



# **CORNERSTONE CONNECTION**

# A NOTE FROM JOSH...

# A SEASON OF GRATITUDE & GROWTH

### Church Family.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I can't help but reflect on just how thankful I am for each of you. The last few weeks have been nothing short of incredible. Since launching our third Sunday morning service, I've watched our church respond with grace, flexibility, and an unmistakable spirit of joy. You've navigated this transition beautifully—making room for others just as Jesus made room for us. The move to three services has gone even better than I could have imagined, and this fall we've seen our highest attendance in more than ten years!

Last month's Pig-Pickin' was another reminder of how special this church is. With more than 400 people in attendance, it was our largest one ever! I loved seeing the laughter, conversations, and sense of family that filled our campus. Moments like that remind me how much Jesus is doing among us—and how good it is to be together.

As we look toward November and December, I truly believe the best is yet to come. These next two months are typically our highest-attended of the year, and there are so many opportunities to celebrate the hope of Jesus together. We'll enjoy outreach events like Turkey Bowling, the joy of our 4G Children's Choir performance, and of course, Christmas at Cornerstone and our Christmas Eve worship services. I want to encourage you to be praying now about who you can invite—friends, neighbors, coworkers—people who need the hope and peace that only Jesus can bring.

Many of you have asked about the progress on our new worship center, and I'm happy to share that exciting things are happening behind the scenes. Our Dream Team has been working closely with the team at Samet and a number of contractors and engineers to finalize the design phase. Every week brings us closer to seeing this vision become reality. We anticipate having updated renderings and plans to share with the church very soon. God willing, we'll celebrate a groundbreaking ceremony before the end of this year, with construction beginning in earnest in early 2026. This project represents a monumental step of faith and forward movement in the life of our church, and I can't wait for us to take these next steps together.

Finally, I just want to say thank you. Thank you for your kindness to me and my family, and for showing such love and encouragement to our staff during Pastor Appreciation Month. We are so grateful to serve this church. Your prayers, support, and partnership in the gospel mean more than I can express.

Jesus is moving at Cornerstone in remarkable ways. I love being your pastor, and I am so excited about all the ways Jesus is working through us. The best is yet to come!

With gratitude and joy,

Pastor Josh



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# INSIDE...

Preschool & Children
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Operation Christmas Child season is here...Please get your boxes in our lobby, and return them by or before Sunday, November 16!

**Don't let busyness stand in the way of your generosity this holiday season.** If you'd like to give quickly, there's also a tool on the Samaritan's Purse website that will allow you to build and pay for your shoebox online in only a few minutes: <a href="https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/">https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/</a>

No matter how you choose to give, we're thankful you chose to impact the life of kids and their families for the glory of Jesus' name!

6:30am Tuesday, Nov 4

MONTHLY

men's prayer

BREAKFAST

As iron sharpens iron, one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17





**Men, your involvement in church is important...** That's why we've created these gatherings for you! October's breakfast was an awesome time of prayer for the future of Cornerstone.

Don't miss being a part of this gathering in December! Join Pastor Josh and other men for a powerful time of prayer, wisdom, and brotherhood. **Our next Men's Prayer Breakfast is Tuesday, December 2**. We'll gather in the Family Life Center at 6:30 AM and wrap up by 7:30 AM. Plan to enjoy this free breakfast with us and **register online** so we can plan to prepare plenty of food!

"If we are to develop future leaders ... we must commit the gospel to faithful men, identifying them for training, equipping them for ministry, and affirming their ministry." (Juan Sánchez "The Leadership Formula")



Be Part of Someone's First Step in Following Jesus...At Cornerstone, our mission is simple: Follow Jesus. Reach People. One of the best ways you can live that out is by helping new faces feel at home here. Our *Starting Point Lunch* is a relaxed, personal way for newcomers to meet our pastors and hear the heart behind Cornerstone's mission—but your invitation could be what gets them there!

Think about someone you've seen in the service you attend, in your class, your group, or even just across the lobby—have they been to Starting Point yet? Take a moment to ask them and encourage them to come. A simple conversation could open the door for them to take their next step in following Jesus. Together, let's make Cornerstone a place where everyone feels known, welcomed, and connected!

Dennis Nealy, Executive Pastor



Nancy Parrott



Jessica & Eric Whitehead



Bill & Janet Gerringer





Kirsten & Graham Jones



Marsha Norman



Jane Norman



Ben Ashburn



Dave & Susy Schumann



HELP FEED FAMILIES this THANKSGIVING!

This year Meals With A Mission will reach even more families and make it easy for you to help because instead of bringing food bags to the church, we're asking you to give to the Cornerstone Missions Fund. Your \$30 donation will provides a full meal for a Jefferson Elementary family of four to enjoy Thanksgiving. Every meal represents hope and will include a card with handwritten reminders that Jesus loves them!

Give online by choosing "Cornerstone Missions" or note it on your offering envelope. Our Goal: 50+ meals for local families. Deadline: Sunday, November 23

Follow Jesus. Reach People. Feed Families.





# There's been so much excitement in the Kids Ministry in October!







Our "Big Room" just got a major makeover — fresh paint, new carpet, a brand-new stage area, relocated TV, spruced-up cabinets, fun artwork, and cozy string lights overhead. It's now our dedicated Kids Worship Space, and the kids are absolutely loving it! Each Sunday, they're worshipping their hearts out in this bright, joy-filled environment.







And the updates don't stop there — we also have new carpet throughout all the classrooms in the Kids



Wing! Everything feels fresh, clean, and ready for a great season of learning and

A huge THANK YOU goes out to our amazing Sunday morning volunteers. You've been absolute rock stars through our transition to three services. Your flexibility, enthusiasm, and love for our kids make all the difference — we couldn't do it without you!





and fun activities.

We can't wait to celebrate, serve, and worship with your families all month long!

> Heather LaFrancis Children's Director



SAVE THE DATE: 4G Kids Choir

On Sunday, December 7, our 4G Children's Choir will present **Straight** Outta Bethlehem)

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



# Get Ready for Fall Fun at Cornerstone!



Our FREE Fall Festival is almost here—Friday, November 21st—and Yes, it includes our legendary Turkey Bowling! This night is for everyone families, friends, and neighbors—and it's going to be unforgettable. But we can't pull it off without you! Here are 4 simple steps you take to help us make the fun happen:

- **Invite a friend.** Don't keep the fun to yourself—share it!
- Volunteer for at least one 30-minute time slot. Help with games, food, or setup—every hand matters.
- Bake a dessert for our famous Cake Walk and spread some sweetness.
- **RSVP** by November 19th so we're ready for all the festivities!

We promise, this will be the best night you'll ever spend with a frozen turkey!





**Cornerstone family...** As we turn the page into November, I can't help but reflect with gratitude on all that God has done in our Student Ministry over the past month.

**October...**was a special season for our students—full of meaningful spiritual growth, memorable experiences, and moments of genuine community. *Pig Pick'n* is always a special weekend in the life of our church, and it's no different for our students! It was amazing watching them all hang out, welcome new students and camp out.

One of the true highlights of October was our **Fall Retreat at Camp Caraway.** God moved powerfully as students *UNPLUGGED* from technology, gathered around His Word, worshiped together, and built deeper relationships with one another. These weekends are often milestones in a student's faith journey, and this year was no exception.



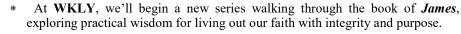
We also had a blast at our *Invite Night* at **WKLY** in October launching, painting and carving pumpkins, which provided a fun and welcoming environment for students to bring friends and experience the joy of community.

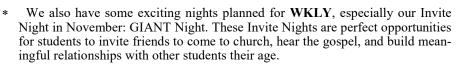


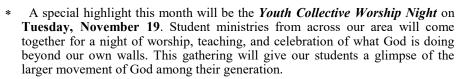












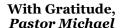


One way that you can really make a difference in the lives of many of our students is by giving to our Scholarship Fund. We have a special Scholarship Fund that you can give to that 100% of the funds go to paying the way for students to come to our Big Student Events like *Fall Retreat* and *Summer Camp*, that they otherwise couldn't attend due to the cost. This is such a blessing to many students to be able to attend these milestone moments in their discipleship and growth.

You can designate your giving with "Student Ministry Scholarship" and 100% of it will go towards allowing students to attend big events like Fall Retreat and Summer Camp. If you have any questions, please ask me!



As we enter this new month, I'm praying that our students continue to grow in their love for Jesus, their commitment to His Word, and their engagement in community. Thank you, church family, for your prayers and support as we partner together to reach the next generation.







November is a time of considering God's incalculable blessings and responding with heart and voice. This 'attitude of gratitude' infuses our worship weekly, and will be especially prominent this month.

I'd like to express a special 'thank you' to Jeff Colbert for his leadership on November 23rd. Wendy and I travel every year to Washington, DC to enjoy an early Thanksgiving with Hayley and Nikhil. Jeff stepping up to lead worship that week makes this possible. Thanks Jeff!

The choir is preparing for Christmas with five brand new worshipful selections you will surely enjoy. If you would like to join us but cannot attend Wednesday rehearsals - please contact me asap at jon.boling@cs.gso.org and I will reply with instructions.

We want to say a very special THANK-YOU for the cards, gifts and notes you have given us during Pastor Appreciation month. Please know that Wendy and I continue to be amazed and grateful to God for all of you!

Gobble Gobble!

Jon Boling, Interim Worship Pastor



As an intern with our church staff, I get to learn about the many different roles our staff performs, and this month I have asked each of them how we as a church can best pray for them.

For our Lead Pastor, Josh Wester, please be praying for the "H's", that he would stay healthy, holy, humble, and here (at Cornerstone!).

For our Executive Pastor, Dennis Nealy, please pray that God would grant him the gift of what one of our church members describes: "supernatural time management," which means the ability to steward his schedule and responsibilities wisely while keeping his priorities centered on Jesus. Also, pray that he would continue to lead worship with energy, joy, and gratitude as we grow and he has the privilege of leading worship with our praise band in two services each week.

For our Senior Adults Pastor, Jim Grasty, please pray for protection of his daily devotional time with the Lord and his personal holiness in life. Also, that his



# PRAYER MINISTRY



marriage to Susie is protected from all evil and neglect and for Susie's and his physical health, which has been seriously affected the last few years! Pray too for Jim's wisdom in categorizing ministry duties according to the importance and immediate needs of church members!

For our Office Manager, JoAnn Hampton, please pray for wisdom to hear the Holy Spirit speaking and courage to be obedient.

For our Director of Finance, Liz Morrow, please pray for wisdom as she serves in her new role at the church and for grace to balance that with being a wife and a mom. Pray that she'll stay close to the Lord and keep her priorities centered on Him.

Please also pray for Michael Boyles, Student Pastor, Heather LaFrancis, Children's Director, Jon Boling, Interim Worship Pastor, Stephen Feild, Missions Pastor, Sarah Chaplin, Wee School Director, Kathy Kress and Linda Jermyn, Admin Assistant/Receptionist, and Jim Major, Facilities Manager. Lastly, please pray for me as I continue in my role as an intern. Pray that I would continue to grow in my faith and learn what it looks like to worship the Lord through my work.

*Lyla Morrow* Prayer Team Member

Note from the Prayer Team: If your schedule allows, we've set aside Tuesday mornings at 7:00 AM for a quiet time of prayer. Nothing formal, just a chance to pause, lift up needs, and seek the Lord together. You're welcome to join us in the Conference Room. We do not meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Prayer Ministry Team

Fridays for Him: Each Friday from 12:00 to I:00, a group of ladies meet in the Prayer Room to pray for our church. Please consider joining us, and if you are working, you may be able to come during your lunch break. Call Susan Cooke (336) 207-4100 with any questions. We do not have child care.



# **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**



# Advent Bible Study Series: Prophecies that changed the world.

One solitary word can transform not only how you see yourself but how you see everything else. What if that word came from God Himself? Ladies, join us for a three-week study beginning **Wednesday December 3**, **6:00-7:30** as we explore together the seven prophetic words around the birth of Jesus.

January Bible Study - Beginning January 7 at 6:00-7:30 pm, Jennifer Pratt will begin a semester long study of the book of Matthew. You don't want to miss our time of studying the life of Jesus

Souper January: Warm Up Your Winter with Every Spoonful! A the chill of January sets in, we're turning up the heat with our next Meal Prep Freezer Night – Soup Edition! Join us for an evening of chopping, simmering, and stirring as we stock our freezers (and hearts) with comforting, homemade soups perfect for busy winter nights. The lineup features a mix of cozy classics and bold new favorites: Classic Chicken & Vegetable Soup, Hearty Beef & Barley Stew, Creamy Roasted Tomato Basil Soup, Smoky Chipotle Chicken Chili, Italian Sausage & Lentil Soup. On Friday, January 23, 6:00-8:00pm, come cook, fellowship, laugh, and prep alongside friends - you'll leave with a freezer full of delicious meals ready to heat, eat, and enjoy all month long. Let's make this January Souper together! Cost is \$45 and each meal feeds up to 5 people! Childcare available. Sign up on Realm by January 14.

For questions or more information, contact Leigh Anne Lindsay (laarnol2@gmail.com).



# **SUNDAY HYMN SING!**

Our Old Fashioned Hymn Sing held on Sunday evening September 28th was a rousing success (if I may be verbally banal)!





Our choir was magnificent as was our congregation under the direction of our Interim Worship Pastor, Jon Boling!

The attendance was great as was our singing. **1** 



Everyone enjoyed our Sunday Night Hymn Sing and a few of us simply had a roaring good time and could not contain their joy!

# STARTING POINT EXCITEMENT!

Our most resent Starting Point Luncheon was very well attended mostly by new folks exploring the possibility of membership at Cornerstone, but some long-time members came to see what Starting Point was like!





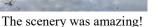


Starting Point is open to everyone even folks who are already members! Check it out! Enjoy a free lunch and a fact-filled presentation led by Pastor Josh and our staff pastors! Sign up for the next one (December 7) on Realm.

# **FALL RETREAT to CAMP CARAWAY!**

Our recent Fall Festival Retreat at Camp Caraway was wonderful!







The food was incredible!



The worship



The activities were fun. Kathy Tuttle was hooked on fishing!



The wagon ride to the mountain top was rickety, but we made it!







# **SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!**

Pastor Josh and I, your friendly Senior Adult Pastor, served the Lord's Supper recently at the home of John & Edith Stewart with the help of Glennis Sparkman and Shelia Cooke!





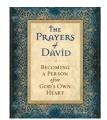




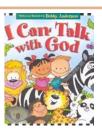
Jim Grasty, Senior Adults Pastor

As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. Nehemiah 1:4, ESV

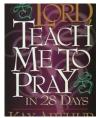




The Prayers of David by Diane Stortz & Rayne Borden



I Can Talk With God by Debby Anderson



Lord, Teach Me to Pray by Kay Arthur



Piercing Proverbs by Melody Carlson



# WONDERING ABOUT WEE SCHOOL 🥃



# NOVEMBER 2025



I have officially been leading WEE school for almost 3 months. I have so much to be thankful for. He has blessed me beyond measure with great staff, coworkers and school family. Each day I am grateful and thankful for His care and guidance.

Will you take a moment this Thanksgiving and thank God for his provisions? Below are a few from Cornerstone WEE school:

**T** eachers that work hard at creating hands-on activities.

**H** earts being filled with the love of Jesus from hugs to Bible stories.

A ssistants who are amazing at cleaning up, changing diapers and sharing boundless love.

**N** oisy classrooms with busy children learning through play.

**K** ids learning about Jesus and how much He loves them.

**F** amilies trusting us as we care for and love their children.

**U** nity within our team of teachers who desire to be the best!

L iving out the gospel of Jesus Christ every day to each child that walks through our doors.

In His Love, Sarah Chaplin





# **BROOKDALE NW MINISTRY**



# Greetings from Brookdale NW Assisted Living ...

Happy Autumn from Brookdale NW! God has led us to a very interesting season of studying His Word lately. We started out talking about persistent prayer and how He answers them (although not always the way we were thinking). We read about Hannah and her prayers for a son, and how she was blessed with seven children. Then we saw how God favored Daniel's faith with an answer to his prayer that elevated his place in the kingdom of Babylon, which gave him an opportunity to serve God even there. We will continue in Daniel for a few more weeks.

As many of you know, Mary Kober was an active member of the Brookdale Bible study for several years. The residents came to love Mary and several of them would go to her for advice, but mainly for prayer. They knew they could count on her to lift them up to the Lord, who Mary loved so dearly. We will all miss Mary, but we celebrate her true homecoming with Jesus. What a life well lived, and a beautiful example for us on serving wherever He has us.

We also are thrilled to welcome Alana to our Wednesday morning study. She fits right in with the folks and with the study. God just keeps growing His study at Brookdale. We have a couple of important prayer requests...please pray for health and safety for the folks as it starts to get cooler and for more workers. Please pray for the study group to grow and for anyone who doesn't truly know Jesus to be saved.

Enjoy the upcoming crisp weather.

God Bless,

Susan, Vicky, and Alana

P.S. A big Thank-You to Jim Grasty for once again serving the Lord's Supper and speaking to the group, and to Susie for helping and for singing! The residents love you both.



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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Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am- 5 pm

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

5:00 pm

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

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

Sunday Discipleship Groups

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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### **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</u>

Pack a Shoebox on the Samaritan's Purse website.

# **FOOD COLLECTION**

The **NOVEMBER** food collection item is **OATMEAL** (**No Packets**). The food is donated to Greensboro Urban Ministry. Collection boxes are in the Foyer and the Commons.



Thank you for donating 432 lbs. of rice in the month of October!

# **DEACON OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER**

Nov 2-8	DANNY TINGLER
	336-339-0283
Nov 9-15	JIMMY ADAMS
	336-392-1564
Nov 16-22	GREG APPLE
	336-202-1726
Nov 23-29	MIKE BLANKENSHIP
	336-288-9862
Nov 30-Dec 6	TRISTAN BREWSTER
	336-908-6919

# **POINSETTIAS**



Decorate the Church for the Christmas Season with

### POINSETTIAS!

You will have the opportunity to purchase a **POINSETTIA** to place in the church for the Christmas Season. Order forms will be in November Sunday bulletins and in the church office. The order form allows you to place the poinsettia in honor of, in memory of or in appreciation of individuals or groups. The cost of each plant is \$16. The deadline to purchase is: November 23. You may take your poinsettia home with you following the two Christmas Eve Services.

# WE'VE GOT MAIL!

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank our church family for all of the support we received due to the loss of Susan's sister, Sandi. She was always so thankful for your many prayers during her health issues, as are we. She is now breathing easily in the presence of Jesus.

Jacky and Susan Cooke

# 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 or blanket.





**Monday, Dec 1** @ 9 am and/or

the Church Monday, Dec 8 @ 1 pm

If you can help either or both days, please contact the church office (336-665-1944).