



The Corner Column

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Cornerstone **Newsletter**

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It's not really "new" of course. But considering the last edition of the Cornerstone Newsletter "Around the Corner" was last published in spring of 2018, I'm taking this opportunity to label this "new" and introduce you to what I'm calling, "The Corner Column."

Since 2018, so. much. has. happened.

There is of course the pastoral transition in 2019 as Pastor Gary became the PAONL's new Executive Director of Ministry Development and Strategic Initiatives, and of course our arrival in October.

Since then, we've dealt with the snowstorm of a lifetime and a global pandemic that has rocked well, the globe. But wait, let me back-up. Just before the pandemic shut

everything down, we had announced that Pastor Kelsey was chosen as our new Director of Outreach. But, due to the pandemic, her official hiring was delayed until just recently. We announced in December of 2020, that she was officially hired and it was great news to close out 2020.

Someone told me upon my arrival here that at Cornerstone, "Just because we've done it that way before, doesn't mean we have to do it again. And just because we've never done it that way, doesn't mean we can't try." Cornerstone charm at its finest. :) I'd like to take this opportunity to say "thanks" to all of the Cornerstone family who have made our first year a smooth transition considering all the "extra" changes we've gone through.

One of my greatest regrets going into 2021, is that I don't know the Cornerstone family as well as I'd like, or as well as I probably would, if not for the ongoing pandemic. So, my purpose for The Corner Column is to share with you all the news and information relative to the ministries of CMC, but also to let you into our lives, since we can't grab a coffee like it's 2019.

I hope you'll get excited with me for 2021. Happy New Year by the way! I believe there are good things in store. Sure, we're living in the midst of a global pandemic, but my God is so much bigger. He's still in control. He knows what he's doing. Let's not miss the good things to come.



"But forget all that - it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun!

Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland... Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland so my chosen people can be refreshed." --Isaiah 43:18-19&20b

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