

# Cornerstone

*For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trust in him will never be put to shame." 1 Peter 2:6*

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**GREATER**  
**Love**

has no  
one than this,  
than to lay down one's life  
for his friends.

**JOHN 15:13**

## From the Pastor



Last year we studied the book of Acts and if you look at the early church in the book it gives us a great model for growing Windsor Spring. Acts 2:47 (NIV) tells us, *"The Lord added to their number daily."* That means at least 365 new people every year! Some have estimated that the early church in Jerusalem had 100,000 members. Our church can learn from the book of Acts. We are going to look at six principles from the early church that we must apply to our church in 2010 if we are to see long term growth and lives changed with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### 1. We must minister in the Holy Spirit's power.

We must rely on the Holy Spirit's power to minister through us each day. Nothing can replace the power of God's Spirit. In Acts 1:8 (NIV) Jesus says, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

For us to have the kind of church they had in the New Testament, we need the kind of members they had in the New Testament: Spirit-controlled members. What is a Spirit-controlled member, you may wonder? It is anyone who's making Jesus Lord of his or her life. To make Jesus Lord is to let the Spirit take control of your life. A lot of people try to minister without the Holy Spirit, and it doesn't work. My friend, it so important that you and I get up each and every day and ask the Spirit of God to fill us and to work in and through us. There are so many situations that we encounter where we need the power of the Holy Spirit leading us and guiding us. If we rely on ourselves we will be frustrated, but if we lean on the Holy Spirit, we'll have all we need. Jesus knew all that was before the apostles. He knew they couldn't do it without the Spirit, so he said in Acts 1:4, *"Don't leave Jerusalem without the Holy Spirit."* That's where all ministry begins.

### 2. We must maintain a warm fellowship.

The New Testament church gives us a great example of warm fellowship. In Acts 2:42-44, God's Word says, *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common."* Notice that when Luke wrote this account of the early church, he didn't write, *"See what great buildings they built."* He said, *"See how they love one another."* That's a crucial mark of a life-changing church. A church that makes a difference in its community is one that truly loves one another. When God has a bunch of baby Christians and soon-to-be baby Christians, he looks for the warmest incubator he can find. God blesses a warm church with new believers because he doesn't want them in a church that is spiritually cold. He wants them in a warm environment where they can grow. February is the month of love. It is great that we express our love to those whom we care about, but let us not forget those around us who need to hear, see, and experience the love of Jesus firsthand. Jesus said in John 13:35, *"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*  
See you Sunday, Bible in hand, Pastor Paul

## From the Worship/Student Leader

I really didn't think this would be all that big of a deal, after all I had been talking to a trip consultant that assured me they would walk us through the process from beginning to end. And Jon (that's our trip consultants name) has been more than helpful, but the reality of the task is beginning to set in. Where do I begin? There is so much to be done and so little time. And of course when I look at the individual tasks it's not that big. \$695 plus airfare doesn't sound so bad but when you multiply that out for each individual and you come up with \$18,000 needed its time to have a little panic attack.

But then I remember, the faithfulness of my God. I have been down this road on two other occasions when we went on mission trips and money was needed in very short periods...large sums of money, and God came through. In the most miraculous, amazing ways so that it could only be attributed to Him, so that we could give praise and honor and Glory only to Him as we should. He alone made a way; every dollar needed came in and came in a timely fashion. And then I get excited. Because I know the same God who was faithful yesterday, will be faithful again today. And I can't wait to see how He will do it this time.

Now here's the fun part. I don't believe we are to just sit back and do nothing and expect God to pour the money in. We get to join God in His work by raising funds for this trip. But I guarantee there's no way we can raise that much in the 6 months we have. God will have to multiply our money. Right now we have 12 committed to this trip and 3 still trying to decide. There is no way we can do this alone. We need the help of the church to make this happen. So we are asking you to partner with us in our fundraiser, to volunteer your time by asking your neighbors, co-workers and family members to purchase items such as the Chic-fil-a cheesecakes that will be our first fundraiser. If everyone sold just 3 cheesecakes we would have raised more than 3,000 in our first fundraiser. A great start to meet our goal. Be looking for other fundraisers in the future like the Valentines Banquet, Family or Child Photography deal, Spring Carnival (March 28), Yard Sale, Rock/Scripture a-thon, Rent-a-youth, and More.

You may not be able to physically go to Belize but you can make it possible for someone else to get there. Invest your time and effort into helping this team make it to their destination by raising the funds they need. Everyone can make a difference...Everyone counts here! Thank you in advance for your contributions in getting us to the mission field.

In Christ's Love,  
Teresa



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## Let's Welcome Those Who Desire to Join Our Fellowship\* . . .

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*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17*

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We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Frances C. Mattox who passed away at the age of 102 on December 15, 2009.

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## Comedy Video Night

Hosted by The Women's Enrichment Ministry

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

Cost: Free & Childcare Provided

Ladies, are you ready for a time to just relax and have a few laughs, spend some time with friends or maybe get to know someone new. Then you don't want to miss out on our Comedy Video Night filled with fun, fellowship & food....Invite a friend & make plans now to join us! Please sign up in the foyer of the sanctuary.

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If you are interested in playing softball in the spring there is a sign up sheet in the foyer of the sanctuary. Men, women & youth are invited to participate. You must be at least 16 years old. We will begin practicing Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm at Diamond Lakes Fields. For more info contact Daniel Visch @ 706-664-7267.



# Prayer Ministry

"Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind." (James 1:5-6)

It is great to know that we can come to the Father and ask (pray) for wisdom, wisdom that according to James 3:17 "is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without favoritism and hypocrisy." God's wisdom is so unlike man's wisdom. Man's wisdom changes with the situation, is controlled by emotions, and so often gives little consideration to the effects on others.

Why is it then that we continue to make unwise choices when we have the God of the universe, the Maker of heaven and earth desiring to give us not just a small bit but a generous portion of wisdom?

Could it be unbelief? "But let him ask in faith without doubting." (James 1:6) "How simple our walk with God would be if we just believed Him."- *When God Speaks* by Henry and Richard Blackaby.

Could it be impatience? "I wait for the LORD; I wait, and put my hope in His word." (Psalm 130:5)

Could it be disobedience? "Help me understand Your instruction, and I will **obey** it and follow it with all my heart." (Psalm 119:34)

Solomon, a man of great wisdom, penned these words:

Wisdom is supreme—so get wisdom.  
And whatever else you get, get understanding.

Cherish her, and she will exalt you;  
if you embrace her, she will honor you.

She will place a garland of grace on your head;  
she will give you a crown of beauty." (Proverbs 4:7-9)

Wisdom is only a prayer away!

Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the prayer room, brothers and sisters-in Christ are gathering together for a time of prayer, praise and petition. All are welcome to join in.

Sufficiently graced, Andrea

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## Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am

Men invite their wives and join us for our Wives Appreciation Breakfast. Guest speaker will be Cleve Walker from WAFJ Radio Station. You can call the church office @ 706-790-5356 to let us know you're coming or sign up in the foyer of the sanctuary.

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# February Birthdays

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|-------|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| 02/01 | Aaron McCollum      | 02/14 | Kelly Harper          |
| 02/02 | Brandy Wright       | 02/14 | Lateefah Reese        |
| 02/02 | Bettina Harris-Redd | 02/16 | Nora Britton          |
| 02/04 | Craig Bobbitt       | 02/17 | Midge Smoyer          |
| 02/05 | Stephen Disch       | 02/17 | Peggy Brown           |
| 02/07 | Jasmine Shepard     | 02/18 | Diane Mitchell-Porter |
| 02/08 | Buddy Fane          | 02/18 | Tyrone Mayo           |
| 02/10 | Yolanda Bell-Brown  | 02/18 | Martha Brown          |
| 02/11 | Don Shepard         | 02/19 | Patty Henderson       |
| 02/12 | Lewonda Daniels     | 02/22 | Michael Ellison       |
| 02/13 | Ann Maxwell         | 02/22 | Nanani Alicea         |
| 02/14 | Jamie Smith         | 02/23 | Mizlal Walton         |
| 02/14 | James Brisbon       |       |                       |



*Happy Birthday*

# Windsor Spring Baptist Church

## February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30pm-8:30pm New Member's class 7:00pm Outreach/Prayer Meeting Preschoolers Children's Ministry The Pursuit-Student Ministry	4 7:00pm-8:45pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 11:00am-Baptism 3:45pm-Choir Rehearsal 4:15pm-Church Council 5:30pm Discipleship Trg/Prayer Mtg Children/Preschool Ministries Student Ministry	8 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	9 7:00pm-8:45pm Choir Rehearsal	10 7:00pm Outreach/Prayer Meeting Preschoolers Children's Ministry The Pursuit-Student Ministry	11 Winter Jam Students 7th-12th Grades Meet at church at 4:30pm	12	13 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
14 3:45pm-Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Discipleship Trg/Prayer Mtg Children/Preschool Ministries Student Ministry 6:00pm-Valentine's Day Banquet Fundraiser	15	16	17 7:00pm Sunday School Teacher's Mtg Outreach/Prayer Meeting Preschoolers Children's Ministry The Pursuit-Student Ministry	18 7:00pm-8:45pm Choir Rehearsal	19	20 9:00am-God's Helping Hand Ministry 10:00am-Classroom Clean Up Day 1:00pm-Scrapbooking 3:00pm-Softball Practice 6:00pm-WEM Comedy Video Night
21 3:45pm-Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Discipleship Trg/Prayer Mtg Children/Preschool Ministries Student Ministry	22	23	24 7:00pm Outreach/Prayer Meeting Preschoolers Children's Ministry The Pursuit-Student Ministry	25 7:00pm-8:45pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	26	27
28 AM Services The Lord's Supper 3:45pm-Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Discipleship Trg/Prayer Mtg Children/Preschool Ministries Student Ministry						