

# CORNERSTONE CONNECTIONS



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## Welcome a New Year!

Statistics indicate that approximately 70% of Americans will make some sort of resolution for the New Year. What do so many Americans “resolve” to do? Among the top resolutions are to spend more time with family and friends, become more fit, quit smoking, get out of debt and get organized. All of which are very worthy goals, but so often, these commitments are broken by the 1<sup>st</sup> of February!

While making commitments to our emotional, physical and financial well being is a healthy step to take, many times people leave out the most important—renewing our commitment to live out our Christian faith as God intended. It is easy to get caught up in the “me” centered culture and focus on the temporary things.

As you head into the New Year, take the time to recommit to your spiritual well being. A recommitment to prayer, small group, reading your bible and regular attendance at church are all ways in which people grow in their faith. Also, consider asking someone to hold you “accountable” and have them check in with you

## Small Group Happenings

Here at Cornerstone, we encourage everyone to be a part of a small group. Small groups are the place where you are encouraged to grow spiritually and relationally with others in community.

Beginning in early February, Cornerstone will be offering new small groups for both men and women to study God’s word and connect with each other. There will be a men’s groups beginning, which will meet here at the church, with date and time to be determined. This will be great opportunity for men to engage in relevant study. We will also be offering a

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throughout the year as you continue to work and reflect on your recommitments!

If you are looking for a new or renewed start for the New Year, encouraging words can always be found in the bible. Let them inspire you to deeper commitment to walk in faith.

**1 Peter 1:3** Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

mixed small group for people who are newer to the church and looking to join their first Cornerstone small group, or perhaps their first small group ever! If that describes you, please join us!

Contact Trish Chick at [trishchick@comcast.net](mailto:trishchick@comcast.net) or 425 432 1790 if you have any questions and/or are interested in joining a small group.

*“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:11

## Hospitality Team Opportunities

Do you remember the first time you walked through Cornerstone's doors to attend church? Chances are you were greeted by members of our wonderful hospitality team!

The hospitality team is pivotal to providing a warm and welcoming environment for our new visitors and there is always a need for new members to join this ministry! You can sign up to work for just a week or two per month at either the 9:00 or 10:30 service. Positions available are front door greeters and sanctuary door greeters. Families are welcome and encouraged to sign up together—it's never too early to teach our younger ones how to welcome others!

## Upcoming Women's Retreat!

Do you love well? As we know, some people are a joy to love and some are difficult to love. Only God can give us the complete love we need in order to love others! This retreat will feature Beth Moore (via DVD) and testimonies from our own Cornerstone ladies!

We invite you to our women's retreat, "Loving Well" this winter to learn more and have a great time in fellowship with other women. We also encourage you to invite a relative, friend and/or neighbor to join you!

### *What's your S.H.A.P.E.?*

*Spiritual Gifts*

*Heart*

*Abilities*

*Personality*

*Experiences*

If you would like to get involved or have any questions regarding this ministry, please contact Del and Donna Bradshaw at 425 413 7174.

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."* Hebrews 13:2

The retreat is set for Friday evening, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and all day Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Camp McCullough, right here in Covington. The cost is \$75 and includes one night accommodations, all retreat materials and four full meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Registration will continue through January 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Trish at [trishchick@comcast.net](mailto:trishchick@comcast.net) or Kris at [kchoff@comcast.net](mailto:kchoff@comcast.net).

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