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GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are abundantly blessed to start a new year together and to renew our personal relationship with King Jesus. While we pray that 2021 will be better than 2020, let us be reminded that every year is a good year with Him!

**WEATHER:** January and February usually bring cold, icy roads, and snow, and when they come, church events may be postponed or cancelled. Notices of cancellations will be sent to you via e-mail when the decisions are made, so be sure to check your e-mail before heading out to church during inclement weather. Your safety is our priority.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS are still in effect at Cornerstone. Masks are required in the main sanctuary, but masks are optional for worshippers in the Fellowship Hall. Distancing is required in both locations. We have been blessed so far to have avoided anyone contracting the virus, but we need to remain alert and follow the protocols.

WORSHIP continues at 11:00 am on Sundays. Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, January 3rd. Pastor Silman will begin a new sermon series on the Gospel of Mark.

BIBLE STUDY: As Pastor Andy Silman begins a new series of sermons on the Gospel of Mark this month, we will also begin a new video Bible study on Mark. You may follow the Bible studies via the link sent to you by e-mail each week.

MISSIONS: We pray for the financial support and success of our missionaries in India, Colombia, the Philippines, Pakistan, Boone and Cullowhee as they carry out the Great Commission. "Whom shall I send?" Send each of us, Lord. Send our money and our prayers so that we too can respond to the Great Commission. The annual Baby Bottle Campaign benefiting the Center for Women begins January 17, which is designated "Human Life Sunday," and your donations of change, cash or checks (payable to The Center For Women), may be placed in the bottles and returned to the church no later than February 28th. In 2020, the Center had 455 clients and 21 babies were given life rather than being aborted. Twenty women were given free ultrasounds which greatly influenced their decision to choose life.

SESSION MEETING: the Session will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 16th, at 9:00 am.

HOMEGOING OF DICK HAGEDORN AND MAX CRABBE: Dick Hagedorn, husband of Rebecca, went home to be with the Lord in November after a long battle with cancer. Former member Max Crabbe, husband of Martha, went home in late December in Florida. Please keep Rebecca and Martha in your prayers and celebrate that these two fine and faithful men are now free of pain and suffering.

PRAYERS OF THANKS: We give sincere thanks for the progress against Covid-19 made by the fathers of Jorge Fogaca de Carvalho in Brazil and of Wayne Thomas in Florida. The families thank you for your earnest prayer support. We also received special thanks from Chris Zurbach, Director of Philanthropic Giving for PCA, who said "Dear Pastor Silman and Cornerstone Church family: Thank you for your \$1,000 donation to the Ministerial Relief Fund. Your gift will help look after widows and retired pastors in need. We could not be more grateful for your many years of partnership. May the Lord continue to bless your church and all the saints in Cornerstone. In Christ, Chris"

BIRTHDAYS In January: Larry Martin (1st); Sonny Lipsi (3rd); Butch Chapel (4th); Leslie Rowe (4th); Nicole Noran (7th); Gerda Mullins (8th); Rodney Whitley (9th); Les Saucier (11th); Bea Fogaca deCarvalho (13th); Judy Hill (18th); Michael Thomason (18th); Ray Aberle (20th); Ellie Silman (27th); and Tom Evernham (28th).

WHAT WE BELIEVE: "Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever....and He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand...And He healed many who were ill with various diseases." (Mark 1:30-31, 34)