

C.H.I.E.F.S. Homeschool Group

Welcome to CornerStone's **C**hristian **H**ome, **I**nspirational, and **E**ducational **F**amily **S**chools, better known as CHIEFS, the homeschool ministry of CornerStone Christian Fellowship. CHIEFS is a Christian homeschooling support group; providing and sharing prayer, support, ideas, and encouragement to strengthen our homeschooled families by and through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement: We, the homeschool families of CHIEFS, pledge to develop our children with strong Godly character, sound mind and body, so they may share with others the love of God, while learning to serve our Lord and Savior, the Chief Cornerstone.

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the Chief Cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit”
Ephesians 2:19-22

CHIEFS offers many fun-filled activities to enrich our students’ education. Monthly field trips, park days, and potlucks, Co-ops, a writing inspiration program, special events, and holiday parties are events geared to enhance knowledge and fellowship for students and homeschool providers. We communicate primarily through emails, general meetings, and occasional group texts. Parental involvement is essential towards the success of this group and thus is encouraged and supported. We look forward to seeing and hearing from each one of you. Your support is invaluable. Together, we can build strong families for Christ!

About CornerStone

CornerStone Christian Fellowship was founded in 1987, with Greg and Gay Lynn Massanari serving as the pioneer pastoral team. Our first service was held in the Hacienda Hotel, and we continued to meet there for six years. We moved into our current seven and a half acre campus in September of 1993.

Vision Statement:

Our Vision is "Building Strong Families for Christ!" Las Vegas continually leads the nation in teenage pregnancies, runaways, and suicides. We believe that Jesus Christ can repair and restore those whose lives have been disenfranchised and abandoned by the world. Each ministry and activity reflect a value system that emphasizes all members growing together as the family of God to reach the greater Las Vegas valley and our world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement:

Our mission at CornerStone is to be a dynamic, spirit-filled church providing a safe haven where believers can extend God's love, hope, acceptance, forgiveness, and encouragement to all people groups. To facilitate these core values, we dedicated our multipurpose facility, located on seven acres, in 1993. In the fall of 2001, we opened our new 35,000 square foot Family Ministry Pavilion which serves the needs of our growing church and is home to CornerStone Christian Academy, 240 students strong, grades K-8th.

We Believe...

- ...the Bible is the inspired Word of God.
- ...God is triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- ...man fell through disobedience.
- ...Christ died for our sins, salvation is by His grace.
- ...in a daily relationship with Jesus.
- ...in water Baptism by immersion.
- ...in the regular celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- ...in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- ...in the gifts and fruit of the spirit, in divine healing.
- ...in Heaven and Hell; in the final judgment.
- ...the second coming of Christ is imminent.
- ...the church is responsible to evangelize the world.
- ...in tithes and offerings to do the work of the ministry.
- ...in the Christian unity with all denominations of the Christian Faith.
- ...in essentials - unity; in non-essentials - liberty; in all things - charity.

International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

CornerStone is an evangelical member of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, which has over 1800 churches in the United States, and 27,000 worldwide located in over 131 countries. The Foursquare Movement derives its name from the fourfold ministry of Jesus.



Our Savior - First, it is through Jesus that we discover forgiveness for our sins (1John 1:9) and experience eternal life. (John 3:16) Being saved is more than just a decision; it is living a life wholly devoted to God!



Our Baptizer - Second, just as on the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:8), Jesus baptizes us with his precious Holy Spirit. The comforter, the one called alongside to help, empowers and guides us daily.



Our Healer - Jesus is still active today, healing us physically, mentally, and spiritually. (Matt. 8:16-17) Consequently, praying for the sick according to James 5:13-15 is an integral ingredient to the life flow of God's spirit within CornerStone.



Our Soon and Coming King - Finally, with great anticipation, we look forward to the second coming of Christ (1 Thes. 4:17).

About Your Leadership Team

The true leader of CHIEFS is, and always will be, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As a ministry of CornerStone Christian Fellowship, CHIEFS sit under the leadership of Pastor Josef Massanari. Your primary homeschool leader is Jenny Novero. As your first tier of leadership, Jenny is the primary decision maker for policy and overall group direction as well as conflict resolution. However, it would be impossible to do any of what we do without the help and support of your CHIEFS leadership team as well as our many wonderful members who pitch in with incredible generosity of time, effort, and ability. With this said, if at any time you need help, prayer, or just have a general concern, please feel free to contact any of us. We serve Christ by serving you.

Code of Conduct

“The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise”. Proverbs 23:24

CHIEFS is open to all Christian homeschool families, and we always need to remember to maintain a standard that would be consistent with the desires of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In all that we do, we not only represent CHIEFS, but also CornerStone Christian Fellowship and, most importantly, Jesus Christ. As a result, we ask that all members hold fast to CHIEFS’ code of conduct.

Facilities:

CornerStone Christian Fellowship has most graciously allowed us to use the facility and grounds for all of our functions. We do, however, request that the following guide lines be adhered to:

- Please keep the facilities clean by picking up after yourselves and others. Always remember to leave things better than the way you found them!
- *CornerStone Christian Academy is subject to routine, unscheduled lock out and lock-down for disaster preparedness drills. Any activities scheduled on the CornerStone campus may be temporarily affected. Leadership will always do its best to keep you informed of these events, but we do ask for your patience and understanding should this drill occur around your event.*

RSVPing:

- Please remember that by signing up on the database for any event or activity, you are saying you agree to the date, time, event, location, and **will be present and on time**. Many activities are planned based upon sign ups; Not showing up without proper notification creates a financial burden. Please RSVP responsibly.
- **Activity no show/no call policy:** After RSVPing for **two** events and then not showing or calling to remove your name from the list prior to the start of the event, you will be suspended from all activities for 3 months. Your second occurrence of two (a total of four) no call/no shows will result in your family being prohibited from activities for 6 months. Your third occurrence (a total of 6 no call/no shows) will result in your family banned from all but parent meetings for a 12 month period. We understand that children become ill at the last minute, cars break down, and other circumstances beyond your control may cause you to miss events. We do expect you to contact us as soon as possible in this case. Each occurrence will be handled on a case by case basis with grace, love, and mercy.

More than anything, we ask that you RSVP responsibly and remember that your actions reflect Christ in everything you do.

Field Trips & Events:

- Out of courtesy and respect for other peoples' time, and in an effort to best reflect our group and Christ, all participants of field trips are required to show up ten minutes prior to start time. We often cannot wait for late arrivals; please make sure you allot sufficient time to arrive at the designated meeting point.
- Many of our field trips are hosted by businesses. Please educate your child(ren) ahead of time of the following requirements:
 1. Quiet voices
 2. No running or climbing
 3. No destruction of landscaping
 4. In constant supervision by parent
- The primary purpose of field trips is for educational experiences. Parents and children will be expected to give full attention and respect to the host/docent. We have many activities outside of educational field trips for fellowshiping and conversing.
- Any field trips or activities that require a significant financial burden to CHIEFS (in excess of \$5 per participant) are expected to be paid up front and in full. If payment is not received by the deadline, your name will be removed from the list and the next person on the call list will be contacted to take your place.
- We understand that sometimes events beyond our control can cause us to be late to an event or miss it entirely. However, in the case of this occurrence in a pre-paid event, a refund cannot and will not be afforded.
- **No** official CHIEFS function may be held without authorization of primary leadership.
- We encourage and welcome all members to assist & volunteer in established CHIEFS events. However, in order to lead an activity, class, etc. on CornerStone's campus, in addition to being approved by leadership, membership of six months is required. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact leadership.
- Graduated CHIEFS Alumni may, at leadership's discretion, still participate in CHIEFS events.
- Membership in CHIEFS for a minimum of **one year** is required before approval will be given to host an event involving children in your home.

Dress Code:

- While trusting your judgment in clothing will be appropriate and reflect our Christian views and values, we specifically ask that there be no articles of clothing advertising alcohol, tobacco, or sexually explicit material worn at any time.

Behavior:

- In all interactions, language should be kept respectful, appropriate and profanity free.
- Children **must** be supervised at all times for everyone's safety.
- We ask that appropriate manners be used. Treat others respectfully and be courteous at all times. We should always remember we are not only representing the CHIEFS group and CornerStone Christian Fellowship, but most importantly, Jesus Christ.
- **Leadership reserves the right to correct children demonstrating inappropriate behavior at CHIEFS events.**
- We understand that many families have children of various ages that may not be able to participate in an age restrictive event. Families are welcome to stay during the event. However, children must be in **constant** parental supervision and both children and parents should be non-disruptive. Out of respect for the event leaders and participants, families may be asked to leave an event if noise or behavior becomes a distraction to the event.
- CornerStone Christian Academy is a secure campus, therefore, identification cards **MUST** be worn **AT ALL TIMES**. Pictures for ID cards will be taken at the beginning of the school year. Initial ID cards will be provided free of charge however, replacement cards will be issued at a cost of two dollars each.
- If and when a problem arises with either leadership or other members, please address your concerns to those directly involved in the situation. If an agreement cannot be reached between the parties, please mutually contact the CHIEFS group leader. If an agreement cannot be reached through this means, leadership reserves the right to include pastoral counsel. If it comes to leadership's attention that there is a history of strife between any applicant, pending member, or current member, it is our policy that each person must attend a meeting with leadership to assure there has been resolution between all parties involved. Strife, gossip, and dissention **will not** be tolerated.

Membership:

- All memberships are conditional upon attending one meeting within the first sixty days of applying to the group. Nursing children are always welcome in parent meetings, however, we must stress that older children may not participate in parent meetings. Childcare is often available for a nominal fee. If this condition poses a hardship on your family, you may contact leadership and request a private meeting with us.
- The cost of CHIEFS membership is \$40 per school year. This is a non-refundable membership fee per school year payable within Thirty days after joining CHIEFS. Our annual CHIEFS budget and accounts are always available for each member's review.
- Once becoming a member of CHIEFS, your email, telephone number and physical address will become part of our database. As membership to CHIEFS gives you access to this database, we cannot exclude you from it. We are extending our trust to you and are asking to be trusted in return.
- Leadership reserves the right to require a private meeting with any member to resolve private matters.
- Leadership will moderate all group emails and may remove any post from the CHIEFS website it feels does not comply with the spirit of this membership agreement.
- Failure to abide by the code of conduct and standards stated herein may result in individuals being asked to leave the CHIEFS group.

Official CHIEFS Policy on Alternative Lifestyles

Promoting any sinful lifestyle is not acceptable in our organization. We do not stand in judgment of others' sin as we are all born with a sinful nature. **Romans 3:23** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

We do, however, take a firm stand against all sin and any teaching that would promote it as acceptable. The Bible is our authority on this as the Word of God.

Colossians 3:5 "Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry." **3:8** "Now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."

1 Corinthians 6:19 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

If you or anyone you love is struggling with the sin of homosexuality, we ask that you seek the face of our Lord and the healing power of His Holy Spirit. You will be welcome in the CHIEFS organization as we wish to come along side all our brothers and sisters who are seeking to daily refine their sinful natures through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We understand this is a divisive issue. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please discuss them with the leadership team.

Thank you, and may God bless you and your families.

I, _____,
have read and understood the CHIEFS Group Membership
Agreement. I hereby agree to abide by all stated codes of conduct
and procedures.

Signature

Date _____

CHIEFS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

Family Name _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

CHILD'S NAME	AGE AND BIRTHDAY*	GENDER

Church you are currently attending _____

Do you currently belong to any other homeschool support groups and if so, which ones _____

How did you hear about CHIEFS? _____

**these fields are optional*