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**GREETINGS** to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, may we be reminded of all the priceless blessings we have been given and especially the Source of those blessings. We would have nothing good without Him. Praise be to Him who granted us life itself!

**TIME CHANGE!! SECOND REMINDER:** On Sunday morning November 2nd at 2:00 a.m., we will “fall back” from Eastern Daylight Time to Eastern Standard Time. Be sure to reset your clocks and watches one hour earlier before you retire for the evening on Saturday night, November 1st, and enjoy that extra hour of sleep!

**WORSHIP** continues each Lord’s Day at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will celebrate Holy Communion during the service on Sunday, November 2nd. Also on November 2nd, we will ordain Joe Holman, who was elected as a ruling elder October 19th. On November 9th, our missions partner Donnie Williams, will preach. We will have regular worship on Sunday, November 30th, of Thanksgiving weekend.

**DONNIE & KARA WILLIAMS**, our missions partners in West Africa, will be with us on Sunday, November 9th. They will report to us during the adult Sunday School class that day, and then Donnie will preach during the worship service.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for adults, led by Rev. Tom Osterhaus, continues its study of Revelation at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday (except on November 9th, as mentioned above) in the Fellowship Hall. Children’s Sunday School for ages 2 - 6 meets in the main building at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday.

**BIBLE STUDIES:** The Ladies’ Bible Study continues through November 25th at 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. The Men’s Bible study that began October 8th has concluded. Watch this space in the Newsletter for news of the next series of studies, which will begin sometime after the Christmas holidays.

**MISSIONS:** We have received notes of thanks from each of our missions partners who so appreciated our prayer session for them on September 28th. A sample of comments: “Thank you so much! To know that you are holding us up in prayer strengthens us!” “To know that we are all in partnership to spread the Gospel is very encouraging to us!” “Thank you, Cornerstone, for supporting us both with your funds and your prayers. They came at the right time, just as we were experiencing some rough moments.” These comments reaffirm the importance and the meaningfulness of our support; we too can be encouraged that our missions efforts are yielding fruit. Remember that our Faith Promises for 2026 should be returned to the church office by December 1st so we can plan what level of support we can send our missions.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** On October 25th, we met to pack boxes for our offerings to Operation Christmas Child and to pray for their recipients. It is still not too late for those who prefer to give a check in lieu of items for the boxes to do so. Just indicate on your check that your donation is for Operation Christmas Child and put it in the offering plate.

**PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE PULPIT COMMITTEE:** On October 26th, the pulpit committee gave its first progress report to the congregation. The committee is prayerfully seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit in all its work, recognizing that God is responsible for choosing our next pastor, all in His perfect timing. The committee has been working on (1) creating a profile of Cornerstone, both of who we are now and who we pray to be in the future, (2) creating an explicit yet succinct Pastor Job Description, (3) creating a graphic information packet providing information about Cornerstone and about the extensive amenities in our county, (4) developing contacts within the PCA for recommendations, and (5) reviewing potential candidates. The committee asks for your assistance in helping them to maintain confidentiality regarding candidates so as not to compromise them with their present congregations. Therefore, the committee asks you not to ask committee members for specifics about any candidates with whom the committee may be in contact. Please pray for the work and the direction of the committee, for Andy and Ellie in their future transition, and for the man God has chosen, but not yet called, to serve as our pastor.

**BURT MULLINS**, long time member of Cornerstone and former ruling elder, passed into the Church Triumphant on October 13, 2025. He is survived by his wife Gerda, their son Burton III, and their daughter Miriam. We were blessed by Burt’s constant optimism and his proclamation of the Gospel, and we look forward to seeing him again in heaven.

**PRAY FOR:** Gerda Mullins, Judy Osterhaus, Ellie Silman, Ginny Kolozvari, Dick and Joan Young, and Rich Raab. Our sisters and brothers in Christ depend on our prayer support. Our Pulpit Committee also needs your constant prayers as they seek out the man God has already chosen to lead Cornerstone into the future.

**CONGREGATIONAL “POT-PROVIDENCE” LUNCH:** Because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, there will be no congregational after-church lunch in November. Instead, there will be a combined November-December lunch on Sunday, December 7th.

**WREATHING-BEE:** On Saturday, November 15th, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a workshop to refresh wreaths for the church and to learn how to make wreaths for your home. Please contact Betsy Smith at (828)384-8887 for more information.

**LADIES’ DAY TRIP:** There will be no Ladies’ Day Trip in November. Our December Trip will be held on Thursday the 11th. We will be going to the Grand Bohemian Lodge in Greenville, SC to the Christmas Market. Please go to this link to learn more <http://www.greenvillechristmasmarket.com/>

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** The monthly Men’s Fellowship Lunch will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12th, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch and something to drink as we enjoy being with our brothers in Christ.

**WOMEN IN THE CHURCH** will meet after the worship service on Sunday, November 16th, to elect new officers.

**ADVENT DECORATIONS:** All are welcome to come help decorate the church for the advent season on Sunday afternoon, November 23rd.

**PRESBYTERY MEETING:** Highlands Presbytery will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11th, at Fairview Presbyterian Church.

**SESSION MEETING:** The Session will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 6th, in the pastor’s office.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** Jeanna Anderson (5th); Hazel Anderson (7th); John Dorner (12th); Thelma Hicklin (12th); Allen Monroe (14th); Arnie Kolozvari (23rd), and Hennie Pretorius (27th). Take a moment to wish these brothers and sisters a Happy Birthday when you see them!

**WHAT WE BELIEVE:** “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.” (Psalm 100:4)