



Sharing the love, hope, and healing of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit!

# July 2023

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Rodney & Erin Miller, Stacia Carwell, Karen Dial, Eric Akers, Clancy Hatfield, Mike Harbour, Peyton Levi, Hunter Blankenship, Jacob Shytle, Barb Mitchell We have been repeatedly challenged recently to memorize John 3:16-18. In the English Standard Version, the text reads, "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." I have said that these three verses together are the message of the Gospel.

When Pastor John asked on Sunday how many of us don't share our faith because we don't think we know enough, I thought back to these verses. God sent His Son because He loves us. God's desire for us is life, not death. Condemnation only comes when we reject the only Son of God. This is so eloquent in its simplicity, that each of us should be ready to share our faith. Or as Peter wrote in 1 Peter 3:15, "In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you."

In our culture where Christianity is on the decline and agnosticism and atheism are on the rise, we, the people of God, have to be ready to share our faith. I am convinced that the only thing that will bring transformation to our community and our world is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every other world religion is really a self-help guide. They are a set of rules that humans are to keep in order to find their way to God. But John 3:16 tells us that God gave his only Son for us. In the incarnation, God came to humanity. In a world of people trying to be good enough, God's love for sinful people is the Good News.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be people of the Good News. So I challenge you once again to memorize John 3:16-18. I challenge you to have a reason for the hope that you have. And I challenge you to share the Good News with someone. Share the hope that you have in Christ.

Pastor Keith

## CHANGES TO SOUTH WINDS



**Starting in August**, *South Winds* will be moving to an online format. If you are not yet receiving the church newsletter by email, please sign up on our webpage at <u>https://www.ashlandcornerstone.org/newsletters.html</u>.

Paper copies of the newsletter will be available in the sanctuary foyer and the Family Life Center. We will also continue to mail out paper copies to our shut-ins.

If you would prefer continuing to have a paper copy mailed to you (and you are not a shut-in), please notify the church office (606-324-6961) no later than July 24.



JULY Items of the month: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Suggestions: Spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, and markers.

There will be a collection box in the foyer to drop off your gifts. Each gift should be able to fit in a shoebox. We will gladly accept donations for postage. Each box costs \$10 to ship.

## **2024 COSTA RICA TRIP**

There is a box/stand in the foyer and in the Family Life Center with a list of items we need. Thank you for your generosity!

Antibiotic cream Baggies (quart and gallon) Band-Aids Bars of soap Colored pencil and markers Crayons, pens, and pencils Erasers Rulers Shampoo (travel size) Toothpaste (travel and large size) Vitamins (children's, prenatal, and seniors)

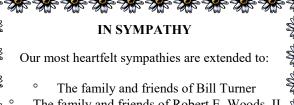


Children's scissors Construction paper Deodorant Hand sanitizer (small bottles) School glue and glue sticks

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be CLOSED on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.





The family and friends of Robert E. Woods, II The family and friends of Mark Simmerman



The mowing season is well underway at our church properties of CornerStone and Centenary.

We need HELP! Currently, we have four retired men who faithfully mow and trim weeds every week. We could use some new blood!

If you can help for only one hour, one day, or one month, it would be greatly appreciated. This is not limited to just men, as we accept women who are willing to help as well.

If you can help, please notify our secretary, Nicole, at 606-324-6961.

## Shaped for Service A Purpose Driven Thought from Pastor John

Have you ever wondered, "What on earth am I supposed to be doing at CornerStone?" If you have, you are not alone. We have been designed by the Creator of the universe to be in relationship with Him and with others. One part of those relationships is service. How do we serve God and serve the people around us? Here's another way to ask that question: "How can I put my faith into action?"

## Read 1 Corinthians 12.

In his book The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren shares a great way to think about how you have been created, which helps you find ways you could serve in the local church. He uses the acronym S.H.A.P.E. as a discoverv tool:

S - Spiritual gifts (What are yours?):

**H** - Heart (What is your passion?):

A - Abilities (What are your natural talents?):

P - Personality (Who are you: introvert, extrovert, etc.?):

**E** - Experience (What has influenced/changed you?):

For example: if you have the spiritual gift of teaching, you love kids, you make shadow puppets with your hands, you are an introvert, and you have worked in cramped spaces, then you might consider serving behind the curtain operating a puppet in the Puppet Ministry.

If you haven't filled out a Ministry Menu, now might be a good time to do that. Like the name implies, it is a menu of the possible ways you could serve here at CornerStone. Just check what interests you or what God is leading you to and give it to me (Pastor John). Let's discover together what the Holy Spirit has in store for us at CornerStone, Ashland, Costa Rica, and beyond.

Link to the Ministry Menu: https://www.ashlandcornerstone.org/forms.html Link to a spiritual gift assessment: https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey

*Questions of the day:* 

Would you take a few minutes to discover your S.H.A.P.E.?

Would you go to our website or stop by the office and fill out a Ministry Menu?

Living the Life God has Given, Pastor John

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| Current Month      | Budget Items       | Specials            | Totals              |  |
| Beginning Balance  | \$31,607.10        | \$39,742.12         | \$71,349.22         |  |
| Receipts           | \$42,388.56        | \$7,055.74          | \$49,444.30         |  |
| Disbursements      | (\$41,814.53)      | (\$3,515.57)        | (\$45,330.10)       |  |
| Transfer           | \$1,773.87         | (\$1,773.87)        | \$0.00              |  |
| Closing Balance    | \$33,955.00        | \$41,508.42         | \$75,463.42         |  |
| Year-to-Date       |                    |                     |                     |  |
| Balance 12/31/2022 | \$20,063.93        | \$75,306.83         | \$95,370.76         |  |
| Receipts           | \$224,910.84       | \$33,901.91         | \$258,812.75        |  |
| Disbursements      | (\$230,951.80)     | (\$58,291.49)       | (\$289,243.29)      |  |
| Transfer           | \$19,932.03        | (\$9,408.83)        | \$10,523.20         |  |
| Closing Balance    | \$33,955.00        | \$41,508.42         | \$75,463.42         |  |

**Honors & Memorials** 

**Budget** In Memory of Mark Simmerman Give by Bill & Martha Rice

In Memory of P. R. Maynard Given by Bill & Martha Rice

In Memory of Don Blanton Given by Bryan & Joan Flanery

In Memory of Opal Clarke Given Anonymously; Bill & Martha Rice; and Bryan & Joan Flanerv

In Memory of Bill Turner Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears; Greg & Arland White; Lisa Hammond; Jr. & Anita Fitzpatrick; Lou & Bev Moore; Bobby Joe Vanover; Jimmie & Sammie Polley; Ronald & Rita Spence; Barry & Lynn Cohen; Bill & Martha Rice; Diane Myers; and Randy & Jacqueline Loschert

In Memory of Bob Wheeler Given by Daphne Stump; Bill & Martha Rice; Richard Martin: Mike & Charlene Qualls: Lou & Bev Moore: and Ernest Tucker

In Memory of Robert E. Woods, II Given by Dr. Malcolm King; Don & Gloria Neikirk; Lisa Hammond; and Jr. & Anita Fitzpatrick

Aldersgate Camp In Honor of Paulette Meenach Given by Randy & Cindy Elkins

Backpack Ministry In Memory of Opal Clarke Given by Jim & Susan Ifert

In Memory of Joyce England Given by Jimmy England

Choir Fund In Memory of Bill Turner Given by Mike & Charlene Qualls

> Costa Rica Farm In Memory of John Spears Given by Ed Spears

In Honor of Ed Spears' Birthday Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers

Costa Rica Feeding Program In Memory of Robert E. Woods, II Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears

In Love & Honor of Vicky Brenner's Birthday Given by Ed Spears

In Memory of Doug & Ann Spears Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers

> **Good Samaritan** In Honor of Jr. Fitzpatrick Given by Helen Johnson

Jail Ministry In Love & Honor of Cheryl Spears' Birthday Given by Ed Spears

In Honor of Cheryl Spears' Birthday Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers

In Honor of Ed & Cheryl Spears' Anniversary Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers

**Trustee's Project/New Bus** In Memory of Opal Clarke Given by John & Sue Lambert; Mark & Paulette Meenach; and Bill & Martha Rice

> In Memory of Mark Simmerman Given by Josette Gibson

In Memory of Bill Turner Given by Don & Gloria Neikirk; Bill & Martha Rice; and Mark & Paulette Meenach



Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes thanks CornerStone Methodist Church for their generous donation.

"Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time for the VBS brunch to help set up tents, tables, chairs, food and drinks. We want to give a special thanks to

all the great cooks who shared their delicious dishes with us and to those who donated fruits, meats, breads and donuts. Thanks also to all who helped clean up, wash dishes, and put everything back in its place. Our church is blessed to have such dynamic volunteers! Thank you!" - Cher and Gloria



Thinking of You Cards for Our Senior Members and Friends. Let's spread cheer and love to our senior members and friends. In our church foyer you will find a box in which to place cards to let them know we are thinking of them. These need to be dropped off no later than Friday, July 21.

Tootsie Baldock Sonnie Blanton **Billie Brown** Aileen Caines **Bill Clinger** Teddy Cole Tish Crawford Faye DeHart Shirley Dixon Jean Duncan Lois Early

Amos Gearheart Ann Gehringer Tony & Rose Grossl Margaret Hanks Dr. Malcolm King Mona Leibee Faye Lenning Gene Maddox Shelia McKee Ray McCann Linda Meyers Steve & Darlene Meyers Harry Wurts

John Newman Jim Newton Jack Nuckols Stella Pennington Jon Roberts Norma Thompson Kaelyn Wellman Karlene Wheeler Mary Wheeler Toby Williams Cheri Woods



Our New Bus Campaign continues to roll on!! We now have an accumulated amount of over \$21,000! Our goal is to purchase a gently used, 15 passenger, handicap accessible bus. A bus this size and age is priced in the

range of \$65,000 to \$85,000.

If you would like to make a donation to this campaign, please mark your envelope "Trustees Capital Projects."

Thank you so much to all of you who have made a donation to this project.



#### SENIORS MINISTRY

If you wish to be notified of upcoming events, please call Cindy Elkins at 606-465-1153 so you can be added to the contact thread.



Some of us had the privilege of spending time at Aldersgate Camp this past month, from elementary campers, to grandparents

# News and Events

and grandkids. We all had such a fun and meaningful time. From Sacred Circles and campfire songs, to the pool and a creek walk, to camp meals and community, to bird sounds and daily God sightings, God's presence was sensed. I hope many more of us will be able to attend next summer!

At the end of June, we hopped into our rocket and explored stellar space with ministry partners from Ashland First UMC. We prayed for families to come to Vacation Bible School, and they came! Thank you all for your outpouring of support and prayers.



July is a big month for our youth. At the beginning of the month we'll be sending some of our high school students to Aldersgate Camp. Please pray that they will encounter God. At the end of the month, some students and chaperones will be traveling to Memphis, TN, where they will lead Backyard Bible Clubs for local kids. They will be partnering with Street Reach ministry as well as Servant Life. Please pray that our students will be stretched, will grow, and will again encounter God.

As always, please pray for all of our young people - from our littlest in the nursery to our recent graduates who will be beginning college in the fall - that they will come to truly believe they are God's beloved.



All of you will be in my prayers for a wonderful and blessed Fourth of July. We are so blessed to have all the freedoms that God has given to us.

The camp in Costa Rica has fallen on some hard times due to some financial issues. They are reaching out for help. There are many ministries that have been started since Paul and Amy

Priest have been named the camp's directors. All of these programs are now in trouble due to money issues. These ministries include a feeding program in El Mirador, young adult bible study, a feeding program in Vera Cruz, opening the Pital church back up for worship services and Bible study, and the internship program that Joel will be a part of this fall. Amy has returned to Tennessee to work in providing more funding for the ministries. Please pray about helping these ministries supported by the camp.

As I stopped to pray for Paul, Amy, and the camp, our Lord led me to 1 Corinthians 9:1-7: Am I not

free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to eat and drink? Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

Our feeding program continues to serve food and Jesus to the children in Pital. The last feeding program served over 60 chil-

dren. Thank God for that! The bathroom for the feeding program that we started back in February is almost complete now, so that is another thing to give our thanks to God! Please keep Amy, Paul, the camp, and the people of Costa Rica in your prayers. Please contact me if you have any questions.

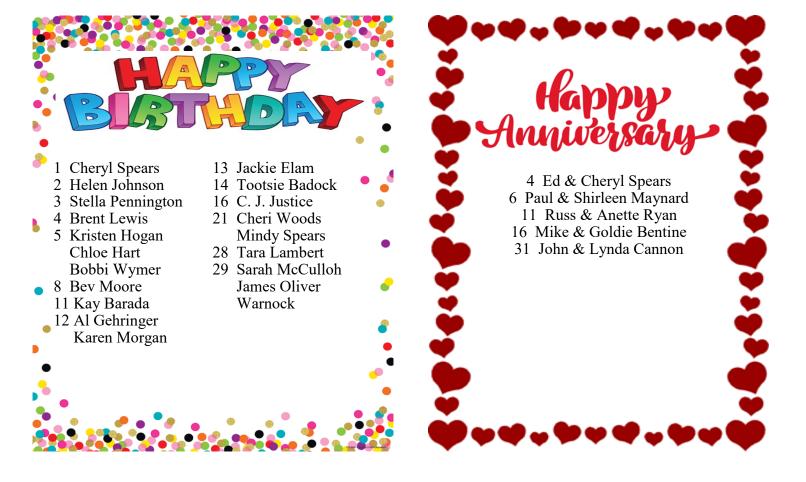
In His Love and Service,

Eduardo



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| 3 lines per brick<br>13 characters per line<br>1st line (IN MEMORY OF / IN HONOR OF)<br>2nd line—NAME<br>3rd line—NAME<br>\$35.00 donation per brick |  |
| I / We want to Adopt-A-Brick in the CornerStone<br>is a donation of \$35 per brick.<br>IN HONOR OF:  | Methodist Church Prayer Garden. Enclosed |





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| 2<br>8:30 Pastor Prayer Support<br>9:00 Sanctuary & FB/Drive-In<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11:15 FLC & FB Live<br>5:30 Youth                                      | 3<br>8:30 Pastors Covenant<br>Group                           | 4<br>7:00 Scouts<br>Independence Day -<br>Church Office Closed             | 5   | 6<br>9:00 Praying for the Church<br>6:30 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Praise Team   | 7                           | 8   |
| 9<br>8:30 Pastor Prayer Support<br>9:00 Sanctuary & FB/Drive-In<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11:15 FLC & FB Live<br>2:00 Stephen Ministry<br>Training<br>5:50 Youth | 10<br>8:30 Pastors Covenant<br>Group<br>6:00 Stephen Ministry | 11<br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br>6:30 Trustees<br>7:00 Scouts                   | 12  | 13<br>9:00 Praying for the Church<br>6:30 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Praise Team  | 14<br>5:30 Scouts Lock-In   | 15<br>10:00 Ashland Area<br>Methodist Men |
| 16<br>8:30 Pastor Prayer Support<br>9:00 Sanctuary & FB/Drive-In<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11:15 FLC & FB Live<br>5:30 Youth                                     | 17<br>8:30 Pastors Covenant<br>Group                          | 18<br>6:30 Finance Meeting<br>7:00 Admin Council<br>Meeting<br>7:00 Scouts | 19  | 20<br>9:00 Praying for the Church<br>6:30 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Praise Team  | 21<br>6:30 Emmaus Gathering | 22<br>4:00 Emmaus' Reunion<br>Picnic      |
| 23<br>8:30 Pastor Prayer Support<br>9:00 Sanctuary & FB/Drive-In<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11:15 FLC & FB Live<br>2:00 Stephen Ministry<br>Training              | 24<br>8:30 Pastors Covenant<br>Group<br>6:00 Stephen Ministry | 25<br>6:00 Loving Arms<br>7:00 Scouts                                      | 26  | 27<br>9:00 Praying for the Church<br>6:00 Senior Adult Dinner<br>(Belle Fonte)<br>6:30 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Praise Team | 28                          | 29  |
| 30<br>8:30 Pastor Prayer Support<br>9:00 Sanctuary & FB/Drive-In<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11:15 FLC & FB Live<br>5:30 Youth<br>6:30 Fifth Sunday Sing           | 31<br>8:30 Pastors Covenant<br>Group                          |  |     |   |                             |   |



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