



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

August
2025

GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! The summer is waning, and the “dog days” of heat and afternoon showers remind us that our Creator provides for both growth and rest through the seasons. Thanks be to Him for his providence!

WORSHIP continues each Lord’s Day at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will celebrate Holy Communion during the service on Sunday, August 3rd.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for adults, led by Rev. Tom Osterhaus, meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday school for children meets at the same time in the room across from the nursery in the main building.

BIBLE STUDIES: The Men’s Group concluded its series on “Who is the Holy Spirit” with Sinclair Ferguson on July 16th. Watch this space to see when the next series begins. The Ladies’ Group is also taking a summer break. An announcement of their next study will be listed here when it is scheduled.

MISSIONS: This month, we encourage you to contact one or more of these missions which Cornerstone supports with your Faith Promise contributions. They depend on our prayers and on our encouragement as well as our funding, so let them know they are in your prayers. Phil & Amina Fiol (India) philandamina@swissmail.org; Andrew and Trish Shank (RUF App State) andrew.shank@ruf.org; Jonah (Pakistan ministry) jonah@swissmail.org; and The Center For Women here in Brevard cpccare@comporium.net. NOTE: Phil Fiol will report to us during Sunday School and then be preaching during our regular service on Sunday, August 17th. Let’s greet him warmly!

THE PULPIT COMMITTEE: On July 20th, the congregation met to elect five members to act as a pulpit committee to search out, evaluate and recommend a new pastor for Cornerstone, following the announcement of Dr. Silman’s intent to retire after nearly 50 years of ministry. Those elected to serve are Paul Sawyer, John Decker, Rebecca Hagedorn, Kelly Clark, and Joe Holman. Pray for the Lord to lead us to the right man and for Andy and Ellie as they transition to retirement. Dr. Silman has agreed to serve until the end of 2026 or until the new pastor is installed, whichever comes first.

THE MEN’S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH for August will be held at 12:00 noon on August 13th in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch and a drink. Join us as we discuss the issues of the day and enjoy being with our brothers in Christ.

THE LADIES’ BIRTHDAY LUNCH for August is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, August 15th, at the Old Hickory House on Country Club Drive. Contact Sandy Sawyer at (828) 884-3847 or s9sawyer@gmail.com to RSVP.

THE LADIES’ DAY TRIP for August will be on Friday, August 8th. We will be going to Cashiers for lunch for an antique show and visit Victoria’s Closet thrift store. Contact Rebecca Hagedorn (828) 508-3516 to sign up and get the details.

NEW MEMBERS Hannah and Daniel Snipes were introduced to the congregation on July 6th. The Snipes and their three young girls are expecting their fourth child in early August. If you haven’t already, greet them warmly and welcome them to the Cornerstone family!

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK LUNCH will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, August 24th, in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to bring an entree dish, a salad or a dessert to serve eight people.

THE LADIES’ FALL RETREAT will be held at Camp Ridge Haven on October 17-18. The speaker will be Chandra Oliver. For more information, contact Glenda Malenke (706) 351-5926 or glendamalenke@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERY MEETING: The Highlands Presbytery will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 2nd, at Providence church in Murphy, NC.

NURSERY ASSIGNMENTS for August: 3rd Denise Sawyer & Amy Holman,; 10th Karen McKee & BK Decker; 17th Marsha Elliott & Joanna Martin; 24th Joan Pretorius & Suzy Greene, and 31st Becky Chapel & Amy Holman.

FINANCIAL REPORT For the 6 Months Year to Date Ending June 30, 2025:

Operating Revenues.....	\$136,292
Operating Expenses.....	\$125,144
Mission Contributions.....	\$ 13,850
Mission Fund Balance.....	\$ 25,929
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Deacons Fund Balance.....	\$ 7,624

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Gail Grissom (5th); Connie Dorner (7th); Judy Osterhaus (8th); Burt Mullins (15th); Kelly Clark (18th). When you see these brothers and sisters, take a moment to wish them a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

WHAT WE BELIEVE: “For now we see in a glass darkly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.” (I Corinthians 13:12)