



Cornerstone United Methodist Church

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May 2002

Breakpoint with Chuck Colson

A Prayer for a Troubled World: National Day of Prayer

The Old Testament prophet Jeremiah said: "... seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

As Christians we're exiles as well. Our first citizenship is in heaven, but we pray for our neighborhoods, our nation, and our troubled world because we're also citizens of this world. I don't remember a time in my life when the events have been more chaotic — more dangerous — than they are today. That's why we've set aside this "BreakPoint" for prayer. Please join me. Gracious Heavenly Father, Your goodness to us as a people has been astounding. You have given us life and not only every thing that sustains it, but everything in abundance.

Yet it's precisely our abundance that gets in our way. We confess such a preoccupation with ourselves and our things that we don't see don't even want to see — the needs and hurts of others. We haven't loved You with all our being, and we don't love our neighbors as ourselves — our neighbor down the street or our neighbor on the other side of the globe. Father, forgive us for Jesus's sake and give us eyes to see, hearts to love, and faith to act in these perilous days.

We pray for our nation and our leaders. We pray for the president and vice president, the cabinet departments and the military, for members of the House and Senate, and for justices and judges, governors, mayors, and legislators. Grant them wisdom, moral courage, sense of justice, and a saving knowledge of Christ.

And we pray the same for our non-elected leaders. While we often criti-

cize those in the academy, today we pray for them that You would break the stranglehold of postmodernism and bring Your truth into our colleges and universities. We pray that our business leaders would consider principle and people ahead of profit. We ask for a return of godly values in the marketplace.

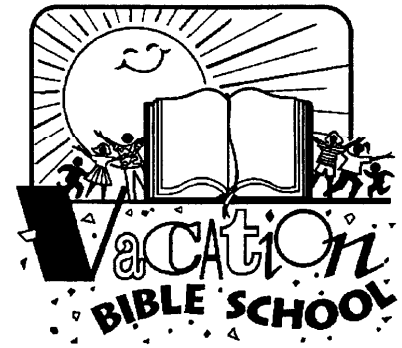
And we pray for our world. For 3,500 years the place we call the Holy Land has been under dispute. Israel and Palestine are engaged in a conflict of mutually exclusive claims, and events seem to have a life of their own.

Protect us all from what could be a worldwide nuclear or biological catastrophe. Enable our president to calm the situation and empower Your church to engage the Palestinians, the Israelis, and others in the Middle East in a long-term, peaceful solution.

We pray for events in Europe. Anti-Semitism has always brought Your judgment, and anti-Semitism is on the rise along with new xenophobic and neo-fascistic leaders. Renew Your church to head off what could be horrible consequences.

We pray for those living with poverty, oppression, and disease in much of the world. We pray for the persecuted church in Asia and Africa. May believers find comfort in their faith and the strength to share their hope when faced with hopelessness.

And we pray especially for prisoners and those in the margins of life — every one precious in Your sight and made in Your image, ones You've especially told us to love. As members of Your church, we give You ourselves in these dangerous days. Make us fruitful, self-sacrificing servants who are willing to go as the Spirit of Jesus directs, for it's in His powerful name that we pray. Amen.



Mark your calendar!

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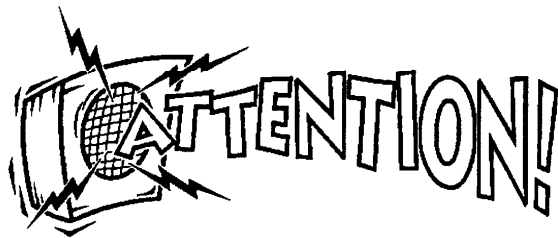
June 17 - 21

Bug Safari, where kids catch the buzz about God's love is happening June 17-21! We are in need of more volunteers to make this program the quality program our children deserve. Please be in prayer that our needs are met and please respond to the call if you feel led or are asked to help.



FW Friends

FW Friends will be having their last meeting on May 29. We will start up again on September 4 after the summer. If you haven't been a part of this great children's ministry and would like to see if it is something you would like to add to your week next year, come and check it out in the month of May. Adults, this is a great way to spend time with your kids and other kids to help influence their lives in Christ.



Cornerstone Small Groups

CBS (Cornerstone Bible Study)	Marilyn Hutson
Tuesday Women's Bible Study	Joy Semrad
Wednesday Night Bible Study	Ben Sharpe
Promise Keepers Men's Group	Ken Dye
Friday Fellowship	Jeff & Debbie Hill
United Methodist Men	Steve Kublank
Senior High Youth	Brian & Christyn Hahn
Junior High Youth	Mike & Sue Todd

Sunday School is in need of substitute teachers. If you would be willing to give a short 45 minutes of your time to help out when other teachers have to be out, please contact Debbie Hill at . Summer is on the way and our hardworking Sunday School teachers will be taking vacations so your help is definitely needed.



**And these words...
shall be upon your heart;
and you shall teach them
diligently to your children...
-Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

Children's Church

Children's Church is a great place to serve in our church. Preparations time is maybe 1/2 hour and the rewards are great. Please consider trying this chance for serving. Many of the regular people that serve in this ministry are the same ones that serve in several of our other children's ministries. What a wonderful way to say thank you for all they do for our kids; show your support by serving along

The Board of Trustees met on April 21, 2002 and issued the following report for the Cornerstone UMC family.

The Trustees are given the responsibility by The Book of Discipline to insure that the real property of the Church is cared for in a way that honors God and serves the needs of the Church. First of all, thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help by cleaning the church interior or doing yard work on the church grounds! Also thanks to all of you who are diligent in going the extra mile to pick up after yourselves and others!

We need your help in lending a hand to see that our facilities are well maintained and kept as clean as possible. Our volunteer cleaners have notified us that we need to be more intentional about cleaning up after ourselves. They've noticed the following conditions and ask for help in avoiding this in the future:

- *Bathroom lights have been left on,
- *Toilets have not been flushed,
- *Gathering room tables and floors left cluttered and dirty,
- *Food and crumbs on floors un-

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der tables (Ants!),

*Dirty pitchers left on kitchen counter,

*Kitchen trash can left full,

*Food and drinks brought into and left in the sanctuary,

*Large carpet stain from coke/soda in sanctuary,

*Mini-blinds pulled up to the top and stuck, and

*Burglar Alarm not set.

The Trustees have developed the following guidelines and ask for your cooperation in following them:

1. The person using the building for their activity is asked to review the checklist provided by the trustees placed in the narthex and initial it prior to leaving the church.

2. Please, no food or drinks are to be brought into the sanctuary at any time (except for Holy Communion, and water for the pastor and water for those with medical needs).

3. If you decide to mop the floor please use warm clear water or water with just a little bit of dish detergent in it. Any other floor cleanser will strip off the wax. Scuff marks come up eas-

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Praise & Worship 6:30 Bible Study/FW Friends 7:00	2 Choir 7:00	3 Friday Night Bible Study 7:00	4
5 Cornerstone Pizza Sunday @ Two Brothers!	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 Women's Bible Study CBS 7:00	8 Praise & Worship 6:30 Bible Study/FW Friends 7:00	9 Promise Keepers 7:00 Choir 7:00	10 Friday Night Bible Study 7:00	11
12  MOTHER'S DAY Church Council Mtg 7:00 pm	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 Women's Bible Study CBS 7:00	15 Praise & Worship 6:30 Bible Study/FW Friends 7:00	16 Promise Keepers 7:00 Choir 7:00	17 Friday Night Bible Study 7:00	18
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Notes: For more information on the above Bible studies, please call the Cornerstone office at 868-5686.

There's always something happening at Cornerstone!



Cornerstone Music Notes

Wednesday family praise time is bringing together the generations for informal praise and prayer. The children are playing a major role in helping us rediscover and enjoy some of the great hymns! Who would have predicted that? It is also a great time to catch up on prayer needs of the church mid-week, or to bring a need to the church's attention. Why not join us for relaxed singing, testimony and prayer from 6:30-7:00 on Wednesdays.

Choir is open for new members of adult and high school age. If you can carry a tune and stay on a part with those around you, talk to Dwight about choir. You need not be able to read music. Right now we are preparing music for May and early June. It is not too late to join. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7-8 PM. We finish at 8PM for those who have children or want some evening left when you get home!

Do you have a musical gift to share as a solo musical offering? Please contact Dwight Harro. He is also looking for people willing to sing or play regularly i.e., about once per month for either service.



The blue box in the fellowship area at church is provided for donations to the Fayetteville Urban Ministries. Cornerstone collects items such as sample/hotel size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, bar soap, and items such as snack size pudding cups, fruit cups, juice boxes, single serving soups, and canned meals with pop tops. A full list of suggestions are posted on the box. Next time you are at the store or if you need to clean out your bathroom of all those little bottles, please contribute to this wonderful program that benefits the homeless community of our area.

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ily with a damp paper towel.

4. The cleaning crew does not clean up after group meetings or individuals. They just do the basic cleaning around the church once a week.

5. Please do not make any alterations to the church building or grounds without the approval of the Trustees.

Thank you for your diligent attention to these items! We just want to make sure that we keep the church building attractive and functional for years to come in order to facilitate ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

Your fellow servants in Christ, The Board of Trustees

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