

AUGUST 2018

# CORNERSTONE CONNECT

*Monthly Newsletter from Cornerstone Congregational church*

Join us for Worship on Saturdays at 5:00pm  
32 Graniteville Road, Westford, MA



Pray for all the kids in school (and homeschooled), that anxieties go away!

THIS ISSUE INCLUDES:

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**BIG DAY!!!**

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**TRASH PICK UP**

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**FALL SIGN UPS**

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**AND MUCH MORE!!**

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In this Newsletter, you will find information about Cornerstone's activities and ways to get involved in our church and in our community.

We Hope to "Connect" with you soon!



## September 8th Big Day!

- Want to know the perfect day to invite a friend, family member, or coworker to Cornerstone?
- Try our next Big Day, **Saturday September 8th**, which is a special day designed designed to welcome newcomers to Cornerstone.
- New sermon series in Ephesians, *We Need Grace*.



## Neighborhood Trash Pickup!

- Saturday, September 8th from 9:00 to 10:30am.
- Meet at Cornerstone parking-lot for coffee and donuts beforehand.
- Participants must be 12 years of age and older.
- Wear long-sleeve shirt, long pants, work gloves, and bring a trash bag and a reflective vest if you have it.

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## OUTDOOR BAPTISM

**Sunday Sept 9th 10:00am**

Come celebrate with **Mary Either** as she gets baptized!!

Peter E Bertozzi Conservation Area in Groton, MA. An approximate address to the location is 741 Townsend Rd. Groton MA. GPS coordinates: 42°38'12.6"N 71°38'58.2"W. **More directions on line,**

We'll meet at the parking lot at 10am and walk down the path to the river together. It's about a 10 minute walk. We hope you can make it to celebrate this special event with Mary.

## MISSIONS TEAM

Cornerstone is starting a Mission Team this fall. If you would like to become part of this team, or learn what this team is going to do, please contact Andy Bradshaw.

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## YOUTH

Info will be available soon on Bible Study and activities. Check out the new build-board for the latest info.

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## FROM THE DEACONS

Despite our tendency to shy away from the topic, nearly one-quarter of Jesus' teaching is about money. Money is morally neutral, but what we do with our money reveals something much deeper - what's in our hearts (Mt. 6:21). Our goal is neither prosperity nor poverty, but rather stewardship of what God has given us. God is the creator and owner of everything, and we are merely stewards of His stuff (1 Chron. 29:14). The appropriate response in light of what Jesus has done for us, through His death on the Cross and His Resurrection, is to give our entire lives as a living sacrifice - which includes our finances (Rom. 12:1). Thus, when we give our tithes and offerings, we give intentionally, joyfully and sacrificially in thanks for God and everything He has given us. To learn more, listen to this Tithes & Offerings sermon by Pastor Jonathan.

If you would like to donate to Cornerstone please consider using the online banking option through your bank. This option is generally free to you and also does not incur any cost to Cornerstone Congregational Church. Donations can be designated to: General Fund, Missions or Benevolence Fund if you wish by entering it in the memo line on your check.

Donations can be sent to:

Cornerstone Congregational Church  
Attention: Collectors  
32 Graniteville Road  
Westford, MA 01886

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## SANCTUARY PAINTING HELP!

**Starting Sunday on September 16th**, we will have staging available through the week to paint the ceiling and other high spots of the sanctuary. Bruce is looking for anyone who can work on the staging, and who can partner with someone while on the staging. The walls of the sanctuary will be also be painted during that week.

Needs: Step Ladders, Drop Cloths, Rollers, Roller Extensions, Roller Pans, Brushes, Painters Tape, Putty Knives, Spackling Compound, Sanding Blocks.

Let Bruce Burchfield know when you are available to help out! Day or Evenings.

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## SIGN UP FOR THE FALL!

Sign up for Community Group and the Discipleship class starting September 8th through September 22nd in the foyer!

### COMMUNITY GROUP

The purpose of community groups is to help our Cornerstone congregation build community and friendships around Christ through fellowship, reading the Bible, and praying together. A typical community group lasts 1.5 to 2 hours and might include (30~ minutes each):

Coffee, snacks, and time to visit  
Reading and discussing the Bible together  
Prayer in men's and women's groups

More info on when and where coming soon!! Keep your eye on the bulletin.

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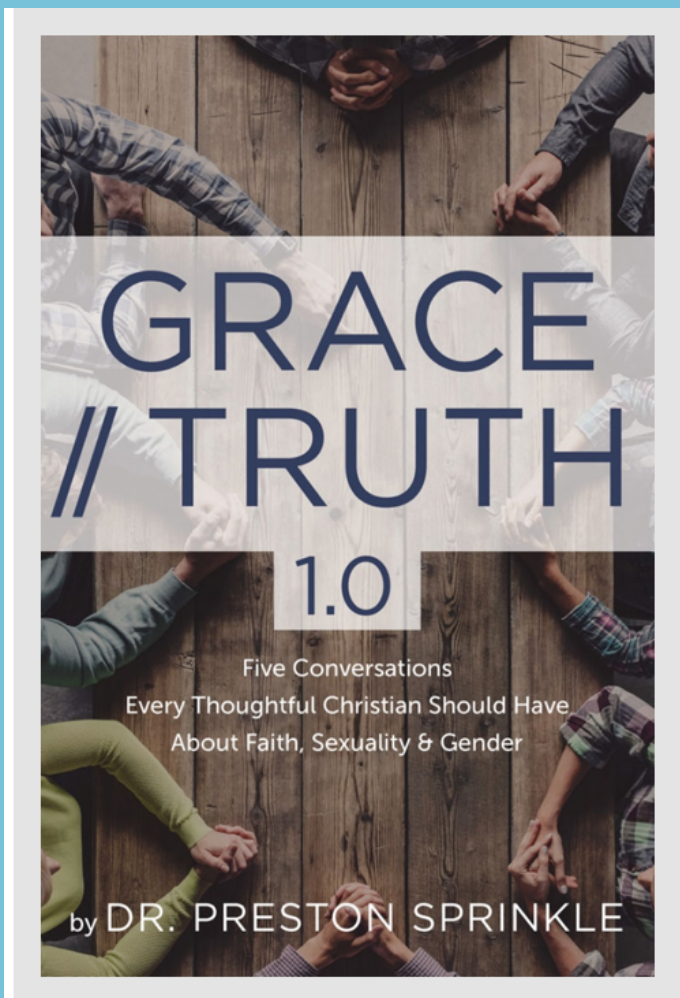
### NEW!! DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

**Grace/Truth 1.0 and 2.0** are dynamic learning experiences that help Christians engage LGBT+ related questions through accessible and thoughtful written material, small group questions, high-quality teaching videos including a documentary on LGBT people in the church, along with optional podcasts and in-depth papers. The multidimensional learning experience helps ensure that different learning styles are utilized and those who want to go deeper are given many avenues to do so.

This 10-week discipleship class will be on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm at Cornerstone. It runs concurrently with the youth Bible study, so please drop off your high-schooler or middle-schooler and join us for the films and discussion.

You can sign-up for this class September 8th through the 29th. The first week starts October 4th and runs through December 13th. If you miss the signup or have to miss a week or two, that's fine! Please come join us as much as you can.

You can purchase the Grace/Truth 1.0 and 2.0 books on your own (hard copy, kindle, CD, audible), or let Pastor Jonathan know and he will order you a copy.



# Trunk or Treat!

- **Saturday, October 27th, 12-2pm**
- **Trick or treat down rows of theme-decorated cars playing games and receiving treats and prizes.**
- **You can help by hosting a trunk with games and candy. Sign up at the welcome desk! Aim to arrive by 10:30am.**



## PREACHING PLAN

Check out Jonathan's new Preaching Plan for 2018/2019 year.

## BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING MINUTES

**CLICK HERE** to read the minutes from the last few Elder Meetings.

## Cornerstone Prayer Group

The Cornerstone Prayer Group will be meeting every Friday starting 9/07/18 at 7:15pm at Cornerstone. Please feel free to join us!

## FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook Friends Page

## CORNERSTONE WEBSITE

What can you see on the website?

- Subscribe to the Cornerstone Connect
- Prayer Request Submission
- Listen/Read Sermons
- Event Calendar