

# **CORNERSTONE CONNECTION**

#### A NOTE FROM JOSH...

#### Church Family,

October marks a milestone moment in the life of Cornerstone. On Sunday, October 12, we officially launch three Sunday morning services. This is a huge step for our church—and it's happening for the very best reason: Jesus is sending so many new people to Cornerstone! Week after week, our sanctuary and Family Life Center have been full. What a good problem to have. The decision to add a third service is our way of following Jesus' example of making room for others, just as He makes room for us.

This move is significant, but it is also temporary. Our Dream Team is hard at work preparing for the construction of our new worship center. We anticipate moving in sometime between Christmas 2026 and Easter 2027. In the meantime, offering three services ensures that everyone who comes through our doors has a place to sit, a place to park, and the opportunity to encounter Jesus and his people.

I want to pause and say thank you. Thank you for your patience, grace, and understanding as we navigate this transition. I know that shifting service times, discipleship group schedules, and ministry rhythms requires adjustment. I also know that change is not always easy. But I am so proud of the way our church family has responded—with generosity, flexibility, and a heart for others. You are living proof of our belief that Jesus makes room for us, so we make room for others.

Now is also a perfect time to lean in. I want to encourage you to keep inviting friends, neighbors, and coworkers. There's room for them now! If you serve on a ministry team, thank you for the way you are stepping up to meet the needs of this season. If you're not serving yet, now is the time to get involved. More services mean more opportunities to serve—and every role matters in helping people meet Jesus.

Church, this is an exciting time. Adding a third service is not just a logistical decision; it's a step of faith. It's a declaration that we believe the best is yet to come. Together, we are preparing not only for a new worship center but for the countless lives God will change through the ministry of Cornerstone. Let's keep praying, inviting, and serving—because the story Jesus is writing here is far from finished.

With gratitude and expectation,

Pastor Josh





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**RSVP BY OCT. 8** 

# EXECUTIVE PASTOR

### OUR ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP WILL BE ON OUR CAMPUS THIS YEAR!

We hope you will join us for our 39th Annual Pig Pickin' at 5736 Inman Road.

If you've never been at Cornerstone for this event, it's like a family reunion and 2 meals for the price of 1... had a baby! God is doing amazing things in the life of our church, and you don't want to miss this year's fellowship!

Yes, we know it'll be a little different with a new location, but we're making room for more people as God grows our family. RSVP by October 8 - Plan to be here and invite someone for the fellowship, and for worship in one of our new services on Sunday, October 12!!

MEN, WAKE UP AND SMELL THE BACON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7! Our pastors are issuing an official man-date—and yes, that is a pun. We want every guy from Cornerstone to show up for an early morning of prayer, fellowship, and glorious breakfast food. We will meet at 6:30 am in the Family Life Center, and will be out the door by 7:30 am feeling full in both your stomach and your spirit. Free food. Wise words. Good dudes. What more do you need? DON'T MISS IT! THIS ONE IS UNIQUE! These breakfast gatherings are always special, but October 7<sup>th</sup> will be even more special because our men will take time to pray for our future worship center. After we eat, we will pray over several vital items for the future of our church like God's presence, God's provision, the church's unity, etc.



# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS & BIBLE STUDIES

Grow deeper in your faith and relationships

SUNDAY MORNING	9:45 AM
Coed Adults 20-40+ (Mike & JoAnn Hampton)	Modular A
Open Age Men (Jeff Caudle)	Modular B
Coed Adults 65+ (Rich Garrison)	Modular C
Coed Adults 65+ (James Handley)	100
Open Age Adults (Greg Apple)	102
Open Age Adults (Jim Grasty)	106/108
Open Age Adults (Howard & Maude Caudle)	114
Open Age Adults (Riccio/Smith)	Fellowship Hall
Open Age Ladies (Blankenship/S. Grasty)	Prayer Room
Open Age Adults (Stephen Squire)	Conference Room
Open Age Adults (Mike Bullins)	Overflow
Parents Connect (Luke Carter)	Sanctuary

SUNDAY MORNING	11 AM
Coed Adults 20-40 (Scott & Karen Leary)	Modular A
Coed Adults 40+ (Barry & Donna Nealy )	Modular C
Parents Connect (Jeff Colbert)	106/108
Parents Connect (Ostria/Lindsay)	100

# "Who shuffled the deck?! Don't worry, you still have a winning hand."

Our adult Sunday morning Discipleship Groups are awesome! No matter what time or where they meet, you will find people who love God, love one another, study God's Word together, and seek to live for Him.

Our groups have moved to accommodate Cornerstone's new service times of 8:30am, 9:30am, and 11am.

9:45am groups: for those who attend Blended Worship at 8:30am or Modern Worship at 11am.

11am Groups are for those who attend Modern Worship at 9:30am.

Reminders:

Students will attend 9:30am service and meet for their groups at 11am.

<u>Kids</u> have childcare available at **8:30am**, and Groups at **9:30am and 11am**.



#### SAVE THE DATES! JOIN US IN 2026 AS WE GO TO HONDURAS!

We had an amazing time at our *Mercy & Grace Lunch* 

on Sunday, September 21! Some of our 2025 mission team shared testimonies and gave us greater insight on how God has moved in their hearts as they have gone on mission to Honduras with Cornerstone. Ricardo spoke at the end of our time together to encourage all of us in our faith. He said, "The gospel of Christ is not a brochure of information. The gospel is the power of God for salvation for whoever. Jesus said, 'Go therefore, and make disciples, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.'" Jesus commands us all in His power to be on His mission. Is God asking you to follow Him by going with us to Honduras?

Start praying about that now and walk in obedience to whatever He asks! July 25 – August 1 are the dates of our next trip.

Dennis Nealy, Executive Pastor

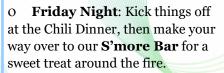


God is doing great things in our Kids Ministry!
We're so excited to share a few highlights with you!



#### Pig Pickin' Weekend Fun...

Mark your calendars for a full weekend (Oct 10-11) of food, fun, and fellowship for the whole family!





O Saturday at 4:00 p.m.: Join us for classic Yard Games the kids will love, followed by all the delicious Pig Pickin' favorites.



### **Growing into 3 Services...**

We're not just making room for others in our services we are also making room for others in the Kids Wing as well. When we move to **three** 

services on October 12<sup>th</sup> we will be adding additional classes to make sure every child has a place to grow and belong.

- 0 8:30 am Childcare for babies through kindergarten
- 0 9:30 & 11:00 am Classes for babies through 5th grade



# Be the Light Outreach...

We'll be shining God's love in our neighborhoods with **Be the Light Outreach**. On

**Sunday, October 26th**, stop by the Kids Wing to pick up **bundles of glow sticks and church invite cards**. Hand them out to kids in your neighborhood as a fun and simple way to share Jesus' light this season!



#### 4G Kids Choir

On **Sunday**, **December** 7<sup>th</sup>, our 4G Children's Choir will present **Straight Outta Bethlehem**.

You won't want to miss this fun and meaningful Christmas performance!



Thank you for continuing to pray, serve, and celebrate with us as God grows His work through our kids!

Heather LaFrancis, Children's Director

Amy & Jonah Gao



Dwight Harris



Mary Ricketson

# Welcome New Members!



Aubree & Chris Porter



David & Dina Smith



# In Honor of Cornerstone's MILITARY VETERANS

We want to update Cornerstone's Veterans Bulletin Board by Veteran's Day, Nov 11. You can let us honor your service or your family member's service by submitting a photo of the veteran, preferably in uniform. On the back of the photo write the veteran's full name, rank/rate, dates of service, and military branch.

Give or email your photo to Sue Gream (tsgream@yahoo.com), Ronnie Seagraves, or drop it off at the church office. Please submit photos no later than Monday, October 20, 2025.

Thank you for your service.







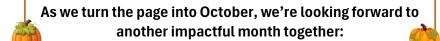
### Cornerstone family...

As I look back on this past month, I can't help but thank God for the way He is working in and through our students. Each week I'm reminded that He is drawing the next generation closer to Himself, and what a joy it is to walk alongside them. Thank you for praying, encouraging, and partnering with us—it truly makes a difference.

September was an incredible month for our Student Ministry!

God continues to move in big ways among our students, and I'm excited to share some highlights with you:

- ♦ **Serving at Weaver House:** Our students had the opportunity to serve food and care for those in need right here in our community. It was a powerful reminder that following Jesus means loving and serving others.
- ♦ **Neon Dodgeball Night:** We hosted our largest student ministry gathering ever with 43 students, including 8 first-time guests! It was a night full of fun, energy, and the gospel being shared.
- **Boys Weekend:** Our guys spent a weekend camping together, learning what it means to be courageous, godly men. It was a special time of growth, brotherhood, and encouragement.



♦ New Teaching Series – UNPLUG: At WKLY, we're beginning a new series on how to think about and use technology wisely as followers of Jesus. This is such an important conversation for students today.

# **Special WKLY Theme Nights:**

- October 5: Broom Hockey
- October 19: Pumpkin Launching, Painting, and Carving

**Fall Retreat** — **October 24–26:** One of the most important weekends of our year. Each time we take students away to camp, God works in powerful ways—drawing them closer to Himself and strengthening their faith. Please join us in praying for life-changing moments at this retreat.

Thank you for praying for and supporting our Student Ministry. We couldn't do this without you, and we are grateful to be a church that invests in the next generation.







"A singing church is a healthy church" - and Cornerstone is a singing church. It is a blessing to see and hear people engaged with God through the singing of His praises.

Our Sanctuary Choir is the best group I have ever personally directed. Not only for their musicianship, but also their love for the Lord and for each other - and for you, the congregation. Our rehearsals are labors of love, infused with Word, humor and true appreciation for the MINISTRY of music. We are currently expanding our repertoire - and much of it through the Christmas music you will soon hear.

As we draw closer to the Holidays, we are considering holding added rehearsals for non-choir members who would like to participate in December. If this interests you, please email me at <a href="mailto:jon.boling@cbc-gso.org">jon.boling@cbc-gso.org</a> and let me know. This will connect us and allow me to send updated information.

#### Keep singing!

Jon Boling, Interim Worship Pastor (jon.boling@cbc-gso.org)



I am a huge fan of heavy Christian music, and a song that has been at the top of my playlists since its November 2024 release is Trumpet by No Treaty. From the opening lines "Come, Lord Jesus, come, Thief in the night, take us from this world, Come, Lord Jesus, come. Sound the trumpet" to the closing line "Oh, Lord Jesus, come claim your throne" this song is a plea for the Lord to come to this troubled word, make everything right, and establish His promised kingdom.

Since Jesus ascended into Heaven, His followers have been praying for His return, but 2,000 years later we are still waiting. Why, because in 2 Peter 3:7-9 we are told the Lord is holding off the judgement that will come with His return

because of His desire for all people, which would be His enemies (Romans 5:10,) to repent and be saved via God's grace (Ephesians 2:1-9). Thus, it should come as no surprise that Jesus commanded His followers to both pray that there would be people willing to spread the Gospel (Matther 9: 37-39; Luke 10:2) and for the well-being of their enemies and persecutors (Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:27).

While writing this article and reflecting on my desire for the coming of the Lord, I started asking how many Christians, including myself, desire for the Lord's return is based on what they want, rather than what God wants. Are we ready for the Lord to return so that we can see our enemies destroyed, or so that we can worship Him face to face? What if we spent as much time praying for God's enemies to be redeemed, as we do for the

world (or our country) to be made right? And finally, what if we asked for the wisdom to love our enemies so that, by all means, our enemies might be saved?

PRAYER MINISTRY

Regardless of what we see around us, God is working in ways that we may not even imagine. For example, in what some described as miraculous, the messages found in No Treaty's boldly Christian EP-Sound The Trumpet! — has been heard by many non-Christian fans of heavy music as it debuted at #2 on the iTunes Metal Charts.

Len Smith Prayer Ministry Team

**Join us for a time of corporate prayer:** Tuesday at 7:00 am in the office conference room and Sunday at 7:40 am in

conference room and Sunday at 7:40 am in the pastor's office. You can visit the Prayer Room just outside the sanctuary anytime.



#### Pig Pick'n Women's Event...

Ladies, join us on **Saturday, October 11 at 4:00pm** on the Cornerstone back lawn for a time of fellowship and crafting. We will decorate Fall Door Hangers. We will provide all crafting items, and the cost is \$2. Pay on Realm or at the event. Kids are welcome to attend with their moms or play on the lawn! **Let us know you are coming by October 6**.

#### FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...

For this study, we would like to have as many ladies as possible working through this study together and focusing on prayer together over seven weeks in October and November.

- ♦ Tuesday mornings starting October 7, 9:15 am-10:30 am, Prayer Room (Elizabeth Schumann & Donna Nealy)
- ♦ Wednesday evenings starting October 1, 6:00 pm -7:30 pm in the Prayer Room (Leigh Anne Lindsay)
- ♦ Wednesday evenings starting October 1, 6:00 pm, Choir Room (Rhonda McBride)
- Sunday evenings starting October 5, 5:00-6:30 pm Room 106/108 (Suzanne Tuck & Jael Murschell)

You can also: (1) work through the study at home on your own—order the book, and you'll have access to the video as well; (2) you and other ladies meet at another time; or (3) lead some neighbors in Bible study! Our prayer is to see our ladies unified in one common goal.

Sign up on Realm if you'd like to order the 6-week devotional book for \$24 which includes daily devotions and access to the teaching videos. **The book is optional and not a requirement to attend a Bible study time**. Also, sign up on Realm to indicate which Bible study time you will be attending.







#### MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday night Bible Study and prayer time with Pastor Josh has been very well attended. We can make more space if anyone wants to join us. And, check out the dinner in the FLC before Bible Study!













## **BREAKFAST & MORE!**

Last month's Second Tuesday Breakfast enjoyed 50 senior adults show up for breakfast at the Olympic Restaurant and we almost ran out of room!









Come out on Tuesday October 14th for our next Second Tuesday Breakfast at the Olympic Restaurant on West Market Street in the Colfax area! The restaurant staff has devised a new seating arrangement for this month, so we'll see how that goes!







#### **FALL DAY TRIP to the MOUNTAINS!**







Sign up for our Fall Day Trip to the mountains in Blowing Rock and lunch at the Daniel Boone Inn on Thursday October 30th! We will travel by bus and the cost is \$70 per person! Cost does not cover lunch!

See Susie Grasty or Kathy Tuttle to sign up! We have room for 30 on the bus!



#### **MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND!**

Joyful Sound enjoyed an afternoon of musical ministry as we visited and sang songs to several of the Cornerstone family who've had a tough time recently! It was our joy to encourage them by singing!







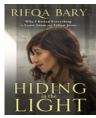




Jim Grasty, Senior Adults Pastor

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24, ESV

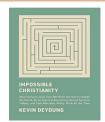




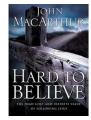
Hiding in the Light by *Rifqa Bary* 



Discipling: How to Help Others Follow Jesus by Mark Dever



Impossible Christianity by *Kevin DeYoung* 



Hard to Believe by John MacArthur



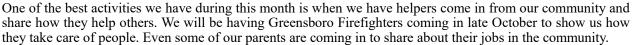
### WONDERING ABOUT WEE SCHOOL





**As I think about** what I'd like to share with the church family regarding WEE School, I invite you to picture with me the excitement of 113 children entering our playground gates Monday through Thursday morning eagerly heading to their classrooms. Once they enter their rooms, they are greeted by their loving teachers! Most are very excited to get started playing and learning alongside their friends. Some take a few more moments to adjust and settle in, mornings can be hard at times.

In October our Spiritual focus is "God equips me to help others. I can be a helper." Within the classroom and on Wednesday chapel we are learning about Jesus and how he helps others. Some of the Bible stories the children will be learning are; The Good Samaritan, Jesus helps the blind man, and Jesus is our Good shepherd. They complete crafts and activities to help them apply the spiritual truths into their everyday life. God can use us to be helpers even now as preschoolers.



We are learning and growing every day. The teachers are working hard to make our school a special place to come to each day. Thank you for your prayers and support.

In His Love, Sarah Chaplin









#### Greetings from Brookdale NW Assisted Living ...

Praise God that HIS faithful group has increased in number. It is a joy and a privilege to gather every week to pray, sing HIS praises and open HIS Word together.

We continued in the Gospel of John 11 and 12, and witnessed the miracle of Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life. Mary, Martha and many other's faith increased, and new followers were added to the body of believers. Jesus continued to perform signs and wonders. At this the Pharisees appeared to feel threatened and began plotting HIS death.

Following Pastor Josh's recent sermon "If you want to be great you must serve." We talked about serving each other right where we are. We must all follow the example of Jesus to love, pray and encourage each other in HIS Name. "Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6-10)

Thank you, Alana Irons, for coming, and we look forward to you joining us again soon!

Please continue to lift the Brookdale Ministry in prayer for God's protection and may HIS will be done.

God Bless, Susan Cooke & Vicky Major 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

8:30 am Blended Worship 9:30 am Modern Worship

9:45 am Sunday Discipleship Groups 11:00 am Modern Worship & Sunday

Discipleship Groups 5:00 pm College/Young Adults

Children's Choir (Sept-May) WKLY - Students (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 Groups



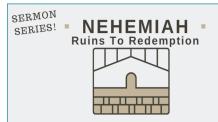
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#### **PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**



October is **Pastor Appreciation Month!** Baskets are in the
Sanctuary Foyer and in the

Commons for cards and notes for our pastors.



#### DEACON OF THE WEEK-OCTOBER

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**



Pick up shoeboxes in the Commons and return them filled by November 16. For

more information about filling the boxes, go to: <u>How to Pack a Shoebox</u> on the Samaritan's Purse website.

#### **FOOD COLLECTION**

The OCTOBER food collection item is RICE. The food is donated to Greensboro Urban Ministry. Collection boxes are in the Foyer and the Commons.

Thank you for donating 412 lbs. of green beans in the month of September! About 100 lbs. of that amount was given by our Awana families - Thank You!

#### **WE'VE GOT MAIL!**

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the many acts of kindness, the cards, flowers and texts, during our greatest sadness of my sister's passing. Your words comforted me, your prayers strengthened me and your love sustained me. It will always be remembered. Love, Amelia Hopkins

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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#### **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: each Tuesday, 10 AM to 11:30 AM.

Location: Modular @Cornerstone

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



