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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. 5:00 Prayer	<b>2</b> 6:30 Precepts	<b>3</b> 10:00 MAKS 7:00 Congr. Care Comm.	<b>4</b> 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	<b>5</b> 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm	<b>6</b> 6:15am Men's Grp 7:30pm Club 180	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. 5:00 Prayer	<b>9</b> 6:30 Outreach 6:30 Precepts	<b>10</b> 4:30 Women's Ministries	<b>11</b> 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	<b>12</b> 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm	<b>13</b> 6:15am Men's Grp 7:30pm Club 180	<b>14</b> 6:00am Men's Leaders 7:30 Next Man Up 9:00 Breakfast & Bible
<b>15</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. 5:00 Prayer	<b>16</b> 6:30 Precepts 7:00 CTG meeting	<b>17</b> 10:00 MAKS 6:30 Elder Board	<b>18</b> 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	<b>19</b> 12:00 Men's Lunch 1:30 Quilting 6:30 Worship Tm	<b>20</b> 6:15am Men's Grp 7:30pm Club 180	<b>21</b> 5:30 & 8:00pm Dessert Comedy Theatre
<b>22</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. 5:00 Prayer	<b>23</b> 6:30 Precepts	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	<b>26</b> 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm	<b>27</b> 6:15am Men's Grp 7:30pm Club 180	<b>28</b>
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# Cornerstone

*A heart for God and you*

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**“Are We Really Aware?”**

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Please pause for a moment, right now, to allow yourself to think about what could be one of the most fantastic things that could happen to you. Maybe the thought would be to travel wherever you want? Or marrying the man or woman of your dreams? Or being able to be home with family and retiring early? Or having a broken relationship restored? Or being totally out of debt? Or for some, to allow Green Bay to replay the last four minutes of this year's NFC championship game? I would like to suggest all of these would pale to nearly nothing if we truly recognized the reality of the fantastic truth which is ours as followers of Jesus Christ.

I believe this blessing is best expressed in 1 John 3:1 (Please don't allow yourself to just read the next quote from Scripture without deep thought, but please, please stop and allow yourself to meditate on it for a few seconds...or minutes/hours). Here it is: "How great is the love the Father has lavished upon us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (The exclamation marks are not mine, they are in God's word!) Think – long and hard – about what has been said; we are children of God!

As believers in Jesus Christ who have recognized Him as the Lamb of God, the Messiah of the Old Testament, and as people who have received Jesus as our Savior and Lord, we have been given the honor of becoming children of God (Jn. 1:12)! Paul in Galatians, more than once, stresses that the Galatian believers are sons, or children, of God. In Chapter 3, verse 26, we read, "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." And, in Chapter 4, verses 4-7, we are made aware of the fact that we have the full rights of sons who experience the reality of the Spirit of Christ dwelling in our hearts. How amazing! How marvelous! Can we really fathom this truth? You and I, by placing our faith in Jesus Christ, become children of God, brothers and sisters in the Lord! Please ponder well with me what this really means. Let's ask the Spirit to reveal the glory, honor, and humbling truth of the limitless blessing, authority and power we now have been granted in Christ.

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## Missions Update

Three percent of the amount pledged to build our first CCC building was designated to be used by the Missions Commission for cross-cultural ministries. After approval by the congregation by separate votes in 2001 and again in 2006, some \$15,000 was transferred to Missions in 2007.

In 2014, the Missions Commission designated \$9000 of the total to be used by ASON toward the construction of a bathroom complex at Peter Awane's school in Zuarungu, Ghana. \$3000 was also approved to be used by Camp Victory for a recreation center there, and \$3000 was approved for Urban Impact Ministries in New Orleans toward a new youth center. All these funds were recently disbursed.

The Missions Commission's goal to distribute the funds to expand God's kingdom was achieved in areas that the church has been committed to ministry for many years. Anticipated growth in all three of these important areas will present the opportunity for additional support from CCC in the future.

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*Continued from front*    **“Are We Really Aware?”**

God is our Father and we are His children! We must joyously and wisely live in this reality, spreading “everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.” (2 Cor. 2:14) This world is not our home, we're simply passing through on our journey to be at home with our Heavenly Father! Forever!! How wonderful it will be to see Jesus! And don't forget, we all have friends and relatives waiting there for us as well.

Are we really aware of who we are in Christ and the blessing it is to be a child of God? By His grace let's live this life well, using every moment to exalt Him and to help others experience the fullness of salvation Jesus Christ desires all to know. Surely, God wants his family to be healthy and growing.

Seeking to know God & make Him known,

*Pastor Howard*

## **AWANA Club Corner**

### AWANA Special Dates

March 4th - 5 & 6th grade girls - Dad/Daughter Dessert  
March 18th - Grand Prix Car Showcase Night  
March 25th - Challenge Night

## **Women's Ministries**

### ***Breakfast & Bible Study***

Sat., March 14 - 9-11:00am

*True Women 101*

*Please sign-up at the Info Booth*



The next **Women's Bible Study** will be starting mid-March

“What Happens When Women Say Yes to God”

Watch the bulletin for details & registration

## *A fun “Outreach Opportunity”*

**SWEET LIFE! Dessert Comedy Theatre**, starring Scott Davis,  
is coming here **Saturday, March 21, 2015!!!**

Two shows, one at 5:30pm

*(complete with child care by reservation for children 8 and under)*

and one show at 8:00pm.

Join us for an evening of laughter and desserts!!

Tickets are on sale in the foyer each Sunday at 10:00am,  
between Church service & Sunday School. Advance sale tickets are \$10.

The night of the event tickets will be \$15 at the door.

Tickets can also be purchased online by going to our website  
for the link through itickets for a slight service charge.

***What a great way to introduce friends & family to our church!!!***

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Some of you may have questions regarding Life Groups. If so, I hope this article, in Q & A format, will help provide a better understanding of the Life Group ministry in our church.

1. What is a Life Group? Life Groups are small groups, usually with approximately six to twelve people, who meet together on a regular basis to help one another grow in their walk with God through supportive, loving relationships. Life Groups are seen as the ideal setting where the “Loving one another as Christ has loved us” step in our Disciple-Making Pathway can take place.
2. Are all small groups Life Groups? No. A Life Group is designed to have the following features:
  - ◆ Meets regularly (at least twice a month), usually for about 1½ hour
  - ◆ Each meeting provides a brief social time, often with treats
  - ◆ Each meeting has a study time focused on the Bible or biblical truth
  - ◆ Time is allotted each meeting for personal sharing & prayer
  - ◆ There is caring contact between group members outside the meeting
  - ◆ All groups are encouraged to:
    - a. Have occasional social events simply for fun & relaxation
    - b. Be involved in service ministries of helping others
3. What is the purpose or goal of Life Groups? The purpose of Life Groups is to provide a safe setting where people can process life together, seeking & applying biblical truth to the challenges of life. The ultimate goal is to become passionate followers of Jesus Christ. One person has described the Life Group setting as an incubated environment where it is safe to practice discipleship.
4. How can I join a Life Group? There are three ways to become a member of a Life Group:
  - 1) Complete a form at the Info Booth requesting to become a member;
  - 2) Contact Pastor Howard and inform him of your interest in joining a group; and
  - 3) By personal invite of a Life Group leader or members of a group.
5. What are needs/challenges of the Life Group ministry? Two immediate challenges I see in the Life Group ministry are: How can we involve more people, and the need for more leaders.
6. How do I view Life Groups? I like to think of individual families, Life Groups, and the entire church as family - families on mission for Jesus Christ. My heart's desire is that we will experience an amazing sense of excitement & energy by seeing God at work bringing new life to spiritually needy people. I dream of a body of believers united as one, energized and confident - through the power of the Holy Spirit, sharing God's love and truth in word and deed with the people He brings into our lives every moment of every day!