

CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

A NOTE FROM JOSH...

Church Family,

What an incredible summer we've shared together at Cornerstone! Over the past few months, we've sent out two mission teams, taken students and kids to camp, and hosted an amazing Vacation Bible School that was made possible by an army of faithful volunteers. Through every one of these opportunities, we've watched Jesus continue to do what He promised—build His church. He is at work in our church and our community, and it has been incredible to see the ways he is moving among us.

As we step into the fall season, many of us are returning to more consistent rhythms of work, school, and family life. These rhythms are a gift. They present us with an opportunity to be intentional in how we use our time, especially in how we spend time with Jesus and invite others into what he is doing here at Cornerstone. Too often, we think of inviting friends and neighbors to church as something we do at big events like Easter or Christmas. But here is my challenge for you: DON'T WAIT! Every Sunday is a chance for someone you know to meet Jesus, and you never know how God may use a simple invitation to change someone's life.

I also hope you've been encouraged and challenged by our current sermon series, SIX: How the Church Follows Jesus Together. Over these weeks, we've reflected on the identity of the church and the practices that shape us as followers of Jesus. Later this month, I'm excited to begin a new series in the book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah is a story of rebuilding, renewal, and God's faithfulness, and I can't wait to walk through it together as a church family.

Fall is also a great time to go deeper in your faith and relationships. At Cornerstone, we believe groups are the best place to grow. Whether it's a Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or Wednesday night group, there's a place for you to connect. We also have men's and women's Bible studies throughout the week. This September, our women's study will combine with the Wednesday Bible study I lead in the Fellowship Hall for a special four-week series on the Image of God. I'm very excited about this study and would love for you to join us if you're able.

Cornerstone, thank you for the way you love, serve, and follow Jesus. The best is yet to come!

For the gospel,

Pastor Josh



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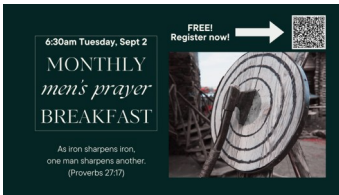
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ONE YEAR SINCE HELENE Last year in September, Hurricane Helene did indescribable damage in our state. Our church and many others have responded and continue to respond! As we approach the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Helene and our rebuild efforts are well underway, we want to give you an update and remind you that your giving and volunteering still matter to the lives of many people in North Carolina! Here's an update from our partners with Baptists On Mission:

- Volunteers have helped 433 families return to their homes
- 248 homes are in the process of being rebuilt right now
- There are currently 1,300 home rebuild requests
- Your giving sponsors 5 Rebuild Locations across Western NC in Boone, Spruce Pine, Burnsville, Black Mountain, and East Flat Rock

Would you like to know more? Learn more, give more, or make a plan to volunteer by visiting baptistsonmission.org/helene-volunteer-rebuild



MEN, these gatherings are for you! Fuel your day the right way with encouragement from brothers in Christ and a great breakfast! We host these gatherings on the first Tuesday of every month, so plan to join us on October 7. We'll gather in the Family Life Center at 6:30 AM and wrap up by 7:30 AM.

Enjoy this free breakfast with us, but don't forget to register so we can plan for you!



SEPTEMBER 21 M&G LUNCHEON (12–1:30 pm in the FLC)

Church, you heard one testimony of how God used our Honduras mission team this summer on a Sunday morning, but we want to share even more with you about this wonderful partnership!

Join us for food, fellowship, and testimonies from missions' team members who most recently served in Honduras! As you learn more about our partnership with Mercy & Grace, we hope you will consider how you can contribute by going or giving next year. We already have our dates planned for our 2026 trip to Honduras (July 25- August 1)!

Menu: Baked Chicken with Cream Sauce, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Cherry Cobbler with Ice Cream and our Kids Option is Chicken Nuggets.

Cost: \$8 per person 13 & Up / \$4 per person ages 5-12/children 4 and younger-free/\$32 max per family
 Please register each person who will be eating

Reservations are required before 10 am on Thursday (9/18). **[REGISTER on REALM now!](#)**

Dennis Nealy, Executive Pastor



Shearin & Lee Wimbs



Doug & Karen Shelton



Gary & Sandy Cole



Carl & Teresa Doggett



Reagan & Nathanael Smucker



In Honor of Cornerstone's MILITARY VETERANS

In anticipation of Veterans' Day November 11, 2025 we will update the Cornerstone Veterans' Bulletin Board. Please allow us to honor your service or that of a family member by submitting a photo of yourself or family member, preferably in uniform.

On the back of the photo write the veteran's full name, rank/rate, dates of service, and military branch. We will do the rest. Give or email your photo to Sue Gream (tsgream@yahoo.com), Ronnie Seagraves, or drop off your photo at the church office. Please submit photographs no later than Monday, October 20, 2025

Hello Church Family,

I'm excited and honored to step into the role of Director of Finance here at Cornerstone. It's a blessing to serve alongside such a faithful and supportive community. Thank you all for your warm welcome and continued prayers, as they mean more than you know.

If you ever have any questions or need to reach me, feel free to contact me at liz.morrow@cbc-gso.org.

In Christ,
 Liz Morrow





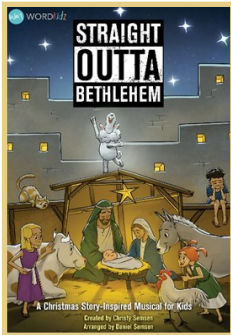
Promotion Sunday was such a joy! Our kids moved up to their new classes with excitement, and we are thrilled to share that **Kids' Ministry** is growing like crazy (in the best way)!

We've already opened a brand-new class for our 3-year-olds, and there are so many 4th and 5th graders that we had to give them their very own classes.

What a great problem to have!

AWANA launched at the beginning of September, and we're already off to a wonderful year of hiding God's Word in our hearts.

One of the coolest things is seeing students and adults serving together. For the third year in a row, high school students are helping lead at AWANA—but this year we have twice as many students serving along with lots of new adults jumping in too. God is so good!



Our 4G Kids Choir kicked off at the end of August, and the kids are already singing their hearts out as they prepare for this year's Christmas musical, *Straight Outta Bethlehem*.

Be sure to save the date for their performance on **Sunday, December 7th at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary**—you won't want to miss it!



Do you love kids? Do you love serving Jesus? We are always looking for more hands and hearts to join the fun. With so many kids coming each week, there's always room for you on the team. Please pray for wisdom as our classes

continue to grow, encouragement for our volunteers, and that every child will experience Jesus' love in a real and lasting way this year.

Heather LaFrancis, Children's Director

ANNUAL Pig Pickin' Weekend!

Friday Evening, Oct 10 - Saturday Evening, Oct 11
@ our Cornerstone Church Campus

Chili Supper: Friday, Oct. 10th 5:00 - 7:30 pm

- Please bring 2-liter drinks & lawn chairs
- A vegetarian option will be available
- S'mores around the bonfire for dessert

Parent Child Campout - includes a Deacon Sponsored Breakfast Saturday Morning

BBQ Dinner: Saturday, Oct. 11th 4:00 - 7:30 pm

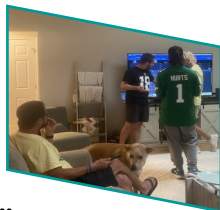
- Festivities and games begin at 4 pm
- Dinner begins at 5 pm (bring drinks & desserts to share). Check-in and tell us whose name you used to pay/register for the event.
- A vegetarian option will be available

COST: \$12 per person. Families will pay no more than \$48 total! (Kids 4 & under eat free)

Containers of BBQ & Chili will be available for sale to support missions. Preorder containers of BBQ or Chili before Pig Pickin' weekend. The prices are...Containers of BBQ: \$15 each - Containers of Chili: \$10 each

SIGN UP AND PAY: ONLINE NOW or Sign Up & Place your PREORDERS for Chili & BBQ between AM Services on Sunday, Sept 28—Sunday, Oct 5.





Cornerstone family...

What an incredible month of ministry August was!



♦ We kicked things off with **Promotion Sunday** on August 10th, where we welcomed our new rising 6th graders into Student Ministry. It was a joy to see them step into this new season with excitement and energy.



♦ The following week, our students took on the challenge of **Hot Wings Night** at WKLY, where they braved some of the spiciest sauces I've ever seen. Not only did we laugh a lot, but that Sunday also marked our **highest attendance as a Student Ministry since I've been here**—a milestone worth celebrating!



♦ Then, on August 24th, our students led us in a powerful **Night of Worship** to start the school year at the feet of Jesus. Hearing students lead their peers in worship was one of the most encouraging moments of the year so far.



♦ We had **9 new students** come to Student Ministry for the **FIRST TIME** in August alone. **Praise the Lord!** That means our students are living faithfully as witnesses to their friends. These first-time students are having the opportunity to encounter the gospel that can change their lives. I am so proud of the way our students live boldly for Jesus and invite their friends to Cornerstone!

As we move into September, I'm excited for what's ahead!

WKLY, our Sunday night student gathering from 5–6:30 pm, will feature some special theme-nights that Students won't want to miss:

- **Jersey Night & Ultimate Football – September 14** Students, come dressed in your favorite team's jersey as we play a big game of ultimate football.
- **Neon Dodgeball – September 21** Wear your brightest neon gear for one of the most fun nights of the year.

Looking a little further ahead, we've got two major events that I'd love for you to be praying for and encouraging students to attend:

- **Boys Weekend – September 26–27** A weekend Camping Trip designed for guys to get outdoors, build friendships, and grow in faith together.
- **Fall Retreat – October 24–26** This is one of the 3 biggest weekends of the year for our Student Ministry! It's a time for students to step away from distractions, hear from God, and deepen their walk with Him alongside their friends.

Church, thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support of our students. The Lord is doing incredible things in this ministry, and I believe He's just getting started. Please continue to lift our leaders and students up in prayer as we enter this next season with excitement and expectation. I am praying that this school year would mark our students in a powerful way that wouldn't leave them the same. That they would step into what God is calling them to this year with confidence and boldness. Thank you for your prayers and support. They make a difference.

With Gratitude,
Pastor Michael



"Lord, You are my God. I will exalt You; I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things, planned long ago, faithful and sure." Isaiah 25:1

Nearly three centuries ago Isaiah made an intentional, well-considered declaration of faith in the One true God writing, "You are my God." That is where worship begins - not in sanctuaries surrounded by walls but in the sanctity of our hearts. And, when we bring that spirit to church it flows from our souls - drawing us closer to the Lord and to one another. What a joy to see and hear this spirit among you each week. Wendy and I are deeply grateful to God for all of you.

This month we have two special things to highlight:

- **Choir Fest** - Wednesday, 17th from 5 to 8 pm - An evening of food, fellowship and future music as we move into the coming holiday season. This is a great opportunity to join the choir - so pray about it and email me (below) for more into.
- **Sunday Night Song Service** - on the 28th at 5 pm in the Sanctuary. This is for ALL ages but especially for our middle and senior adults. Come enjoy singing the great hymns and songs of the faith, undergirded by the Word and with special pieces by the Choir. Please attend and invite a friend!

Happy September!

Jon (jon.boling@cbc-gso.org)



As I am sitting in a cafe far from home, I hear a familiar song reminding me of North Carolina, my earthly home. I miss North Carolina, but just as any other place in this world, is not my true home.

We are only temporary residents here on earth, our citizenship is with Jesus Christ in heaven. This reminds us not to focus on worldly values.

"Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires....Live such good lives among the world that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God". 1 Peter 2:11-12

As we move from summer to fall, children return to school and families return from vacation. This time of transition can bring busyness. Prayer and time with God can seem like just another thing on our "to do" list but, prayer is essential for Christians navigating our secular world. In seasons of transition, time with God is our most important priority. Prayer is our connection to God and His will in our

lives. I urge you to not only pray for yourselves but with your children and families before sending them out to work and school.

Prayer prepares us to live in a world that does not have the values that Jesus Christ lived for us. Prayer gives us courage to ask God for wisdom in dealing with everyday situations in our world so we can live our faith effectively and humbly.

Mary Smtih

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.



FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...

We have BIG PLANS for our next Bible study, "When you Pray" which starts October 1!

Here is the goal: we would like to have as many ladies working through this study together and focusing on prayer together over seven weeks in October and November.

Here is what that could look like: I'll be leading our Wednesday evening group, and all are welcome at that time. However, I know Wednesday nights can be difficult to get to church for a number of reasons and we have so many serving in AWANA and in choir, that I would like to offer other times for ladies to meet.

- ◇ Tuesday mornings starting October 7, 9:15 am-10:30 am (Elizabeth Schumann & Donna Nealy)
- ◇ Wednesday evenings starting October 1, 6:00 pm -7:30 pm in the prayer room (Leigh Anne Lindsay & Rhonda McBride)
- ◇ Sunday evenings starting October 5, 5:00-6:30 pm (Suzanne Tuck & Jael Murschell)

Do you want to work through the study at home on your own? Order the book, and you'll have access to the video as well!

Do you and some other ladies want to meet at another time? Great!

Do you want to lead some neighbors in Bible study? Perfect! Our prayer is to see our ladies unified in one common goal this Fall.

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.

Leigh Anne Lindsay - laarnol2@gmail.com

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

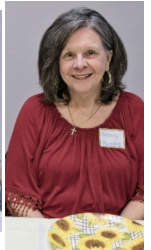
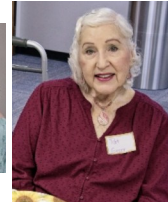
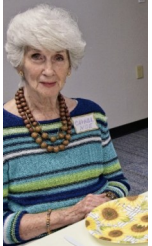


WIDOW'S MITE LUNCHEON!

There was a Widow's Mite Luncheon in August and it was well attended!



Thanks to Lynn Graham and her team for organizing this amazing gathering!



The ladies were drawn together by the promise of good food and sweet fellowship!



Jean Gibson shared a couple of old photos featuring members of our Joy Group from earlier times! Several have been promoted to their heavenly reward! Jean wants us to see how many we can recognize and remember with affection!



EARLIER JOY GROUP TIMES!



WE LOVE YOU, DON WHITE!



This photo was taken recently at the Celebration of Life Service for our dear friend, Don White! What a sweet gathering of our Joy Group with one another in honor of Don!



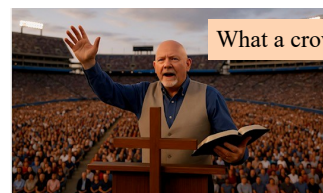
Jim Grasty, Senior Adults Pastor



TALENTS of RONNIE SEAGRAVES!



I cannot help but show everyone the newly discovered talent of Ronnie Seagraves in creating caricatures of people from photos!



What a crowd!

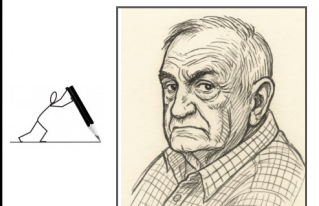


Where did everybody go? I'm down to two!



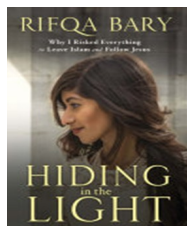
Get Well Soon Jim!

My favorite get well card!

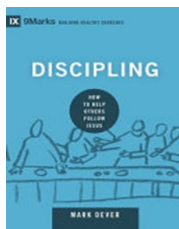


Do you recognize this distinguished guy?

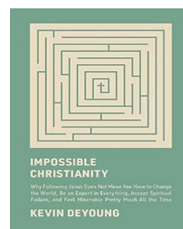
Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24, ESV



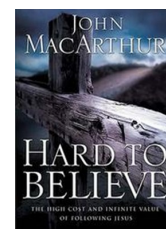
Hiding in the Light
by Rifqa Bary



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

SEPTEMBER 2025



YIP YIP HOORAY! WEE School is back in session!

We started back with a blast. The families are excited to be back at school.

We have 11 amazing classes with awesome teachers. Let me introduce them to you!

Eagle PreK Class: *Lisa Godat & Brittney McCall*

Frog 4/5-year-old Class: *Kim Scott & Sarah Fitzmartin*

Caterpillar 3-year-old Class: *Carol Goodman & Emily Meyer*

Llama 2-year-old Class: *Kelly Anderson & Jamie Corttell*

Lion 2-year-old Class: *McCaffity Wester & Rebekah Hampton*

Duck toddler Class: *Brittany Ingram & Ginger Poe*

Dolphin 4/5-year-old Class: *Laura Shade & Maddie Byrd*

Penguin 3-year-old Class: *Jael Murschell & Kaitlyn Foster*

Fish 3-year-old Class: *Missy Malone & Mary Smith*

Bee 2-year-old Class: *Kennette Peterson & Stacey DiGiacomo*

Squirrel toddler Class: *Sue Wrather & Jennifer Fair*

Music Class: *Lukeia Alexander*

I hope you will join me in praying for each of our classes and teachers this year. We desire to have you connected to WEE School with a community feel.

As we grow and improve, we are looking to do some specific fundraisers to help with making our playgrounds and indoor playtime more engaging and updated. As I said earlier, we enlarged our 3/4-year-old's playground. We would love to see a shade awning and updated playground equipment for the playground that has been there since 2007ish! The 2-year-old teachers would love to see more fun and engaging equipment for their indoor playtime. Here are some fundraiser plans we have:

- **"Picasso for Playgrounds" Art Show** - purchase artwork painted by young artists in our school. It will be a fun and engaging experience where you can meet the artists and WEE school families.
- **"Fun Run for Playtime Toys"**. This will take place in the Spring. We would love to see many of you come out to cheer on our students from the toddlers to Pre-K classes!! We will have some fun creative baskets to raffle off! It will be a great day!
- **"Chick-Fil-A and Paper Pie Book Fair"** We would love for you to come, participate and help WEE school.

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these special fundraisers, please reach out to me: wee.school@cbc-gso.org

Thank you for supporting and praying for WEE school. It is a joy to represent this wonderful ministry reaching families and children.

In His Love,
Sarah Chaplin

BROOKDALE NW MINISTRY



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

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 Groups



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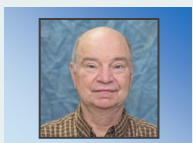
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JAMES HANDLEY
336-382-9240



September 7-13
RYAN LAFRANCIS
336-601-6571



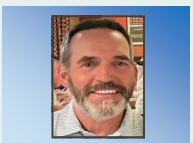
September 14-20
DOUG MCLAUGHLIN
336-681-7478



September 21-27
TOMMY MORROW
336-604-8897



September 28-Oct 4
DAVID MYERS
336-327-0493



FOOD COLLECTION

The **SEPTEMBER** food collection item is **GREEN BEANS**. The food is donated to Greensboro Urban Ministry. Collection boxes are in the Foyer and the Commons.



Thank you for donating 392 lbs. of canned tomatoes and peanut butter in the month of August!

WE'VE GOT MAIL!

*Dear Cornerstone Church Family,
Thank you so much for the cards, texts, calls, emails, visits, etc. that you shared with our family when Gary's brother, Stephen passed. Our hearts are broken and we will miss him, but we rejoice that he is now completely healed and in the presence of his Lord and Savior. We look forward to the day we are all reunited in Heaven. We are blessed to be loved by a wonderful church family.
With all our love,
Gary, Marilyn & Jordan Smith*

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.

