

The Cornerstone Chronicle



Worship Service

December 28, 2025

"The Last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ (Part 3)"

[John 17:1-26](#)



Sunday School

December 28, 2025

Adult Class:

Prayer Topic:

Stewardship/Volunteers

Junior High:

Worldliness

Chapter 2

Kids Classes:

"Lesson 27: Peter and John Preach the Gospel"

[Acts 3:1-26](#)



[Prayer Calendar & Reading Plan](#)

From the Elders

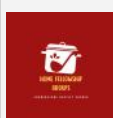
One of the hardest things about being a parent is learning to let go. There comes a time in every child's life when they have to be cut loose, and the question that every parent wonders in that moment is, "Have I made adequate provision for them? Have I given them what they need to survive in this world 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 three 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. Home Fellowship Groups CANCELLED: Week of 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.*

- 3. Happy New Year: January 1!**



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

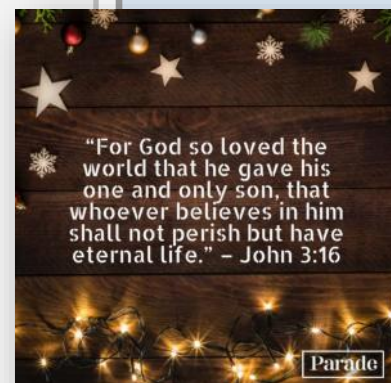


- 5. Women's Bible Study: January 5!** Please join us as the women continue their study of Romans using the John MacArthur's Bible Study on Romans. The women meet in the conference room the 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month. See the Equipping Schedule along the left edge of the 2nd page for a schedule.



Calendar

- 12/28/25:** No HFGs
- 1/1/26:** Happy New Year!
- 1/4/26:** Corporate Fellowship Meal (12:30pm)
- 1/5/26:** Women's Bible Study (7:00pm)
- 1/7/26:** Council (Elders & Deacons) (6:30pm)
- 1/9/26:** Doulos & Des-sert (6:30pm)



Parade

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[Nursery Volunteer Schedule](#)



[Children's SS Schedule](#)



[HFG Cleaning Schedule](#)



[Equipping Schedule](#)



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DOULOS

1. 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.*

LOGOS

2. Logos: January 12! *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.*



Interested in serving at Cornerstone??

Now is the time to let people know!

If you are looking for ways to serve, please look through the Doulos list, list of ministries, at bottom of page 3 and talk with the person coordinating that ministry. (List will be updated after deacon voting on January 4.) The goal is to have all new servants starting with the new church calendar, at Pentecost. (Obviously, there is time to pray and think about where you may want to serve. If you are currently not a member, and you need to be a member for where you want to serve, there will be a membership class in February. For example, you must be a member to serve in any way with any of the children's or nursery ministries.)

Where are the needs?

1. Nursery (Sunday School hour)
2. Nursery (Worship Service)
3. Children's Sunday School (Teachers and Assistants)
4. Sunday Morning Greeters

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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.