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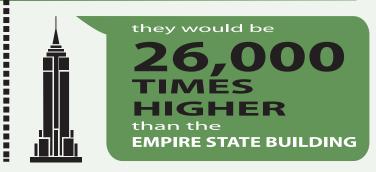
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Love His Appearing by Chris Johnson



"Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:8

o we think about His appearing? Do we long for His appearing? Do we love His appearing? These are very important questions because our answers have great bearing on our everyday lives. I've been thinking a lot about how we navigate through these days as we continue to witness moral decay, justification of

all kinds of sin, and unspeakable acts of violence all around us. Often we are tempted to shut ourselves in from the world, keep the curtains drawn tight and only go out when absolutely necessary, but would the Lord have us live that way? Can we really be the light of the world and the salt of the earth if we seclude ourselves away from the world we live in? 2 Peter 2:11 would encourage us to live in the world but to do so with the full intention and pursuit of a godly life. We must be careful not to shift our lives into neutral and simply coast through our days. Instead let's choose to boldly, joyfully and faithfully pursue Christ with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Let us bind together in prayer for each other and for our world. May we encourage one another with the words of Scripture

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ur fundraising for the year 2013 has come to a close and as usual The Cornerstone has proven once again it

Where Do We Go From Here? by Bill Powell

has the best listeners in the world. Although we didn't quite reach our intended goal we were overwhelmed by your generosity. This does beg the question, "Where do we go from here?" Actually, that is a very easy question to answer. We will continue to broadcast the truth of God's word to our community and around the world on the worldwide web. Of course we will have to make a few adjustments, and then we will exercise our faith.

Hebrews 11:1 tells us *Faith is the substance* of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. The Bible teaches us that without faith it is impossible to please God.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

It is our plan to continue communicating to the Lord and trusting in Him. I would say that it is a pretty good plan. The Lord has blessed this ministry for many years and I have no reason to believe He will not continue to bless The Cornerstone.

If you didn't get a chance to hear the good news, we are going to begin broadcasting on WKWJ 91.9 in Key West Florida. We should go on the air on or near November

1, 2013. Please pray that the installation will go smoothly and the people will be receptive. The programming will be all Christian teaching by the top nationally recognized Bible teachers, and we will seek local programs as well. If you know anyone who would like to have a presence in Key West, have them get in touch with me by calling (386) 756-9094.

One more announcement is that we are really close to getting a construction permit for a translator in St. Augustine. This will give us a solid signal that will cover the heart of St. Augustine. The incredible thing is that none of these additions will require us to increase our staff. They will all run right here from our Port Orange studios.

To all who have given to The Cornerstone ministry in the past, present or future, your gifts have made a difference in the hearts, minds and eternity of more people than we will ever know this side of heaven. God bless you all in your businesses, families and spiritual lives.

You all are truly the best listeners in the world.



Save the Dates

Fall Festivals

Check our community bulletin board at wilu.org often this month to learn about fall festivals taking place throughout our community. The bulletin board will be updated as new events are made known



October 5

Port Orange Family Days

Stop by our booth in front of the rides for giveaways, fun stuff for kids, water and sodas. Play a game and win a prize!

October 14 Columbus Day

Prayer Corner

As we work to get our new Key West station on the air, please pray for us. There are so many details, many of which have been in the works for several months. This station requires some new functions we have not needed to implement before, and the distance presents challenges as well. We need many prayers of faith for the technical and software aspects, and for the area to be receptive to its only fully functioning Christian radio station.



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In the Zone by Donna Bramlett



our comfort zone – it is only the first step in the right direction.

So many are going through extremely difficult situations. Our prayer list on Thursday mornings has lengthened over what it was a year ago, with serious things like cancer, a dangerous pregnancy, raging infections and escalating hospital bills. These tragedies and trials rattle the comfort zones of those suffering and those praying for them. I found myself expressing my frustration to the Lord about lifting up so many prayers and seeing so comparatively little response. Not surprisingly, He has directed my steps on a slow journey through the book of Job, and what I saw is that while Job's life became heart-wrenchingly uncomfortable, he managed to maintain a comfort zone, a way of perceiving life and health and tragedy and God that he clung to tenaciously. Through devastating pain, rejection, contempt, and isolation, he did not turn away from God, but he did accuse Him of not fitting the God-mold.

ecoming uncom- Then there was Jonah and his challenges, fortable doesn't through which he too held doggedly to his mean we have left God-mold, even though he knew God would not submit to it. He sat on a hill and pouted about it. There is no indication Jonah ever left his comfort zone, but Job on the other hand - he was never the same. God demanded answers of Job repeatedly until Job realized he had none. God revealed His vastness and timelessness, the fullness of which could never fit some concocted, manmade mold. Job bowed himself before this all-knowing, immeasurable God in repentance and humility, and when he stood up again he had a whole new perspective. Just a small example is toward the end of the last chapter. Of all Job's twenty children, only three are named – the daughters born to him after his restoration. He gave them an inheritance with their brothers and esteemed them in a way that ran completely against the culture and times. Where did that come from, that new perspective and the courage to do things so differently? "I had heard of you ... but now my eye sees you." (Job 42:5) He saw God and found a new, very real comfort in the majesty and goodness of God. May we all find such comfort in our hardships, whether we understand them or not.



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and a frequent extension of brotherly kindness to those God brings in our path. Finally, may we never be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ but instead share it freely and courageously, remembering the good news of Jesus is in fact the power of God unto salvation! Let us love His appearing by deliberately seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. This pursuit of Christ will certainly cause us to stick out in a world gone mad but so too does a full moon, with its gleaming light, stand out in the midst of a dark night sky beckoning all who see to flee the darkness and look full into its marvelous light. As we reflect the light of Christ into this dark world, let us love His soon appearing knowing that our lives are His, so yield and submit to the Lord that He might use us to greatly bring glory to Himself!

Walk On by Edie Schmidt



hen I was a kid a stick of gum was a very big deal. The only was half a stick because that meant you had a friend to share it. My best friend was the fairest in the land, not in the fairy tale sense. When we split a stick of gum she was

meticulous about dividing it in the fairest way. In fact, she was so honest that if she tore the stick in two and half was taller than the other, she would bite it off until they were both exactly the I couldn't help but look at the number representing new people same size, (even if she had to bite both pieces multiple times). I will never forget lauding her integrity to my older brother, only to have him explain to me what was really happening. It was like my innocent eyes had been opened. Suddenly and for the first time in my life, I had distrust toward my friend.

It's too bad we don't share sticks of gum with our new friends as grownups. We could tell a lot about one another right from the start. Currently I am in the process of building several new friendships, and I have to say, it's a little scary. I have to decide what to keep and what to share. If I share too much too soon, will I frighten

them away? If I don't share enough to begin to be vulnerable will they think I'm shallow? And when they get to know me, really know thing better than a stick of gum me, will they reject me? What will be the divider between us? Will it be our views of parenting, politics, pet vaccines?

> Will the fact that we are family-in-Christ be enough to make us maintain our relationships or will our past baggage weigh us down to the point that we can't walk through life together? As I sat staring at the computer monitor during last month's Make-Up-A-Thon, partnering with us. Over the years, we have seen friends come and go. Too many times when they go, they leave us wondering what happened. Did we offend them? Were we too much of this or not enough of that? Why wasn't the fact that we are family-in-Christ enough to hold us together? For those of you who are seasoned Cornerstone partners and for those of you who are new, we want our relationships to continue. When you can give and when you can't, when you can volunteer and when you can't, when life is good and when it's not, let's not part ways. Together, we are travelling this path of faith. Together, let's walk on.



The most wonderful time of the year! We really love Operation Christmas Child, and so do many of our listeners. This wonderfully clever ministry collects shoeboxes full of toys, clothes, shoes, school supplies, and all sorts of little blessings for children around the world. The Cornerstone has been a collection hub for our region for about 15 years, and we never get tired of doing it! Thousands of shoeboxes flow through our doors each year, and Super Volunteer Wayne crates all of them for shipment to the collection facility in North Carolina. (It's his super power, and we just watch in amazement.) Last year, our region collected 10,829 boxes, and the number increases every year.

We have enclosed a brochure in this newsletter with a list of gift ideas. There is also a label for your box to indicate whether it is for a boy or girl and the age group. You can even send a picture of you and your family and your address, and you might get a thankyou letter. Samaritan's purse asks for \$7 per box to cover shipping costs.

Try something fun this year and follow your box around the world! If you pay the shipping fee online you can print out a label with a barcode. Then OCC will send you an email to tell you where your box found a home!