



Cornerstone Connection August 2013

Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45am for Adults

(childcare available)

Fellowship 9:45 - 10:00am

Worship 10:00am

(Sunday School for kids during worship)

Pastor:

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Nursery Care:

Courtney Miner

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Summer Musings

For many of us, summer is a time to take a break from some of our responsibilities and take a rest and also take account of what has happened the year before and where we will be in the future. If you are one of the ones given the time to have a break this summer, I encourage you to indeed rest this summer as an opportunity to regroup and evaluate. During the summertime at Cornerstone, your pastor, church staff, and leaders continue to nurture the life and worship of our congregation as we dream and plan ministries for the future. As your pastor, summer often gives me an opportunity to plan out the preaching schedule and the Christian Education plan for the regular year. For me, this is a kind of Sabbath. This summer hasn't had as much of that opportunity as I would have liked but I do so enjoy the summer sun and the breeze that comes along every once in a while. A friend of mine encourages her congregation to pick up a daily spiritual practice if summer allows for a slightly more flexible schedule. If you do pick up a spiritual practice, consider how it might nurture your own growth in faith. It might be something simple, like reading scripture or another inspiring book at the beginning or the end of the day. It might be taking a short, contemplative walk after dinner. It might be simply taking a moment each day to be still and know God. Establishing helpful habits takes thought, but the rewards of a daily practice are reflected in all aspects of our lives. If your summer travels lead you to visit another community of faith, note the similarities and differences in their worship and fellowship. Bring back a bulletin (order of worship) if you like, and share wisdom and ideas from other communities with our church staff and our elder and deacon team.

Please know I pray for each of you each day and ask the Lord to bless all of us richly at Cornerstone as we seek to be faithful in service and worship to Christ our Lord in Jackson and beyond.

If you do want a book to read, my colleague who is wise in Spiritual Growth resources, recommends the following list:

- A Little Daily Wisdom, Carmen Acevedo Butcher
- Nearer to the Heart of God, Bernard Bangley, ed.
- Practicing Our Faith, Dorothy C. Bass
- Seven Sacred Pauses, Macrina Wiederkehr
- The Book of Awakening, Mark Nepo
- Thinking Outside the Church, Jennifer Leigh Selig, ed.
- To Bless the Space Between Us, John O'Donohue

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Courtney

Worship at McAuliffe Middle School 35 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson Mailing address: P.O. Box 140, Jackson, NJ 08527

Cornerstone Community



Constantine Osiakwan, 8/2 Kellie Pushko, 8/2 Nicholas Hughes, 8/4 Barbara Dougherty, 8/6 Ed Breuninger, 8/6 Ricardo Robert, 8/6 Jim Bainbridge, 8/7 Stephen Slusak, 8/9 Lisa Capurso, 8/10 Andrew Tomczak, 8/10 Marcus Floyd, 8/11 Okoro Okparaeke, 8/11 Sydney Morrow, 8/12 Ann Sarti, 8/13 Patti Miller, 8/16 Aaron Fritzinger, 8/18 Jason Smith, 8/19 Becky Mamola, 8/21 Russ Jones, 8/24



Keith & Tina Kas, 8/3 Gail & David Carlson, 8/8

MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of Cornerstone are a part of God's Grand Adventure to: ground our lives on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, build up each other in love through prayer, words and deeds, and to create God's community in Jackson and beyond.

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2013	Okoro Okparaeke Denise Mudalel Lisa Capurso Chuck Calhoun	Betty Thompson Laurie Wegner
2014	Dominique Robert Bruce Thompson Kellie Pushko Todd Moyer	David Carlson Sueli Paes de Barros
2015 Clerk	Barbara Dougherty Wendy Barone Gail Carlson David LaCross Sharron A. Smith	Laura Stone Jim Ryan



Please pray for:

- Madeleine Welch recovering from surgery to her jaws and septum
- · Kahra Woolverton having hip surgery this summer
- Alice and Russ Jones as they continue to struggle with health problems while also dealing with the estate of their late Aunt Jean
- Meg Milligan and family after her mother's stroke

Continued prayers for:

- Reverend Moyer, father of Todd Moyer
- Laura Stone's brother Fred continuing to recuperate in Hawaii
- Bob and Joan Daniels
- Tina Kas's friend John being treated for bladder cancer
- Our troops at home and around the world, and their families

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of every month. If you have something for the newsletter, please email to Elizabeth Hughes at: administrative@cornerstonechurchofjackson.org





Anthony Maimone, our intern for the 2013-2014 Academic year, has been spending the summer as a seminary intern at Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church where he shared in ministry for their Volunteer Village for 10 weeks. During that time, he helped over 170 volunteers to be involved in the church's Sandy Recovery efforts. Anthony reflected on his experience in a recent article that he wrote for their church newsletter where he asked whether or not the volunteer village was an extension of God's purpose for their church. He also shared how many recipients of the volunteer efforts felt the power and the presence of the church, and of God, through the generosity of others. We are excited to have Anthony join us this fall as well as his family!

JACKSON All-Stars!

married Dave Henson

on July 13!

Congratulations to Stephen, Sean and Zack!





Stephen Slusak played on Jackson's 11 Year-Old All Star team, which made it the district semi-finals this year! Stephen was the starting Second Baseman. Their team came in third place!



Sean Slusak was a pitcher for the Jackson 10-year-old All Star team! His team won the Section 3
Championship!

Zachary Tunis was a star catcher for the Jackson All-Star 12-Year-Old Team!



Welcome Party for our new Summer Youth Director, Mary Gardiner July 7,2013





Free Movies!



National Night Out August 6th

The Jackson PBA 168 will be hosting their annual National Night Out Against Crime celebration on August 6th at the Jackson Shopping



Plaza (Shop Rite). The night features interactive opportunities for residents to explore the world of law enforcement and local fire departments with hands on displays. This year's celebration will include electronic child ID kits, fire fighting displays, child seat safety inspections, music, prizes, giveaways, bounce houses and more.

Forest Resource Education Center announces its 2013 Summer Family programs

The Forest Resource Education Center (FREC) will be hosting a series of free educational programs geared for families in July and August at its facility on Don Connor Boulevard in Jackson.

Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. FREC naturalists will provide programs at this beautiful 900+ acre forested property. Come learn about the many benefits our forests provide. Each program is different and presented by our experienced staff to provide a unique learning experience. Some walking is required and may not be suitable for children under the age of five. Please dress appropriately for the weather, wear sturdy footwear, bring water bottles, insect repellent and sunscreen.

Programs are approximately one to two hours long. Please call (732) 928-2360 for more detailed information or to register for these programs: August 7th - Seeds to Trees; August 14th - Watershed Investigations, August 21st - Forest Products; August 28th - Fire Ecology.

Full Moon Hike August 20, 2013 7 pm - 9 pm



Visit the FREC for the Full Moon Hike where interpreters lead a group under the full moon. On this easy hike, visitors will learn about Pinelands plant and wildlife species. Refreshments provided by the Jackson Pathfinders.

Sunday School Teachers Needed



We are in need of Sunday School teachers to help on a part-time basis from October—May. If you are able to help, please talk to

Kristen DiGirolamo or Pastor Courtney.

School Supply Drive August 4th and 11th

Once again, we are collecting donations of school supplies to support the Jackson MOMS Club in their efforts to help children in need through the Jackson Food Pantry. This year there are 142 children who need supplies. The following are needed: Large Backpacks and Lunch Boxes/Bags. Markers/ Highlighters, Colored Pencils/ Crayons, Erasers, Glue Sticks/ Glue, Pens/ Pencils, Single Subject Notebooks, Pocket folders, Multi-Subject Notebooks, Pencil Sharpeners, Marble Notebooks, Binders, Filler Paper, Rulers/ Scissors, Craft Smocks, Compasses, Pencil Boxes/ Zipper Cases. THANK YOU!

Jackson Day September 1, 2013

Our church will have a table at Jackson Day this year, which is a wonderful opportunity for us to reach out to the community and also raise funds for the church through the sale of baked goods, tea, coffee, and baked potatoes. More information on our participation will be available soon!! Please talk to Wendy Barone (732-299-4390), Michele Calhoun, or Pastor Courtney if you can help.

Hospitality

Thank you to Dave and Gail Carlson for helping with the hospitality table. Also to Dominique and Sueli for helping out in August! Volunteers are needed to help with cleanup after worship while Dominique is counting the offering. Thank you!

Property Committee Update

Our Property Committee is working diligently for the possibility if a lease for the Harmony Road property. The Request for Proposal or RFP has now gone public in the newspaper. Cornerstone's Property Committee is working on our response in the RFP and it will be submitted by the deadline of August 15. A winner of the bid will be announced in no later than 60 days.

Please pray for our Property Committee and we are especially grateful for Bruce Thompson who as chair has been very hard at work helping to make a Christmas Present of Harmony Road for all of us at Cornerstone. Many area churches are standing at the ready to help us in renovations to occupy the building. We look forward to the future in hope trusting that God works all things together for good with those who serve Him.

Premiere of *Destiny's Bridge*Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 7pm Two River Theater in Red Bank, NJ

This is a feature film about the homeless encampment in Lakewood, NJ where, for the last seven years, 115 souls have found community under the wings of Minister Steven Brigham in the pine barrens of Ocean County, NJ. This film tells their story of struggle to survive and have a roof over their heads.

It also introduces the ideas that the homeless themselves have for taking things into their own hands and building a community where they can live with dignity and connect to services and counsel which will enable them to become self-sufficient and productive members of society, once again. The community will be called Destiny's Bridge - a home for the homeless, and the film is the first step towards raising the funds that will be needed to establish it. A non profit organization with a board has been formed to carry this idea to fruition.

Please visit the following website for further information on the film and the concept. You can also view a clip from the film and receive information about buying tickets (\$12 at the door, \$10 + \$1.34 online): www.DestinysBridge.com.

August Sunday Services:

- August 4, Kathy Genus to preach "Better than a Pinky Promise," based on Genesis 12: 1-7, 15:1-6.
- August 11, Blue Jean Sunday, Kathy Genus to preach.
- August 18, VBS Sunday, Pastor Courtney to preach "Standing Strong: King Josiah," based on 2 Kings 22:3-11.
- August 25, Pastor Courtney will preach and communion will be served.



Church Website:

www.cornerstonechurchofjackson.org

Our Website is updated each week and is a great way to stay a part of the life of the church. If you have questions about, or contributions for the website please email Elizabeth or Pastor Courtney. If you would like to assist with website updates, etc., please let us know!

Sermon Podcasts

The weekly sermon is posted by Thursday and is available for download or listening. An archive of past sermons is also available.

Please visit:

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Christmas in July July 21, 2013





August Youth Activities with Cornerstone Youth Ministry

Open to all incoming middle school and high school youth. Talk to Mary or Pastor Courtney for more information on any of these activities!



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We'll celebrate summer with a deach party on the 201. We'll have a ball! (A beach ball, that is!)



coin us at the Tent City Mission in Lakewood on August 10, as we minister to the heady.



We'll be at Six Flags on August 7. Get ready to get loopy!



Questions? Comments?
Call. text, or email our Youth Ministry Intern,
Mary Gardiner!
706-358-8128 (coll)
mary.e.stephen@gmail.com









"Games and Gospel"
July 16th & 30th

















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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)



Cornerstone VBS "Kingdom Rock"

August 12—16, 2013

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

(breakfast at 9:30 AM)
Jackson United Methodist Church

VBS Missions

We will be collecting for several VBS missions this year:

- Water for tent city
- School supplies for Jackson Food Pantry
- Items for Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes

Please bring donations to VBS or church on August 18th! Thank you!

There is still time to register your child!

Enter the epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. Here, God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale—it changes kids forever. Join this royally-rockin' realm—children AND volunteers register online to be a part of this Kingdom Rock VBS:

www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ ez/cornerstonejackson

Paper registration forms are available at church, or talk to Kristen DiGirolamo.

VBS Volunteers

Volunteers should wear their navy blue Staff shirts from last year if they have them.

Volunteers are still needed!!! Please talk to Kristen DiGirolamo if you can help!!

Set-up/decorating will be in the afternoon on Sunday, August 11th at JUMC. It's a big job—we will take ALL the help we can get!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have made donations for VBS—they are VERY much appreciated!

Children's Church

Teacher: Patti Miller

Our regular Sunday School program for children is taking a break for the summer. **Children's Church** is our summer Sunday School program for young children during who are too restless to remain in worship. Children in grades 4 and under are invited to leave for Children's Church after the Time for Children each week. The summer will begin with a unit on the Lord's Prayer, and then move on to "Undercover Heroes of the Bible."





SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER STUDY OF THE PSALMS

Each Sunday at 9:15 sharp we will be studying the book of Psalms. These beautiful songs are prayers that give us a voice for every stage of life. They help us to sing with joy and celebration, find the words in our deepest sorrow, to praise the Eternal God of all creation, to explore the mystery of death and life.

The most amazing part of the Psalms is that they provide an example as the voice of the people of Israel becomes our voice; they show us that God is big enough to handle all of our emotions. We can cry out to God, be mad at God, feel abandoned by God and celebrate God and all the while God is always present. These rich prayers remind us that we are in a real relationship with God, that God understands us deeply, and loves us even more intensely. The Psalms are rich and powerful and provide us with a template for how to live as God's people.

So set your alarm just a wee bit early and join Pastor Courtney and Kathy Genus as together we explore these wonderful treasures.



The Cornerstone Choir

The Summer Praise Team/Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at Debows United Methodist Church (509 Monmouth Road, Jackson) at 7:15 PM.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Psalm 96:2 niv

This is an informal group for anyone, Middle School through retirement and beyond, who

would like to sing on Sunday morning during the summer months. Think about trying something new – your voice in a choir. Very low-keyed and enjoyable! If you are interested in joining us consider stopping by one Thursday evening or contact Susan (srplus3@comcast.net).





Missions Committee Meeting August 11th

The Missions Committee is in the process of planning monthly service projects for Cornerstone. There will be a meeting of the committee after worship on August 11th. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please attend this meeting or speak to our new Committee Chair, Elder Wendy Barone.

Tent City BBQ on Saturday, August 10th, 11 AM—1:30 PM

There are approximately 100 people living in Tent City in Lakewood at this time. These are people who have fallen on hard times, and we will be reaching out to them in the name of Jesus to serve a meal on August 10th. The Missions Committee is looking for people to attend and help prepare/serve the meal, and also volunteers to provide hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, fruit salad, cans of soda and finger food desserts – there will be a signup sheet in worship on August 4th. If you can help in any way, please contact Missions chair Wendy Barone (732-299-4390) or Pastor Courtney. **Also, we will still continue to collect water on Sunday mornings to be delivered to Tent City throughout the summer.**



On July 21 and July 28, the Church Ladies will collected items to fill the shoeboxes for Samaritan's purse, which was our Church's mission project for the month of July. Thank you to all who donated items! The Church Ladies have filled 77 boxes so far! Our goal is to have 100 by November, so we are well on our way!



Please Pray and Correspond with our Two Adopted Missionaries! If you are computer savvy, you may subscribe to their blogs and/or read letters at the PC(USA) website.

Kay Day - Missionary Worker in Malawi

Email: kay.day@pcusa.org

Blog/Website: http://kaydaysdiary.blogspot.com/

PCUSA Website for Kay: http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/day-mary-

catherine/

Birthday: August 9

Kay's bio: Kay was appointed as a PC(USA) mission co-worker in July 2009 and serves in Malawi at the invitation of the Blantyre Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP).

Dennis and Maribel Smith—Missionary Workers in Argentina

Emails: dennis.smith@pcusa.org, maribel.smith@pcusa.org

Pcusa website: http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/smith-dennis-and-

maribel/

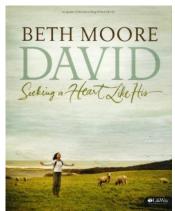
Office address: Sucre 2855, 3°, 1428, Buenos Aires, Argentina Office phone: +54 11 4787

0436;

Birthdays: Dennis - 11/1, Maribel - 6/22, Lucas - 9/22, Benji - 8/21

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Resumes in September!

The Tuesday morning Bible Study will resume in September, led by Pastor Courtney at the home of Elizabeth Hughes from 10:30 AM—12:15 PM. The women will be doing a Beth Moore DVD Study called *David: Seeking a Heart Like His.* In this examination of the "man after God's own heart," David will delight and disappoint you. If you've ever experienced doubt, temptation, loss, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you! Join us—all women are welcome!



Church Ladies

The Church Ladies meet on the third Wednesday of every month September—June at 1:00 p.m. The women take turns hosting the meeting at their homes. All women are welcome to join them for a time of fellowship, friendship, and service to our church and the community. Talk to Joan Mallison for more information.



Our thanks to the Church Ladies who have been very busy this summer preparing shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse! So far they have already filled 77 boxes, well on their way to meeting our church's goal of filling 100 boxes by November! Thank you to all who donated!

ADULT BOOK STUDY—TUESDAY EVENINGS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, TIME/LOCATION TBD



The adult book study will resume in September with a study of the book *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are* by Ann Voskamp. Just like you, Ann Voskamp hungers to live her one life well. Forget the bucket lists that have us escaping our everyday lives for exotic experiences. 'How,' Ann wondered, 'do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does the Christ-life really look like when your days are gritty, long--and sometimes even dark? How is God even here?' In One Thousand Gifts, Ann invites you to embrace everyday blessings and embark on the transformative spiritual discipline of chronicling God's gifts. It's only in this expressing of gratitude for the life we already have, we discover the life we've always wanted...a life we can take, give thanks for, and break for

others. We come to feel and know the impossible right down in our bones: we are wildly loved--by God. Let Ann's beautiful, heart-aching stories of the everyday give you a way of seeing that opens your eyes to ordinary amazing grace, a way of being present to God that makes you deeply happy, and a way of living that is finally fully alive. Come live the best dare of all! All adults are welcome!



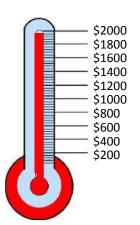
Financial Report for July

- Tithes/offerings* = \$7935
 (Weekly: 7/7 = \$1518, 7/14 = \$2379, 7/21 = \$1395, 7/28 = \$2643)
- Per Capita offering = \$4
- Foundation Fund = \$50 (Shop Rite)
- Gifts from other churches = \$0
- Special Offerings = \$98 (Samaritan's Purse)
- Miscellaneous income = \$0

* Our 2013 budget calls for \$2200 each week in offerings - please prayerfully consider your giving each week.

Per Capita

To provide support for Monmouth Presbytery, Northeast Synod and General Assembly, our church is asked to pay "dues" to the Presbytery each year that is equal to \$35 per member. Therefore, we are asking each member to give a special offering of \$35 per year to help us cover this expense. This is what we call the per-capita. If you have not yet had a chance to give your dues, please place it in the offering basket on Sunday (mark it as "per-capita") at your earliest convenience. This year, our goal is to reach \$2000 in Per Capita collections—please help us meet this goal!



Total Per Capita
Collected as of 6/16
\$1997.26!!

Almost there! So close!

Our thanks to the Finance Committee for their hard work (Dominique Robert, Tina Kas, Okoro Okparaeke, and Denise Mudalel).

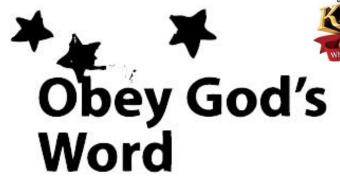
Come to VBS from August 12-16 to learn more

about King Josiah!

BibleWise

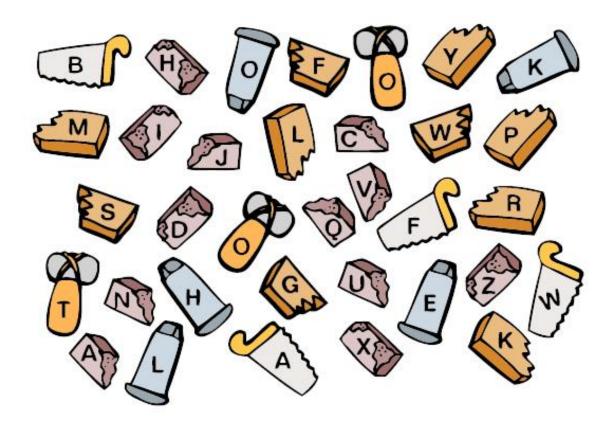
King Josiah Obeys the Law

-2 Kings 22, 23



King Josiah was only 26 years old when he decided to repair the temple of the Lord. Carpenters, builders, and stoneworkers began to work. While clearing out the temple, they found something very important.

To see what they found, black out all the letters in the broken bricks and fallen timbers. Then transfer the letters left in the saws, chisels, and hammers to the spaces below.





Cornerstone Yellow Pages

Do you have a skill or talent that could be a resource for other church members? Please contact Elizabeth Hughes if you would like to be listed.

Donna Rosato

732-276-6805

Notary Public

Pampered Chef Consultant/Trainer http://www.pamperedchef.biz/ donnarosato

John Rosato

732-806-7647

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Meg Milligan

732-928-8117

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Reflection & Inspiration: Specialty note cards for that special person or occasion. Go Green! Send a lovely note card that can be framed and enjoyed by all! Total gift cost \$4.00.

List your business here!

Do you have a skill or talent that could benefit our members? Talk to Elizabeth Hughes to put your ad **HERE**.

Rebecca Schiemer

732-286-4852

I make homemade jewelry, homemade soaps, candles, and gift baskets for all occasions. I can also offer my services in cake decorating, cookie bouquets, fruit basket arrangements, chocolate covered strawberries, pretzels, and other homemade candies and chocolates. Please contact Rebecca at **Memories Made Floral & Gifts** or e-mail at sweetlady_16508@yahoo.com or by simply calling 732-286-4852.

August 2013 at Cornerstone

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Thu	1 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM	8 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM	15	ON BIBLE SCHOOL, 7/23-7/27, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM	VBS Pool Party 12:30 PN Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM	22	Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM	29	Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM
Wed		7 Youth Group Rides at Great Adventure 3:30 PM	14	LE SCHOOL, 7/23-	Session Meeting 7 PM	21		28	
-Tue		6 Youth Group "Games and Gospel"	13	_	Youth Group Hurricane Harbor 12:30 PM	20	Youth Group Beach Trip 11 AM	27	
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Sun		4		Blue Jean Sunday Missions Committee	Mtg after worship VBS Setup 12:00	18	VBS Sunday Youth Pool Party 1:00 PM	25	Communion Served during Worship