

Cornerstone Student Ministry exists to help students experience how Jesus Changes Everything. We want faith in Jesus to be who they are and what they do, so that when students graduate from High School they are spiritually mature and prepared for the next phase of life. We believe that Jesus had consistent rhythms in his life, those rhythms were UP in worship, IN in community, and OUT on mission. Our desire is to live out those same rhythms as Jesus. We do this in both Large Group and Small Group settings throughout the year.

Large group: During the school year, 7th-12th graders meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-8:00 at Cornerstone in the Worship Center. At large group we hang out and connect with friends, play games, worship, hear testimonies, have times of prayer, and are taught from the Scriptures.

Small groups: During the school year, 7th-12th graders meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at different locations according to grade. At home groups we hang out, have food, play games, watch a video teaching, and them break up into small groups to discuss the video teaching.

Small Group Locations: 7th & 8th @ Church, 9th @ Ryan & Pamela Carlson's, 10th, 11th & 12th @ Luke and Barb Smith's.

This year, during our small group time, we will be doing a video series called Christian Sexuality. It is intended to faithfully present God's design for our bodies and to follow the Bible's teaching with regard to our sexual desires. The hope is to encourage and equip youth to have a holistic view of sex and to choose Jesus as the true source and authority for human flourishing. The Christian Sexuality series is written and produced by Dr. Preston Sprinkle and Jason Soucinek, founders and leaders at The Center for Faith, Sexuality, and Gender as well as Project Six19.

Youth Events: Throughout the year we will have different events and activities. These include Retreats, Camps, Missions Trips, Girl's Nights, Praise and Worship Nights, Youth Conferences, Game Nights, Ski Trips, 5th Quarter Parties, etc. These events are designed to help students grow in their faith and experience God, build healthy relationships with peers and youth leaders, invite other students, and have fun.

One on Ones: When time/logistics permit, one of the highlights of ministry is meeting with students for lunch, coffee, or ice cream. These experiences allow us to hear from the students, get to know their heart, learn what God is doing in their life, and discern what they might be needing/wanting next from us in terms of growth in the Lord.



Remind texts for parents: Send @corparent to 81010 Remind texts for 7th Graders: Send @CSM2027 to 81010 Remind text for 8th Graders: Send @CSM2026 to 81010 Remind text for 9th Graders: Send @CSM2025 to 81010

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Who We Are:



Jesse Hurkes is married to Jessica and they have four boys: Eli, Caleb, Zeke, and Jonah. Jesse has been at Cornerstone since 2007. He likes to exercise and play sports with his boys. Jesse has a passion for helping and seeing people serve the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.



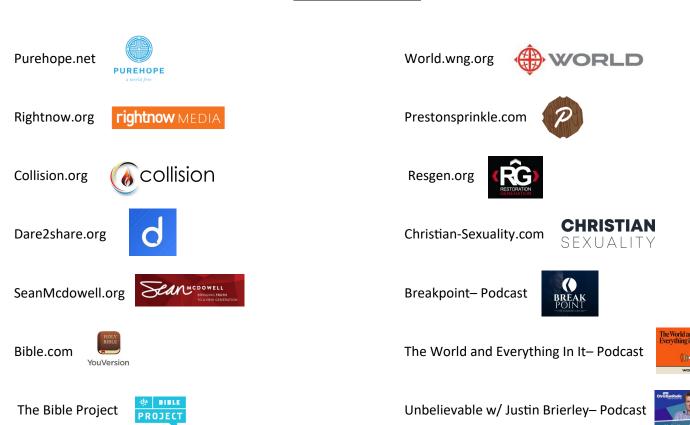
Emily Trupe graduated from Watertown High School in 2008 and has been helping Cornerstone with youth ministry in some capacity since that time. She is married to Brandon, who is the Worship Pastor at Cornerstone, and they have two children: Jonathan and Ellianna, and they are expecting #3 in November. Emily loves Jesus and has a heart for students. She also teaches 9th Grade Biology at the Watertown High School.



Pamela Carlson has been serving the youth ministry since 2010 when her eldest son was a 7th grader, and in 2020 came on as part time staff. She enjoys the unique perspective of being a parent as well as youth leader. Helping students find personal freedom from specific areas of life and equipping parents to grow in spiritual effectiveness are two of her passions.

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Youth Resources

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