



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church - 645 Bert Lane Rd. - Brevard, NC 28712
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GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is wonderful to be with each other again, Christians worshipping, serving, learning, and praying together! Thanks be to God for His protection and grace!

COVID has not yet disappeared, but through careful management, common sense, and vaccines, it is rapidly on the wane. Protocols at church were relaxed last month, and we hope to further relax or eliminate them all soon. Masks are optional inside the church facilities; seating is still distanced, but only to three feet. Ventilation of rooms continues. Please continue to be respectful of those who still prefer to wear a mask.

WORSHIP in-person continues at 11:00 am each Sunday in the sanctuary.

COMMUNION will be observed on Sunday, May 2nd, in the sanctuary.

MOTHER'S DAY is May 9th. (Just a reminder).

MEMORIAL DAY weekend is May 29-31. Worship service will be held as usual on Sunday, May 30th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL now meets at 9:45 am each Sunday. Rev. Tom Osterhaus leads an adult class in the Fellowship Hall and children's Sunday School is held at 10:00 am in Room 3.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE meets each Sunday at 9:15am in the Choir Room. Grateful thanks go out to Debbie Davis and to the precious children who are providing this joyful ministry to us all!

BIBLE STUDIES led by the pastor, both in-person and by video, are "on vacation" until late summer. Watch for an announcement of their resumption. Dr. Howard Jones' Bible study group will resume meeting at noon on Friday, May 14, and they will continue every other week as long as Dr. Jones is able.

MISSIONS: Please continue to pray for our missionaries, who labor in rough places in His name. We are grateful that the government of India has finally issued new visas for the Stocks and their family so that they can return to resume their ministry there. Thanks be to God that Andrew Lupton has recovered from COVID in Bogota, Colombia. And we are grateful that Michele DeLeon can celebrate the 15th anniversary of ministry in the Phillipines, carrying on the work begun by Alice Hatch. God is still at work in this broken world! Our role is to pray and to provide financial support for our missionaries. Are you on board?

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS January 1st through March 31st:

Operating Revenues.....	\$ 66,574
Operating Expenses.....	\$ 50,498
Mission Donations.....	\$ 16,594
Deacons Fund Donations.....	\$ 487

HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERY will meet at Camp Ridge Haven at 9:00am on Tuesday, May 4th. Ruling elders Dr. Allen Monroe and John Rowe are commissioners from Cornerstone for this meeting, and Dr. Silman will assume his new office as Moderator of the Presbytery for the first time.

SESSION MEETING: the Session will meet at 9:00am on Saturday, May 8th, in the Fellowship Hall.

RIDGE HAVEN AND BMC STAFF have been invited to worship with us when they arrive for the summer sessions. Ridge Haven staff are expected on May 23rd, and Brevard Music Center staff are expected in late June. We are blessed to have these friends worship with us each year!

SERVICE: To do all the things we want to do as a congregation, we need people. If we want to teach children in Sunday School, we need teachers. If we want to serve fellowship meals, we need servers and kitchen clean-up people. When the deacons go to help someone with home repair or cutting wood, it takes people to get the job done. We have many in our congregation who are unable to volunteer for physical reasons, but both we and they need those who are able to volunteer. Isn't there a place where you can serve? Pray about it and if so, contact an elder or a deacon. It's the right thing to do.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: June Baggaly is offering to rent out the lower level of her home (90 days minimum, 90-day increments) to Cornerstone members or their family or friends. 1,500 sq. ft., 1-2 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, no laundry facilities, no pets, no smoking, partially furnished. \$1,500/month plus utilities. Call June if interested at (770) 519-3849.

BIRTHDAYS in May include: Jorge Fogaca deCarvalho (3rd); Glenda Malenke (3rd); Jim Meyer (8th); Barbara Hertzog (9th); Cameron Anderson (13th); Sandy Sawyer (18th); Lynn Thomas (27th); Anna Cobb (27th). When you see them, let them know how much they are appreciated!

WHAT WE BELIEVE: "For as we have many members in one body; but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." (Romans 12: 4-8)