

NEWSLETTER

The Value of All-Church Campaigns

By Matt Wright

One of the most spiritually impactful events in my life was attending CIY conferences when I was a teenager. These weeks are designed around a main theme, with each day reinforcing a single part of the overall lesson emphasis. Every activity of the day would be aligned to communicate the message; this included worship sessions, sermons, individual devotions, classes, and a small group time. It all revolved around and reinforced the main idea so we took it seriously. Rather than just being taught one lesson and moving, I learned from those weeks the value of aligning many different parts of the spiritual experience around a single theme.

I share this method of doing a youth conference with you because it reminds me of something we do at the beginning of fall every year at Cornerstone. We don't go away for a conference, but we do hold an all-church campaign. These are different from our normal Sunday message series format in that we ask you to participate in

several ways. Usually this involves reading a book or doing regular individual devotions, attending a Cornerstone U' class, and of course joining us for Sunday worship and the message time. All of these elements will be offered next month as we begin a campaign called, "True Spirituality."

Based on the book by Chip Ingram, this series is about being a Romans 12 Christian. I heard a presentation about this book years ago, and have been interested in us taking time examine this concept through an all-church campaign. What appealed to me about this book, and why we are doing this particular campaign, is that it addresses the need to move from rules and religion to having a real relationship with Christ. We call this "discipleship" and it is about truly following Jesus with our whole lives. This is such an important topic that it is worth our entire church engaging with this topic in several meaningful ways.

The True Spirituality campaign begins with Sunday worship on September 15. We will have books for sale and will also offer a Cornerstone U' class to discuss this important topic. I hope you'll make it a priority to be part of our next all church campaign.



CYG High School Small Group Begins in September

Starting in September, every Sunday we will have a small group for high schoolers in the CYG room. From 5:30-6:00 pm there will be snacks and time to

hangout with each other. From 6:00-7:00 pm, there will be a time for biblical group study and discussion.

All high schoolers are welcome to join! Feel free to bring your friends, see you there!

Contact Katrina if you have any questions.

Parking Lot Repair Help

Repaving the rest of our parking lot is not in the budget, so we need your help! Matt is coordinating a team to do some parking lot maintenance to help improve the lot's appearance. This includes burning weeds, filling holes, and painting lines. Time is flexible for when to help, but we do need several volunteers. We are hoping to finish this job before the next cold season. Please email matt@ccgce.com to learn more.

Annual School Drive Results

Every year at Cornerstone, we sponsor a school supply drive to help out kids in Chicago through the Christian Service Center. Many kids every year don't have the supplies they need and we want to do something to help. Because of your generosity, we filled 120 backpacks! A big thanks to everyone who donated items as part of the drive. Elroy, the director of the service center, has already picked up the backpacks and distributed them to families.

Backyard Bonfire on Friday, August 23

Let's finish out the summer with a fun, relaxing night of music, games and s'mores before the craziness of school starts. We will have yard games, hot dogs, and snacks. Please bring a chair and enjoy another great night of fellowship. Come out on Friday, August 23rd at 7:00 pm.

August Birthdays

August 2 - **Anna Cuccinotto**

August 3 - **Caleb Wright**

August 4 - **Don Vandevoorde**

August 14 - **Theresa Pudelek**

August 15 - **Nancy Klintworth**

August 29 - **Lety Elias**