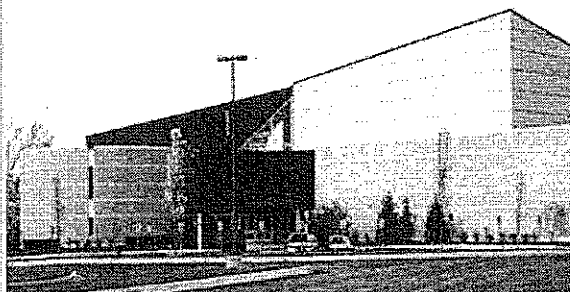


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## Cornerstone Family News

### Parenting Conference

March 2nd & 3rd

Click [here](#) for more information.

### Women's Evening of Taste & Talent

March 15th at 6:23 PM

Tickets are \$14.00.

### ABF Game Night

March 16th at 7:00 PM

### Big Buck Dinner

March 23rd at 6:30 PM

Tickets are \$15.00.

## Bob's Blog

February 22, 2012

Wow, talk about a letdown. I just heard that Ann Arbor is hosting a marathon in June. Immediately, visions of running the tree-lined streets of that city with an Ohio State shirt and hat started dancing in my head. If ever there were a venue to run well and finally qualify for the Boston Marathon, this would be it! Then I read that the race would be on a Sunday. Oh well. As much as I would have fun running that race, I have infinitely greater joy in preaching the gospel. Could I run a marathon on a Sunday? Sure, but why would I? What is the point compared to the gospel?

Be ready. Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Many people are taught that we get close to God by giving up things. Some believe that the punishment of the

## This Week at Cornerstone

### Wednesday

**February 22**

6:45 PM - Regular Classes  
& Activities

### Thursday

**February 23**

**No CONNECT**

7:00 PM - Recovery @  
Cornerstone

### Friday

**February 24**

1:00 PM- Kidz White Out  
Departs

### Sunday

**February 26**

9:30 AM - Sunday School &  
ABFs

10:45 AM - Morning  
Worship

4:00 PM - Kidz White Out  
Returns

6:00 PM - Evening Class

### Monday

**February 27**

CONNECT - Conner Creek  
4th-6th

(Note special date.)

### Tuesday

**February 28**

9:30 AM - Ladies' Bible  
Studies

body purifies the soul. Sadly, the focus is on what the person does, rather than on what Christ has already accomplished. I joke that I gave up Lent for Lent. The truth is, we get close to God because Christ gave up His life. Pray that God will give you opportunities to share about the finished work of Christ to those in bondage to works righteousness.

Be discerning. Millions of people around the world watched the funeral service of Whitney Houston. The music was pulsating, the sermon was lively, the audience was "into it" and, according to one foreign correspondent, the world got to see a view of what evangelicals call "a home going service." This writer concluded by saying, "Whitney Houston's funeral service brought to the world, the truth of the Gospel, which is the good news that regardless of your troubles in this life, if you believe in God through Jesus Christ, you have a better hope of eternity, which when all is said and done, is incomparable to anything in this life." Sadly, that is what many people think the gospel is. Sadly, that is what many churches preach. Sadly look at what it produces: people who say they love Jesus but whose lives look nothing like Him. Go back and re-read that definition of the gospel and see if you can see the glaring omission.

This is the result of the church abandoning the doctrine of repentance. But Christ taught on it. Conversion is turning from sin and turning to Christ. Belief without repentance is cheap grace. Repentance without belief is works righteousness. Cheap grace and works righteousness are both ditches that will condemn you.

Be hopeful. Redemption Church (our church-planting effort in Eastpointe) has not officially launched, but it is meeting on Sunday nights going through a study of Mark's Gospel called, "Christianity Explored." This series is designed to help equip people, by using Mark's Gospel, for evangelistic Bible studies. This group meets at the Beaconsfield Baptist Church on Beaconsfield Road between 8 Mile Road and 9 Mile Road. If you are interested in learning more about this, contact Chad Holmgren.

Bob

Cornerstone Baptist Church's website is [www.cbcrOSEville.org](http://www.cbcrOSEville.org) .

**Wednesday**  
**February 29**  
10:00 AM - Adult Bible  
Study  
6:45 PM - Regular Classes  
& Activities

