



GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! A BIG DAY is coming up on July 4th.....yes, it's the same holiday that we have every year, but this year we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence! It is no coincidence that the signers of that historic document acknowledged that certain human rights came from Almighty God, and that the separation of the colonies from England was being done while appealing the rightness of their actions to the Supreme Judge of the world. In essence, while they were declaring their Independence from England, they were affirming their Dependence on God. We should do no less today. Thanks upon thanks to God, who has by His providence led us to this place!

WORSHIP continues each Lord's Day at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will celebrate holy communion during the service on Sunday, July 5th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for adults continues each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School for children ages 3-6 continues each Sunday at 9:40 a.m. in the classroom across from the nursery in the main building.

BIBLE STUDIES for both the Ladies' Study Group and the Men's Study Group are taking a "summer vacation" through July. Watch this space each month for announcements of the starting dates for the new series!

MISSIONS: We continue to pray for the missions we support, and we make a conscious effort to let them know that they are supported by prayer on the home front. This month, we urge every member to e-mail these missions to express our encouragement:

- * Michelle DeLeon (Philippines) michelleferrerdeleon@gmail.com
- * Alec Cotton (RUF App State) alec.cotton@ruf.org
- * Brian & Mandy Stock (Thailand) brianmandy@psmail.net
- * Sharing House (Brevard) tcm@sharinghouse.org

THE MONTHLY POT PROVIDENCE CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 26th, in the Fellowship Hall. We expect to have fifty or so hungry counselors and staff from Ridge Haven Camp and Conference Center with us that day, so extra quantities will be needed. The church will provide fried chicken and drinks. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to indicate the salad, side dish, or dessert for eight to ten people so we can plan.

THE LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCH for those who have birthdays in July or August will be celebrated at the birthday lunch in September.

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH will be held on Wednesday, July 8th, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch and something to drink as we enjoy some quality time with our Christian brothers.

NOTE OF THANKS Betsy Smith thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, food, good wishes and support during her recent surgery. Praise God all went well and that He has blessed me with so many dear friends at Cornerstone.

SESSION MEETING The Session will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 23rd, in the pastor's office.

HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERY will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1st, at Cross Point Presbyterian in Boone, NC. We expect that Rev. Steven Weiss' application for admission to the Presbytery will be acted upon at this meeting, a necessary step before Rev. Weiss can begin his ministry at Cornerstone.

JULY BIRTHDAYS: Betsy Smith (2nd); Jill Chapman (3rd); Sally Noran (7th); Lonnie Watkins (25th); Denise Sawyer (27th); Suzi Greene (31st). Be sure to take a moment to recognize each one's special day when you see them!

WHAT WE BELIEVE: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written 'For your sake we are killed all day long. We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35-39)