

## A Providential Farewell

THANK YOU, Pastor Dale, for offering me this opportunity.....



This morning I began re-reading the book of Exodus. Its introduction said the following: *"When God leads us out of a situation He always takes us into something better. Allow God to teach you how to trust Him and how to follow Him as he leads you into a place of fulfilled promises & great blessings."*

He certainly did that in 2002 when He supernaturally spoke to

me and laid on my heart to move to Grand Marais. Now, after 10 years, I believe, He has spoken to me again & is leading me to move to Ames, Iowa, And, I have said "yes".

My fantasy is that I would like to put a hitch on the back of the U-Haul & take along Grand Marais, the Gunflint Trail, Lake Superior, Cedar Grove Vet Clinic (Nadder, Lee & Staff) and, of course, Cornerstone Community Church. Pastor Dale, Linda and yourselves.

Please know that while I am excited to be closer to family--simultaneously--I am deeply mindful that in order to be obedient, I need to (reluctantly) say many goodbyes. I will trust & obey.

As Pastor Dale has taught us--in the Holy Spirit of the Living Lord--you--collectively & individually have become my brothers & sisters in Christ. A holy family.

May God bless you, forever.

Gratefully & with love,

Jean Perkins  
& "Ruthie"

If you'd like more details, please see my posting on the bulletin board by the front door---&/ or ask!



## Another Note From Friends: Chris & Julie Holden:

*Dear Members of Cornerstone Community Church,*

*Thank you so much for being a blessing to us as we visited your church 3 1/2 years ago. We were celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary at the time while visiting the North Shore.*

*Everyone was so welcoming that day and will always remember how wonderful it was to worship with true believers in Christ. Your faithfulness is a testimony and encouragement!*

*In Christ,*

*Chris and Julie Holden*



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## The Passion of Jesus

For some believers, speaking of the "passion" of Jesus is problematic. We have heard for many years the admonition of Paul to abandon the "passions of the flesh," and we take seriously the threat unbridled passion presents to the health and well-being of the soul. But there is another side to "passion," and it is worth knowing.

Passion in this sense is an intense emotional commitment directed to a singular worthy cause. When we speak of the "Passion of Jesus" we are, of course, speaking of His death on the cross, but let us see the events in Jesus' life that led to His death as an expression of His passion, His intense emotional commitment directed to a singular worthy cause: the glory of God realized in creation through the salvation of rebellious, sinful humanity by the obedient, faithful, substitutionary, atoning sacrifice of the Son of God in His death on the cross.

The author of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus endured the cross, despised its shame, in light of anticipated joy (see Hebrews 12:2). The joy Jesus expected, the joy that contributed to His capacity to endure the beating, the nails, the separation from God, and death itself, was, at least in part, the joy the Son has in the Father's glory and the work the Father does to fill creation with the knowledge of His glory.

The Father manifests His glory in His eternal plan in love to redeem fallen creation from sin and its effects and consequences. Jesus shares in the Father's passion for His glory by passionately fulfilling the Father's plan for salvation. That is the passion of Jesus.



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## Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus— Jesus Through the Eyes of the Blind

The preaching series, *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*—The Gospel of Mark, continues through June in Mark 8-10 focusing on the process through which people come to understand clearly who Jesus is and what our life response to Him should be. Like the blind man healed by Jesus through two separate touches, we come to recognize the nature and importance of Jesus through a series of divine interactions that result in clear vision. The social and cultural, as well as the personal and spiritual, conditions of our world beg Christians to know Jesus as clearly and accurately as possible. There are many false doctrines and false "christs" vying for our attention and devotion. Seeing and knowing Jesus as He is equips us for facing the challenge.



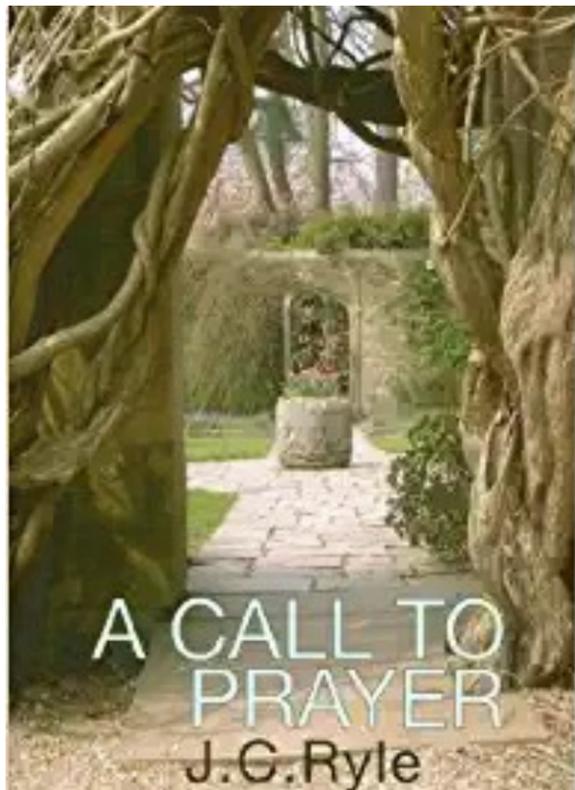
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Dear Friends at Cornerstone Community Church,

Thank you so much for your consistent support these past 11+ years! This has been quite a year, and we cheer you on as you seek to keep community strong and turn people's eyes to Christ amid social distancing and everything else that has been going on.

May you find hope and peace in Christ this upcoming year as you shine for Him on the hill of Grand Marais.

In Christ,  
Brad Kaspar

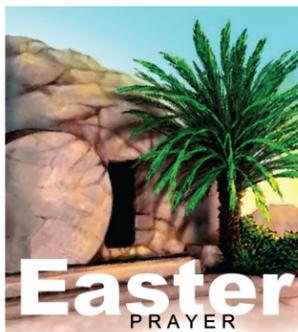


grace of prayer.

J.C. Ryle wrote to audiences toward the end of the 19th century. What he had to say about prayer is as much relevant to the church today as then. One description of Ryle's little booklet, *A Call to Prayer*, notes that according to J.C. Ryle, private prayer is the most neglected of all Christians duties. That is most unfortunate because private prayer is the true measure of a Christian's walk before God and 'the pith and marrow of practical Christianity.'

Ryle points out both the blessings of prayer and the grave dangers of prayerlessness in this little book. *Prayer under the blessing of God leads to the new birth, strengthens faith, moves mountains, and promotes spiritual growth and contentment that rises above circumstances. Prayerlessness, on the other hand, is the broad road leading to Hell for the unbeliever and the major cause of backsliding in the Christian.*

Copies of this powerful little booklet are available at Cornerstone or from [www.BannerofTruth.org](http://www.BannerofTruth.org). If you want to make the most of your walk with Jesus, this little 36 page booklet is worth your attention.



From the grave's depths, Lord Jesus Christ, you emerged, breaking the hold of sin, death and hell, that those who trust in you might share in your righteousness, life and beloved community with God the Father and all God's children. We bow in awe before your majesty, giving thanks for your grace extended so bountifully to us. By the power of your Spirit who lives within us, may we share the astonishing news of your resurrection with others, that they also may know your saving grace. Amen.

Jesus practiced faith. We see His faithfulness in His utter reliance on the Holy Spirit. We see it in His complete devotion to the Father. We see it in His self-sacrificing, loving obedience to the Father's will. We see it in His unfailing commitment to those whom the Father loves. We see Jesus' faith as He consistently led and urged His disciples to know and trust the grace, the goodness, and the glory of God. We also see clearly the depth of Christ's faith as He prayed.

Jesus spent nights in prayer. Jesus prayed on public occasions like the feeding of the 5000 and the raising of Lazarus. Perhaps most famous are Jesus' prayers on the night He was betrayed: his prayer for His disciples in the upper room and His prayer for Himself in the Garden before He was arrested. Jesus prayed, He modeled prayer, He taught His disciples not only how to pray but the essential need for prayer in their lives. If we want to continue to grow, as followers of Jesus, we must, following Jesus, grow in this



### Coming Sunday March 21

While Pastor Dale is away at a Ligonier Conference in Orlando on March 21st, Mark Beck will minister the Word of God at Cornerstone. Mark, who is the founder of Josiah's Gift ministry, has spoken at Cornerstone several times before.

According to their Facebook page, "Josiah's Gift is named for the gift that King Josiah received in 2 Kings 22 as well as the gift that he gave to the people of Judah in 2 Kings 23: the gift of hearing the Word of God."

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"What we do is actually quite simple: we memorize the Bible and recite what we know from our hearts. The Bible is alive and intrinsically powerful and we believe that one of the best ways to communicate that power is to let it speak for itself by memorizing the content and speaking as if we had written it ourselves. If you have never experienced the power of God's Word when it is spoken in this way, you may not realize what you are missing, but according to the people who have heard us, it brings the Bible to life in a way that they have never heard before."

Welcome Mark and Josiah's Gift!



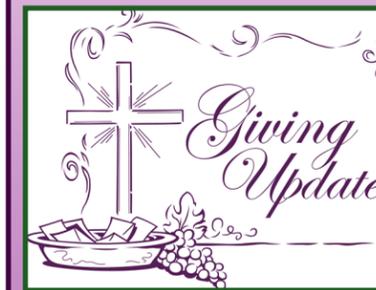
Crystal Farnum	4/26
Kylie Viren	4/28
John Hay	5/03
Larry Gamer	5/04
Jim Chupurdia	5/13
Jakob Farnum	5/14
Marin Hay	5/26

#### Anniversaries

Larry & Patty Gamer	3/14
Bill & Lynn Doucette	4/15
Mike & Crystal Farnum	5/03
Joel & Renee Pike	5/15
Randall & Mary Boyd	5/20

#### Birthdays (March — May)

Joshua Pike	3/8
Joyce Duck	3/11
Renae Smith	3/15
John Hill	3/20
Joel Pike	4/16
Gine Meissner	4/17
G. Bloomquist	4/22
Jean Perkins	4/23
Jack Viren	4/23



Current fund balances as of February 9, 2021:

General	38071.48
Helping Hand	10,464.90
Special Missions	603.24
Special Projects	518.20
Sabbatical	<u>23,501.50</u>
	<b>73,159.32</b>

Rejoicing in the faithfulness, goodness, and grace of God with you!

—John Hill  
Treasurer

*Ed. Note: A family emergency occupies John's attention at the moment. More up to date numbers will include deposit amounts from volunteer hours at both 1st & 2nd Thrift Store and Oddz & Endz, for which we are grateful. We will have more information on these in our next issue!*