



# Cornerstone United Methodist Church

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## June 2003

### “Yes—But...!”

“Lord, I will follow You, but...” (Luke 9:61)

Suppose God tells you to do something that is an enormous test of your common sense, totally going against it. What will you do? Will you hold back? If you get into the habit of doing something physically, you will do it every time you are tested until you break the habit through sheer determination. And the same is true spiritually. Again and again you will come right up to what Jesus wants, but every time you will turn back at the true point of testing, until you are determined to abandon yourself to God in total surrender. Yet we tend to say, “Yes, but—suppose I do obey God in this matter, what about...?” Or we say, “Yes, I will obey God if what He asks me doesn’t go against my common sense, but don’t ask me to take a step in the dark.”

Jesus Christ demands the same unrestrained, adventurous spirit in those who have placed their trust in Him that the natural man exhibits. If a person is ever going to do anything worthwhile, there will be times when he must risk everything by his leap in the dark. In the spiritual realm, Jesus Christ demands that you risk everything you hold on to or believe through common sense, and leap by faith into what He says. Once you obey, you will immediately find that what He says is as solidly consistent as common sense.

By the test of common sense, Jesus Christ’s statements may seem mad, but when you test them by the trial of faith, your findings will fill your spirit with the awesome fact that they’re the very words of God. Trust completely in God, and when He brings you to a new opportunity of adventure, offering it to you, see that you take it. We act like pagans in a crisis—only one out of an entire crowd is daring enough to invest his faith in the character of God.

*His Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers (Updated Edition)



## Cornerstone Small Groups

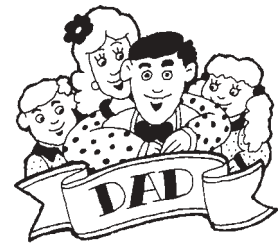
Mon. Women’s Bible Study .....	Joy Semrad .....	867-6786
Wed. Night Bible Study .....	Richard Upchurch .....	424-4164
CBS (Corner. Bible Study) .....	Ben Sharpe .....	868-5686
Friday Night Fellowship .....	John & Antonia Ban .....	860-3470
United Methodist Men .....	Steve Kublank .....	424-1757
Senior High Youth .....	Brian & Christyn Hahn .....	480-0603
Junior High Youth .....	Mike & Sue Todd .....	425-6443
Kids Ministry .....	Debbie Hill .....	764-1094
Young Adults .....	Adam Loose .....	867-4058/261-9278

## Children’s Church

Calling all three, four, and five year olds for summer children’s church, where we will meet Abraham, Joseph, and Moses. Theo, the Faith Retriever (our friendly puppet mascot) will join us for stories, crafts, songs, and games during the second service.

Parents and willing volunteers, please sign up on the board in our fellowship hall for your summer Sunday of service to the preschoolers of Cornerstone. You will be blessed.

If you have any questions, please call me, Laurie Harro at 860-9735. Thanks.



## Happy Father’s Day!

## News From the Finance Committee

Currently, we have more bills than income which has created a \$5,337.00 shortfall. The leadership is addressing this issue and you will be asked to be part of the solution. We request your prayers and seek God’s guidance with this matter. We are seeking refinancing of our current loan to a lower interest rate as part of the solution.

You can help our Financial secretary by putting your full name on the offering envelope and the amount whether it is cash or check. This helps ensure that your account is credited with the correct amount given. Financial statements are given for contributions totaling \$250.00 or more.

*Finance Chairperson - Bill Holland*

## Can We Talk?

Have you ever had one of these conversations with your child?

“Hey pal, how was school?”

“Fine.”

“Did you do anything interesting today?”

“Not really.”

“Do you want to go out for pizza later?”

“I guess.”

Sometimes trying to talk with your child can be torture—for both of you. But Dad, finding a way to open the doors of communication with your child is worth all the effort it takes on your part. And not just for the sake of your relationship. It could also be crucial to your child’s future.

The ability to communicate is perhaps the most important life skill you can teach your child. A child who communicates effectively is better at solving problems and expressing emotions. He is more likely to be a leader, a peacemaker, a role model. Imagine the eternal impact your child can have when he knows how to talk about what he believes with clarity and confidence.

To help my daughters become better communicators, I came up with a simple game I call “verbal tennis.” You can teach your children in just one evening.

You’ll need three things. First, grab a tennis ball. (It doesn’t have to be new. We used our dog’s slightly chewed ball.) Second, find a small, inexpensive spiral notepad to use as a scorecard. And third, make sure you clear this with your wife, especially if you have a “No throwing balls in the house” rule.

The next step is to sell your children on this. If they’re young, it probably won’t be hard to convince them to play a game with you. You can also play for prizes like a frozen yogurt or similar treats. If you’ve got teenagers, you might have a tougher sell. I told my daughters (preteens at the time) that I was going to teach them a game that would help them interact with adults, make more money someday, and talk to boys. That last part got their attention!

Now, sit a short distance apart from your children and ask one of them a question. For example, I’d ask one of my daughters, “Tell me who your teacher is this year?” As soon as you ask the question, toss the tennis ball to your child. She answers the question, then tosses the ball back to you. Then ask a follow-up question, like, “Is she a hard teacher?” and toss the ball back.

The girls earned 10 points for every answered question. They needed 50 points to win their prize. Once they got used to the game, I challenged them to ask me questions. This is the real point of the game—to develop your child’s ability to show interest in others.

In numerous clinical studies, people rated those who asked them questions as more interesting and better communicators than those who just talked about themselves or didn’t talk at all. In short, we like people who ask us questions.

The next time you have adult friends over, encourage your child to practice verbal tennis with your guests. (No, they don’t have to throw a tennis ball at Aunt Thelma. Throwing the ball with you gives them a mental image to use as they talk to others.) Give them plenty of opportunities to ask questions of other people and their confidence will grow rapidly.

In his beloved translation of the Bible, theologian J.B. Phillips paraphrased 1 Peter 5:7 to read, “Cast all your anxieties upon him, for you are his personal concern.” What a wonderful picture of how Jesus connects with us. Indeed, Jesus often showed his concern for others by asking them questions. He did it with Peter, Zacchaeus, the woman at the well, and even with those who didn’t believe he was the Son of God.

We all want our children to become adults who care about other people. When they know how to communicate, they are well on their way.

*Christianity Today* ([www.christianitytoday.com](http://www.christianitytoday.com))



## Youth Group

In Junior High youth group, we discuss everyday matters in life. We play games and do worksheets (don’t worry, they’re fun) to go along with our lessons.

Mr. Mike tells cool stories that have happened in his life.

We would like to thank the people that have provided meals and snacks for the confirmands and the youth group. We are looking forward to our next lock-in on June 6th. If you’re in grades 6-9, we hope you can come out and join us on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30. For more information, please call Mike or Sue Todd at 425-6445.

*Stephanie Richardson*



## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 16th. Please contact Theresa Tisher if you’d like to get more info. Remember, dinner will be served at the church that week each night before VBS begins.

# June 2003 July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Confirmation Sunday	2 Pastor's Day Off Women's Bible Study	3 <i>Pastor at Annual Conference</i>	4 Noon Prayer Group/Bible Study 7:00/ CBS 8:00	5 Cadette Girl Scouts 7:00	6 Friday Night Fellowship 7:00	7
8 <b>Cornerstone Pizza Sunday @ Two Brothers!</b>	9 Pastor's Day Off Women's Bible Study	10	11 Noon Prayer Group/Bible Study 7:00/ CBS 8:00	12 Cadette Girl Scouts 7:00	13 Friday Night Fellowship 7:00	14 Cadette Girl Scouts Trip to Emerald Point
15 <b>Father's Day/Council Mtg 7:00</b>	16 Pastor's Day Off Women's Bible Study	17	18 Noon Prayer Group/Bible Study 7:00/ CBS 8:00	19 Cadette Girl Scouts 7:00	20 Friday Night Fellowship 7:00	21
22	23 Pastor's Day Off Women's Bible Study	24	25 Noon Prayer Group/Bible Study 7:00/ CBS 8:00	26	27 Friday Night Fellowship 7:00	28
29	30 Pastor's Day Off Women's Bible Study	1	2 Noon Prayer Group/Bible Study 7:00/CBS 8:00	3	4 <b>Indepen- dence Day</b> Friday Night Fellowship 7:00	5
6 <b>Cornerstone Pizza Sunday</b>	7 Women's Bible Study	8	9 Noon Prayer Group/Bible Study 7:00/CBS 8:00	10	11 Friday Night Fellow- ship 7:00	12
13 Church Council Meeting 7:00	14 Pastor's Day Off Women's Bible Study	15	16 Noon Prayer Group/Bible Study 7:00 CBS 8:00	17	18 Friday Night Fellowship 7:00	19

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*Mark your calendar for Mexican Fiesta Night Wednesday, July 23 at 7:00!*

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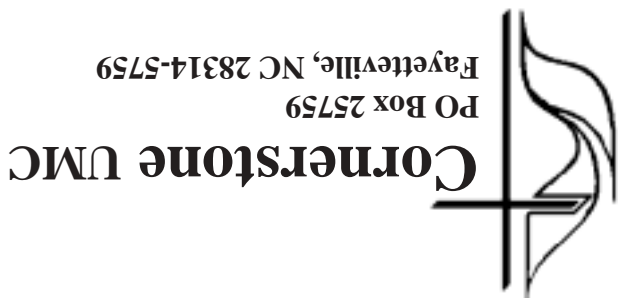


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*There's always something happening at Cornerstone!*

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You are... God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief Cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. *Ephesians 2:19-22*



**Mexican Fiesta Night!**  
**July 23, 2003**  
**7:00**

Cortazar Methodist Church Praise &  
Worship Team  
of Cortazar, Mexico

This 26-member group, ranging in age from 17 to 23, will share their musical talents and lead us in a time of praise and worship with their singing and dancing, miming and guitar-playing.

