



The Corner Column

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Christ Is All That Matters

Rewind to March 2020, before the pandemic began. Could anyone have predicted the last 18 months would play out the way that they have? I don't think so. Actually, I'm sure of it. Unprecedented, crazy, uncertain, ever-changing, restrictive, isolating and discriminating. All words I've heard tossed around throughout the months. In the last few weeks alone, it seems tensions and frustrations are on the rise, many of them legitimate, while some are rooted in misunderstanding and perhaps a bit of fanaticism even.

Rather than take you down the winding road of circulating opinions and debates, let me instead encourage you with this: Christ is all that matters. Perhaps I've oversimplified, forgive me if I have, but in Paul's letter to the Colossians, he writes that in this new life of faith, it doesn't matter if you are Jew or Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave or free. Christ is all that matters and he lives in you (Col 3:11).

I'm not suggesting we turn a blind eye to the challenges we face, but I do believe we must see, interpret and engage them through the lens of Jesus. He is all that matters. Because we belong to Him Paul says to clothe ourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. We are called to live in peace, and always be thankful (Col 3:12-15).



For me personally, this pandemic has been sheer frustration. It has stifled any ministry momentum and rhythm, limited my capacity to connect socially, and is an ever evolving logistical nightmare. But, Christ is all that matters. In that truth, I find solace. I am encouraged that the challenges we face can be navigated with integrity. The gospel still has power and the church can continue to be faithful to the great commission.

Be encouraged, and don't lose sight of what's most important and what will keep you on mission: Christ is all that matters.

Christmas Shoeboxes



It's that time of year! Make sure you grab your shoeboxes at CMC or contact Melanie Rideout at melanie.rideout@gmail.com to make arrangements to pick-up.

Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at the collection center (Elim Tabernacle) at the following times:

Nov 18th from 12noon to 6pm

Nov 19th from 12noon to 8pm

Nov 20th from 10am to 4pm

Nov 21st from 10am to 4pm

Cornerstone Missions Commitment (Update)

For 2021 Cornerstone has committed to \$5000 as it's missions giving goal. These missions dollars will go to ministry initiatives both locally within our province and abroad.

As of the end of September missions giving was \$4700! It looks like we will meet and possibly even exceed our goal for the year!

If you haven't yet, but would like to contribute to missions, you can give as you would normally via our church website or through e-transfer and indicate "missions" in the drop-down menu or in the comments section.

Thank you so much Cornerstone for your faithfulness in giving to missions!



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