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CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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FOCUS: 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Luke 13:18: Jesus asked "What is the Kingdom of God? What shall I compare it too? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted it in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches."

Thirty years seem to have passed so quickly. Who would have thought that a small group of people in my living room who wanted to study the Bible and find out more about Jesus would be the beginnings of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship?

Over the years this group expanded and we moved to various community facilities in town. Eventually, we settled in Ravenswood Primary School where we stayed for a number of years. After endless attempts to find suitable land we came to what used to be the town's Bingo Hall and Cinema where my children used to go to watch the Sunday cartoons. We renamed the building Cornerstone House.

I wouldn't want to count the doors we have knocked in the name of evangelism or the times we had open air praise meetings in various central spots in the town. We had a Prayer Walk around all the churches in the town that didn't

have an evangelical preacher and God answered our prayer.

For a season, we instigated a gathering in the Old Town Hall which we called "Praise Fellowship". This was a successful attempt to gather the different Christian denominations together and the inheritance of this is a thriving fraternal relationship among ministers, priests and pastors alike. God always brings fruit when we honour Him.

People have come and gone over the years but Cornerstone has always had a core of faithful people who I have watched grow up from teenagers to young parents and some to grandparents. I thank God for every one of them for without their **Commitment, Faithfulness and Perseverance**, we would not have Cornerstone.

It may appear that all our efforts bore little fruit. But on reflection, I can see that the fruit flourished in each of our lives, preserving and deepening our commitment to God, to each other and

to the vision of the Fellowship. Indeed, God is in the business of changing us, deepening our faith, refining our character. And this doesn't happen overnight.



All I have written is to give an understanding of our past but what about our future? We must develop more fully what it means "to be a shining light

in this town." We need to seek God for a fresh grasp of His vision for Cornerstone. God never stands still. He leads us into new things and new directions and expects us to follow. Who knows what great things we will be doing for God in the next thirty years to come?

As the new generation take up the baton to run the race, let us not comfortably settle down on the things we have accomplished. Let us be part of the exciting times ahead and be radically different in introducing the lost to Christ. We live in a time when people

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have no hope and no sense of vision or purpose in life. We who know Jesus know that He is the Answer, the Hope and the Reason for our being. Let us be willing to share Him with them.

Every work of God requires people who **have Commitment, Faithfulness and Perseverance**. These are the kinds of people who can achieve great things for God. Let us be that kind of people!



A set of brand new books worth £900.00 has been procured by Cornerstone Christian Fellowship to launch its new lending Christian Library and Information Resource Centre for the use of the fellowship and Cumbernauld community.

Resources include books, audio cassettes and teaching videos. Alan Welsh, Pastor of Cornerstone said "it was a way to ensure that important and classic books with a Christian background were easily available".

Half of the cost was donated as part of a national scheme called "Speaking Volumes" and was founded in 1971 by the Christian Book Promotion Trust. It recommends a set of mainstream religious books chosen by a national panel of literary experts from all the major denominations. Over the past twelve months, 150 placements have been made in libraries in the UK and abroad.

The resource was augmented by notable donations from the estate of Neil McLaughlin (primarily Derek Prince materials, Mr & Mrs Redmond and Irene Barr.

Alan also said "It is vital that people can read our most important social ideas, adventurous lives and inspiring faith." Applications for free membership are now available at the Information Desk.

Cornerstone Library will be officially launched this April so tell your friends and watch for it!

Sunday Service April Rota

DATE	SPEAKER	CRECHE	BIBLE CLUB	YOUTH	OTHERS	NOTES
APRIL 7	Alan Welsh	Claire, Lesleyanne, Grace		In Service		Communion Sunday Phyllis' HG
APRIL 14	Alan Welsh	Claire, Stephen, Katie				Morning Thanksgiving Service/ 7:30 Evening Praise
APRIL 21	John McNair	Claire, Jay, Isabel				
APRIL 28	Alan Welsh	Claire, Graeme, Teri				

CALL TO PRAYER. Annemarie Hanson started a Prayer Time at Cornerstone. Dates will be posted on the Bulletin Board so watch for it. All welcome to come and pray.

GIFTS RECEIVED on Nathanael's Dedication Day

Day. A total of £360 was received during Nathanael's dedication celebration. £180 of this will be given as a cash donation to the Bethlehem Fund and £180 in cheque to Sponsor A Child Compassion International Charity. Nathanael is the son of Graeme and Claire Sharp.

"CHERISH" CONFERENCE. Teri Smith is inviting all women interested to join her in attending the 3-day CHERISH Conference in Bradford on the 30th of May. Ladies interested, please contact Teri at the Info Desk.

MEN'S DAY CONFERENCE is on Saturday, 4th of May on the topic "Wrestling With God". The conference will be at Cornerstone House and is free of charge. **We look forward to seeing you!**



Happy Anniversary Cornerstone!