11-16, 2021. A few spaces are still open for summer camp for 13 year-olds through college age. See Maryana or Serhii for details.



## “Why Church Membership”

Acts 2:37-47

1. The first church described in Acts chapter 2:

The text is \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_

They were continually \_\_\_\_\_

2. God’s word is full of \_\_\_\_\_

3. John 13:34: “I am giving you a new \_\_\_\_\_, that you \_\_\_\_\_; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.”

June 6, 2021

Pastor John Gehring

## What is a Covenant?

By Jeffrey Kranz (edited)

When the Bible mentions a covenant, it’s referring to a **strong, solemn agreement between two parties**. However, biblical covenants are very different from the kinds of agreements we make nowadays:

- **Covenants make two into one.** When two parties make a covenant in the Bible, they are joined together and identified with each other. They may exchange coats (1 Samuel 18:3–4), have a commemorative meal (Exodus 24:11), and build a long-lasting memorial to their promise (Genesis 31:46). At every covenant’s core, there is a change in relationship.
- **Covenants involve promises.** People don’t just join together at random: the agreement usually includes some kind of practical application. Sometimes it means not harming one another (Genesis 31:50). Sometimes it means protecting one another (1 Samuel 20). Sometimes it means agreeing not to obliterate a weaker people group (Joshua 9:15).
- **Covenants involve families and bloodlines.** In the Bible, two parties may make a covenant that is intended to last for generations. The following generations are automatically included in the covenant, and they share in the duties and benefits. For example, David made a covenant with his friend Jonathan, but after Jonathan died, he still cared for Jonathan’s relative, Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:7).
- **Covenants are spiritually charged.** When Jacob and Laban agree to keep the peace, they don’t just say, “I’ll do this, you’ll do that. OK?” They call God as witness (Genesis 31:50). David and Jonathan also call God as a witness between them (1 Samuel 20:17). Covenants are taken seriously, and for good reason: two people are joining together based on little more than their words. They trust a divine being to hold them accountable, which means . . .
- **Covenants are not easily broken.** The people making covenants often slaughter animals to demonstrate what should happen to the one who breaks the covenant. To break a covenant is a serious thing. Jonathan calls on God to kill him if he does not alert David of danger (1 Samuel 20:13). When Saul breaks a covenant, his forefathers swore to the Gibeonites, God punishes Israel with a three-year famine (2 Samuel 21:1–2).