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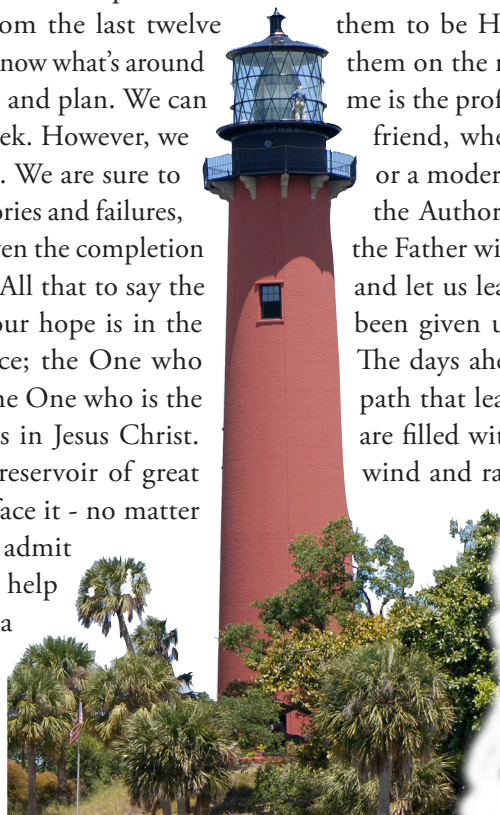


I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2 (ESV)

Happy New Year! 2013 has begun and with it comes mystery, wonder, anticipation and questions. If there is anything I have learned from the last twelve months, I have learned that we never know what's around the next corner. Sure we can forecast and plan. We can hope and dream; we can pray and seek. However, we simply do not know what lies ahead. We are sure to have many ups and downs, some victories and failures, some unforeseen events and maybe even the completion of some long range goals we've had. All that to say the days ahead are still unknown, but our hope is in the One who transcends time and space; the One who knows the beginning and the end; the One who is the beginning and the end. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. The words in Psalm 121:1-2 are a reservoir of great comfort to us humans because let's face it - no matter what we are going through, we must admit that we need help. We need God's help specifically. The psalmist expresses a song of hope when he writes, "My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." God is the Creator and Sustainer of all things, and it is unto Him that we

are instructed to look. Hymn writer Keith Getty told me that the Old Testament saints would sing the Psalms to learn about God. He and his wife Kristen are committed to writing songs for today's Christians who, while traveling through this life, need refrains filled with Gospel hope that will remind them of the wonderful and awesome God Who has called them out of darkness and into His marvelous light; Who has called them to be His sons and daughters; and Who has placed them on the narrow path that leads to eternal life. This for me is the profound definition of music with a message. My friend, whether we are singing the Psalms of Scripture or a modern chorus, let us in every way look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Let us look unto the Father with whom we have peace through Jesus Christ, and let us lean upon the indwelling Holy Spirit Who has been given us as a comforter and conductor of our life. The days ahead for the Christian are daily travels on the path that leads to an eternal home in heaven. Some days are filled with sunshine and others dark clouds and even wind and rain, but all are promised with the surety that God is with us.

In the year ahead The Cornerstone promises to be a beacon of light that will faithfully point you and your family towards the hope of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the privilege of serving you in this way, and please pray that God will continue to guide us as we look to Him and serve in His ministry here. Happy New Year everyone!



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Happy New Year

by Bill Powell



When I was a kid (actually when my kids were kids) it was customary to wish everybody a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I don't hear "Happy New Year" too much these days. Let's face it; as Christians we are seeing the America we once knew disappearing at an alarming rate. All of us here at The Cornerstone do wish you a Happy New Year. This past year had many ups and many downs. As I write this the shootings at Sandy Hook school is still fresh and breaks our hearts.

I hear everyone in the media trying to make sense of this and other tragedies as they search for solutions. Another one of those aspects of our culture that seems missing that was so prevalent when I was growing up is that there is a cause for every effect. It seems everyone seeks to treat the effect not the cause. We are living in a society that at every turn seeks to eradicate God and the principles written in His word. I read something on Facebook a few weeks ago that came to mind with the recent events. Someone asked "Why did God allow this to happen in our schools?" and the reply was "God is not allowed in our schools. He is not allowed in our government and courts. He is not allowed in the public square or in our businesses. A small number of people complain they are offended if someone prays before a football game, commencement or at a city hall."

The cause of the problem is the sinfulness of man and the solution is to follow Christ. The solution is to unify around the principles laid out by our Creator. He made heaven and earth and He alone has the answers we all seek,

but we must seek Him. I have just finished writing a book and it is available on iBooks, Kindle, Nook, eBookpie, Kobo eBooks, and Copia eBooks. The title is [I Dare You to Read This Book](#).

The reason for the book is to challenge the lost to think about what they believe and why. Sorry for the shameless plug but the book was written to try to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ. I address the core of what is happening to our society and why. I then seek to lead the reader to Christ. If we as a nation do not turn we will only continue to see evil acts like that at Sandy Hook Elementary.

To reach and teach the things of God, this is our purpose at The Cornerstone. For all that have ears to hear, it is our desire in all that we do to reach and teach. We must stick together as brothers and sisters in Christ and to be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us. We must be examples in our conduct and be educated in the Scriptures. Too often our actions turn people away. We must let our lights shine and look ahead until Christ comes to relieve this planet from the troubles it brings on itself. Thank you to everyone who sees and participates in this cause. Thank the Lord for He is worthy of our praise.



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Save the Dates

March 19 – 22

Sharathon

Prayer Corner

As times grow more challenging, some are finding it harder and harder to walk out their faith. Pray that we do not become faint in well-doing. Ask God to shower grace on the saints to stand together as a people, firm in our faith, and unshaken by circumstances.



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Programmer of the Month

INSIGHT FOR LIVING
CHUCK SWINDOLL

WJLU/WJLH FM
MONDAY-FRIDAY AT 8:30 AM
& 10:30 PM
WMFJ AM
MONDAY-FRIDAY AT 7:00 AM,
SUNDAY AT 2:00 PM
WEBSITE -
HTTP://WWW.INSIGHT.ORG/

The Cornerstone offers a wide variety of local and national programming designed to nourish and enrich believers and beckon the lost to the Savior. It is not unusual for us to hear “I didn’t know I could listen to THAT program on the radio!” So each month we will introduce you to a different program and hopefully inspire you to catch their broadcast.

While its offices are in Plano, Texas, the ministry of Insight for Living has reached far and wide since its first radio broadcast in 1979. This solid ministry was started by Chuck Swindoll, and it has since expanded from the radio to include a biblically based counseling service, Bible study guides, books, compact discs, MP3s, and other materials to communicate biblical truth and its application.

Chuck Swindoll preaches with accuracy, clarity, and practicality. He and his team are “committed to excellence in communicating the truths of Scripture and the person of Jesus Christ in an accurate, clear, and practical manner so that people will come to an understanding of God’s plan for their lives, as well as their significant role as authentic Christians in a needy, hostile, and desperate world.”

Insight for Living was one of the first broadcasters featured on The Cornerstone, and they continue to bless our listeners every day. Check out their website for archived programs and their many other ministries.

A New Hero for a New Year by Donna Crowley



I admire many heroes of the Bible, and David has always been on the top on my list. But as I read David’s story again, I’m warming to a new hero. His story is woven through the last half of 1 Samuel, though his stellar character is almost marginalized. Jonathan, David’s closest friend, was amazing! When facing an almost impenetrable enemy fortress, Jonathan said to his armor bearer, “Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few.” Then in a bold act of heroism, he led his armor bearer up a rocky crag and the two of them defeated an entire garrison.

He had the admiration of the people, too. After unknowingly violating one of his father’s reckless decrees, he stood boldly and said, “Here I am; I will die,” but the people would not stand for it. They intervened and “ransomed Jonathan, so that he did not die.”

When David hit the wall in 1 Samuel 20 and was greatly distressed, he ran to Jonathan and said, “Why me? What have I done? I’m a dead man!” Jonathan basically replied, “Not while I’m around!” He encouraged David, reassuring him that he had his back. Then he made David stop and think, to come up with a plan. Not only was this shrewd – nothing brings a person out of a panic like having to think rationally – but it was tremendously selfless. Jonathan knew that David would not only displace his father as king, but he would prevent Jonathan from ever taking the throne. Jonathan stepped out of himself to offer a word to sustain the weary, to strengthen weak knees and drooping hands. Later, in unparalleled humility he swore his allegiance to David, offering to serve him when God gave David the throne.

Ironically, Jonathan would have made an incredible king. He was a man of deep and active faith, of courage, humility, and righteousness. He could have led Israel well, but he accepted that he was not chosen for that position. I am surprisingly challenged by Jonathan. Do I accept God’s plan as readily? Just because I *can* do a thing, and even do it well, does not mean I’m called to do it. It only reminds me how desperately I need to be led by the Holy Spirit as I make decisions. The obvious direction is not always the ordained one!

~ Happy New Year to all our wonderful listeners and supporters ~
May you continue to enjoy the blessings of an awesome God!

Small Packages and Big Blessings by Edie Schmidt



Most of us parents would agree that babies and scissors are a bad combination. However, for one little girl nothing could be further from the truth. Her name is Maddalena. She was born in Great Britain at only twenty-three weeks. In Great Britain babies must weigh a pound to be considered viable. Without that benchmark on the scale, no attempt will be made to save them. Fantastically, Maddalena hit the benchmark, weighing in at the required weight. It was only after she was safely on a ventilator that

doctors discovered the pair of scissors that had been left on the weighing machine. That one precious pair of scissors had tipped the scale in Maddalena’s favor, granting her life. Her parents were able to take her home last month. Remarkably, she is expected to grow into a healthy child without medical issues. This month is known as Sanctity of Life month. We hope you will take this opportunity to bring attention to the work being done at pregnancy resource centers in our community. Find materials to get the word out at your church or organization at Focus on the Family’s www.heartlink.org/beavoice. Find out how you can be a voice for life.

Christmas Community Donations

Your donations to the foster kids, homeless, and the seniors were received with much gratitude. You blew us all away with your generosity! The donations were distributed as follows:



Homeless: Special thanks to Pastor Gabriel Varga for distributing blankets through Daytona Outreach Mission
Foster Children: Toys donated via the Guardian ad Litem program
Seniors: All donations went to the residents of Good Samaritan Nursing Home

Here is how they responded to your kindness:

“May I say WOW and many, many thanks to all at Cornerstone and your listeners. Many will be blessed and have a happy Christmas because of kind people like you. God is good!!!” -- Shar Barron, Good Samaritan Nursing Home

“The staff of Guardian ad Litem wants to thank The Cornerstone staff and listeners for their generous donations of toys. This is always such a blessing for the children.” -- Guardian ad Litem volunteer

“Each year we always look forward to the blankets we receive from The Cornerstone. Tomorrow night will be 32°, and there will be more cold nights to come. We are very thankful for the kindness of the generous Cornerstone listeners.” -- Pastor Gabriel Varga, Daytona Outreach Mission

Pregnancy Care Centers

Alpha Pregnancy Center
4751 East Moody Blvd. Ste. 5, Bunnell, FL 32110
Located at the Southside Business Plaza, almost at the corner of Belle Terre and 100. Look for blue awnings.
(386) 586-0210 • www.alphapregnancycenter.org

Resources for Women
1367 Beville Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32119
Cross Streets: Between S Clyde Morris Blvd and Cambridge Ave
(386) 760-2113 • www.achoice4women.org

Grace House Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc.
306 E. Church Street, DeLand, FL 32724
(386) 822-9797 • www.gracehouse4life.org

Grace House East Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc.
1000 S. Ridgewood Avenue (US-1), Edgewater
(386) 957-4811 • www.gracehouseprc.org

Central Florida Pregnancy Center, Inc.
3151 Howland Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725
Near the Volusia County Health Department
(386) 574-5894; (386) 860-1861 • www.cfpregnancycenter.org