

The Cornerstone Chronicle



Worship Service

December 21, 2025

"The Last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ (Part 2)"

[John 17:1-26](#)



Sunday School

December 21, 2025

Adult Class:

Prayer Topic:

Stewardship/Volunteers

Junior High:

Worldliness

Chapter 2

Kids Classes:

"Christmas Lesson 2: The Incarnation of the Son"

[John 1:6-18](#)



[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 two of a series from John 17:1-26 entitled, "The Last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ."

Announcements

- 1. Deacon Nominations: Vote in January!** *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 Concert: Thank you!** *Thank you for all of the time and effort put in to the Christmas Concert! It was a lovely evening remembering the humility of Christ in His coming as a baby. Infant lowly!*



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- 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! Due to the holidays, HFG will not meet on these weeks. The fellowship groups will still need to clean on their designated weeks.



Calendar

12/21/25: Lottie Moon Offering (Last Day)

12/21/25: No HFGs

12/24/25: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7:00pm)

12/28/25: No HFGs

1/4/25: Corporate Fellowship Meal

1/5/25: Women's Bible Study (7:00pm)



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[Nursery Volunteer Schedule](#)



[Children's SS Schedule](#)



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1. Logos CANCELLED: December 22!

Due to Christmas, the men will not meet this week.

2. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: December 24! Starts at 7:00pm.



3. 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!*



4. 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.



5. Women's Bible Study: January 5! 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.

6. Doulos & Dessert: January 9! This meeting is for elders, deacons, and ministry coordinators. We will meet at the Joki home at 6:30pm to review the past ministry quarter as well as the upcoming quarter.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only
Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14



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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.