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GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Thanks be to Him for another “new year” and for our new abundant life every day under His wings!

WEATHER: January weather can be dangerous. When snow or ice make road travel inadvisable and scheduled church events are cancelled, we will notify you by e-mail as soon after cancellation as possible. So when the weather looks bad, check your e-mail before setting out for church. Your safety is important!

WORSHIP at Cornerstone continues each Lord’s Day at 11:00am in the sanctuary. We will celebrate holy communion during the service on Sunday, January 5th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for adults led by Rev. Tom Osterhaus continues each Sunday at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your Bible!

BIBLE STUDIES: The Ladies’ Study Group will begin an eight-week study of John’s First Epistle on Tuesday, January 14th, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The study will be led by Ellie Silman. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to indicate your intention to join.

The Men’s Study Group will begin a six-week study on “The Basics of the Christian Life,” using a DVD by Sinclair Ferguson, on Wednesday, January 15th at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Andy Silman will lead the study.

MISSIONS: Continuing our efforts to stay in regular touch with our missions, this month we encourage you to make contact with: Michelle DeLeon in the Philippines... michelleferedeleon@gmail.com; Alec Cotton at App State University....alec.cotton@ruf.org; Brian & Mandy Stock in Malaysia.....brianmandy@psmail.net; Quentin Nantz of Psalm78...q.nantz@ps78teachers.org Encourage them. Let them know you are praying with and for them. Support them.

FAITH PROMISES 2025 at December 19th totaled \$32,048, which will allow us to support our missions generously in 2025. If you still have not sent in your 2025 Faith Promise, you may return it to the church office. You need not include your name; this is a promise between you and God, not a pledge to the church. Thanks to all for your generosity!

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE: Looking for a worthwhile New Year’s Resolution? You may want to consider a plan to read through the entire Bible in 2025. A wide variety of suggested plans are provided through Ligonier Ministries online. You are sure to find a plan that suits your schedule. Check out the 20+ plans at <https://www.ligonier.org/posts/bible-reading-plans>

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES: It is a new year, a good time to consider how you will use your time and your talents to serve. Everyone has particular God-given talents. If you want to find a way to use yours, speak to the pastor or to an elder about it.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY: **January 5th** - Kathleen George, Becky Chapel; **12th** - Joan Pretorius, Lou Vissers; **19th** - Gail Grissom, Joanna Martin; **26th** - Nancy Davis, Karen McKee. Thank you ladies!

THANK YOU NOTES: The church has received messages of appreciation from our church staff for the year-end gifts given to them. “To the Session and the members of Cornerstone: Thank you for your generous Christmas gift to us again this year! Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated!” From Andy & Ellie Silman, Arnie & Ginny Kolozvari, Rebecca Hagedorn, Jean Martin, Judy Bailey, and Tim Browning.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Norm Malenke and Kristi Whitley for the recent loss of their loved ones. May God’s love provide you both and your families with peace and comfort during this difficult time.

STAFF CHANGES: Jean Martin, who graciously for the last several years has prepared, printed and folded the weekly church bulletin, has retired. We offer our special thanks for all she has done. Rebecca Hagedorn, who has been the church hostess for as long as I can remember, has retired from that job, but she has agreed to take over the office duties that Jean Martin has done, as well as to distribute the monthly Newsletter. Thank you, Rebecca, for coordinating all those meals for us! Holly Watkins has graciously volunteered to take over the coordination of the monthly pot-luck congregational lunches, and we thank Holly in advance for stepping forward.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH will be held at 12:00pm on Wednesday, January 15th, in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$5/person. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex indicating your plans to attend so we can plan.

SESSION MEETING: The Session will meet at 10:00am on Wednesday, January 23rd, in Dr. Silman's office.

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY: Larry Martin (1st); Al Vissers (3rd); Butch Chapel (4th); Leslie Rowe (4th); Gerda Mullins (8th); Rodney Whitley (9th); Lennie Jean Anderson (11th); John Decker (12th); Jeff Williams (18th); Ellie Silman (27th); Tom Evernham (28th). Let each one know you are thinking about them on their special day!

WHAT WE BELIEVE: "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; A time to weep, And a time to laugh; time to mourn, And a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)