

Cornerstone United Methodist Church

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September 2004 Newsletter

Pastor Kong's Corner

"God is with us."

One of my favorite songs is "Immanuel!" The song goes, "Immanuel, Immanuel, His name is called Immanuel, God is with us! Revealed in us, His name is called, Immanuel." The song is sung mostly around Christmas holidays as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who is equal to God, but became like us: So that we may have restoration of our relationship with God. Whenever I sing "Immanuel," my heart is full of joy, excitement, and thankfulness.

God, who sent His Son to us, sent me to Cornerstone United Methodist Church at the end of June and I have been here for a little over two months. It is my great joy and pleasure to meet my new family members. I began to identify my family's names and faces. I have opened my heart to God and family members so that I may know each of my them on a deeper level. In doing so, I feel and believe that God truly sent me to Cornerstone United Methodist Church. I am convinced that God planned me to be where I am and what I am for Cornerstone United Methodist Church. And I want to say to all of you, "God is with us," during the United Methodist Church appointment process.

It is a blessing for us to have faith that God is with us always. I was informed that Cornerstone United Methodist Church could be interpreted and understood as "Kidney Stone UMC." It took us a long time to be where we are; from the beginning when we opened our church doors in E.E. Miller Elementary School, to the position that we currently find ourselves. The church had been through many difficulties, trials and tribulations for the last nine years, but we are here with our hands held together tight and we still hold our faith in God firmly. Not only do we support each other as the body of Christ is instructed to, but also God is with us. What a blessing!

One thing I know is that currently we seem to be "Kidney Stone UMC." I do not know how long we will be and why. However, we are going through deep valleys, crossing high mountains and rivers. There

will be times that we ask ourselves, "What am I doing here?" There will be moments that we are disappointed and frustrated. There will be nights that you cannot sleep well and are turning your body from one side to another because of the troubles and tribulations of the body of Christ at Cornerstone United Methodist Church. But I want to tell you, my brothers and sisters, one thing that I believe is that God is with us always, Immanuel. God has a great plan for us, and God will do great things through us. God will reach the un-saved through us. God brings us victories. That is God's promise!

Therefore, let us hold our hands together with the unity of the love of Christ. Let us pray for one another that may have a strong faith. Let us love one another with the love of God. When you are tired, I will stretch out my hands to help you to stand firm with the love of God. When I am discouraged, please, encourage me with the Word and help me to recall and remember that "God is with us."

Immanuel! God is with us in Jesus. Jesus, who was sent by God and was crucified on the cross, was raised from the dead, and ascended into heaven, promises us, "Behold, I will be with you always at the end of age." (Matthew 28:20) I am thankful and grateful to God, who gives us this promise through Jesus Christ. With faith on the Word of God, I see the bright future of Cornerstone United Methodist Church. I see the dazzling smile of God because we believe God is with us. I would love to hear the voice of God from heaven saying to the body of Christ at Cornerstone United Methodist Church, "Well done, faithful and trustworthy servants." To God be the Glory, who was, is and will be with us!

Yours in Christ,

Kong S. NamKung, Pastor
Grandparent's Day

September 12

Grandpa and Grandma

I like to walk with
Grandpa and Grandma,
Their steps are short like mine.
They don't say, "Now hurry up."
They always take their time.
I like to walk with Grandpa and Grandma,

Their eyes see things like mine do...
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud,
Half hidden drops of dew.
Most people have to hurry,
They do not stop and see.
I'm glad that God made
Grandpa and Grandma,
Unrushed, and young like me.

Promotion Sunday

The first Sunday in September is the beginning of a new quarter in Sunday School. If your child is three years old or has just entered kindergarten, third grade, sixth grade, or ninth grade, it is time for them to be promoted to the next Sunday School class.

Please note the following teacher assignments:

Vicky Dinsmore: Nursery
(infants through 2 year olds)
Deanna Turner: Pre-School
(three, four, and five year olds)
Neil and Caroline Tolley:
Kindergarten, First, and Second Graders
Laurie Harro:
Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders
Sharon Secord:
Jr. High
Richard Upchurch:
Sr. High
Steve Kublank:
Adults

Following church on September 5th, each family at Cornerstone needs to fill out a registration card for each child attending nursery, Sunday School (during first service), or Children's Church (offered for pre-schoolers only during the second service). This information will be helpful for your child's Sunday School teacher and will also help us update our church records. If you did not fill one out at church on September 5th, please ask your child's teacher about filling one out!

Homeschool

Cornerstone Homeschool Moms Breakfast will be on Saturday September 18 at 8:30. It will be a pot luck breakfast. We'll be sharing our curriculum choices for this school year. If someone is interested, this is a great meeting to attend. Contact Deanna Turner with any questions. Childcare provided if needed.

September Birthdays

1	Hannah Namkung
7	Cleo Dalton
8	Gary Dalton
8	Madison Blake
9	Judy Troy
17	Paul Martin
17	Caroline Tolley
17	Stephen Conrad
19	Lani Honma
20	Stephen Kublank
28	Laurie Harro
28	Bryan Crews
30	Alex Irizarry

September Anniversaries

6	Matt & Kathy Schuh
12	Robert & Lea Smith
12	Anson & Julie Layton
14	Gary & Cleo Dalton
15	Mike & Beth Wiggs

Remember in your prayers...

Stuart Farris
Eddie Harrigan
David Haskell
Dan Irizarry
Doug Marrs
Ed Smith

This is a list of soldiers who are away from their families or civilian contractors. If anyone needs to be added to this list please let me know!

Titus 2 Women's Group

For those of you who were not in attendance, we had our first meeting on Aug 21. We 15-18 ladies enjoyed some wonderful food and even better fellowship. It was a wonderful time and we hope that those of you who were unable to make it will attend our upcoming gathering.

We will be having our Cornerstone UMC Titus 2 Women's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday September 11 at 10:00 (Pot luck). We will be drawing our Secret Sister names at this meeting so if someone can't come but would like to be in on the fun, call Beth Wiggs or Sue Todd. Childcare provided if needed.

Also, we have a yahoo group site for Titus 2. If you would like to join, you can go to:

CUMCTitus2-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Focus on the Family Broadcasts

During the month of September, the Focus on the Family broadcast will feature the following topics on parenting.

- 9/1 "Building Moral Character in Kids"
- 9/2-3 "The Three R's of Parenting"
- 9/7-8 "Parenting With Love and Grace"
with Tim Kimmel and Dr. Walt Larrimore
- 9/9-10 "Too Big To Spank"
- 9/13-15 "The New Strong-Willed Child"
with Dr. James Dobson
- 9/16-17 "Living With the Strong-Willed Child"
with Dr. James Dobson
- 9/20-21 "The Sacred Role of Parenting"
- 9/22 Author Robin Jones Gunn on the passage to womanhood
- 9/23-24 "Developing Character in Children"
- 9/27 "A Love Worth Dying For"
Ryan Dobson
- 9/28-29 "Teaching Truth in Everyday Moments" with Jim Weidmann
and Dr. Bill Maier

9/30 Exposing Wicca

Focus on the Family broadcast can be heard on WCLN 107.3 FM at 8 a.m. or 7 p.m. Visit www.family.org for more information.

Looking Ahead in Ministry

Recurring Activities

Mon		Pastor's Day Off
Tues	5:30-6:30pm	Tae Kwon Do class at church
Wed	5:45-6:30pm	Wednesday Night Dinners
	6:30-8:00pm	FW Friends begins
	6:30-8:00pm	Purpose Driven Life w/ Richard
Upchurch		
	6:30-8:00pm	Purpose Driven Church w/ Pastor Kong
	6:30-8:00pm	Discovery Bible Study at Church
	6:30-8:00pm	Youth Girl's Class (ages 12-17) w/ Kathy
Schuh		
	7:00pm	Praise Team Practice
Thurs	7:00pm	P.O.I.N.T. MAN Men's Group
	5:30-6:30pm	Tae Kwon Do class at church

Upcoming Events

9/11	10:00am	Titus 2 Women's Group Brunch
	1:30pm	Softball at E.E. Miller-All are welcome!
	7:30pm	Sr High movie night
9/12	6:30pm	Administrative Council Meeting
		No Sr. High MYF
9/19	6:00-8:00pm	Sr High MYF
9/24 -	7:30pm	Jr & Sr High Camp Out (tentative)
9/26	6:00-8:00pm	Sr High MYF
10/3	6:00-8:00pm	Sr High MYF
10/9	9:00am-12:00	Jr & Sr High Youth Work Day
10/10	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting 6:30

Scouts

We have several scout groups that meet here at our church. We have Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior. We also have Cub Scouts. Call Beth Wiggs if you are interested or have any questions.

Locked out???

The locks to the church have been changed and if you are in need of key, please contact Beth Wiggs.

Church Council Reminders

- * Biographies are due by Sept 12 meeting- pictures will be taken
- * Prayer after 11:00 Service each Sunday with a Church Family

Girl Scout Trip Report

In June 2004 the Cornerstone's Cadette Girl Scout Troop 272 went to Washington DC. We had loads of fun! We arrived on a Thursday night and checked in our hotel. Then we went swimming! We toured DC all of Friday. When we arrived back at our Hotel (Friday night) and we swam in the Hotel's pool again and a couple of the girls went site seeing to see the monuments all lit up! They said it was really interesting. On Saturday we went to DC for another fun filled day of walking and site seeing, and more walking.

Some of the places we visited in DC were the Smithsonian Castle, Air and Space Museum, National Gallery of Art, Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Hirshhorn Sculpture Museum, Natural History Museum and the American History Museum. Our leader (my mom) kept us walking and walking and walking! We also rode the Metro! How cool!

On Sunday we used our extra money to go to IHOP for breakfast then we headed over to Arlington to see Mrs. Jeannie Jernigan (our Co-Leader's) father's grave. A couple interesting things about Arlington-

- o They do not allow ANY fake or plastic flowers.
- o You are not allowed to walk on the graves unless you are visiting the grave of someone you know.

We also went to a ceremony "The Changing of the Guard" for the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They were not allowed to speak, cough or even breathe loudly. They would take 21 steps then pause for 21 seconds and walk back. It was very cool to see them change the guard. It has been guarded through rain or shine. They even stayed at

their post during a hurricane! Those are very dedicated soldiers! There is also a Women's Memorial at Arlington that celebrates women veterans. It was very interesting to see how women have served our country through the years.

We also went to Fords Theater and listened to a speech about Pres. Lincoln's death.

Well, that was our trip! You should visit DC soon! Troop 272 would like to thank Cornerstone for sponsoring us.

Thanks Cornerstone!

Alex Wiggs