

The Cornerstone Chronicle



Worship Service

December 14, 2025

“The Last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ”

[John 17:1-26](#)



Sunday School

December 14, 2025

Adult Class:

Prayer Topic:

Stewardship/Volunteers

Junior High:

Worldliness

Chapter 1

Kids Classes:

“Christmas Lesson 1: The Pre-Existence of the Son”

[John 1:1-5](#)



[Prayer Calendar & Reading Plan](#)

From the Elders

One of the hardest things about being a parent is learning to let go. There comes a time in every child's life when they have to be cut loose, and the question that every parent wonders in that moment is, "Have I made adequate provision for them? Have I given them what they need to survive in this world without me?"



Believe it or not, there's a sense in which we see our Lord reach that same point with His disciples in the Upper Room Discourse. He reaches a point when He knows He's leaving, and before leaving He makes one final prayer for them in an attempt to make provision for them after He's gone. We'll explore that prayer - and discover the provision that Christ has made for us in His absence - this Sunday in part one of a series from John 17:1-26 entitled, "The Last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ."

Announcements

- 1. Deacon Nominations: Thank you!** *Thank you for praying and thinking and nominating men to fill the important role of deacon within the body. The following men were nominated and accepted the nomination: Jake Webb, Josh Hickerson, David Allen. These men will be on the ballot for voting in January. Please continue to pray for this process. It's exciting to be in a place within the growth of our church that we need more deacons!*



- 2. Christmas Coffee Kiosk and Outreach: Thank you!** *Yesterday was the outreach in the park. It was so fun! We were so busy!! There were so many people to talk to and*

they came to us! Thank you for those who came and talked with people in the cold as well as made and served coffee and hot chocolate. And please keep asking the Lord to be at work in those people's lives and maybe some of them might come visit our church this Sunday or for the Christmas concert on Friday.



Calendar

- 12/19/25:** Elders' Meeting
- 12/19/25:** "Christmas at Cornerstone" Concert (6:30pm)
- 12/21/25:** Lottie Moon Offering (Last Day)
- 12/24/25:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7:00pm)



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1. Women's Bible Study CANCELLED: December 15! Due to the holidays! Please join us as the women continue their study of Romans using the John MacArthur's Bible Study on Romans. See the Equipping Schedule along the left edge of the 2nd page.



2. Christmas Concert: December 19! We are having a Christmas concert starting at 6:30pm on December 19. Doors will open at 6:00pm. This is an outreach event, so invite whoever you know! Please be praying about who you can invite and the people who will be in attendance; also be praying for the musicians and others who are involved in organizing the event. Amy Pryor is organizing the music for this event. [If you would like to bring cookies to share, you may!](#) Please sign up [here](#).



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MISSION BOARD

3. Lottie Moon Offering: Extended to December 21! [Click here for more information about Lottie Moon specifically as well as what the offering goes toward.](#) Considering we do not pass an offering plate, if you would like to give toward this Lottie Moon Offering, you may place your offering, designated for Lottie Moon, in the offering box. Thank you!



4. Home Fellowship Groups CANCELLED: Weeks of 12/21 and 12/28! We will not be discussing any chapters from the study book for December due to the first week being Corporate Fellowship and the last two weeks, the weeks of December 23 and December 28, being cancelled for Christmas and New Years. Check the HFG schedule for clarification. The fellowship groups will still need to clean on their designated weeks. The week your group meets could be used for a Christmas Party or service!



5. Logos CANCELLED: December 22! Due to Christmas, the men will not meet this week.



6. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: December 24! Save the date. Starts at 7:00pm.

7. Christmas: December 25! Merry Christmas. We are so thankful for all of you. For years, we have been praying that the Lord would bring the specific people and gifts that we need in our body. You are an answer to this prayer. At Christmas we celebrate Christ's giving up his riches in heaven to come as a little baby. The beginning of our hope and salvation. May we forever grow to be as humble and generous as He is!



8. Corporate Fellowship Meal: January 4! [Mealtrain link here!](#) Access to the Mealtrain link is in the app under "Events" as well as on the website.

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Cornerstone Membership Process

1. Membership Class—*Elders and those interested in finding out more about membership.* These are offered semi-annually or as the need arises.
2. Membership Application—*Individuals interested in membership.* The individual fills out application and returns it to the elders.
3. Membership Interview—*Elders and applicants.* This interview is for the elders to personally get to know the applicants, verify baptism and testimony, as well as discuss what it means to be a member of the Church universal and Cornerstone, specifically.
4. Baptism & Testimony—if necessary
5. Announcement of Membership Application & Testimony—*Elders, applicants, congregation.* The elders announce the application for membership and the applicant shares their testimony with the church. The church is encouraged to get to know the applicant over the next month(s).
6. Membership Vote—*Congregation.* This vote is to admit the applicant into fellowship. This vote marks two things: one, that the current members, on what information they have, accept the elders' recommendation for membership; and, secondly, that the current members, on what information they have, accept the applicant into fellowship.

Home Fellowship Groups

Jones

Sunday's (4:30pm)
South Carthage
Contact: Jeremy Jones

Callen/Allen

Wednesday's (6:00pm)
West Carthage
Contact: Will Callen

Riley/Adams

Wednesday's (6:00pm)
North Carthage
Contact: Trevin Riley

Andrews/Ziler

Thursday's (6:00pm)
East Carthage
Contact: Jim Ziler

Online Offering



If you desire to give online to Cornerstone, please use Zelle and the church phone number.

417-358-4844

Baby Bulletin!



Parker and Chelsea Day welcome

Walter Elias Parker

8 lbs. 13 oz.

Born at 2:15am

November 29, 2025

[Mealtrain Here!!](#)

RESOURCES to learn more about the *elder selection*:

Pastor Ryan's sermons:

["The Teacher and the Tongue \(Pt. 1\)" \(May 26 sermon\)](#)

[Understanding Church Government 6-Week Series](#)

["Wanted: Male Leadership"](#) (from Iron Man Conference 2019 Owasso, OK)

Scripture: [1 Timothy 3:1-7](#) and [Titus 1:5-9](#)

DOULOS

Ministries & Coordinators

Doulos is a group of servants joyfully volunteering to love the body by coordinating and assisting communication regarding various ministries of the church under the authority of the elders.