



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church - 645 Bert Lane Road - Brevard, NC 28712
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GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Thanks be to God for the changing seasons and for all His Providence for those who put their trust in Him!

WEATHER: We suspect that you have noticed that winter has arrived. The month of February is likely to deliver more inclement weather. When snow or ice cause scheduled church events to be cancelled, you will be notified by e-mail. So before you set out on dangerous roads to attend church, check your e-mail. Your safety is our first concern.

WORSHIP: Weather permitting, worship continues each Lord's Day at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. NOTE: WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. We expect to celebrate Holy Communion during the service on February 8th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Weather permitting, Sunday School for adults meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School for children meets at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday in the main building in the room across from the nursery.

BIBLE STUDIES: The Ladies' Study Group continues its study of "Who Is The Holy Spirit?" each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, using the video series by Sinclair Ferguson.

MISSIONS: The requests for funding for new missionaries in new places continue to accelerate. God is at work! Last year, Cornerstone was able to give \$1,000 each to three new church plant efforts, two in Scotland, and one in Knoxville, TN. Just this last week, we received requests to help fund a church in Finland and another request to help start a Reformed University Fellowship (R.U.F.) chapter, also in Finland, reflecting momentum to expand RUF to more countries. We continue to provide ongoing support to three RUF chapters in the USA, as well as missions support in India, the Philippines, Norway, Thailand, West Africa, and to a cyber ministry to Pakistani expatriates. And each month, we ask our members to contact several of our supported missions to tell them of our prayer support and to encourage them. In February, take a few minutes to e-mail these missions:

Phil & Amina Fiol in India.....philandamina@swissmail.org
Andrew & Trish Shank, RUF Western Carolina University.....Andrew.shank@ruf.org
Jonah, our mission to Pakistani expatriates.....jonah@swissmail.org
The Center for Women in Brevard.....cpccare@comporium.net

PULPIT COMMITTEE UPDATE: The committee has completed the first round of interviews with active candidates. We hope to narrow down the number of candidates in the near future, led by the Holy Spirit. The committee asks the congregation to participate in a survey about the desired attributes of the person and priorities of our next pastor. It is a particularly appropriate time to seek this input from our congregation as we move to the next phase of our search. Paper surveys will be offered as bulletin inserts for those attending worship services on February 8th and February 15th, weather permitting. If you are unable to attend one of these services, please email Joe Holman at bgrunner25@mc.com to receive a survey by email. You can then reply with your comments via e-mail or send a hard copy to the church via US Mail, ATTN: Pulpit Committee, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 645 Bert Lane Road, Brevard, NC, 28712. All surveys must be received by Sunday, February 22nd, unless inclement weather extends the deadline.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH: The monthly Congregational Pot Providence Lunch for February will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 22nd, in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to indicate whether you plan to bring an entree, a side dish, or a dessert to feed eight people.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: The monthly Men's Fellowship Lunch will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11th, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch, something to drink, and stories to tell!

THE LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCH for February is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10th, at Hawg Wild. Please contact Joan Pretorius to RSVP at jgpretorius@gmail.com or call her at (774) 415-6660.

NEW MEMBERS: On November 23rd, Al Vissers rejoined Cornerstone by transfer of letter from Grace Brevard Presbyterian. Welcome home, Al! And on January 11th, Inez Parsell was admitted as a new member of Cornerstone by Reaffirmation of Faith. Take a moment the next time you see them at worship or Sunday School to let both Al and Inez know you are glad to have them in our fellowship!

FINANCIAL REPORT: For the full year 2025 ending 12/31/25:
OPERATING REVENUES.....\$281,949
OPERATING EXPENSES.....\$252,998
MISSION FUNDS AWARDED.....\$ 34,400
DEACON FUNDS AWARDED.....\$ 3,350

EDITH WESTBROOK REMEMBERED: On January 18th, a memorial service was held at the church for Edith Westbrook, who passed into the Church Triumphant at age 97 last November. Edith was the mother of Marsha Elliott, to whom we send our heartfelt prayers. Rest in peace, Edith.

PRESBYTERY MEETING: Highlands Presbytery will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28th, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Wallace Anderson (2nd); Mary Bebout (3rd); Joan Pretorius (21st); Karen McKee (27th); Marsha Elliott (28th); and David Grissom (28th).

WHAT WE BELIEVE: In a month in which the secular world promotes Valentine's Day as a holiday, the world into which Jesus Christ has brought us is guided by the Bible, which frequently reminds us of the importance of love. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."(Deuteronomy 6:5); "Love your enemies...."(Matthew 5:44); "Love your neighbor...."(Matthew 22:39); "Husbands, love your wives...."(Colossians 3:19); Why, you ask, is love so important? The answer is found in John 3:16, where we read "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." We must love God and others because He first loved us, even when we were sinners.....