

Cornerstone Happenings

April 30, 2021



Service Sign Up:

Please sign up for in person services here: <https://forms.gle/JhMoMpvaU2ymXYCQ7>

Announcements:

1. **Sunday May 2nd, during the Christian Ed hour:** Everyone is invited to join together Sunday morning May 2nd at 8:30 on ZOOM to discuss ideas on how Cornerstone is shaped to serve at Living Waters in Lowell. This is a brainstorming session; if you are interested in this ministry and/or have ideas on ways we can serve, please join in!
2. **Sunday May 2nd, after Church in Cornerstone parking lot:** We will have some time after service on May 2nd for Q&A with our guest preacher Brian Gearin, the volunteer trainer for Living Waters. Bring a chair and a bag lunch if you'd like, as Brian will help answer questions and guide us in the best ways we can serve at Living Waters Center of Hope in Lowell.
3. **College and Young Adults Campfire!** Come to the Romig's house (7 Clark Ave Chelmsford) for a campfire on Saturday, May 8th at 7:00 PM. We will chat about our school years, what God is doing in our lives and just hang out and enjoy each others company. Hope to see you all there!
4. **Special Outdoor Mother's Day Service** - This Mother's Day, May 9, 2021, we are celebrating moms by having Pastor Jonathan along with several Cornerstone moms share reflections on Jesus and his "mothers." You might be thinking, "Jesus only had one mom, Mary," and you'd be right, but we have some other moms and grand-moms to tell you about. We hope you can make it! Our service will be at the normal time, 10:30 am at 32 Graniteville Rd. in Westford, MA. We will be outside in our parking lot, so bring a lawn chair and a hat/jacket. You can find out more info about our church at CornerstoneWestford.com.
5. **Women like to burn stuff too!** If you're a lady, and want to get to know the women of Cornerstone better, come out on Saturday, May 15th, at 9:00am to Monica Romig's house for a campfire (7 Clarke Ave. Chelmsford). If you want to bring something to share, just bring it. The Romig's have plenty of chairs, so no need to worry about that. We'll have coffee and donuts available too. This will be an opportunity to get to know each other better and talk about other ways to connect and grow in Christ through Bible, study, prayer, and discipleship. Looking forward to seeing you there!
6. **Worship through Music.** We often sing music in our church services as part of worship. Interested in learning some ways to use discernment with Christian worship songs? Come join the *Worship Through Music* adult education class on Sunday mornings beginning on Sunday, May 16, 2021

7. **Men's campfire at Bernie's house.** Come out for coffee, donuts, and a campfire in the morning at Bernie's house in Chelmsford on Saturday, May 22nd at 8:00am. His address is 115 Littleton Rd Chelmsford MA. We will share what's going on in our lives, share what God is teaching us, re-pair up our discipleship groups, and pray for each other. Should be a great time. Hope you can make it!
8. **Save the date for our next outdoor service!** We're planning to worship in our parking lot the second Sunday of every month. So save the date for May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th, and October 10th. If the weather does not permit an outdoor service that day, we will aim for the following Sunday. Please bring a lawn chair to sit in and blankets or a hat depending on the weather, also we are still wearing masks, and social distancing.
9. **Cornerstone Annual Meeting, May 23rd.** Members and attenders, please come to our annual meeting on Sunday, May 23rd, at 1:00 pm on Zoom. We will be approving the budget, reviewing the ministry year, discussing covid plans, and looking ahead to what God might have in store for us. Meeting ID: 829 7046 9122 Passcode: 212707

Worship Service

Title: Homelessness; The Nightmare that can lead to Redemption.

Text: Mark 10:17-23

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Got News?

If you have an announcement for our weekly e-bulletin, please email cornerstonewestford@gmail.com by Thursday morning.

Elder meeting minutes

Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B7-ldDamAoYPTlIKNnFNSXBRbkk?usp=sharing>

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Bio for Pastor Brian Gearin:

Educationally, I have a B.A. degree from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (formerly North Adams State College) with a Sociology degree and a minor concentration in Urban Affairs graduating in 1981. I have a M.A. from Wheaton College Graduate School in Missions/Intercultural Communications, in Wheaton, Illinois graduating in 1987. I have a Doctor of Ministry DMin Degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Contextualized Ministry in Urban Settings graduating in 2001.

I have a 38 year history as a foreign and domestic missionary. I served 14 years of that time in Metro-Manila Philippines (1983-1997). During this time, I created (with the LORD's help) a Philippine non-government Christian Community Development organization named DEACON (Developing Empowerment And Concern for Overcoming Need) which helped the urban poor in 24 depressed areas to create livelihood businesses in micro-loan mutual accountability groups. In 1998, I created (with the LORD's help and an indigenous Indian couple Ramesh and Sheba Telore) a revolving micro-loan program in Kohlapur, Maharashtra India named MEDIA (Micro Enterprise Development in India)

At the Emmanuel Gospel Center in Boston, I served from 1997-2008 and created (with the LORD's help) the Network (a ministry that enrolled African-American church congregants in a Individual Development Account Savings and Training program (IDA) to self fund dreams of 1st time home ownership, micro-business development and post-secondary education). From 2008-2017, I served as the Director of Starlight Ministries of the Emmanuel Gospel Center which trained Churches and volunteers to build life-changing relationships with people experiencing homelessness. From 2017- to the present, I created (with the LORD's help) a Christian Consultant ministry named RESTORE (Returning from the Edge: Spiritual Transformational Opportunities for Relational Engagements) assisting ministry leaders with Consultancy services that enhance their effectiveness in training and maintaining ministries with those experiencing homelessness in the Greater Boston area. I serve on the Board of Directors of the Living Waters Ministry of Hope in Lowell.

I served as the Senior Pastor of the 1st Baptist Church of Everett, Massachusetts from 1998-2011. I have 3 children (Ruthi, David and Sarah), 2 step-children (Kaitlin and Becca) and 5 grandchildren (Jaikob, Jayla, Jackson, Gideon and Noah). I have been married for nearly 11 years with my remarkable wife Sandy (a 1st grade teacher at the Park Street Christian school in Boston. We live in West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Have a fantastic week!