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CORNERSTONE  
CHURCH

## Hello Cornerstone,

We have an amazing history of worship and service in Effingham. In October 1949, twenty-two of our “big brothers and big sisters” gathered at Effingham’s American Legion Hall. Central Church of Christ began this journey that we are still on. Before 1953 the group grew and gathered at the Legion Hall, the Odd Fellows Hall, and even individual homes.

In 1953, Central Church of Christ decided mission could better be accomplished by moving into a property at the corner of Willow and Brentwood in Effingham. We continued to grow and, in 1958, bought the property at 1007 S Willow in Effingham because it was time to take the next step in accomplishing the mission given to us by Jesus, to make disciples. The next step included constructing a building on that property and changing our name to Willow Street Church of Christ. By 1960, we began worshiping there, at first in the basement.

Years later, it was decided that the best way to continue our mission was to buy property on the south end of town and build a building. And again, we changed our name, becoming Cornerstone Christian Church, a drastic step that we leaned into boldly because of our convictions.

Ministry has flourished as Cornerstone continues to move forward, building on the previous generation’s legacy with respect for what has been and the pursuit of what could be. Cornerstone has a unique history of doing amazing things to accomplish mission. We have another opportunity to continue in that tradition.

It’s time to make improvements to the tool that God has given us in our building and grounds. We want to use this building to ensure that Cornerstone is on the frontlines of ministry in Effingham and beyond for generations to come. We want to make sure that our children and grandchildren have a group of people to grow with, be on mission with, and a church to call home.

Cornerstone continues to make disciples of Jesus by loving God, loving people, loving Effingham and beyond. We want to go “All IN” and lean into “The Beyond Initiative.”



*You are deeply loved!*

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# OUR HISTORY

It all started with 22 “big brothers and sisters” in 1949 ...

Twenty-two people of common faith and desires wanting to worship as the Bible teaches, free from any denominational ties. Through our many years of growth and ministry, God has always provided, and we have faith that he will continue to provide during this exciting new phase of our church! As these pictures show, we have come a long way and have a lot to be proud of as a church. Join us to courageously go BEYOND what we dream possible!



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# THE PLAN



**Cornerstone Church** proudly serves as an influential, multi-generational church in the greater Effingham area. The church recognizes its duty to reach beyond the walls of the church to effectively minister to the lost, unchurched people of Effingham County. Cornerstone is an ever-evolving church, and today is a different church than it was even five years ago. The church's cultural influence and regional radius have changed, and its mission and vision have been updated for today's church.

Today, we recognize the importance of providing for the needs of all generations to effectively reach the unchurched. For youth, that need focuses on conversation and large group space that allows them to both learn intently as well as have higher energy fun. For adults, the needs focus on several areas, including large and medium size group space for deeper learning, effective worship space for intentionally deep spiritual worship, and strategic lobby/community space for one-on-one and group social interactions.



## Exterior

Cornerstone is a unique and vibrant church family. The branding and new logo are a valuable tool to tell our story. Along with updating signage, the building and landscaping can be updated to set us apart from the other churches in the Effingham area. Many drive by on the highway daily and fail to realize we exist, as the building blends in with the others along the route. Instead, let's highlight the life and family-oriented fun at our church, a place they can belong, not only on Sunday morning, but throughout the week.

## Outdoor Lobby/Playground

Complete with tables, colorful umbrellas or shades, hangout spaces and other amenities, an outdoor lobby speaks life to folks driving by, as well as brings color and warmth to the entrance and front of the building. This space can be intentionally used on Sunday mornings and throughout the week as a place to gather, visit, and enjoy coffee or a meal with friends while kids are entertained on the colorful and safe playground area.

## Lobby

Making a guest feel welcome goes beyond the warm handshake and genuine smile of a greeter. Our lobby space can be an intentional social atmosphere, in hopes of making and building stronger, Christ-centered relationships. As we continue to grow and connect with our unchurched community, the level of accommodations we desire today will necessitate effective layout changes to get us to the next level in our pursuit of maximum Kingdom impact in our region of influence.

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## Cornerstone Kids!

Our Kids' spaces impact on perception and security issues are a high priority, as our focus on the Kids' safety and growth has a direct effect on parents' perception of excellence for all ages. Reconfiguring the Education Wing's restrooms to Family Restrooms and enlarging the Check-In area facilitates efficiency while maintaining a bright, light, and welcoming arrival and drop-off process. Close attention to room capacities and individual ages' requirements for optimal experiences will inform reconfiguration of the rooms, including "BombProof" finishes and fixtures for active play and games. A Special Needs Room is planned to welcome families that may not always feel welcome, as Cornerstone's vision is to be a place where everyone can belong.

## Worship Center

Cornerstone's Worship Center is a beautiful space with comfortable pews, large stage, and easy access. Considering the balance with the other areas of the building, especially Cornerstone Kids' capacity, the room is just too big. To bring balance to the facility as a whole and create the intimate and personal worship experience for guests throughout the room, pews from the back will be removed and the wall moved inward, creating additional room in the lobby for a medium-size adult room, a café area, and an area for conversations around next steps and opportunities available through Cornerstone. The Worship Center will be equipped with cameras and updated Audio/Visual technology to enhance online church and the in-person experience.







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# MY GIVING POTENTIAL



*Each of us can give far more than we think by giving it over a 25-month period. Here are some examples:*

Weekly Gift	Yearly Gift	25 mo. Total	Weekly Gift	Yearly Gift	25 mo. Total
\$22	\$1,144	\$2,376	\$200	\$10,400	\$21,600
\$33	\$1,716	\$3,564	\$250	\$13,000	\$27,000
\$44	\$2,288	\$4,752	\$300	\$15,600	\$32,400
\$55	\$2,860	\$5,940	\$400	\$20,800	\$43,200
\$66	\$3,432	\$7,128	\$500	\$26,000	\$54,000
\$77	\$4,004	\$8,316	\$600	\$31,200	\$64,800
\$88	\$4,576	\$9,504	\$750	\$39,000	\$81,000
\$100	\$5,200	\$10,800	\$1,000	\$52,000	\$108,000
\$125	\$6,500	\$13,500	\$1,250	\$65,000	\$135,000
\$150	\$7,800	\$16,200	\$2,000	\$104,000	\$216,000

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

*2 Corinthians 9:6-8*



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*Pray for Courage on Commitment Sunday – November 14, 2021*

Begin your giving journey by GIVING ...

**COURAGEOUSLY** – *Gift on Commitment Sunday*

Write the largest check ever to Cornerstone

**CONSISTENTLY** – *Monthly Pledge*

24 months of extra giving, above/BEYOND regular tithe

**CREATIVELY** – *Non-cash Gift*

Stock, cars, boats, land, etc.

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**BEYOND STORIES**

We love hearing about how God has moved you to give generously to move His mission BEYOND.

**BEYOND**

Name

Email

Phone

Address

City  State  Zip

With dependence on God, I commit to:

**KICK-OFF GIFT** \$

Cash, check\*, or online\*\* gift given on or before BEYOND Commitment Sunday (Nov 14)

**MY COMMITMENT** \$

\$  / per week x 109 weeks

\$  / per month x 25 months

**NON-CASH GIFTS**

