

Cornerstone Update November 2, 2017



Yep, It's That Time Again! Set clocks back an hour (Fall back) Saturday night before you go to bed.

"Good Religion" -- Really?

Ever hear this quote: *"More people have been killed in the name of God (or religion) than for any other reason?"* In my message Sunday I plan to use that statement attributed to comedian George Carlin (HBO 2001) as a foil for James 1:27. How can there be *any* "pure and faultless religion" if what Carlin said is true – or if people believe it to be true? The message will cover James 1:27-2:13. Most of our passage talks about showing favoritism based on how someone appears when they walk into church. What are some other ways favoritism shows its ugly head in churches?

A Solar-Powered Bible?

Myanmar (Burma) is completely "closed" to the gospel but God's Word is getting in thanks to a small solar-powered device that Jason Mackenzie helped design. This coming Sunday, Nov 5th, 5-6 pm at our house (3049 SE Kingfisher Ave, Gresham) Jason will tell how [MegaVoice](#) has teamed up with [Free Burma Rangers](#) to get God's Word into dangerous and difficult places. It's a fascinating story. Everyone (including kids) welcome. I'll make popcorn.

Come Honor Our Veterans – SOS Breakfast Saturday, Nov 11, 0900 hrs at Sanctuary Church

Bill Leslie will have his WWII Chaplain's Jeep on display in the foyer and we'll see a video of Larry Smith telling about his career as a US Marine, including a year in Vietnam. (We're also hoping another of our favorite Marines, Lou Elam, will make it.) Russ Bayley, pastor of Sanctuary church will share a few thoughts as well. Pick up tickets at the office or at church Sunday. If you have military memorabilia, bring it along to display on the tables. I'm bringing a beat up Italian 6.5 caliber WWII rifle, which I got from my father-in-law.

Child Dedication Nov 12

You won't want to be late for church November 12 or you'll miss part of the child (family) dedication time. We do it first in the service so children are (hopefully) not so squirmy. Talk to either Joel or me if you have a child you'd like to dedicate to the Lord. These are always really special times.

Special Sunday Offering – November 19

November 9 we'll receive our third Special Sunday offering of the year. The entire offering will go to support the work of PEACE International among refugees from South Sudan. We'll show a video about PEACE this Sunday during the Offering time.

A Real Christmas Eve Service!

For the first time ever we're going to have a Christmas Eve Service – on Christmas Eve! Powell Valley janitor Eric has graciously agreed to open the school for us. The service will be Sunday, December 24 at 4 PM (no morning service that day). Our kids will sing and a choir will perform but the service will feel more like a family gathering – more group singing, more participation than the programs we normally have Christmas Sunday.

Inspire – Empty Nester Women's Bible Study (note location change)

Inspire, Cornerstone's empty nesters women's group, meets twice monthly at Dona Barker's home. Please see the bulletin and handouts at the Information table for more information. The next meeting will be Monday, November 6.

Don't forget to pray.

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