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GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we celebrate the advent of His birth, let us remember always the amazing grace and mercy of God the Father in sending Him to die for our sins so that we might be reconciled to Him through faith. That was and still is, the most important gift ever given!

WEATHER: It's that time of year! Inclement weather (snow or ice) may cause church events to be postponed or cancelled. If that happens, you will be notified by e-mail, so before you set out to drive on icy roads, check your e-mail for church announcements. Your safety is our primary concern.

WELCOME OUR VISITORS: We all know how important it is to greet unfamiliar faces that come to Cornerstone, but especially at this time of year we need to be reminded that more visitors are likely to attend. Introduce yourself, shake their hand, and tell them how glad we are to see them! Hospitality matters!

WORSHIP continues each Lord's Day at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will celebrate holy communion during the service on December 7th. Our intern Sam Hodge will preach that day. On Sunday, December 21st, our missions partner Brian Stock will preach.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for adults led by Rev. Tom Osterhaus meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School for children 2-6 meets in the main building at 9:40 a.m. On Sunday, December 21st, our missions partner Brian Stock will give a report on his new assignment in Thailand.

BIBLE STUDIES for both men and women concluded their series in November. Watch this space for the resumption of Bible studies after the holidays.

MISSIONS: "Go into all the world and make disciples of every nation." On November 9th, we were treated to a report and sermon by Donnie Williams, our missions partner in Senegal, West Africa. Although Senegal is 95% Muslim, we were encouraged by news of the faith and courage shown by Christians there and by the work that Donnie and his wife Kara are doing. Their visit also served as a reminder that our missions partners depend both on our financial support and our regular prayer support. So in December, let us make an effort to contact these partners!

*Andrew and Laura Kate Lupton in Norway andrew.lupton@gyfm.org;

*Emma Holland with RUF in Texas - emma.holland@ruf.org;

*The Center for Women in Brevard - cpccare@comporium.net;

*The PCA Mission to the World - go@mtw.org.

FAITH PROMISES: As of 11/25/25, a total of 22 Faith Promises have been received for 2026 to support our missions, a total of \$23,568. The goal is \$30,000, so we still have a way to go. Our hope is that every member will help us to reach that goal. Please turn in your Faith Promises ASAP so we will know how much we can support our missions in 2026. Your name need not be given; we only ask for the amount so that the 2026 missions budget can be completed in January and we can tell our missions partners what to expect in financial support.

PULPIT COMMITTEE: Our pulpit committee is working carefully and deliberately in their efforts to find the man God has chosen to lead our church forward when Pastor Silman retires. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking that they be led by the Holy Spirit.

REST IN PEACE: In November, our congregation lost two members. Richard Raab and Edith Westbrook (Marsha Elliott's mother) both entered the Church Triumphant last month. While we mourn their passing and our prayers go out to Brenda Raab and to Marsha Elliott, we celebrate the homegoing of these members of our Christian family, knowing that they are both now with the Lord.

CONGREGATIONAL POT PROVIDENCE LUNCH 12/7: The regular monthly after-church lunches for November and December have been combined into a single luncheon Sunday, December 7th, at 12:15 p.m., following the worship service. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to indicate whether you will bring an entrée, a salad, a side dish or a dessert to serve eight people.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS TEA! There will be a Christmas Tea hosted by Nancy Davis and Lou Vissers on Monday, December 8th, 10:30 a.m. at Lou Vissers' home, 1557 Indian Camp Mtn. Road, Rosman, NC. For more information contact Lou at 828-553-6786.

THE LADIES' DAY TRIP for December will be on Thursday, December 11th, when we will travel to the Grand Bohemian Lodge's Christmas Market in Greenville. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and return before dark. Mary Bebout's daughter Sarah Dean will be displaying her craft at one of the vendors (The Midnight Post). If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer. For more information, contact Rebecca Hagedorn at 828-508-3516 and/or visit the website <http://greenvillechristmasmarket.com>

There will be no LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCH in December. Watch this space in the January Newsletter for news about the January lunch.

THE NURSERY SCHEDULE for December: 12/7 Joan Pretorius, Kathleen George; 12/14 Lou Vissers, Suzy Greene; 12/21 Amy Holman, Karen McKee; 12/28 Marsha Elliott, Rebecca Hagedorn.

THE WREATHING BEE held on November 15th was a rousing success, with 19 ladies and children busily working on their wreaths, laughing, talking, and enjoying coffee and refreshments. If you could not attend, you missed a wonderful time of fellowship. In the future, we expect more events like this, so watch the Newsletter for announcements.

The New WIC Officers elected for the 2026-2027 year are: Kelly Clark, Coordinator; Amy Holman, Assistant Coordinator; Suzy Greene, Secretary-Treasurer; Joan Pretorius, Spiritual Growth; and Holly Watkins, Hospitality/Care and Concern. Please support these ladies as they serve Cornerstone and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH for December will be held on Wednesday, December 10th, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch and something to drink as we enjoy the fellowship of our brothers in Christ.

CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL PROGRAM: On Wednesday, December 24th, at 4:00 p.m. Judy Bailey will be the featured harpist, together with our pianist Tim Browning, at our annual Christmas program. This will be a good event to bring your guests. Mark your calendar now and plan to be there!

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT! The church looks beautiful, and your work adds much to the spirit of Advent.

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH EIGHT MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 31st:

Operating revenues.....	\$217,028
Operating expenses.....	\$218,349
Missions contributions 2025.....	\$ 25,210
Deacon Fund contributions.....	\$ 4,708

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Suzi Carr (21st); Tom Osterhaus (22nd); Sheri Warren (23rd); Kathy Evernham (26th); and June Baggarly (30th). Make a note to wish each of these December babies a HAPPY BIRTHDAY when you see them!

WHAT WE BELIEVE: From the Old Testament: "For unto us a child is born, Unto us a Son is given, And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His Name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end. (Isaiah 9:6-7). And from the New Testament: "Then the angel said to them: 'Do not be afraid, for I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord'...And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'" (Luke 2:10-14)