

Treasuring His Word...

From the Pastor's Heart:

“Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth”
(1 John 3:18).

One of the ways we love with good deeds is by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. God has planted our missionaries in strategic places so that they may reach those of our own nation and Canada with the gospel. While we pray for our missionaries please remember our own Nathan and Lesley Tubbs who planted Cornerstone church in Brooklyn, NY. Pray for the church family as they seek to reach the lost, develop leaders, and send out missionaries. Pray for Nathan as he balances his full-time job and ministry. Especially remember Lesley as she is a full-time mom with 3 children, while battling the effects of chemo treatments for leukemia, and the struggles of having lupus.

The following can be found on the North American Mission Board website about the Tubbs family:

Nathan and Lesley met while attending Auburn University, and some of their earliest conversations were on the topic of missions. While Nathan was a student at the Auburn, Alabama extension of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, they had an opportunity to serve in New York City for a summer. Following that experience, they felt God was calling them to plant a church in Brooklyn. Having a background in marine biology, Nathan secured a job as a science teacher with the New York City Department of Education, a position he holds to this day. As a bi-vocational pastor, Nathan desires to help encourage and equip others to utilize their vocations and talents as a platform for church planting in urban contexts. Lesley is a full-time wife and mom and also serves on the leadership teams for Cornerstone's women's and children's ministries. Nathan and Lesley have three children, Sophia, Caleb and Margaret. Cornerstone Church is located in Bay Ridge, a neighborhood in the southwestern part of Brooklyn. Although Bay Ridge contains 70,000 residents, there are few evangelical churches ministering in the community. Cornerstone launched in 2011. The church has served the people of Bay Ridge, seen lives changed, planted a daughter church in a neighboring community and has partnered with missionaries to make disciples and plant churches internationally. In everything, the people of Cornerstone Church seek to give glory to God by being disciples and disciple-makers.

Demonstrating Christian character is essential for missionaries and chaplains to gain credibility and build community. A missionary is a person who, in response to God's call and gifting, leaves his or her comfort zone and crosses cultural, geographic or other barriers to proclaim the gospel and live out a Christian witness in obedience to the Great Commission. The North American

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