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Music with a Message by Chris Johnson



Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Proverbs 31:28

"Okay, we've got to make this really special!" Those were the words Noah said to me just a few weeks ago when we were conspiring about our upcoming Valentine's Day plans. A smile crept across my face as I quietly thanked God for my caring 7-year old boy who from the moment of his birth has adored his mommy. The beauty is that he doesn't simply look for holidays or birthdays to consider how he can bless his mother. Recently, he and I were strolling through Publix and upon spotting some multi-colored daisies he declared, "I have to get these for mommy!" My first inclination was to gently oppose the purchase, not because Stephanie isn't worth ten thousand daisies, roses, daffodils, tulips and every other beautiful flower but because they weren't on my "groceries to purchase" sheet. I thought a moment and decided to celebrate my little boy's thoughtful idea by helping select just the right bunch and planning how we would display them on the counter when we got home.

Since he was just a little boy, just old enough to walk and nearly talk, he and I have enjoyed countless conversations about how wonderful his mother is. Those chats began a little one-sided but these days I have to work to get a word in edgewise because he's never without a thousand thoughts to describe his love for his mom. That makes my heart glad because not only has this established a rock solid foundation in the heart of my son,

it's my prayer that in the soil of his heart seeds have also been planted that one day will sprout and grow into years of loving and praising the wife that God has for him. Maybe someday he too can whisper words of acclamation into the ears of his infant son about the wonderful mother that God has given him.

We're not finished planning our special surprise for Valentine's Day yet, but as we continue to prepare I thank God for His precious gift of a godly woman, a loving wife and a marvelous mother. I look forward to the many days and years ahead when my boys and I will rise up and call her blessed and shower her with many praises.



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One time I had a boss that taught me something I have practiced ever since. He said, "Bill, plan your work; work your plan; follow up; follow through." Now don't get me wrong, ultimately it is the Lord that directs my steps. The point, however, is that I have to take the steps. It is our responsibility to pray for direction and for the Lord to light our paths so we can see the direction to go. He makes the plans and works through us to will and do of His good pleasure. Where am I going with this? We are busy planning our work and working our plan for this year's Sharathon.

I must admit, it is not my favorite thing to do, but we are listener supported and it is necessary. Without your support this ministry would not exist. I often have people come to me with advice about how we can raise money. You could do this, that and the other thing, they say. I always appreciate good advice but it has always been our mission to put all our energy into reaching people and teaching them about Jesus Christ. That is what we do here full time, all the time. We are not a fundraising organization. We are an instrument of God to proclaim Him throughout our community. Once a year (and because of the sluggish economy, twice a year lately) we must pause the work on our mission for a few days to focus on raising the revenue to continue. It takes money to pay the bills that keep things running.

I encourage you to pray and ask the Lord to lead you to know His plan for you in supporting this ministry. You are an integral part of the Lord's work here. I seem to say this every year

but it is true. This ministry is needed now more than ever before. You are needed now more than ever before. Jesus is the answer, the solution and way, the truth and the life. We must never take the blessing of these licenses and facility for granted. The opportunity to teach the truths of God's word freely to all who will hear is a right for which many fought and died.

After you pray, will you follow up with a pledge to keep this work going strong in our community? February is the month we use to prepare. Standing together we can and are making a difference. Please consider The Cornerstone in your financial plans for this year. Make a commitment to give generously. When you give, you're giving to the Lord and I feel confident He will bless you in some way. Consider encouraging others by pledging \$1000 or more as matching money. I cannot overemphasize, however, that no gift is too small and no gift is too large. We are able to accept stocks, bonds, antiques, collectables, vehicles and property. We can also provide biblical guidance to help you plan your estate to include God's work without denying your church or family. And remember, all gifts are tax deductible.

We all should make sure we follow through with our prayers. We will pray for you; please pray for us.

John 4:36 *Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.*



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Save the Dates

February 14
Valentine's Day

March 19 – 22
Sharathon

Prayer Corner

Every year during these couple of months, we prepare and pray for God's gracious provision during Sharathon, and every year He answers those prayers. We ask you to join your prayers to ours, to STAND TOGETHER with us before the Father and seek His favor and blessing on these stations. Pray for a large posse of volunteers to help during the long days, for restaurants and churches who will provide food for them all, and for the listeners who will pre-pledge and call in to offer financial support. Pray that we will continue to move forward, and that we will have the resources to accomplish the mission He has given us – to reach the lost and disciple the saved.



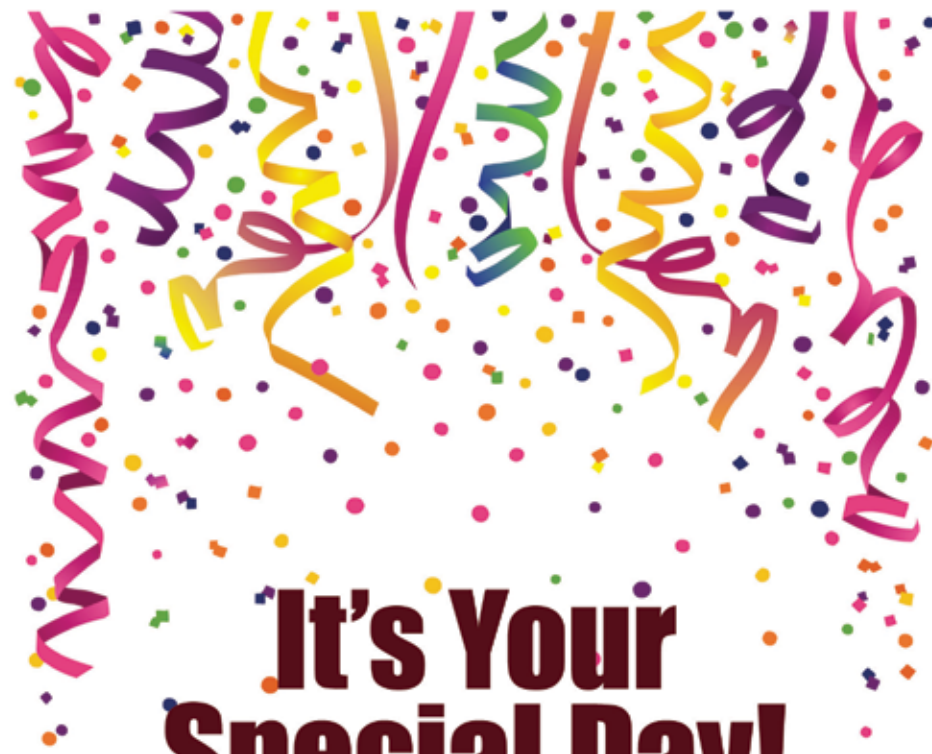
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Make a Stand with Us! by Donna Crowley



Last year was my first Sharathon, and WOW! I couldn't believe all the hands that joined the labors. Long before the sun came up, volunteers were here answering phones, picking up breakfast donations for the crowd, and smiling all the while. Churches and restaurants donated full meals for all our volunteers and staff – three meals a day! Pastors took turns at the mic, friends new and old stopped by to offer encouragement, and there was a general atmosphere of celebration and camaraderie. We all worked together toward one end – to keep our local Christian radio stations alive and broadcasting the good news of Christ.

I am inviting you to join the fun this year! If you have never experienced a Sharathon from this side of the speakers, now is your chance. We need your help, that's for sure, but we would just really enjoy having you STAND TOGETHER with us here. We are here from 6:00 am until as late as 8:00 pm, so there are plenty of open slots you can jump into. Just give us a call or fill out the form on this newsletter, and we will work out a time that is best for you. It really is all about teamwork, so come serve the Lord and the community with us!



It's Your Special Day!

Sponsoring a day on The Cornerstone is a great way to celebrate, honor or just remember a special day or person.

Day sponsors are on a "first come" basis. Remember, day sponsors do not automatically renew. You must reserve your date each year.

Standing Together by Edie Schmidt



Jeremiah 6:16 (ESV)
Thus says the Lord: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'

In the small Kentucky holler where I grew up, roads were a big deal. Our little county didn't have a large budget so once a road had sustained damage or potholes the condition was likely to worsen and worsen for a long time. This might be manageable when the weather was good but in winter, it could make driving nearly impossible. So when the county came and paved a brand new road for our tiny neck of the woods, residents were thrilled. After years of dangerous crumbling road, we would finally have a safe pothole-free way of travel. Everything was great until one day a coal truck discovered that our new road was a shortcut compared to the big wide dirt road the county had made for their travel. It started with one truck, then another and soon our tiny new road was being battered by full coal trucks. Quickly potholes and other damage began to appear. The residents knew something had to be done, so early one morning we all met at the entrance to our road. Men, women and children gathered and together we all stood at the entrance and declared to the coal company that the destruction of our road was unacceptable and they must use their own road. The situation was tense and sometimes dangerous. If we missed gathering one day, the invasion would begin again. Day after day we met at the top of the road until finally our message was heard and accepted. For the adults, it was a hard-earned victory. For us kids it was a lesson about the power of standing together.

Next month we will once again host our annual Sharathon. As we look at the rapid changes taking place all around us, I think you will agree if there was ever a time for Christians to stand, it is now. In attempt to become more relevant to the culture, the gospel proclamation has become watered down by many until it is unrecognizable. As you can tell by our Biblical programming, The Cornerstone still believes in the truth of God's word. Will you join us as we stand in the old paths and proclaim the way that is good, Jesus Christ? If you will, we ask for your support in this upcoming Sharathon. Let's rediscover the power of standing together!



Count On Me In 2013

We have sooo much fun! Please come join us. We need you to answer the phones. Qualifications: Love Jesus and The Cornerstone, able to answer the phone and write legibly. That's it! We're really a friendly bunch so come join the fun!

I Will Volunteer

Pre Sharathon as needed
(run errands, mail preparation, delivery of church bulletins)

Circle day and AM or PM

- Tues., March 19 - AM or PM**
- Wed., March 20 - AM or PM**
- Thurs., March 21 - AM or PM**
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