



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church - 645 Bert Lane Rd. - Brevard, NC 28712
Dr. H. Andrew Silman, Pastor - 828-884-3305

August

Newsletter 2021

GREETINGS to you and yours in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Whether in the glorious days of spring, the fullness of summer, or the “dog days” of August, we can celebrate the blessings of our life with Jesus Christ!

WORSHIP continues every Sunday at 11:00 am in the sanctuary. Masks are optional.

COMMUNION will be celebrated at the worship service on Sunday, August 1st.

MUSIC: Pianist Judy Bailey and her daughter have agreed to play for us at worship through the end of 2021. That is wonderful news! Thanks to their commitment, we can continue to enjoy wonderful music to enhance our worship!

LUPTONS: Andrew and Laura Kate Lupton, our missionaries to Bogota, Colombia, will report during the Sunday School hour on August 8th, and Andrew will preach that day at worship. Come and hear what God is doing in South America through their ministry!

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues each week at 9:45 am. Rev. Tom Osterhaus leads the study through the Bible in the Fellowship Hall.

MISSIONS: Please remember our missionaries who carry the Gospel to rough places. We especially pray for the Stocks and the Fiols in India, Jonah and Jennifer in Pakistan, Quentin Nantz of Psalm 78, Michele DeLeon in the Philippines, and for the ministry of Dr. Allen Monroe and his friend Martin in Africa. Pray that the Lord will open the way for Beverly Monroe to travel to Ukraine to organize two libraries there.

BIBLE STUDIES: Important news! Bible study led by pastor Andy Silman resumes on Thursday, August 12th at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall, continuing every other Thursday through October 21st. A light lunch will be served afterwards for a cost of \$5.00/person. Bible study led by Dr. Howard Jones will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays during the alternating weeks.

NEWCOMERS-INQUIRERS' SEMINAR: If you are new to Cornerstone and would like to know more about who we are and what we believe, or if you are interested in membership, a seminar will be held Saturday morning, August 28th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with lunch served. Please sign up on the sheet provided at the back of the sanctuary to attend. Materials will be distributed in advance to those who sign up for the seminar.

PRAYER TIME: Just a reminder: God wants to talk to you every single day, to hear your thanks, to hear your problems, to provide you with answers, to accept your worship. However busy you may be with the everyday activities of life, make time to pray. He always has time for you.....do you have time for Him? Nothing.....nothing.....else can enrich your life like earnest prayer!

HELP WANTED: As always, our church needs volunteers to provide services. If you are willing to be “on call” (as needed) during Sunday worship services to care for children in the nursery, please let one of the elders know. We want to be welcoming to young families with infants when they come to our church.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP LUNCHESES with the staff from Ridge Haven and the Brevard Music Center concluded on July 25th. We enjoyed our special time with these young people, and we pray they, like us, will think back fondly on our time together as they return to school.

BREAKING BREAD GROUPS formed in 2019 suspended their dinners during the COVID pandemic, but now they are finding time to get together again. If you are not already a member of a group and you would like to be, contact Jessica DeCarvalho at (803) 445-6643. This is an enriching and fun way to get to know members of our congregation by meeting for dinner in their homes!

PRESBYTERY MEETING: Highlands Presbytery will meet at 9:00 am on Saturday, August 7th, at Crosspoint Church in Boone, NC. Pastor Andy Silman and Elder Larry Martin will be the commissioners from Cornerstone.

CHANCE MEETINGS: Twice in the last month, I struck up conversations with complete strangers, one while getting the oil changed in my car and one while receiving medical treatment. In the course of our conversations, both strangers asked me where I went to church. Thankfully, this is a fairly common question in Brevard, but it is a reminder that God puts people together for a reason, and that we should always be prepared cheerfully to discuss our relationship with Jesus Christ and what He means to us. You never know what is going on in somebody else's life or what a conversation like that is intended to do. We are all missionaries! Be ready when the opportunity arises.

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST: Members of our congregation celebrating birthdays in the month of August are: Nicholas George (2nd); Judy Osterhaus (8th); Evelyn Wear (12th); Burt Mullins (15th); Karen Leightner (28th); and Mary Elizabeth Koppin (31st). Let them know you are thinking about them!

WHAT WE BELIEVE: "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:36-38)