



CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

A NOTE FROM JOSH...

Church Family,

I hope you've been encouraged and challenged by our current sermon series in the book of Acts. Week after week, we're watching the early church come alive—and we're reminded that the same Spirit who moved in power in Acts is still at work in and through us today. My prayer is that this series continues to grow your boldness, deepen your faith, and inspire your obedience to Jesus.

There's a lot happening at Cornerstone this summer, and I want to invite you to be part of it through your prayers, encouragement, and involvement.

First, please be praying for our **two mission teams** heading out this month—one to **Honduras**, and one to **Spruce Pine, North Carolina**. These teams are going out as the hands and feet of Jesus, serving people, building relationships, and sharing the hope of the gospel. Pray for safety, unity, and for hearts to be open to the message of Jesus. Pray for the Holy Spirit to do what only He can do.

Also this month, our **kids and students are heading to camp!** These camp experiences are more than just fun and games—they're often turning points in a young person's spiritual life. Pray that our kids and students hear God's voice clearly, respond to Him in faith, and come back encouraged and changed.

And speaking of the next generation—**thank you** to everyone who gave, served, and prayed to make **Vacation Bible School** such a powerful week back in June. We had the joy of sharing the gospel with **upwards of 90 kids**, and we watched Jesus work in real and powerful ways, including **multiple salvations!** Let's keep praying that those gospel seeds grow deep roots in the lives of these children and their families.

Lastly, I'm excited to let you know that we've officially launched the **design phase for our new worship center**. This is a major step forward after a long season of prayer and preparation. Please keep this in your prayers—pray for clarity, wisdom, and a unified spirit as the details come together. We anticipate **breaking ground later this year**, and we're trusting God to use this space to expand His work through Cornerstone for decades to come.

I love what Jesus is doing in and through our church. Let's keep following him together—because the story Jesus is writing in and through Cornerstone isn't nearly finished.

Grateful to be on mission with you,

Pastor Josh



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July 6 - Join us as we celebrate our freedom through a Fellowship Lunch after the conclusion of our worship services!



We will celebrate Independence Day with a fellowship lunch in our Family Life Center, which will include Baked Chicken, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Tea, Lemonade, Water and Apple Cobbler with Ice Cream. Tickets are only \$8 (ages 13 & up), \$4 (ages 5-12) and ages 4 & under eat FREE! There's a \$32 maximum cost per family. [RSVP online today!](#) You don't want to miss this time of fun and great food with your church family!

Pray for our July Mission Teams – particularly pray for their safety and effectiveness as they boldly share the gospel!



Honduras (July 12-19): We have a team of 14 going to serve with our ministry partners Mercy & Grace for a week. Pastor Michael will preach, and the team will share testimonies. Throughout the week they will do ministry with a construction project, conducting VBS at schools, worshipping with Honduran believers to encourage them, and delivering food supplies to those in need.

Spruce Pine (July 11-12): As I write this article, we are still confirming the size of our Spruce Pine team, and it looks like it will be larger than our Honduras Team. Pray for our adults and children who plan to go to the mountains of Western NC and conduct a one-day VBS Outreach for Western Carolina Church. Spruce Pine was one of the areas hit hardest by Hurricane Helene. We need to encourage this gospel-based church and many families in their community need the hope they can offer! **Please plan to attend our morning worship services July 20 & 27 because you'll hear the answer to your prayers. Our services will include Mission Team testimonies!**



August 3rd- Starting Point is how we invite church attenders to become church family!

Have you ever invited someone attending your Discipleship Group, your Worship Service, or a Bible Study you attend to join you at Starting Point? We regularly mention Starting Point in our services because it teaches people about Cornerstone and gives them clear steps to take so they can become part of our church family when they're ready. Do you know someone who would be interested in attending? Feel free to RSVP and attend Starting Point with them! Call the office (336) 665-1944 or [RSVP online](#) if you plan to attend!

Dennis Nealy, Executive Pastor



Ginny & Phil Mobley



Sheila & Jim Hall



Pray, Pray, Pray for our Kids & Students!!

**Students - BEDOTELL CAMP @ Caswell
July 21-25**

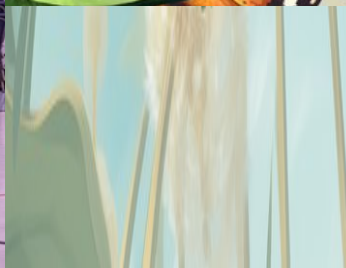
**Kids - CENTRIKID CAMP @ Ridgecrest
July 26-30**



What an unforgettable week at **MAGNIFIED!** Vacation Bible School! Our church was filled with laughter, music, games, Bible stories, and the joyful noise of kids discovering how God's greatness shows up—even in the smallest moments. From creative crafts to high-energy worship, each day gave kids the opportunity to learn more about who God is and how much He loves them.



A **huge shoutout** goes to our incredible VBS volunteers—Thank You! You went above and beyond in every way. From leading small groups to preparing snacks, decorating classrooms, and helping with music and tech, you brought heart, energy, and a servant's spirit to every corner of the building. VBS simply wouldn't have happened without you, and we are so grateful!



As we look ahead, the fun doesn't stop! From **July 26–30**, we'll be taking **18 children and 5 adults** to **CentriKid Camp at Ridgecrest Conference Center**. This will be an amazing time for kids to grow in their faith, build friendships, and experience God in a new and personal way.

Please be in prayer for our campers and leaders as they prepare for this special trip—and stay tuned for stories and photos when they return!

centrikid
camps



Heather LaFrancis, Children's Director

Dear Cornerstone family... Summer is in full swing, and God is moving in big ways through our Student Ministry! I want to take a moment to share just a few exciting things happening with our middle and high school students this month!

Celebrating JUNE...

1st

WKLY, our weekly Sunday Night Gatherings have been amazing! Every week, students are showing up hungry for community, worship, and truth. We're currently walking through a series called "Table Talk" — looking at 4 different conversations that Jesus had around the table that highlight who he is and why he came.



2nd

June marked a highlight of our summer: Students serving at **VBS**! Our students loved serving in all kinds of ways at **VBS** and did an **AMAZING** job too! **We believe serving is a powerful way for students to live out their faith and be the hands and feet of Jesus.**



3rd

July brings the biggest week of the year for our Student Ministry: **SUMMER CAMP!**



July 21-25 our students and leaders will head to Fort Caswell for **BeDoTell Summer Camp**. The theme this year is: **REMAIN**. Based on **John 15:4-5**, **REMAIN** encourages students to abide in Jesus so they will bear much fruit. Please be praying for our students, parents, and leaders as we approach Summer Camp and during the week of July 21-25.

If you would like to give money towards a scholarship that helps students afford going, please let Pastor Michael know!

4th

Please be praying for the **Honduras mission trip July 12-19**. Pastor Michael and 5 students will be going on that trip!



5th

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for **Promotion Sunday on August 10th** to welcome **rising 6th grade students** into the **Student Ministry**. Rising 6th graders and their parents are invited to **WKLY on July 20th** for a **Preview Night** of our Student Ministry!

Church family, thank you. Thank you for praying, giving, and cheering on the next generation. Your support means the world, and our students feel it. If you ever want to see what God is doing up close, I'd love to have you drop in on a Sunday night or reach out about serving alongside us.

Michael Boyles, NextGen Student Pastor



PRAYERS for FRIENDS!

*"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that **you may know him better**. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe." Ephesians 1:15-19*

This prayer was written by Paul, and it is just one example of how he typically prayed for those he loved. His greatest desire was for them to grow in their knowledge of God and experience a deeper relationship with Him.

In his book on prayer, Tim Keller points out, "It is remarkable that in all of his writings Paul's prayers for his friends contain no appeals for changes in their

circumstances. It is certain that they lived in the midst of many dangers and hardships. They faced persecution, death from disease, oppression by powerful forces, and separation from loved ones. Their existence was far less secure than ours is today. Yet in these prayers you see not one petition for a better emperor, for protection from marauding armies, or even for bread for the next meal."

Keller goes on to say that it would not have been wrong for Paul to pray for such things. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instructed us to ask for our "daily bread" and to "deliver us from evil." So what should we take away from Paul's prayers?

Paul's prayers reveal his deepest desire for his friends—not for their circumstances to change, but for them to know God more fully.

How should this change the way that we pray for ourselves, our family and our friends?

We should still ask God to heal and

provide and rescue. But we should make it a priority to pray for ourselves and for those we love to grow in their knowledge of God and experience a deeper relationship with Him. Trusting that God is working through our difficult circumstances to draw us closer to Him!

Most of us can quote Romans 8:28, "*We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.*" But verse 29 tells us how God will do that, "*By conforming us into the image of His Son.*" God is using all of our circumstances, good and bad to shape us to be more like Jesus.

Jennifer Pratt
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.



Our Women's Ministry is doing a summer study on the Psalms called "**Lyrics of Life**". The study looks at the variety of circumstances faced by followers of God. In this eight-session series, our women will learn how to find comfort in any situation based on this songbook of the people of God.

Join us Wednesdays in July from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Prayer Room (Rm 132).
For more information contact Leigh Anne Lindsay -(laarnol2@gmail.com).



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

JOY GROUP 2ND TUESDAY BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP!!

We had 45 in attendance at our June Second Tuesday Breakfast!



2025 Senior Adult Summer Bible Study By the Skin of their Teeth! A Most Unusual Bible Study!



Thursdays - July 3rd – August 28th
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Led by Pastor Jim Grasty

2nd TUESDAY BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP!



One reason for the increase was the number of new folks the Lord has sent our way! We all also know retired senior adults love free stuff!

“GOD COUNTRY SERVICE”

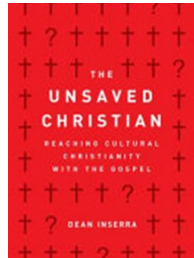
As we celebrate the 4th of July - Independence Day - keep in mind that there is a bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall hallway which honors people from our church (and family members) who served in the United States Military. We are thankful for their service to our country to keep our independence alive! If you haven't been in that hallway for a while, or if you did not notice the bulletin board, take a moment to stop, view the photos, and say a silent “Thank-You” to those represented on that board.



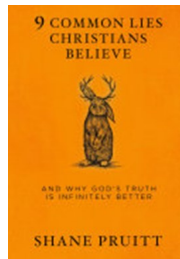
Jim Grasty, Senior Adults Pastor

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! 2 Corinthians 13:5, ESV

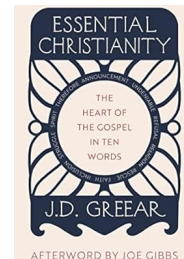
SUMMER READING RECS FROM PASTOR JOSH!



The Unsaved Christian
by Dean Inserra



9 Common Lies Christians
Believe by Shane Pruitt



Essential Christianity
by J. D. Greear



Uncommon Trust
by Erik Reed

BROOKDALE NW MINISTRY



Sharing God's love at Brookdale NW Assisted Living!

Hi from the folks at Brookdale NW!

We come together in His Name to pray, sing HIS praises and open HIS Word in fellowship.

We started the month on Acts 2 and read of the Holy Spirits' anticipated arrival on Pentecost. Many people heard God's Word, even in their own language and came to faith in Jesus Christ. In Mark 5, we were witnesses to miracles as Jesus brought a young girl back to life and healed a woman who had suffered a lifelong medical condition. Their faith was sincere and Jesus showed them HIS comfort and love. Many were witnesses and joined the body of believers.

Our own 9-year-old Karis Major contributed by reciting her favorite Bible verse: "Have I not commanded you; Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you, wherever you go" Joshua 1:9. The group enjoyed Kari's participation.

Thank you for partnering in God's Ministry at Brookdale by keeping the residents and staff in prayer for their comfort, peace and dependence in Him!

God Bless,

Vicky Major and Susan Cooke

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

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.

PASTOR JIM "TUMP" GRASTY



Photo added by LGJ

Robert Stapleton "Tump" Grasty Sr. ▼

BIRTH 6 May 1892
Orange, Orange County, Virginia, USA

DEATH 5 Nov 1928 (aged 36)
Winkelman, Gila County, Arizona, USA

BURIAL Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery
Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, USA
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I discovered a wonderful website recently that has opened up to Susie and me information about some of our deceased family members!

It's called *Find a Grave!* Type *Find a Grave* in your search space and follow the directions! You'll need the name, date of birth and death, as well as place of burial.

Here is what I found when I typed in my grandfather's info. This is where I received my nickname *Tump*...from my grandfather!

I even found a cousin I had never met through *Find a Grave!* Some results even included photos of the headstones! Amazing!

If I could help you in your search, just call Susie and me, and we'll be glad to help!

Joshua Wester, Lead Pastor
Dennis Nealy, Executive Pastor
William Beck, Worship Pastor
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 (*Not in July*)
Adult Choir Rehearsal
Women's Bible Study
Adult (Coed) Discipleship Group



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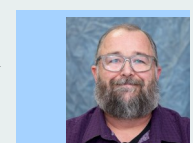
June 29-July 5
GREG APPLE
336-202-1726



July 6-12
MIKE BLANKENSHIP
336-288-9862



July 13-19
TRISTAN BREWSTER
336-908-6919



July 20-26
MIKE BULLINS
336-785-5019



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



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

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WEDNESDAY,
JULY 16
6:00 - 7:30 pm
FLC

Join us in the FLC on Wednesday, July 16 for a fun-filled **MOVIE NIGHT!**

Bring your family, your comfy lawn chair or bean bag, a quilt and a pillow or 2-season sleeping bag. Of course you can always use one of our chairs, but we can't promise comfort! Also, bring your appetite for popcorn and other great snacks!

FOOD ITEM - JUNE

FOOD COLLECTION

The **JULY** food collection item is **PEANUT BUTTER**. The food is donated to Greensboro Urban Ministry. Collection boxes are in the Foyer and in the Commons.
Thank you for donating 416 lbs. of food last month.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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Dear Cornerstone Friends,

Please note 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:

September-May: Tuesdays, 10 am - Noon
June-August: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 am - Noon

Location: Modular Rm B @ Cornerstone

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

