



# Cornerstone United Methodist Church

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## September 2001

### Dinner for Six

Upcoming opportunity for fellowship. See Sandy Holland for more information.

### Nursery News

Thank you to all the wonderful members who have so generously given the gift of their time in the nursery during the busy summer months. What a powerful witness!

In order to give all the upcoming nursery warriors plenty of notice in case of any conflicts with dates, I have already scheduled workers through the month of October. I hope this will be helpful. Also, please remember that service in the nursery includes Sunday School (9:45 am) AND Worship Service, unless otherwise noted.

#### September

- 2 Jean Upchurch
- 9 Fox
- 16 Hamerly
- 23 Todd
- 30 Irizarry (Sunday School) / Townsend (Worship)

#### October

- 7 Sharon Upchurch
- 14 Harro
- 21 Fancher (Sunday School) / Kocher (Worship)
- 28 M. Gordner (Sunday School) / K. Gordner (Worship)

*Thank You So Very Much!*  
*Kim Gordner*

### Building News

Were you wondering if a building would ever grow from the land on Rim Road?

Like any seed that has been planted it takes time to nurture and cultivate before it will sprout. Then right before your eyes, it begins to take shape by breaking ground, sprouting into new growth, then taking root and growing into a healthy church. We have been in the new growth stage for some time. Some might say for an eternity but we are now taking root. Even in all of this excitement we must take care and continue to nurture this newly planted church (visitors, church family members and new Christians) more importantly we must continue to reach out to those around us that are not churched. It is this reaching out as Christ has reached out to us that will enable us to grow strong.

There has been much activity on the property. Each day you can see visible changes. This month we will have the roof and be very close to if not completely framed dry. Our bond sale will be kicking off this month too. Before we know it, the first service and communion will be held. Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow!

On a safety note: Given the excitement of new construction please be aware that IT IS A CONSTRUCTION SITE. Rubicon is liable if someone is injured while the building is under construction. Because of this circumstance, Rubicon has requested that no one drive up to the site or step into the building. There are many hazards on site. Some obvious and some hidden. Please honor their request.

*Robert Semrad*

### Promise Keepers 2001

The Promise Keepers men's group at Cornerstone is heading to Charlotte Coliseum for the Annual Conference on September 28-29. If you have never been to a Promise Keeper's event, you need to make plans to attend. In the words of those who have gone in the past, "It is a time of refreshment, renewal and rededication to the Lord. A truly life-changing experience."

Admission to the event is \$69 and includes lunch on Saturday.

For more information on this exciting event, please contact Ken Dye at 864-5373.



Ben Sharpe	9/5
Madison Blake	9/8
Susannah Whitten	9/13
James Chambers	9/11
Jason Whitten	9/13
Elizabeth Stewart	9/15
Paul Martin	9/17
Steve Kublank	9/20
Harry Anthony	9/21
Joy Subong	9/25
Matthew Hall	9/27
Alex Irizarry	9/30

Thom & Vicky Thomas 9/7  
Mike & Beth Wiggs 9/15

## Giving It All Back to God

If only we all were as eager to give our money back to God as the children seem to be.

While we deliberate ways to whittle 10% down to the lowest acceptable amount. I see children eagerly stuffing tiny hands into tight pockets to pull out their precious gifts to give to God.

I recently witnessed a young girl delicately open her small, red purse and simply dump the entirety of its contents into the offering plate.

My own Ally will throw a tantrum if we forget the coin purse with her allowance. She loves to pull out the folded bills and dig deep with her little fingers, scraping out each and every coin. She can barely hold her treasure through the worship songs, eagerly awaiting the plate to pass. If the offering comes during communion, when many of the children are attending Children's Church, she must later walk to the front to place her gift in the plate already sitting on the altar.

I wonder how we might give differently if, when planning our budget, we remember these little ones, clutching their few coins in sweaty fists, eager to give it all back to God.

—Barbara Hall

Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace.

## Webmaster Email Address

Our webmaster's email address is [wheelrunner@nc.rr.com](mailto:wheelrunner@nc.rr.com). Please contact Doug for information on how to get to and use the church's website ([www.orthovox.org](http://www.orthovox.org) then click on Cornerstone link). Lots of pictures, past sermons, info on Bible studies and more! Check it out!



## “Hearts of Hope”

Again this year, the women of Cornerstone will be getting together over a weekend for fellowship and a time of renewal.

A native of North Carolina, Renee Scheidt, this year's speaker, began singing publicly at age ten, winning numerous local awards. Since beginning *Renee Music Ministries* in 1990, she has performed weekly in churches throughout the country.

Widowed at age thirty-two when her husband of ten years tragically died by his own hand, Renee calls upon her personal experiences and musical talents to minister in a multitude of settings.

Renee continues to proclaim that God is good, His Word is true, and we as His children can hold on to His promises, even when it is not possible to understand what He is doing, or why He allows tragedy to enter our lives.

The retreat is scheduled for October 19-20 at Lake Tillery. The cost is \$35 and includes everything except dinner Saturday evening when the women will be going out to a local restaurant. The deadline for registration is October 5. Please contact Sandy Holland for more information at 867-3284.

The retreat site is a private home on the shore of Lake Tillery with a wonderful view of the lake and the Uwharrie National Forest. Plan to enjoy the peace and tranquility during your free time.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join the women of Cornerstone for this time together. Space is limited so call today! Please let Sandy know if you need to car pool.

## This Month in Christian History

**Sept. 2, 1784:** Thomas Coke is consecrated the first “bishop” of the Methodist church by John Wesley. An indefatigable itinerant minister, Coke crossed the Atlantic 18 times, all at his own expense.

**Sept. 2, 1973:** Scholar, novelist, and devout Catholic, J.R.R. Tolkien, author of *The Hobbit* (1937) and *The Lord of the Rings* (1954-55), dies at age 81.

**Sept. 3, 1752:** This day and the next 10 never happen in Great Britain as the kingdom adopts the Gregorian Calendar (developed by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582) to replace the inaccurate calendar created by Julius Caesar in 46 BC. Riots break out as Brits argue the government just stole 11 days from their lives.

**Sept. 4, 1736:** Robert Raikes, an English newspaper editor who founded Sunday Schools (which went from 10am - 5pm) to educate poor children, is born in Gloucester.

**Sept. 4, 1965:** Albert Schweitzer, German Theologian, organist, and medical missionary, dies in what is now Gabon. He wrote *The Quest of the Historical Jesus* (1910) and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953.

**Sept. 5, 1997:** Mother Teresa, winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize and founder of the Missionaries of Charity (now with 517 missions worldwide) dies in Calcutta, India.

**Sept. 6, 1620:** Pilgrims seeking freedom set sail from Plymouth, England, to America.

**Sept. 12, 1729:** John W. Fletcher, early Methodist theologian, is born. During Calvinist-Arminianism controversy within Methodism in the mid-eighteenth century, Fletcher became the chief defender of evangelical Arminianism. John Wesley hoped Fletcher would be his successor, but Fletcher died six years before Wesley.

**Sept. 14, 1741:** George Frederick Handel finishes composing “The Messiah,” begun only 24 days earlier.

**Sept. 15, 1963:** In a racially motivated

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Cornerstone Pizza Sunday @ Two Brothers!	3 Pastor's Day Off	4 Women's Bible Study	5 Cornerstone Bible Study 7:00	6 Promise Keepers 7:00	7 Friday Night Bible Study 7:00	8
9 CHARGE CONFERENCE 2:00 pm at Trinity UMC	10 Pastor's Day Off Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Women's Bible Study	12 Cornerstone Bible Study 7:00	13 Promise Keepers 7:00	14 Friday Night Bible Study 7:00	15
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<i>Bond Sale for Cornerstone United Methodist Church</i>				<i>Promise Keepers-Charlotte</i>		
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*Women's Retreat - Lake Tillery*

*Notes: For more information on the above Bible studies, please call the Cornerstone office at 868-5686.*

***There's always something happening at Cornerstone!***

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attack, the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, was bombed, killing four girls. The sermon that day was "The Love That Forgives," based on Matthew 5:43-44.

**Sept. 19, 821:** Burial of Theodulf, poet, scholar, secretary of education and bishop of Orleans during Charlemagne's reign. He wrote hymns, among which his best remembered is "Gloria Laus et Honor" or "All Glory, Laud and Honor / To Thee Redeemer King."

**Sept. 20, 1224:** On or about this day, on Italy's secluded Mount Alvernia, Francis of Assisi reportedly prayed, "O Lord, I beg of you two graces before I die—to experience in myself in all possible fullness the pains of your cruel passion, and to feel for you the same love that made you sacrifice yourself for us." Soon his heart was filled with both joy and pity, and wounds appeared on his hands, feet, and side. He reportedly carried these scars (called stigmata) until his death in 1226.

**Sept. 21, 1522:** First edition of Martin Luther's German translation of the New Testament is published.

**Sept. 25, 1789:** The U.S. Constitution is amended by Congress to prohibit establishment of a state church or governmental interference with the free exercise of religion.

**Sept. 25, 1872:** Peter Cartwright, an indefatigable Methodist circuit rider, dies at age 97. Though he was characterized

as rough, uneducated, and eccentric, his drive and physical stamina enabled him to preach throughout midwestern frontiers for 70 years.

**Sept. 26, 1535:** Death of Sir Thomas More (b. 1478), English Roman Catholic statesman. He was executed for opposing King Henry VIII's divorce and his bid for recognition as supreme head of the English church.



## Within Us

This is a story about a little girl who, on the way home from church, turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, the Preacher's sermon this morning confused me."

The mother said, "Oh! Why is that?" The girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?" "Yes, that's true," the mother replied. "He also said that God lives within us. Is that true, too?" Again the mother replied, "Yes." "Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"

—Nick's G Rated Humor, *Sunday Stuff*