



# Cornerstone United Methodist Church

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## E-News

In September of this year, the UMC will embark on a media campaign called Igniting Ministry. The campaign will include television commercials on the major cable networks and local affiliates to "raise positive awareness about our church."

We are asked to designate September as Open House month and will be provided with literature and ideas to implement the same. If you would like to attend the conference on May 6th at Salem UMC, please let me know as soon as possible. If not, take the time to visit the Igniting Ministry website at [www.ignitingministry.org](http://www.ignitingministry.org) and register for a monthly newsletter update. Additional ideas that fit our body are welcome and, as always, we encourage everyone to pray for this to be a successful outreach campaign.

The evangelism committee is still in search of an evangelism discipleship course that could be offered as a short-term small group. If you know of a good course, please let us know so that we have several to choose from. Igniting Ministry may be part of the answer to this goal. We would like to have something in place by the first of next year.

Thanks for all of the help we received passing out the door-hangers for our Easter service (and especially for those of you that came back and asked for more!! You know who you are.) We are in prayer that seeds were planted in the community letting everyone know that we plan on being a permanent church presence in the West Fayetteville area. It has been a long road and many have walked the road much longer than I, but we will not crow weak. I truly believe that the Lord has worked and is still working through our body to create something unique to carry out his will. We must remain diligent to His call and sensitive to his leading to carry on.

In closing, let me share with you the Scripture chosen to define the new Igniting Ministry campaign. Matthew 5:15 (NRSV) "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all the house."

I pray that this passage will also guide us in our ministry at Cornerstone UMC. All praise and glory to Christ, the only true light of this world!

## Nursery

Kim Gordner has graciously agreed to be the new Nursery Coordinator. Many thanks to Barbara Hall for all she has done to facilitate the excellent nursery care we have all enjoyed. Kim will be transitioning into her new position over the next few weeks while maintaining her Sunday School position and her other roles in the church. Please make it a point to let her know how much we appreciate her taking on this responsibility. If you are able to help with nursery care, please let her know so your name can be added to the schedule.

April 29	Smith & Sutton
May 6	Fancher
May 13	Todd
May 20	Trumble
May 27	Upchurch



Laura Sutton	5/7
Rebecca Townsend	5/8
Allie Hall	5/14
Marv Gordner .....	5/17
Elisa Irizarry	5/17
Angel Corey	5/20
Katie Sharpe	5/25
Jeff Hall	5/27
Tammy Fox	5/29
Hannah Gordner	5/30
Wes & Deb Hamerly	6/1
Bill & Sandy Holland	5/5

## Children's Church Update

The wonderful volunteers at Cornerstone bless our 3-5 year old children. Many Moms & Dads, and sometimes sisters and brothers, lead our young children in fun and educational ways about the truth of our Lord and Savior and how to be good and kind to one another. We have a good curriculum that has much to offer for the leaders. In fact, I've heard more than one couple say they ran out of time. Recent volunteers have been: the Coreys, the Regalados, the Gordners, the Hills, Sue Todd & Kerry Robison, the Foxes, the Townsends, the Semrads, and the Stewarts. If you would like to not only participate in the ministry of Cornerstone by volunteering, but to be blessed by these sweet and wonderful children of our church, call me to schedule a Sunday. No previous experience necessary - God will guide you.

*Sharon Upchurch*

April 29	Julie Blake & Youth
May 6	Deb Hamerly & Breezi Miller
May 13	Jamie Fancher & sons
May 20	Deb Kocher
May 27	
June 3	
June 10	
June 17	
June 24	Beth & Mike Wiggs

# Here's **WHAT'S** COOL at Sunday! **SCHOOL**

In the 2nd-4th Grade Sunday school class, we are working on remembering our Bibles, finding where the different books are located within our Bible, learning about Jesus's life here on earth and, currently, discussing Mother's Day presents. We have ten members and several visitors with whom we are very familiar. Allie Townsend loves to be the first one to read during our Bible story. Trey Gordner almost always knows the answers to the review questions. Erica Kocher is always very generous and is willing to sacrifice to keep the peace when things get hairy. Tim Harro almost always remembers to bring his Bible to Sunday school. Elizabeth Sharpe has the sweetest smile and loves to compliment her teacher. Daniel Todd is very quiet and just seems happy to be alive in God's world. Alex Wiggs is always ready to look up a Bible verse and knows her way around the Bible very well. Ryan Hill is very laid-back and never complains about anything. Jenna Upchurch is obviously very close to her grandparents as she almost always mentions one or another of them during our prayer time. Stephanie Richardson always brings a cheerful attitude to our Sunday mornings. Our visitors include Lindsay McDonald, Lauren McTindal and Christelle Blanche—we are very glad to have them.

I'm very impressed with the kids in my class. They are so great to be around and I thank God for letting me be their guide for an hour every week. I feel proud to know them and feel sure they will be leaders, not only in this church, but also in their communities one day. My sincerest thanks to all the Moms and Dads for these young blessings we call children.

*Rebecca Townsend*

## Youth Service Project

### "SHARE A BEAR"

*"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." (1 Timothy 6:18)*

If your home is like most in North America, you and/or your children have been blessed with much more than you really need. When you are doing your spring cleaning, look to see if you have an overabundance of furry, lovable creatures lying around. The CUMC Youth Group is hunting for donations of stuffed animals (without electrical devices, please) that are in good condition. On Youth Sunday, May 13, we will have a box designated for "Share a Bear" donations. As a group we will take the donations, clean them up, and then hand-deliver them to the City of Fayetteville Police Department. Police officers frequently use the stuffed animals during domestic violence calls and during traffic accidents. What a great way to teach your youngsters to share the material gifts God has bestowed upon them and to show them how to spread the love of Christ!



### BLT

As time marches on the interest rates keep dropping God is good! God is faithful! Ben, Bill Holland, Tom Goetz (Architect), Ned Garber (Rubicon) and I met April 23 to discuss our next move in the building process. This was our first face to face meeting with Ned and I am pleased to say that it was a productive meeting with all parties eager to work together. Tom and Ned are working closely together to complete a design that resembles the original floor plan and meets our budget. Bill and Ben are working with lending institutions to secure the financing required to break ground. The finance team and design team are working in parallel to compress the time required move into the District Board and Charge Conference meetings.

As things continue to come together in this process we will keep you informed.

*In His Service*

*Robert*

## Women's Breakfast

The Cornerstone Women of Wonders will have a breakfast at the IHOP on Skibo Road on May 12. Please call Mini Regalado for more details.



## Prayer Life

When we pray, we should remember the Ten Commandments and use them to inspire our prayer life.

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before ME. (Pray that God would be worshiped above all else in our land.)

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. (Ask God to reveal our nation's idolatry.)

3. Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy GOD in vain. (Pray that the Lord's name will be honored; ask God to bring, a fresh conviction against profanity and depravity.)

4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Pray that God's people will set an example for this nation by honoring the Lord through a Sabbath rest.)

5. Honor thy father and thy mother. (Intercede that the family will be restored to its rightful place of honor and respect.)

6. Thou shalt not kill. (Pray that the culture of death would be broken; pray for a culture of life to reign.)

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. (Intercede for marriages in this land; ask God to restore the sanctity of the marriage bond.)

8. Thou shalt not steal. (Pray that personal property would be respected; that both personal and institutional theft would end.)

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. (Intercede for a day when integrity and concern for our fellow man would cause us to honor our neighbors.)

10. Thou shalt not covet. (Ask God to break the materialism which grips our land; pray that men and women would discover their true purpose in serving the Lord.)

*Exodus 20:3-17 (KJV)*

Let us come to Him with open hearts and empty hands, turning from ourselves and toward our God. Then and only then will we see true revival in our land.

## Goody Baskets

Below is the updated Goody Basket List. If you can't help on your assigned Sunday, would like to volunteer to provide a few cookies or snacks for our visitors or have any questions about this ministry, please give me a call or email me. Thank you for your continued support.

*Jamie Fancher*

May 6	Sharon Upchurch
May 13	Mini Regalado
May 20	Jamie Fancher

## Just Sand

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When class began, wordlessly he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of small pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. The students laughed.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. "Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this is your life. The rocks are the important things—your relationship with Jesus, your family, your spouse, your health, and your children—anything that is so important to you that if it were lost, you would be nearly destroyed. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else, the small stuff.

"If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles, and the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your energy and time on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your wife out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal.

"Take care of the rocks first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

*Author Unknown*

## In God's Answer To Our Prayer We Glorify Him

*Submitted by Douglas Dalton*

All too often, people who are new to the Christian way of living, and even those of us who have been Christians for most of our lives, have difficulty with some area of our Christian life. Because of this, we sometimes miss the opportunity to serve and glorify God.

Recently, we as a church, and as individuals, ran into such a moment. We were challenged by God's answer to our prayers for funding for our new church building. While many of us thought our financing had been turned down, we despaired for the construction and future of our church while hoping for the same. It is only after we step back and look at what God did for us in his answer to our prayer that we understand what God was really saying. Because we had failed to hear, listen, and understand His answer to our prayer, we missed a wonderful opportunity to serve and glorify Him.

Our missed opportunity to serve and glorify God is this: instead of celebrating that God granted approval through the banker for \$500,000 to build our church, we emphasized the denial of our request for the almost 5800,000 we wanted and reacted in a human way with hurt and anger. While we were so concerned about what we wanted we failed to recognize and glorify what God wanted for us.

We are here to serve God's desires and needs, not our own. So in this we should celebrate God's approval of our available funding at \$500,000, and by doing so we build God's church, not ours. After all it is His home, and He knows what He needs.

As Pastor Ben recently told me in an email: "I think that your assessment is correct. We should be celebrating that God has providentially led us to the direction we should be taking. I think that we will come to find that the redesign based around the \$500,000 amount is much more in line with God's plan for Cornerstone than the original concept we had. Although the first concept came through much prayer and discernment, we need to realize that this is a process and that God is speaking to us through his providence. Thank you for this encouragement. I think that as we remind ourselves of what God has provided, we will have a much more positive view of how events are unfolding."

Let's celebrate and sing unto God a new song that we may glorify Him.

## VBS Registration

Please direct any questions about registering for Vacation Bible School to Barbara Hall. Remember to mark your calendars for June 11-15. It's going to be great!

## Youth Sunday

**May 13, 2001**

Sunday, May 13th is Mother's Day around much of the world, but at Cornerstone UMC, May 13th has also been designated Youth Sunday. The theme for the service is "Celebrating Women." We urge you to come out and support the junior and senior high youth members as they take the reins of the worship experience for the first time. Junior or senior high students currently not involved in the youth program are encouraged to participate in this special youth-led service. If you would like to share your time, gifts or ideas, please give the Stewarts a call

## Senior High Youth Happenings

The Senior High Youth Group has been staying very busy. On April 1, 2001, Bryan and Terina Stewart hosted a pre-Passover Seder Meal Study at their home. On April 22, they delved deeper into the study of Judaism. Throughout the next couple of months, the Sunday evening Bible Study time will focus on the study of other religions, especially in contrast to what we believe as Christians. We also make time for song, snacks, and fellowship' time. The group meets on Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Stewart's home.

Also, the senior high group will be canoeing down the nearby Lumber River on Saturday, June 9, 2001. More details will follow in next month's newsletter.

Call Bryan or Terina to find out more on how you can get involved with this great group of young believers.

## This Month in Christian History

**May 1, 1873:** Missionary-explorer David Livingstone dies. Responsible for "Opening up" central Africa and for popularizing missions to that continent, Livingstone himself only made one convert-who later backslid. Still, he is widely considered one of Christianity's missionary heroes.

**May 2, 373:** Church father Athanasius, "the father of Orthodoxy," dies. He attended the Council of Nicea, and after becoming bishop of Alexandria, he victoriously fought Arianism. He was also the first to list the New Testament canonical books as we know them today.

**May 2, 1821:** Methodist missionary William Taylor is born in Virginia. He ministered to miners during the California gold rush and later became missionary Bishop of Africa (1884-96). Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, is named for him.

**May 3, 1814:** Thomas Coke, the first English bishop for the Methodist Church, dies. John Wesley sent him to oversee the American branch of Methodism in 1784: he later handed that responsibility to Francis Asbury.

**May 3, 1861:** The Southern Congress approves a bill installing chaplains in Confederate armies. Chaplains had not been common in the American military, but they became a permanent fixture during and after the Civil War. Between 100,000 and 200,000 Union soldiers and approximately 150,000 Confederate troops were converted during wartime revivals.

**May 10, 1883:** Pope John Paul II reverses the Catholic Church's 1633 condemnation of Galileo Galilei's Copernican heliocentric theory of the universe.

**May 10, 1310:** In Paris, 54 Knights Templar are burned alive. The Templars had been established to protect Holy Land pilgrims from bandits, but the knights' quick rise in power and wealth made them unpopular. They were brought down by Philip the Fair of France, who used trumped up charges of blasphemy and homosexuality to convince Pope Clement to disband the order and persecute its members.

**May 13, 1917:** Three shepherd children report that the Virgin Mary appeared to them in Fatima, Portugal.

**May 13, 1925:** Florida's House of Representatives passes a bill requiring

schools to conduct daily Bible readings.

**May 15, 1948:** Father Edward Flanagan, founder of the U.S. Home for Homeless Boys (later called Boys Town) in Omaha, Nebraska, dies. "There is no such thing as a bad boy," Flanagan believed.

**May 18, 1920:** Karol Wojtyla (who would take the name John Paul II when elected pope) is born in Wadowice, Poland.

**May 19, 804:** Alcuin of York, an English scholar who became an adviser to Charlemagne and the most prominent figure in the Carolingian Renaissance (the rebirth of classical learning under Charlemagne), dies. He is also credited with devising a handwriting system using both small and capital letters for easier reading.

**May 21, 1738:** Charles Wesley, who would cofound Methodism with his brother, converts to Christianity while sick with pleurisy. "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, arise and believe, and thou shalt be healed of thy infirmities;" a mysterious voice told him in his sickbed. "I believe, I believe," he replied. One year later on this date, he wrote "10 for a Thousand Tongues" to commemorate the event.

**May 22, 337:** Constantine, the first Christian emperor of Rome, dies. Though known for calling the Council of Nicea (which condemned the Arian heresy) and for beginning the process of Christianizing the empire, he waited until just before his death before he finally accepted baptism into the church.

**May 24, 1089 (traditional date):** Archbishop of Canterbury, scholar, and church reformer Lanfranc, dies. Known primarily for his development of the doctrine of transubstantiation (the eucharistic bread and wine become Christ's body and blood), he also educated brilliant scholar Anselm and future pope Alexander II.

**May 28, 1841:** Edwin Moody dies, leaving his wife to raise 4-year-old Dwight Lyman and eight other children. D.L. Moody went on to become the leading American evangelist of his generation.

**May 28, 1954:** President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs a bill adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

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## My Cup Overflows

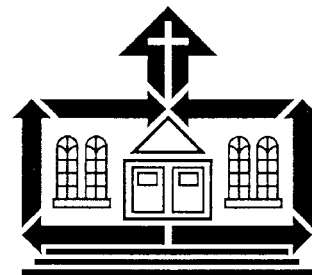
I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now.  
But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.  
And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough.  
But I've got loving ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.  
I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

O, I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin.  
But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.  
So Lord, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, When the way grows steep and rough.  
I'll not ask for other blessings: I'm already blessed enough.  
And may I never be too busy to help others bear their loads.  
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.


*Courtesy of Nick's G-Rated Humor  
Sunday Stuff*



## Charge Conference

The Charge Conference for final approval to begin construction meets Tuesday, May 29th, 7 pm. The location will be announced at a later date. Mark your calendar now to be there! !

# May 2001 June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Women's Bible Fellowship 7:00	2 Prayer Meeting at Church Office 12:00 CBS at the Hutson's 7:00pm	3 Promise Keepers moved to Friday	4 Friday Fellowship at the Hill's 6:30pm Promise Keepers Ancient Egypt Study	5
6 Igniting Ministry at Salem UMC 2-6pm	7 Pastor's Day Off	8 Women's Bible Fellowship 7:00	9 Prayer Meeting at Church Office 12:00 CBS at the Hutson's 7:00pm	10 Promise Keepers 7:00 at Ken Dye's home	11 Friday Fellowship at the Hill's 6:30pm	12 Women of Wonders Breakfast @ IHOP
<i>NC Annual Conference in Fayetteville</i>						
13 Youth Sunday Mother's Day 	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 Women's Bible Fellowship 7:00	16 Prayer Meeting at Church Office 12:00 CBS at the Hutson's 7:00pm	17 Promise Keepers 7:00 at Ken Dye's home	18 Friday Fellowship at the Hill's 6:30pm	19 Church Yard Sale
20	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 Women's Bible Fellowship 7:00	23 Prayer Meeting at Church Office 12:00 CBS at the Hutson's 7:00pm	24 Promise Keepers 7:00 at Ken Dye's home	25 Friday Fellowship at the Hill's 6:30pm	26
27	28 Pastor's Day Off  <i>Memorial Day (Observed)</i>	29 Women's Bible Fellowship 7:00 Lenten Study 7:00 Charge Conference 7pm	30 Prayer Meeting at Church Office 12:00 CBS at the Hutson's 7:00pm <i>Memorial Day</i>	31 Promise Keepers 7:00 at Ken Dye's home	1 Friday Fellowship at the Hill's 6:30pm	2
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<i>Vacation Bible School</i>						

Notes: Cornerstone VBS scheduled for June 11-15, 2001