



# Cornerstone

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## Over The Bush Evangelism

By Sheryl Jackson

A perspective of sharing the gospel of Christ by partnering with God through a personal relationship, prayer, and the Word to do what only God can do ...

Our love for Christ should propel us to seek to meet people in their everyday setting, like Jesus did, with the goal of seeking out where the Holy Spirit may already be at work and loving them into the arms of Jesus one conversation at a time. Prayer is the key that opens the door to where God is already working!

The Bible says all people are looking for unfailing love. Christ is the only one that can fill that emptiness and longing.

It's out of an intimate relationship with Christ, hiding His truths in our hearts, and prayer that Jesus' love overflows through us into the lives of others. We may be the only Bible they ever read. We can't give away what we don't have. If our vertical relationship with God runs deep, HE will be the impact, through us, into ALL of our horizontal relationships.

Prayer is powerful and effective! The same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead resides in us, those God calls His own. When we pray in the Spirit, the Spirit in us intercedes for us and speaks into our prayers. As we pray for wisdom in sharing Christ with others, God gives us opportunities, placing people in our pathway.

This can take place over the fence or shrubs, at the mailbox, or at the end of your driveway. Relationships can be built with a co-worker in the next cubicle or over lunch. (Jesus met the woman at the well and Lazarus in the street. He met Peter and Andrew while they were working, pulling in their fish nets.)

One day, for me, it was in the neighbor's garden. I simply walked over and asked how he and his wife were getting along through this pandemic. He opened up and shared some of his deepest concerns. He was having cancer surgery the next week. He said, "It's the kind of cancer that moves from the skin to the organs and this is my second surgery." My response was an opportunity. Many people are hurting and we can be their first introduction to the Living Christ through our words and actions.



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Over The Bush Evangelism by Sheryl Jackson continued:

Our lives need to be lived in such a way that others see Christ in us and desire what we have. It should move them to curiosity, to ask questions. The scriptures instruct us “to be ready to give an answer for the hope we have in us”. God never meant for the gospel to be crammed down people’s throats. The gospel is relational.

Love is respectful and isn’t overbearing, but kind and it’s not intrusive. It’s patient and not self-seeking. It simply draws alongside with the love of Christ to help, to serve, to build up and to mentor them into a place of desiring a relationship with Christ themselves.

You know it wasn’t over a bush, but from within a bush, that God spoke to Moses to ask him to be a part of what God was doing to save a nation. Can’t God use us “over a bush” to save a lost world?

People who pray expecting God to do the impossible, get to see God unleash His glory and do impossible things in them and through them.

“Over the Bush Evangelism” isn’t a new concept or complicated. It simply SEES the neighbor across the street and begins with a simple “good morning”. It STOPS to thank the mailman for what he does. It’s being approachable, friendly, putting others before self and lending a listening ear. It’s moved by Christ’s compassion to build a relationship in which to channel the love of Christ.

The fears stirred in many by this pandemic, the state of our nation and the world can be seen as a catalyst for the gospel. If you look with the eyes of Jesus, things aren’t falling apart, but coming together. God is fulfilling the scriptures, His plans and His purposes. Do you SEE it? Do you SEE them? Are you available?

God is giving His church opportunity, opportunity, opportunity!



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## **GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!** **November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**A special day is set aside to honor those who have served our country in the military. Our church is privileged to have many such dedicated servants in our midst. A special thank you to all our veterans for your past service.**

### **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:**

Packing Party Set-up - Friday, November 6th at 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Packing Party - Saturday, November 7th at 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall. We will pack shoe box gifts for children around the world. Many of these children have never received a gift before. Feel free to bring a snack to share and come ready to have a great time.

### National Collection Week

November 16—November 23

St Paul Lutheran, Waseca, with an appointment

### Dedication Sunday (Bring your BOXES!)

Sunday, November 15th in the Worship Center

(We will pray together for these gospel opportunities)

## November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<b>1</b> <b>8:00</b> Sunday School <b>9:00 &amp; 10:15</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15 to 11 am</b> Children's Church <b>5:00</b> Prayer	<b>2</b> <b>7:00</b> Ladies Bible Study	<b>3</b> <b>7:00; 12:30 pm; 5:00 pm</b> Prayer Innovative <b>1:00-3:00 pm</b> Activity Center is reserved. <b>7:00</b> Property	<b>4</b> <b>8:00</b> Private Event <b>6:00</b> AWANA <b>7:30 20/20</b> <b>7:30</b> Worship Team	<b>5</b> <b>9:30</b> Women's Fellowship & Bible Study <b>12:00</b> Men's Lunch <b>1:00-3:00 pm</b> Activity Center is reserved. <b>6:30</b> Worship Team <b>7:00</b> Elder Board	<b>6</b> <b>6:15</b> Men's Group <b>6:30</b> Packing Party set-up <b>7:00</b> Club 180	<b>7</b> <b>9:00</b> Operation Christmas Child Packing Party		
<b>8</b> <b>8:00</b> NO Sunday School <b>9:00 &amp; 10:15</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15 to 11 am</b> Children's Church <b>5:00</b> Prayer	<b>9</b> <b>6:30</b> Outreach <b>7:00</b> Ladies Bible Study	<b>10</b> <b>7:00; 12:30 pm; 5:00 pm</b> Prayer Innovative <b>1:00-3:00 pm</b> Activity Center is reserved.	<b>11</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>6:00</b> AWANA <b>7:30 20/20</b> <b>7:30</b> Worship Team	<b>12</b> <b>12:00</b> Men's Lunch <b>1:00-3:00 pm</b> Activity Center is reserved. <b>6:30 pm</b> Worship Team	<b>13</b> <b>6:15</b> Men's Group	<b>14</b>		
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<b>22</b> <b>8:00</b> Sunday School <b>9:00 &amp; 10:15</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15 to 11 am</b> Children's Church <b>5:00</b> Prayer	<b>23</b> <b>7:00</b> Ladies Bible Study	<b>24</b> <b>7:00; 12:30 pm; 5:00 pm</b> Prayer Innovative <b>1:00-3:00 pm</b> Activity Center is reserved <b>6:30</b> Student Ministries	<b>25</b> <b>7:30</b> Worship Team	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Office Closed</p> </div>		<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>

<b>29</b> <b>8:00</b> NO Sunday School <b>9:00 &amp; 10:15</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:15 to 11 am</b> Children's Church <b>5:00</b> Prayer	<b>30</b> <b>7:00</b> Ladies Bible Study	1	2	3	4	5
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*SEE the Church Calendar on our website for updates!*



7:30 – 8:30 pm

The activities are tentative after MEA due to the Covid-19 response with the schools.



6:00 – 7:30 pm

Night A and Night B alternate each week with meeting at church and at home.

# Bible Challenge!

## The Book of Colossians



<i>Day 1 – Colossians 1:1-4</i>	<i>Day 12 – Colossians 2:20-23</i>
<i>Day 2 – Colossians 1:5-8</i>	<i>Day 13 – Colossians 3:1-4</i>
<i>Day 3 – Colossians 1:9-14</i>	<i>Day 14 – Colossians 3:5-11</i>
<i>Day 4 – Colossians 1:15-20</i>	<i>Day 15 – Colossians 3:12-15</i>
<i>Day 5 – Colossians 1:21-23</i>	<i>Day 16 – Colossians 3:16-17</i>
<i>Day 6 – Colossians 1:24-29</i>	<i>Day 17 – Colossians 3:18-25</i>
<i>Day 7 – Colossians 2:1-3</i>	<i>Day 18 – Colossians 4:1-4</i>
<i>Day 8 – Colossians 2:4-7</i>	<i>Day 19 – Colossians 4:5-6</i>
<i>Day 9 – Colossians 2:8-12</i>	<i>Day 20 – Colossians 4:7-9</i>
<i>Day 10 – Colossians 2:13-15</i>	<i>Day 21 – Colossians 4:10-13</i>
<i>Day 11 – Colossians 2:16-19</i>	<i>Day 22 – Colossians 4:14-18</i>

Take a few minutes every day and write a few verses of the bible and in a month's time, you will have the entire book copied in your own handwriting. Enjoy this simple pastime and give God the glory.