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 **Week 1 –February 4, 2026**

"The Cornerstone: Christ Our Foundation"

Focal Scripture: "Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV) declares that believers are no longer strangers but fellow citizens with God's people and members of His household. Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone, the church is joined together to become a holy temple and a dwelling place for God by His Spirit.

Lesson Objective: To help believers understand that Jesus Christ is the essential foundation upon which our faith, identity, and community are built.

Key Teaching Points:



1. Believers are no longer strangers but members of God's household
2. Christ as the Cornerstone gives stability, alignment, and purpose
3. God is building us together—not individually—into a dwelling place

Discussion Questions:

- What happens to a building without a strong cornerstone?
- How does Christ keep our lives aligned when pressures arise?
- In what ways is God building us together as a church?

Key Scripture:

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens... Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone."
— Ephesians 2:19–20

Reflection:

- What does it mean for Christ to be the cornerstone of your life?
- Where have you relied on something other than Christ for stability?

Journal Prompt:

"Lord, help me rebuild every area of my life on You alone..."

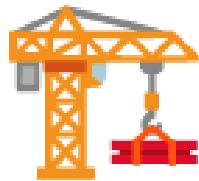
Application:

Encourage participants to examine areas where their foundation may need strengthening in Christ.

Closing Prayer Focus:

Stability, unity, and Christ-centered living.

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Week 2 –February 11, 2026

“God’s Architectural Plans”

Focal Scripture: Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) states: "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." This verse highlights the tension between human planning and divine sovereignty, emphasizing that while people may set goals, God ultimately directs the final outcome and path.

Lesson Objective:

To recognize that while we make plans, God directs the design and outcome of our lives.

Key Teaching Points:



1. Human plans vs. divine purpose
2. Trusting God’s blueprint even when it differs from ours
3. Alignment requires surrender and obedience

Discussion Questions:

- Why do we struggle to trust God’s plans?
- How can delays be part of God’s design?
- What does spiritual alignment look like in daily life?

Key Scripture: “The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”

Reflection:

- What plans have you made without consulting God?
- Where is God redirecting your steps?

Journal Prompt:

“God, I release my plans and trust Your design for my life...”

Application:

Invite participants to surrender personal plans to God’s direction.



Closing Prayer Focus:



Trust, obedience, and discernment.

Prayer:

Lord, establish my steps according to Your will. Amen.

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Week 3 –February 18, 2026

When God Rebuilds: Nehemiah's Story

Focal Scripture: Nehemiah 2:17-20

Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.

” 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. “What is this you are doing?” they asked. “Are you rebelling against the king?” 20 I answered them by saying, “The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it.”

Lesson Objective: To inspire faith and courage when God calls us to rebuild what has been broken.

Key Teaching Points:



1. Recognizing broken places
2. God's call to rise and rebuild
3. Opposition does not cancel God's assignment

Discussion Questions:

- What walls need rebuilding in your life?
- How do you respond to discouragement or resistance?
- What role does community play in rebuilding?

Key Scripture:

“Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem...”~Nehemiah 2:17

Reflection:

- What has been torn down that God is calling you to rebuild?
- Who has God placed around you to help?

Journal Prompt:

“Lord, give me strength to rebuild what You have assigned...”

Application:

Encourage participants to commit to rebuilding with faith and action.

Closing Prayer Focus:

Courage, perseverance, and restoration.

Prayer:

God, restore what is broken and give me courage to rebuild. Amen.

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Week 4 –February 25, 2026

Consecrating the New Foundation

Focal Scripture: Haggai 2:18–19

¹⁸ 'From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid. Give careful thought: ¹⁹ Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. "From this day on I will bless you."

Lesson Objective: To understand the importance of dedication and holiness when laying new foundations.

Key Teaching Points:



1. Consecration invites God's blessing
2. New beginnings require spiritual preparation
3. God promises fruitfulness from this day forward

Discussion Questions:

- Why is consecration necessary before growth?
- What does it mean to dedicate a new season to God?
- How do obedience and blessing connect?

Key Scripture:

"From this day on I will bless you." — Haggai 2:19

Reflection:

- **What new foundation is God establishing in your life?**
- **What must you consecrate to Him fully?**

Journal Prompt:

"Today, Lord, I dedicate this new season to You..."

Application:

Lead participants in a moment of personal recommitment.

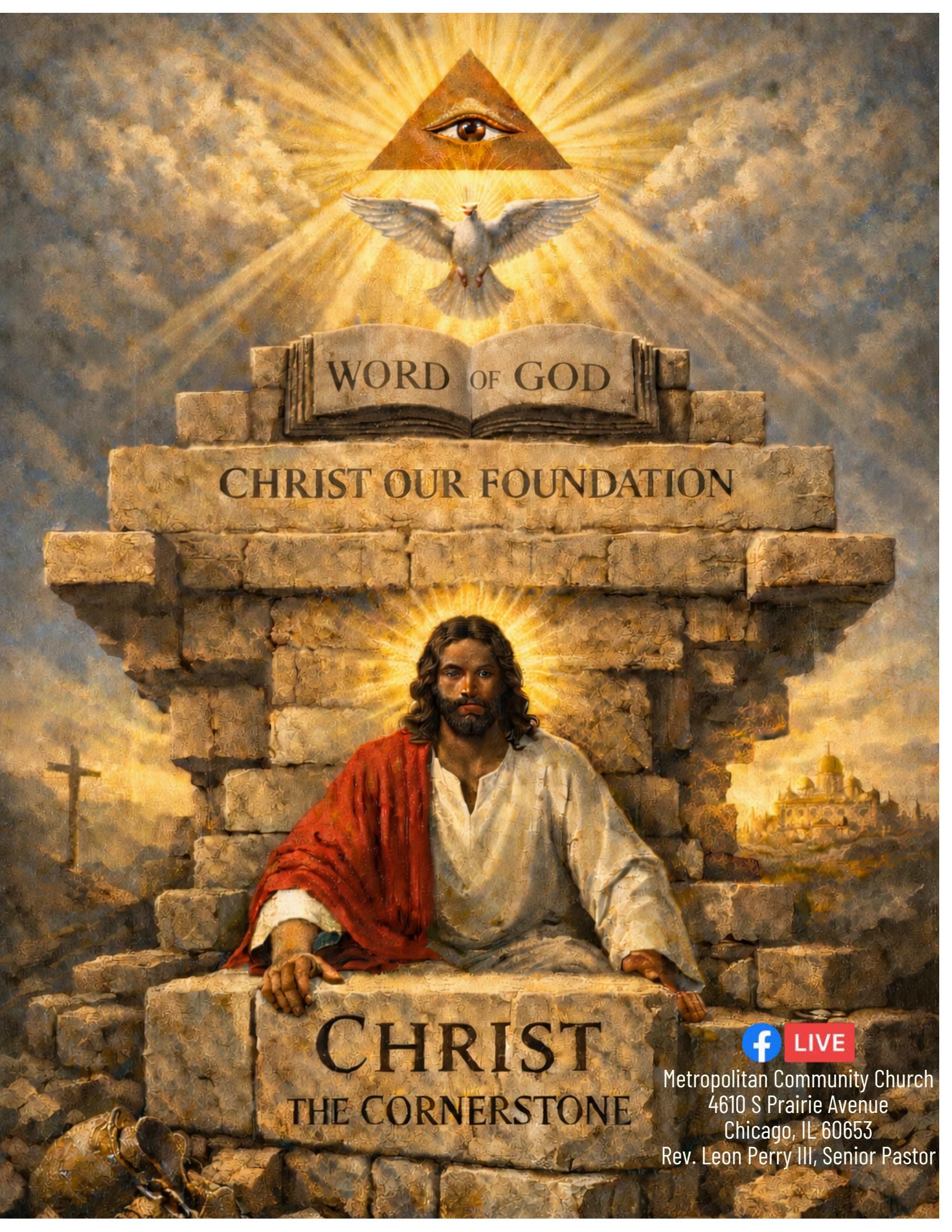
Closing Prayer Focus:

Renewal, dedication, and divine blessing.

Prayer:

God, bless what You are building in me from this day forward. Amen.

Personal Journaling



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