



# AROUND THE CORNER

Newsletter of Cornerstone Ministry Centre

## Special Interns Edition

We are so pleased to have two wonderful interns joining us at Cornerstone for this Spring. They each have come in with energy and maturity. They have been a great contribution to our team, even if for a short season.

In this issue of "Around the Corner" each of our interns have contributed some of their thoughts and reflections of ministry at Cornerstone.

### *Coffee House by Kelsey Arnold*

When you move away from home, there are always a few select traditions and habits that you miss when you leave. When I had moved away from home 5 years ago, my favourite and profoundly missed tradition was the conversation over a cup of tea. For this reason, Friday night's weekly *Coffee House* event has become one of my new favourite traditions. When the doors open at 7:30 PM the church fills with laughter, stories, and conversations begin. Coffee House has become a time to share stories, enjoy great snacks, and meet people of all different natures and walks of life. What I love about Coffee House is the merge of Newfoundland tradition and the community of the church. Every Friday night visitors sit together with friends and strangers alike, share a cup of tea and tell each other about their week; discussing life and all of its adventures - creating a picture perfect understanding of the church.



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As my internship began at Cornerstone just months ago, I was unsure of how I would fit into the system of Coffee House - it was one of my biggest fears. At first, my shy tendencies were strong. I was unsure of how to put myself out there and meet people in the simplest of ways. My first week I remember hiding in the kitchen for most of the night until someone had called out to 'meet the new girl,' and they started the conversation. Since then the conversations, the community, and the adventure have been growing. The individuals at coffee house welcomed me with open arms and loads of questions. My favourite tradition is still sitting down over a cup of tea, and I am so excited to be able to do that at Coffee House, every Friday night.

## What is CMC?

Cornerstone Ministry Centre is celebrating its 30th year in St. John's this year!

Our *Vision* is to be a place and a people through whom the power of the Gospel connects with and transforms the lives of individuals in the heart of the St. John's community.

We do this by being in the community through ministries like Supper Bowl and Coffee House. We also bring Christ into the community. We long to offer the sincere and life-changing hope that comes through a relationship with Jesus. We do this through our Sunday services, small groups and support groups.



*Pastors Gary & Roxanne Andrews*

*Katie & Matthew*



*Pastor Rob & Tyra Winsor*

*Ayden, Abrielle, Mycah & Moriah*

## What is “church”?

*by Caitlin Giles*



*Ekklesia* is the Greek meaning for church, which means “an assembly,” or a group of believers. It’s not about the church building – it’s about the people inside. When I first came to Cornerstone, the first thing I noticed was how welcoming the Church was. When I came in, people said hi and they struck up conversations with me right away to make me feel included. This continued each week: people would ask how I was doing, and I looked forward to coming to talk to people.

This is not what many of us are used to. For many, church is about people coming in to hear the sermon and leave without having a time to engage in conversation with each other after. Cornerstone is all about engaging with people and hearing about their stories. They aren’t just a church building; rather they are a group of believers who come to be together.

The thing I love about Cornerstone is that they value being together. From volunteering at Coffeehouse and Supper Bowl, to just engaging in conversation after the church service: people love to be together. I think this is great because Jesus calls us to “love each other as I have loved you” (John 15:12). We are supposed to love people and in order to do that we need to be with people. The church is where people can come together to love one another. We are one body in Christ; therefore we should be united together so that we can live our lives with each other.

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