

Sharing the Gospel with Illusions

“This past October, Jim Bartlett was asked to be part of a Fall Festival, which our church hosts as an alternative to Halloween, and was responsible for presenting two magic shows during the evening. I found him to be not only an excellent children’s entertainer but a capable minister of the Gospel to all who attended.

Jim is not only careful to explain that only God does miracles but eloquently explains salvation so children can adequately understand.

I wholeheartedly recommend him and would gladly answer any questions you might have concerning his performance and ministry.”

— **Alan Denney**
Director of Worship & Ministry
Christ Community Church
Greeley, CO

“Thank you for the wonderful show you gave for our family night. Your performance was great ...everyone really enjoyed it, You helped make the evening something special!”

— **Captain Christine Smith**
Salvation Army, Denver CO



Creative Ministries are being used increasingly as part of youth ministry at churches across America.

Cornerstone (kŏr´-nĕr-stŏn) *noun.*

1. A stone or element at the corner, uniting two intersecting elements.
2. Such a stone, often inscribed, laid at a ceremony marking the origin of a physical entity.
3. An indispensable and fundamental basis, e.g. “*the cornerstone of an argument.*”
4. Uniquely chartered and positioned to share the Gospel to kids of all ages through Creative Ministries.



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Our Purpose & Ministry

Cornerstone Creative Ministries is a Colorado-based ministry focused on sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through creative live performing arts, such as Magic or Illusions, Juggling, Puppetry, Clowning, and Mime.

Our purpose is to reach young people (typically K-12) through performances that have strong visual content which is retained along with the associated Gospel message. “*Magic With A Message*” is a series of Gospel Illusion shows we perform, in which the message of salvation is shared with the audience. Our magic illusion shows can take many forms, to meet the needs of your event:

- *Stage shows — large audiences*
- *Parlor shows — smaller groups*
- *Close-up performances — “very close”*
- *“Walk-around” magic — while mingling*

We’re available to assist at a wide range of events with shows that vary in length from 15 minutes to an hour. We can perform multiple shows for large groups who need to segment their audience to fit the available room or theater capacity. We also provide customized performances for a wide range of audiences:

- *Church functions, such as Fall festivals, carnivals, youth group events & fundraisers*



Focusing on Gospel Illusions, Jim Bartlett’s magic shows are professional, high-impact performances.

- *Birthday parties, teen functions*
- *Private parties, social functions*
- *Holiday events — Christmas, Easter*

BIOGRAPHY:

Jim Bartlett is a veteran performer and corporate executive with over 25 years of high-tech experience, having held senior executive positions with global companies including IBM, Philips, NEC, Zenith and StorageTek. Jim enjoyed watching and performing magic and illusions as a young person, although he didn’t become a serious student of the magical performing arts until he was an adult.

In 1985 Jim attended a national convention of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians held in Chicago. While watching the public evening show, he became convinced of the impact he could have by performing magical illusions with integrated messages as a form of evangelism. Ken Baker, then a well-known Christian magician, provided advice and mentoring during Jim’s early years of study. Additional early exposure to some of the top names in magic helped push Jim along as he developed his skills and personal style. Jim has also attended hundreds of live magical performances, meeting and being influenced by many well-known magicians including Harry Blackstone Jr., Lance Burton, Andre Kole, and David Copperfield.



“Magic with a Message” shows include classic magic effects, along with some that clearly carry the Gospel message in a way that is remembered and thoughtfully considered.

For the last 15 years, Jim’s performing has been focused on Christian audiences, with many shows held for churches, non-profit organizations, and youth groups. He also has performed for birthday parties and at secular evening

events, doing walk-around magic, etc. Most of Jim’s work features Gospel illusions, which carry the message of the need for Christ as personal Lord and Savior.

One classic effect in many of Jim’s shows is Cut & Restored Rope, symbolizing man’s separation from God through sin, and the reconnection of our relationship to God through Jesus’ blood and our receiving Him as personal savior. Another of Jim’s powerful signature effects is one called Transformed —

where a Styrofoam cup of water is pierced with many long needles. But when the needles are removed, the “brave” volunteer holding the cup above their head doesn’t get wet! Amazingly, the water has been transformed into a solid! This effect is used to explain that, although Satan would like to convince us we are not worthy and shake our confidence in the salvation we have through God’s Grace, our lives can truly be transformed when we trust in Christ, who was pierced for our iniquities.



With highly interactive shows, Jim’s makes a special effort to get close to his young audiences.

Jim currently performs effects based on many familiar objects including coins, cards, ropes, silks, water, paper, dollar bills, many larger props and specialty items. He has performed in many parts of the U.S, as well as in Canada, Europe and Asia. Jim currently serves as President of the Rocky Mountain Region for the FCM. He resides in Morrison, CO with his wife, Michele, and their two college-age children.

For more information, visit our website:
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