



Cornerstone
Community
Schoolhouse

A classical Christian school for kindergarten through 6th grade

Prospectus · Caldwell, Idaho · 2026–2027 school year



A schoolhouse on Linden Street

Cornerstone Community Schoolhouse is a non-profit private Christian school in Caldwell, Idaho. Since 2023 we have partnered with families to help each child grow academically, spiritually and socially, at their own level, from kindergarten through 6th grade.

The school was created for families who aren't sure about homeschooling, who need extra support, or who are looking outside of public schools for what their children need. Small class sizes mean each student gets personal attention from teachers who know them.

Director Celeste Mays had a literal dream in 2019 that she opened a school. After a health scare in 2022 reminded her that life is short, she decided it was time to start living out her mission to serve the Lord in her community. Cornerstone opened its doors in 2023.

"I dreamt I opened a school..."

Celeste Mays, in the November/December 2025 cover story of Christian Living Magazine



912 W Linden St, Caldwell.

Grades	Kindergarten through 6th grade, plus a part-time morning kindergarten and a homeschool partnership for 1st through 6th
School days	Monday to Thursday, 9:00 to 2:30. Fridays belong to families.
Curriculum	Memoria Press, classical
Accreditation	Provisionally accredited member, Classical Latin School Association, April 2025
Status	Registered 501(c)(3) non-profit. EIN 86-2850246.

Three ways to be part of the school

Full-time, K through 6th

Monday to Thursday, 9:00 to 2:30

The complete classical program: Primary School for kindergarten through 2nd grade, Grammar School for 3rd through 6th.

Part-time kindergarten

Monday to Thursday, 9:00 to 11:30

A morning kindergarten option for families who want a shorter school day.

Homeschool partnership

1st through 6th grade, flexible

Morning core subjects or afternoon enrichment classes like P.E., art and Readers Theater, while families keep their homeschool structure.

Education that echoes the gospel

Students learn Literature, Latin, Math, Science, History and Geography alongside God's Word, and the life skills that go with them.

Classical education teaches students how to order things rightly and judge them well. Every subject is tied back to Scripture, so children learn to hear echoes of the gospel in what they read, count and memorize.

Cornerstone teaches the classical core with the Memoria Press curriculum, used complete and with fidelity so there are no gaps from one grade to the next. Teachers adjust to each child, using kinesthetic, visual and auditory learning.

Manners, gardening, sewing, cooking, building, music and art are part of school here. So is the Missionaries in Training class, where students learn there are many ways to be a missionary: they can pray, give, or go.



Morning work at a Cornerstone desk.

The Trivium: “where three paths meet”

Grammar

Up to about age 12 · Taught at
Cornerstone today

The foundation: memorization, recitation and repetition. Young children are naturally good at this, so this is when the facts go in.

Logic

About ages 12 to 15 · Hoped for as we
grow

Students learn to think critically, asking clarifying questions to make sense of everything they have learned so far.

Rhetoric

About ages 15 to 18 · Hoped for as we
grow

Students form their own ideas and share the knowledge they gathered in the first two stages.

A one-room schoolhouse, on purpose

Children of different ages work alongside each other and hold each other accountable to grow in four things:

grace grit gratitude grammar



Training up the next generation

*Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he shall not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6, the verse the school is built on.

Mission

To develop disciples by training the next generation in the way they should go, so when they are old, they will not depart from it. Using a classical curriculum and teaching life skills to help students cultivate a love of what is true, good, and beautiful. Provide parents with an education they can trust using tried and true evidence-based methods and teaching techniques.

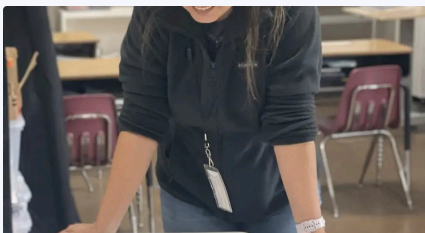
Purpose

To equip students with the ability to use the Holy Scriptures, to know God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit as the Trinity, so that they can become who God intended them to be in Christ in order to glorify Him.

Vision

Cornerstone is committed to excellence, implementing components of the one-room schoolhouse setting in accordance with a classical education model. Students have the flexibility to spend more time in an area of weakness or advance in an area of strength, which builds true grit and lets them take ownership of their work.

Life skills such as cooking, sewing, building and gardening help students gain a skill they can develop into a way to serve others: in their family, their community, their future ministry, and some day the world. Missionaries in Training helps them apply their education to real-world circumstances before they leave our school.



Making bracelets to raise money for missionaries · An outdoor lesson · Building an Easter tomb garden

The principles behind everything we do

Faith in Christ

A strong foundation in Christian faith is essential for life. Our curriculum and environment foster a deep understanding of, and personal relationship with, Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 11:1

Pursuit of excellence

We encourage students to strive for their best in academics, character and all endeavors, recognizing their God-given potential.

Colossians 3:23

Heart of service

We inspire students to develop a servant's heart, looking for ways to serve others in their school, families and wider community.

Mark 10:45

Integrity and character

We cultivate honesty, trustworthiness and strong moral character, teaching students to act with integrity in their words, actions and relationships.

Proverbs 11:3

Loving community

We foster a nurturing community where every student feels valued, respected and loved, with compassion, empathy and mutual support.

John 13:34-35

Wisdom and knowledge

We guide students to seek wisdom and knowledge from a biblical worldview, understanding that true wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 9:10



OUR TEACHERS

Four teachers, one calling

Each engages students differently. All share the same passion: serving Jesus by teaching the children of this community.



Keisy Kretzmann

Missionaries in Training teacher and teaching assistant. Served for more than five years as a national missionary in the Amazon region of Brazil.



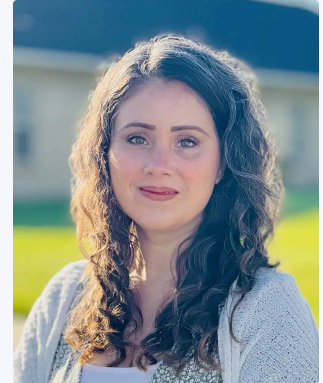
BreAnne Painter

Kindergarten and 1st grade teacher. BA in Elementary Education K-8, Boise State University; five years as a kindergarten teacher.



Linda King

2nd-4th grade teacher. Longtime educator; taught at Greenleaf Friends Academy, including nine years in 3rd grade.



Celeste Mays

Director and 5th-6th grade teacher. BA, The College of Idaho; MS in Education, The University of Kansas. Opened Cornerstone in 2023.

RECOGNIZED, AND HELD TO A STANDARD

Provisionally accredited

After two years as a Partner Member of the Classical Latin School Association, Cornerstone received provisional accreditation in April 2025 and is working toward full accreditation.



Boise Moms' Choice Award

Top 5, 2025.



Christian Living Magazine

Cover story, November/December 2025: "Where education's foundation is always Jesus."

Your gift reaches the next generation

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he shall not depart from it.” A gift to Cornerstone puts that verse to work in real children’s lives, now and for years to come.

Cornerstone is a small, community-founded school. It keeps tuition as low as it can for the families of Caldwell, at \$3,250 a year for full-time enrollment, and works out payment arrangements whenever it can. Donors make it possible to do that and still grow.

Keep school within reach

Families choose Cornerstone knowing tuition is a sacrifice. Gifts help the school hold costs down and keep a Christ-centered classical education open to families who want one.

Reach full accreditation

Cornerstone is a provisionally accredited member of the Classical Latin School Association and is working now toward full accreditation.

Add the next stages

Today the school teaches the grammar stage, kindergarten through 6th grade. It hopes to add the logic and rhetoric stages as it grows, so students can continue their classical education at Cornerstone.

Teach skills for serving others

Life skills, art, Readers Theater, P.E. and Missionaries in Training need materials, supplies and teachers’ time. These are the classes that teach students to pray, give, or go.



Photo: Danielle Simmons

Support the school

Your contributions make a great and lasting impact for generations to come. Thank you for your generosity.



Give online

Scan the code with your phone's camera to give through the school's Square giving page, or type in the address:

square.link/u/NlpFWdY8

Call

Talk with director Celeste Mays about a gift.

(208) 871-9721

Email

Ask about a one-time or recurring gift.

cmays@ccschoolhouse.com

Visit

Tour the school and see where your gift goes.

**912 W Linden St
Caldwell, ID 83605**

Tax information

Cornerstone Community Schoolhouse is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, EIN 86-2850246. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor.

Come see it for yourself

The best way to understand Cornerstone is to spend a morning here. Tours are by appointment.

[Schedule a tour at ccschoolhouse.com](https://ccschoolhouse.com)

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