



CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

A NOTE FROM JOSH...

Church Family,

July was an incredible month.

Summer is often a time when church attendance dips with the busyness of vacations and travel, but that hasn't been the case at Cornerstone. Instead, this summer has been marked by vibrant community, meaningful fellowship, and powerful moments of spiritual growth and mission.

This month alone, we sent out two mission teams: 14 people to Honduras and more than 20 to Spruce Pine, North Carolina. That means nearly 40 people from Cornerstone have served on short-term mission trips this summer—a huge leap forward from just two years ago, when we sent one team of four. It's evidence that God is breathing fresh life and energy into our mission efforts, and we pray he continues to do so.

In addition to missions, our kids and students had the opportunity to attend summer camp in July. Camp is always a special time, not just for fun and adventure, but for deep spiritual impact. Our leaders invested their time, energy, and love to point students to Jesus—and we're already seeing the fruit. Please join me in praying that the seeds planted during those weeks will grow into lasting faith and lifelong discipleship.

As we look ahead to August, there's so much to be excited about. God continues to bless Cornerstone with new faces and growing energy. It's clear Jesus is at work, not just around the world but right here in Greensboro.

This month, I'm excited to launch a brand-new sermon series called *"SIX: How the Church Follows Jesus Together."* Each week, we'll explore a different aspect of what it means to live as followers of Jesus—worshippers, students, servants, stewards, family, and witnesses. I believe this series will help us grow deeper in our walk with Christ and strengthen our unity as a church.

Please continue to pray for our church family. Pray for our mission teams, our students and kids, our new guests, and our upcoming ministry season. Above all, let's keep asking Jesus to build His kingdom through us—here at Cornerstone and to the ends of the earth.

Cornerstone, I'm so grateful to be on mission with you. It is a joy to serve Jesus alongside you.

For the gospel,

Pastor Josh



**"For the Lord God is
a sun and shield: the
Lord will give grace
and glory: no good
thing will he
withhold from them
that walk uprightly"**

— Psalm 84:11

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Starting Point – A Simple Invitation Can Change Everything

96% of the unchurched in the U.S. say they're at least "somewhat likely" to attend church if invited by someone they know, and **over 80% of people reportedly accept a church invitation from a friend.** God is doing amazing things at Cornerstone! Let's continue to invite people to church and into our church!

Do you know someone who's curious about Cornerstone or looking to get more connected? *Starting Point* is the best next step—and your invitation could make all the difference.

This one-time orientation gives people the opportunity to meet our pastors, hear the heart behind our church, and discover how to take their next step in faith and community. Whether you're already a church member or coming alongside a friend, your presence can encourage someone new to take that first step. **Join us Sunday, August 3.** Bring a friend or simply come to hear what we share with those exploring life at Cornerstone. 📞 **Call the office at (336) 665-1944 Or [RSVP ONLINE](#) today!**

Let's keep extending the invitation—because people are more open than we think.

Can't make this one? Our next Starting Point will be October 5!



CORNERSTONE HAS BEEN ON MISSION!

Praise God for all the ways He has used His church this summer!! Our church has given, prayed, and gone on mission to Spruce Pine, NC and Honduras. Our work has served to strengthen discouraged believers and share the gospel to people of all ages. Please continue to pray for Western Carolina Church as they seek a Lead Pastor and please continue to pray for Ricardo and Mercy & Grace with their ongoing ministry to the people of Honduras.

Dennis Nealy, Executive Pastor

PERSONNEL TEAM

A NOTE FROM PERSONNEL...

It is hard to believe that **Dr. Jon Boling** has been leading the 9 am worship and choir as our **Interim Worship Pastor** for about a month now. Jon brings a vibrant energy and a wealth of experience in church and music ministry, particularly in leading adult choirs. We are thrilled to have him and his wife, Wendy, join the Cornerstone family.

Also in early July, **Liz Morrow** joined the administration staff as the **Director of Finance**. Liz's extensive knowledge and experience will be invaluable in guiding our church's finances. We are excited to have her on board in this vital role.

The Personnel Team would like to thank the church for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support during these transitions. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, Pastor Josh, Pastor Dennis, or any member of the Personnel Team.

Erick Byrd

Chair – Personnel Team

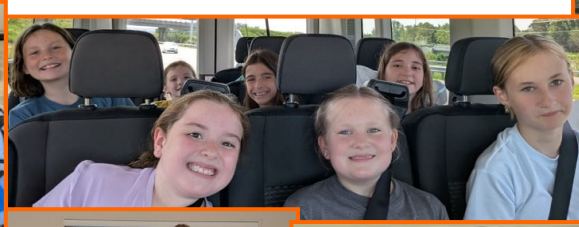
As summer winds down, our Kids Ministry is gearing up for an exciting fall season of faith, fun, and friendship! School will be starting this month and everyone will be settling into new routines.



centrikid
camps



In July, we took a group of our rising 3rd–6th graders to **Centrikid Camp** we had an unforgettable week that was packed with worship, team games, Bible study, and of course OMC!! We watched kids grow in their understanding of who God is and how much He loves them. It's was more than just camp—it's was a booster for spiritual growth and gospel-centered friendships that last beyond the summer. Thank you for your prayers and support for this life-changing experience!



Next up... Summer Programming Returns Wednesday Nights in August. Plan to join us as we dive into Bible stories and fun activities **August 6, 13, and 20 from 6:00-7:30 pm.**

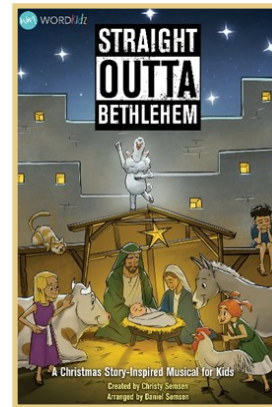
It is also time to gear up for **AWANA!**

We're kicking off the fall semester with an **AWANA Open House on Wednesday, August 27.**

Families will have a chance to meet leaders, get a feel for club nights, and make sure everyone is registered and ready.

Then, mark your calendars—our **first official club night is Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00 PM!**

Whether your child is brand new or a returning clubber, this year promises to be full of Scripture memory, high-energy games, and meaningful discipleship.



And don't forget—our **4G Children's Choir** is back! Rehearsals start **Sunday, August 24 at 5:00 PM.**

Plan for your children who are in kindergarten and above to join this exciting evening to learn all about this year's Christmas musical – ***Straight***

Out of Bethlehem.

This is a great place for kids to grow in worship and confidence. Whether your child loves to sing, act, or just be a part of something special, **4G Choir** is the perfect fit.



Fall is full of opportunities for kids to learn, lead, and love like Jesus. We're so excited to walk into this next season together—and we can't wait to see how God works through every moment!

Heather LaFrancis, Children's Director

Hey Cornerstone family...

What an incredible summer it has been so far! July was packed with unforgettable moments, and I'm so thankful for the ways we've seen God move in the lives of our students!

Looking Back: Fort Caswell Summer Camp

One of the biggest highlights of the summer was our trip to Fort Caswell for summer camp. It was a powerful week filled with laughter, worship, late-night conversations, and life-changing encounters with Jesus. Our students dug deep into God's Word and learned what it means to **Remain** in Jesus from John 15. They built stronger relationships with one another, and several made commitments to follow Christ or take next steps in their faith. Thank you to every parent, volunteer, and church member who prayed, gave, and supported our group—it truly made a difference.



Looking Ahead: Promotion Sunday & More

As we step into August, we're excited for a fresh season of ministry! Mark your calendars for Promotion Sunday on August 10th—a special day where we welcome our rising 6th graders into Student Ministry and celebrate all our students moving up to their next grade. It's always a joy to see new faces, and we're committed to helping every student feel known, loved, and challenged in their walk with Jesus.

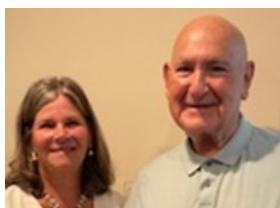


Please continue praying for our students as they prepare to head into a new school year. Pray for boldness, wisdom, and a hunger for God's Word. And thank you, church family, for continuing to partner with us in reaching the lost and making disciples of the next generation.

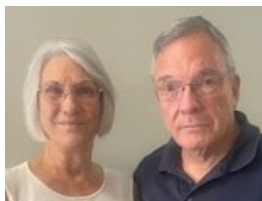
Grateful to serve,

Michael Boyles, NextGen Student Pastor

Welcome
New Members!



Noreena & Lonnie Cole



Cathy & Jerry Harris

SAVE THE DATES!



October 10 and 11th
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

SAVE THE DATES!

Cornerstone members know Pig Pickin' is a weekend of fun and fellowship that you don't want to miss. It's not just a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another better, it's also another way you can invite friends into our church fellowship. So, mark your calendars now and talk to your discipleship group about who you all know that can be invited to Pig Pickin'. Pray for those people together, invite them, and see what the Lord can do as we fellowship together!



"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing!" Psalm 100:1-2

What a powerful word from God as we begin our time together in Worship. Did you notice those descriptives: joyful, gladness, and joyful again? That truly describes how Wendy and I feel about serving the Lord here at Cornerstone. Everyone has been absolutely wonderful - staff, choir, congregation - this is a special place and we are grateful for God's grace among you. I'd like to say a special 'thank you' to Pastors Josh and Dennis for trusting me with this ministry and making me feel so welcomed and empowered.

Now, as we move forward into God's future, there are two things I would like for all of you to do.

- 1- Pray for me and this ministry.
- 2- TALK to me and let me know what music (even specific songs) you love. I have promised the church that we would present musical offerings to God that are old, new and in-between (just like in Heaven). So, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Feel free to email me at jon.boling@cbc-gso.org and tell me your faves. You may not hear them right away, but I promise to consider anything you send me.

Thank you all for your love and support - I am truly blessed.

Jon Boling
Worship Pastor (Interim)



As our summer begins to come to a close, let's pray for our students as they return to the classroom. With confidence come before the throne of God for our children

...I will guide them along an unfamiliar way. I will brighten the darkness before them and smooth out the road ahead of them. Isaiah 42:16

God, we lift up our precious children as they begin a new school year. We thank you for your word and we trust you. Lord, we ask you to be a guiding light to our students, keep them on the right path. Remove any confusion, giving our children clarity. Help them to navigate their school year with confidence that only comes from you. Our children may be fearful, but we call upon your name to dispel fear and they may feel your presence in their life. Thank you for hearing our prayers and we trust your perfect will.

Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for bad company corrupts good character. 1 Corinthians 15:33

We acknowledge you as our Lord and

Savior. We can call upon your name to surround our children and protect them. We ask you to keep them from evil associations and harmful friendships. Disconnect them from negative relationships. Surround them with friends who add value to their lives, and lead them toward God-given growth, encouragement and support. We ask you to help them be an example of righteousness, conduct, morals, and radiate the light of God. We praise you for working in our students lives. Helping them with godly relationships.

For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding Proverbs 2:6. If you need wisdom, ask our generous God. James 1:5

Heavenly father we are thankful knowing your promises are true. We ask that you give wisdom and understanding to our children. Help them to excel academically and have insight. Pour out the Holy Spirit upon them as they become leaders in their schools. Give them deep understanding of what is being taught. Grant them

comprehension in their studies. Help them overcome challenges and achieve excellence. Help us as parents to be a guide and support. Thank you for hearing our prayers.

The Lord keeps you from harm, and watches over your life. Psalm 121: 7. ...He alone is my refuge, my place of safety. Psalm 91:1-2

God, thank you that you are always with our children. We are grateful for your unfailing love. We pray for protection over our children as they go to school, attend field trips, get involved in school activities and sporting events. We ask for a hedge of protection around them, and be their shield. Thank you for hearing our prayers, and that you are faithful. Our hearts are full and grateful

Sarah Chaplin
Prayer Ministry Team

Join us for a time of corporate prayer:

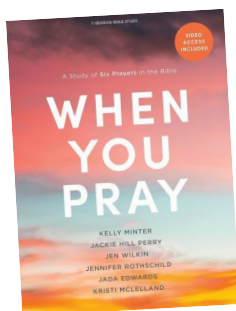
Tuesday at 7:00 am in the office conference room and Sunday at 8:00 am in the pastor's office. You can visit the Prayer Room just outside the sanctuary anytime.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...

We will begin our fall session in September with a special combined 4-week Bible study with the Pastor's Bible study. You don't want to miss this special time!

We will resume our regular class on **October 3**. We will begin *When You Pray*, a 7-week study of 6 prayers in the Bible. There are study books available to purchase if you'd like to complete daily devotions or just come on Wednesdays to see teachers like Jackie Hill Perry, Jen Wilkin and Jennifer Rothschild teach a in a short video, followed by a time of discussion and prayer. Serving in AWANA? The study books also include video access so you can work alongside of us at home! Sign up on realm to let us know you are coming and to order a book. Email Leigh Anne with any questions (laarnol2@gmail.com).



JOY GROUP 2ND TUESDAY BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP!!



Our Second Tuesday Breakfast is on Tuesday August 12th!
The food is good, but the Fellowship is great! Plus you meet the nicest people!

OUR U.S. AIR FORCE COUPLE!

At Cornerstone's recent All-American Luncheon for the 4th of July Tom & Sue Gream shared their testimony and life story regarding their joint military service in the United States Air Force. They served a combined 60 years!



SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY!



Our 2025 Summer Bible Study has enjoyed excellent attendance and a most interesting Bible Study examining the lives of 5 men whose names barely made it into the Bible! The study is called - *By the Skin of Their Teeth*!

CARICATURES or THE REAL THING?



Jim (John Wayne) Grasty!



Susie (Barbie) Grasty!



Jim (Preacher) Grasty!

Ronnie Seagraves has found a new hobby or new talent! He can take a photo and turn it into a delightful caricature!

**BY THE SKIN
OF THEIR
TEETH**

**SUMMER 2025
SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

*5 Stories of Sinners Who Barely
Made it into the Bible*

A most unusual Bible study!
Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am
July 3rd - August 28th
In the Sanctuary
Taught by Pastor Jim Grasty

The 2025 Summer Bible Study is ongoing through August so it's not too late to grab your Bible and join the fun! There's no cost or required registration! Just come join us every Thursday morning at 10:30 in the sanctuary through August!

Cost: \$285 Per Person
Deposit: \$50 Per Person at Registration
To register, call Kim at: 336-521-9215
or register online

**Fall
Festival of
Fellowship**

Senior Adult Retreat

October 6-9, 2025
Theme: Full Cup
Scripture: Psalm 23:5
Guest Speaker: Curt Iles

Curt Iles is a full time author/speaker writing from his hometown of Dry Creek, Louisiana. A popular speaker, Curt enjoys traveling, telling stories, and making new friends. He and his wife DeDe travel extensively on mission trips to Africa, Asia, and Central America.

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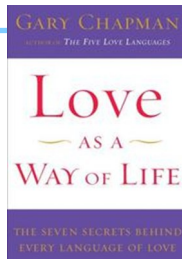
It's not too late to sign up for our 4 day/3 night Senior Adult Retreat at Camp Carraway! Only \$285 per person! See Kathy Tuttle or Susie Grasty to sign up!



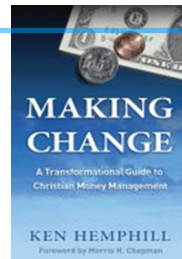
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2, ESV



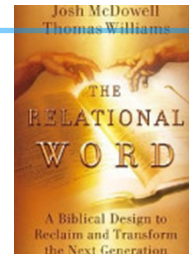
Transformed: Shaped by the Hand of God by Stuart Calvert



Love as a Way of Life by Gary Chapman



Making Change: Christian Money Management by Ken Hemphill



The Relational Word by Josh McDowell & Thomas Williams

WONDERING ABOUT WEE SCHOOL

AUGUST 2025



We're getting excited for a fantastic year at WEE School! You may have noticed some updates to the facility. The playground across from the building has been enlarged! Allowing for more space and creating a better and safer environment for our 3- and 4-year-old students. The teachers are also so excited about the space. Some of the fun we are looking forward to this fall are Chapel time, Music class and Library time. Our amazing teachers are already planning and thinking about the fun experiences for each age level.

I am asking you to pray for our upcoming school year. Some prayer requests:

- Work Days August 20, 21, 25-27
- Open House August 28
- First Day of school September 2
- Continued enrollment especially for the Two-Year-Olds & Toddlers
- Teachers: For their spiritual growth, clarity and excellence throughout the school year.
- For me: Spiritual consistency, leadership and godly wisdom



The entire WEE School staff is excited for all that is to come in the upcoming school year and consider it a great privilege to be a willing vessel, used by God, to reach the youngest hearts and minds in our community.

In His Love and mine,

Sarah Chaplin, Director

BROOKDALE NW MINISTRY



Happy Summer from Brookdale NW...

We have had a few new residents to join our faithful group recently and they have just fit right in! One of the Major's granddaughters came with us a couple of times, and the folks were thrilled to meet her and that she was willing to recite verses and to participate in the lesson!

Our latest lesson was from Luke when Jesus visited the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. While Martha attended to the meal, Mary sat with Jesus and listened to Him speak. Several of us agreed that we've often wondered, if Martha didn't fix the meal, who would?! We did learn that it's all about priorities. Of course there are times when we must work, but as the Lord Himself explained, "but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." By staying close to Him, we can know if we should work, or sit and listen to Him in prayer and His Word.

Please continue to pray for the folks at Brookdale and for God's protection of His ministry there and protection of the residents and staff.

God Bless,
Susan Cooke & Vicky Major

Luke 10:41b-42

DISCIPLERS BIBLE STUDY



Ready to go deeper
in your walk
with God?

Join us for Disciplers Bible Study—
a transforming journey where
Scripture comes alive through:

- Bible-based personal study questions
- Authentic small group discussions
- Teaching that applies Bible truths
- Notes to enrich understanding

This study is for men, women & teens!

Study: The Book of ACTS

Thursdays @ Cornerstone
Starts September 4

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Sign up in Realm, contact JoAnn Hampton
(joann.hampton@cbc-gso.org), or just come
to the Sanctuary on September 4.

Joshua Wester, Lead Pastor
Dennis Nealy, Executive Pastor
Jon Boling, Worship Pastor (Interim)
Michael Boyles, NextGen Student Pastor
Jim Grasty, Senior Adult Pastor
Heather LaFrancis, Children's Director
Stephen Feild, Pastor in Residence
Sarah Chaplin, WEE School Director

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am Blended Worship &
Sunday Discipleship Groups
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
Sunday Discipleship Groups
5:00 pm College/Young Adults
Children's Choir (Sept-May)
WKLY - Students (6th-12th grades)
Adult Discipleship Groups

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

5:00-5:45 PM Dinner (Sept-May)
6:00-7:30 PM Awana (Sept-May)
Children's Activities
Adult Choir Rehearsal
Women's Bible Study
Adult (Coed) Discipleship Group



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DEACON of the WEEK - AUGUST

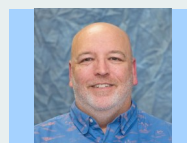
July 27-August 2
ERICK BYRD
336-707-2500



August 3-9
JEFF CAUDLE
336-669-0327



August 10-16
BOB CHAPLIN
336-587-1714



August 17-23
BRENT DIGIACOMO
412-402-8417



August 24-30
MIKE HAMPTON
336-312-8829



FOOD COLLECTION

The **AUGUST** food collection item is **CANNED TOMATOES**. The food is donated to Greensboro Urban Ministry. Collection boxes are in the Foyer and the Commons.



*Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
On behalf of everyone at **Greensboro Urban Ministry** we want to express our deepest gratitude for your extraordinary support over the years.
Your unwavering generosity and commitment have been a cornerstone of our mission to serve neighbors in crisis with dignity, compassion and hope. Providing food lets people know that they are cared for and not forgotten. Please share our thanks with everyone in your congregation.
With blessings,
Your friends at
Greensboro Urban Ministry*

WE'VE GOT MAIL!

*Dear Cornerstone Church Family, For all the cards, visits, flowers, gifts, love and prayers in memory of Jean Derrick, we are sincerely grateful. Thank you for the many kindnesses to our family. We miss her, but anticipate seeing her again very soon.
Love in Our King, Jesus,
David & Sonya Zauber & Family*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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The Prayer Shawl Ministry is on our summer schedule for the months of June, July, and August.

Mission Statement/Purpose:

The Cornerstone Baptist Church **Prayer Shawl Ministry** joyfully gathers to bring glory to God by prayerfully using our God-given talents to individually craft shawls and blankets for individuals experiencing life-changing events.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is for all ages. Anyone who knits or crochets and anyone interested in learning to knit or crochet is invited to join us. We will teach you!

Meeting Information:

June-August: 1st & 3rd Tues., 10 am-Noon
September-May: Tuesdays, 10 am - Noon
Location: Modular Rm B @ Cornerstone

Scan the QR code to request more information or to request a prayer shawl.

