

THE COURT STREET COURIER

March 2024



CORNERSTONE
Global Methodist Church



A Note from Pastor Nathan

At the end of this month is EASTER... but, why do we call Resurrection Sunday "Easter"? And the Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Easter on a different day...so, do we even have the date right?



If you haven't researched the answer to those questions, don't bother. 😊 It's a crazy, mysterious mixture of hypotheses on word etymology and translations into old Germanic languages and calculations of moon phases and Jewish calendar dates...and lions and tigers and bears oh my! What's NOT mysterious is that the celebration is about Jesus' resurrection from the dead, not a magical bunny that lays eggs full of candy. Easter is about how to survive death; not about how to eat one's way to death more quickly!

Easter shows us how to *survive death*. "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26). Jesus often spoke in paradoxes, and this is a perfect example. You WILL die, but you WON'T die...both...if you believe in Jesus and live by believing in Him. Your body will die, but you will survive death – exactly as Jesus did.

Perhaps this is why the apostle John wrote: "There is no fear in love, but perfect

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love casts out fear," 1 John 4:18. If we live a life of loving belief in Jesus and receive the assurance from Him that "even though we'll die, yet shall we live," we will have no fear. I wonder if Satan, evil, and "the world" want to keep us distracted from and doubting this truth – because if we deeply believed in and experienced this assurance and relief from all fear it would hugely impact everything from the economy to law enforcement.

How much money is made off of the fear of death? Billions? And what would happen if a group of senior citizens who had zero fear of death started surrounding and infiltrating drug houses and brothels to show the participants in those places the love and forgiveness of Jesus? "Here Mr. Drug Dealer, have a freshly baked cookie while I tell you about Jesus..." That, in the terminology of our Lenten devotional book, would really be acting *Altar'd*! HA!

So, this Easter I pray that we will all more deeply experience the power of Jesus' resurrection, more fully believe in Jesus with great love, more fully be freed from the fear of death, and live with Christlike courage as we witness for him!

Worship Academy

Contact: John Caballes

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"Quake's Worship Academy started in September of 2019. Students can learn to sing, play an instrument, or help out with our slides and sound! This group of kids has been ever-growing from 2 students to around 15-17 this school year! We meet on Sundays at 4:30pm.



Retired Members' Birthdays/Anniversaries, Financial News & Announcements

**HAPPY
Birthday!**
—TO YOU—

13 Mary Jane Snodgres
15 Will Wible
17 Ruth Foreman
18 Jan Dunn
21 Ron Haupt
24 Bonnie Larkin
26 John Schimmel
28 Debbie George
30 Bill Johnson

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

17 Ralph & Phyllis Simpson
25 Dick & Jeannette
McConnell
30 Don & Mary Gallogly

Seniors:

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NAME
ADDED TO OUR BIRTHDAY AND/OR
ANNIVERSARY LIST
IN THE COURT STREET COURIER?
WE'D BE HAPPY TO ADD YOU!!

Please notify the office:
janet@ourcornerstone.org
or call 937-642-4712

WOMEN IN MISSION Rummage Sale 2024

Friday, March 8 - 9am to 6pm, Saturday, March 9 - 9am to 1pm

DONATE ITEMS

Bring "your stuff" to the
BFLC café

Feb.26 to March 6th

- No Tapes/Cassettes or vcr's
- No Large Appliances
- No Computer Parts
- No Entertainment Centers



DONATE TIME

Volunteers are needed
mornings or afternoons

Bring in large furniture
Wednesday March 6

Flat screen TV's Welcome

Questions? Call Jeannette McConnell (937-309-5478)

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5a

Financial News

Store up for yourselves
treasures in heaven - (Mt. 6:20)



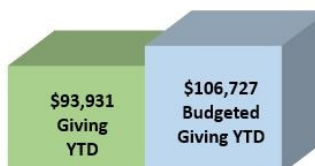
Giving vs Expenses Year to Date Jan 2024

\$5,000
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Giving vs Budget Year to Date Jan 2024

\$185,000
\$165,000
\$145,000
\$125,000
\$105,000
\$85,000
\$65,000
\$45,000
\$25,000



Easter at Cornerstone Church

March 16 - KICK's
Journey to the Cross

10am-Noon (BFLC
Entrance)

March 24 - Palm Sunday
9am - Traditional Service
(Sanctuary)

10:30am - Contemporary
Service (BFLC-Gym)

March 28 - Maundy
Thursday Seder Meal
7pm in the BFLC (Gym)

March 29 - Good Friday
Cantata "Who is the
King?"

7pm in the Sanctuary

March 31 - Easter
Sunday

9am - Traditional Service
(Sanctuary)

10:30am - Contemporary
Service (BFLC-Gym)

****Nursery available at all
Services****

Ministry Spotlight

WIM (WOMEN IN MISSION)

It's been said, "Behind every successful man is a woman."

Do you suppose it could be said that "Behind every successful church is an organization of women?" *Or perhaps an organized circle of women?*

Cornerstone Global Methodist Church's circle of women has a proud history and heritage. Our roots are in the original Methodist Church and the mission minded organization was called *WSCS—Women's Society of Christian Service*. After the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist denominations known as the United Methodist Church the circle of women was named *UMW—United Methodist Women*.

BIG decision of independence was forthcoming!! About 60 years ago this church's UMW circles disagreed with the LIBERAL policies and agenda of the established organization, DISAFFILIATED from UMW and called themselves *Women in Mission*.

Who goes there?

Women with no special credentials, but with the heart and spirit to serve God as a fellowship to support and expand missions through the Church. We believe in sharing each woman's gifts and talents for the good of our purpose and in funding over 20 missions and ministries starting right here at CGMC—preschool and youth group scholarships; academic scholarships; Scouts; large print Upper Room for seniors; Christmas shoe boxes; veterans' support programs and more.

Shoulder to the wheel

WIM identifies with the hard and disciplined shoulder to push through all the details and hundreds of hours of volunteer time to sponsor the annual rummage sale....only fund raiser for missions with the IMPORTANT aspect of selling goods to shoppers at very low, affordable prices. A ministry in itself.

Our circle of women includes the talented quilters and crocheters who put their soft shoulder to the wheel crafting scores of colorful, snugly small quilts and prayer shawls. A soft shoulder also supports each other with prayer, visits, cards, food,

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rides and a soft touch of comfort.

Come and be a part of our circle of fellowship and purpose

WIM **WELCOMES** all women: mommies, nanas, singles, aunties! You'll find a warm welcome and a circle of fellowship that serves the Lord together.

Circle meetings are at 10:00 the third Tuesday of the month in Mills Lounge.

I'd be GLAD to hear from you.

Jeannette McConnell 937-309-5478

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Happenings Around Church

Bluegrass Concert - The Kody Norris Show February 16, 2024



Men's Breakfast February 24, 2024

Contact: Greg Williams
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More than 50 men of all ages attended Cornerstone's second Men's Breakfast of the year on Saturday, February 24. Homemade breakfast burritos were on the menu (quickly becoming a fan favorite) and Don Bailey was on the agenda. Don's message and devotion focused on "My Way vs. Yahweh" and the many ways God has worked in his life, and continues to do so for him and his family. The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for 8am on Saturday, March 23 in the Burnside Family Life Center. Dick McConnell is the scheduled presenter.



Happenings Around Church

H.O.W. - Hearts of Worship

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KICK presents a new opportunity to dive deeper into the Word of God. Hearts of Worship (H.O.W.) is the newest tool in the toolkit to come alongside families and existing children/youth ministries at Cornerstone. H.O.W. is a LIFE GROUP that has been created to nurture mature young Hearts of Worship for Jesus. Children in grades 3-6 meet on Wednesday evening in rooms 244-246 from 5:30-6:30. We are growing in our understanding of

who God is, and who He has created us to be. We are learning the S.O.A.P method of studying scripture. We are sharing prayers and praising God in creative ways. This life group is embedding the Word of God in their hearts, fostering accountability and bonding friendships while developing future leaders for Christ. Children who are ready to take the deeper dive into scripture may join us at H.O.W. If you have questions about this life group reach Lisa Hughes at Lisa@ourcornerstone.org

Cornerstone Dartball Team

Contact: Dave Parr
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What is Dartball you ask? Dartball combines the game of darts with the rules of baseball and can be played by anyone from teenagers through senior adults.



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday mornings at the church -

7am Men's Bible Study, **9am** Golden Girls, **10:30am** Faith Sisters

All welcomed to any group

Wednesday evenings at the church -

6pm or 6:30pm start times

Multiple ages welcome for spiritual growth and development classes and activities

(please email Pastor Peggy for more info: peggy@ourcornerstone.org)

March 3	9 & 10:30am	Join Our Church Family Vow Ceremony
March 8	9am-6pm	Rummage Sale (BFLC)
March 9	9am-1pm	Rummage Sale (BFLC)
March 10	9 & 10:30am	Confirmation Sunday
March 11	9:30am	Quilters (Room 157)
March 15	7pm	Bluegrass Concert: Rhonda Vincent & The Rage (BFLC-doors open at 6pm)
March 16	10am	Journey to the Cross (BFLC)
March 19	10am	WIM Meeting (Mills Lounge)
March 23	8am	Men's Breakfast (BCR)
March 24	9 & 10:30am	Palm Sunday
March 25	9:30am	Quilters (Room 157)
March 28	7pm	Maundy Thursday - Rock of Ages Seder Meal Presentation (BFLC)
March 29	7pm	Good Friday - "Who Is This King" Cantata (Sanctuary)
March 31	9 & 10:30am	Easter Sunday

Notify the church office, if you would like added to the Court Street Courier mailing.