

The Cornerstone Chronicle



Worship Service

November 30, 2025

"The Function of the Deacon"

[Acts 6:1-7](#)



Sunday School

November 30, 2025

Adult Class:

Prayer Topic:

Government/Leadership

Junior High:

1 Peter

[Chapter 4:12-19](#)

Kids Classes:

"Lesson 25: Jesus Returns to Heaven"

[Acts 1:1-11](#)



[Prayer Calendar & Reading Plan](#)

From the Elders

The deacon is an oft misunderstood office within the church - and an absolutely vital one. When a church fails to appoint men to this office - or when they fail to appoint the *right* men, it not only presents a serious threat to the unity of the church, it can also hinder the church's mission in some hugely significant ways.

Why is this the case? And, if so, how should the church go about appointing men to this office? Ryan will explain this Sunday in part one of a two-part series on the function, authority, and qualifications of the deacon with a message from Acts 6:1-7 on "The Function of the Deacon."



Announcements



1. Turkey Bowl: Fun! *Here are some of the turkeys from the Turkey Bowl.*



2. Christmas Concert Signup Ends: December 1! *Cornerstone is having a Christmas concert on December 19 at 6:30pm. If you are a musician or would like to help in some way, please contact Amy Pryor by December 1!*



3. Women's Bible Study: December 1! *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.*



4. Sunday School Quarter 3: Starts December 7! *Check the Sunday school schedule to see if you are teaching this upcoming quarter!*



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5. Lottie Moon Offering: December 7! [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. December 7 will be the last day to give toward this international mission fund. Thank you!*



Calendar

12/1/25: Women's Bible Study (7:00pm)

12/1/25: Christmas Concert Signup Ends

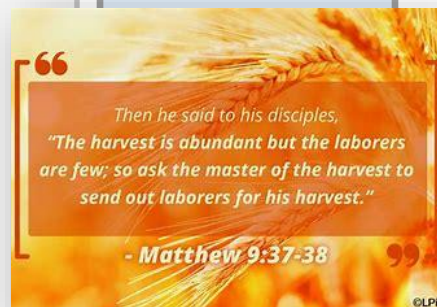
12/7/25: Sunday School Quarter 3 Begins

12/7/25: Last Day for Lottie Moon Offering

12/7/25: Corporate Fellowship Meal

12/7/25: Congregational Meeting

12/7/25: Deacon Nominations



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1. Corporate Fellowship Meal: December 7! [Mealtrain link here!](#)

Access to the Mealtrain link is in the app under "Events" as well as on the website.



2. Congregational Meeting: December 7! During the Corporate Fellowship Meal we will have our quarterly congregational meeting.

3. Deacon Nominations: December 7! One order of business at the Congregational meeting on December 7 will be nominating deacons. Over the next few weeks, be thinking about who you may want to nominate for this role.



4. Logos: December 8! The men are discussing Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology. The Equipping Schedule can be found at the bottom left of this page. The men meet at 6:30pm in the conference room.



5. Home Fellowship Group: December Schedule! 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.



6. Christmas Open House: December 12! We are going to attempt to host an "open house" at the church. The plan is to open the church up to visitors at "Sparkle in the Park." They can use the restroom, get a cup of hot chocolate or coffee in Westminster Hall while they

warm-up, or sit in the sanctuary and listen to some Christmas instrumentals on the piano. As a part of that event, Jim is planning on leading an outreach effort in the park. We'd let people know about the open house, hand out flyers for the Christmas concert, and generally try to chat people up about the gospel. If you'd like to serve in either of those capacities (helping "hold the fort down" at the drink station, etc. or handing out flyers, etc. in the park), please let either Jim or Ryan know by the corporate fellowship on December 7th.

7. 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 help in that way, please let Amy know by December 1!



8. Christmas Eve Service: December 24! Save the date. More details to come. Probably will start at 7:00pm.

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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

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[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.