



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

# June 2023

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Mike Harbour, Peyton Levi, Hunter Blankenship, Jacob Shytle, Barb Mitchell Confirmation Sunday is always a special time in the life of our church. After attending three weekend confirmation retreats, where our confirmands learned about what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the Methodist tradition, we had young people making professions of faith, getting baptized, and being welcomed into full membership in the life of CornerStone. It is exciting to see God working in their lives and even more exciting to see where the Christian journey takes each of our newest members as they follow God's leading in their lives.

In light of our recent celebration of Confirmation, I want to remind all of us that salvation is a journey, not a destination. Most of you can probably remember a particular moment in your life in which you became a Christian. Maybe it was your own Confirmation, where you said no to the power of sin and yes to Jesus Christ as Lord. Maybe it was your baptism, for those of you who were baptized as young people or adults. Maybe it was a moment at church camp when you responded to an altar call to surrender your life to Christ. I hope it is true that your spiritual life is much different and more mature than it was on that day. I hope, looking back, you can see the progress you have made in walking daily with Jesus. That progress, that change, in your life is why I say salvation is a journey and not a destination.

In the same way you have journeyed forward in your Christian life, there is still a journey forward for each of us. That journey takes intentional effort - we don't get there by accident. Ephesians 5:18 tells us to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and, according to linguists, the understanding of the word *filled* is an ongoing action. The text could read, "Be daily filled with the Holy Spirit." Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us to regularly meet together and urge one another on in love and good works. Romans 10:17 tells us that the source of faith is hearing the Word of God. Each of these texts indicates that we have to be active participants in our own faith journey.

So if you are feeling stagnated in your faith walk, ask yourself, "What activity have I neglected that is essential for my spiritual development?". See what is missing from your life and then get to work. Because salvation is not a destination, it is a journey. And with Jesus as your travel companion, it is the best journey ever.

Pastor Keith

### Living the Bible Life

#### A Humble Thought from Pastor John

If you are anything like me, you have a need to grow in your faith and in your relationship with God. I think that is true for even the holiest of people. The more we know God, the more we realize that we need to grow closer to Him.

In middle school science classes, I learned about osmosis. This is the "process by which molecules of a solvent tend to pass through a semipermeable membrane from a more concentrated solution into a less concentrated one, thus equalizing the concentrations on each side of the membrane." My science teacher explained it to us like this: "If it were possible, it would be like putting your science book under your pillow at night, and, over the course of the night, the information from your science book would fill your mind. So you would be smarter in the morning and pass your science test tomorrow." Oh, the thought of that working! Wouldn't that be so nice and convenient?

Unfortunately, life does not work that way. For the sake of our spiritual lives, we must read to absorb, but in order to fully absorb what we have read, we must apply (or practice) what we read. Here are five ways to apply Scripture to your daily life:

- 1. Allow the Scripture you read to teach you. Admit you don't know it all and ask that the words you read would speak wisdom into your life. **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.**
- 2. Allow the Scripture you read to expose sin in your life. Admit you are not perfect yet, but you are intentionally working on it. **Read Psalm 119:11.**
- 3. Pray that God would speak to you through what you are getting ready to read. Then, after you have read, pray for enlightenment and wisdom to apply what you have read. **Read Hebrews 4:12.**
- 4. Intentionally work on one thing at a time. You don't have to be perfect instantly, but you must make an effort to do what you have read. **Read James 1:22.**
- 5. Memorize key verses. Meditating and repeating Scripture allows God's Word to take up residence in your heart and mind. We all need a little more of His Word in our lives. **Proverbs 22:17-19.**

Those five ways to apply Scripture are all about humility. Having a humble attitude as you approach the Bible will help you apply what you have read. So let us live the Bible life together.

#### Questions of the day:

Are you being a good steward of God's Holy Word? How can you apply a biblical principle to your life today?

Living the Life God has Given, Pastor John

## **CornerStone MC Treasurer's Report - April 2023**

<b>Current Month</b>	Budget Items	Specials	Totals	
Beginning Balance	\$14,050.70	\$41,870.64	\$55,921.34	
Receipts	\$56,190.64	\$10,004.80	\$66,195.44	
Disbursements	(\$50,822.84)	(\$10,185.94)	(\$61,008.78)	
Transfer	\$12,188.60	(\$1,947.38)	\$10,241.22	
Closing Balance	\$31,607.10	\$39,742.12	\$71,349.22	
Year-to-Date				
Balance 12/31/2022	\$20,063.93	\$75,306.83	\$95,370.76	
Receipts	\$182,522.28	\$26,846.17	\$209,368.45	
Disbursements	(\$189,137.27)	(\$54,775.92)	(\$243,913.19)	
Transfer	\$18,158.16	(\$7,634.96)	\$10,523.20	
Closing Balance	\$31,607.10	\$39,742.12	\$71,349.22	

#### **Honors & Memorials**

<u>Budget</u> In Honor of Joel Katterheinrich Given Anonymously

In Memory of Opal Clarke Given by Elfie Sologic; Ed & Cheryl Spears; Leif, Ashley, & Parker Clarke; Rosemary Clarke Anderson; Bert Jo, Nikki, & Jeremy Patton; Tom & Ann Burnette; Loyal Followers Sunday school class; and Bert W. Patton Estate (by Nikki Griffith)

*In Memory of Mark Simmerman* Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears

In Memory of P. R. Maynard Given by Lisa Hammond

#### Bereavement Fund

In Memory of Opal Clarke Given by the Clarke Family

Buy-out Fund (Loan) In Memory of Mark Simmerman Given by Skippy Simmerman

In Memory of Dot Ellington Given by Skippy Simemrman

Hillcrest Bruce Mission In Memory of P. R. Maynard Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears

Jail Ministry In Memory of Dot Ellington Given by Carl & Mary Warnock

#### Loving Arms

In Honor of Donita Cox and In Memory of Jimmy Cox Given by Randy & Cynde Elkins

In Honor of Jon & Brenda Roberts and In Memory of Philip Roberts Given by Randy & Cynde Elkins

Trustee's Project/New Bus

In Memory of P. R. Maynard Given by Don & Gloria Neikirk

*In Memory of Opal Clarke* Given by Helen Johnson



"Thank you for allowing us to use your facilities for our beloved mother's funeral, Opal Clarke. We sincerely appreciate having the funeral in the church she attended for over 50 years! May God continue to bless your ministry. Thank you for opening your church for Mom's funeral. Pastor Keith did an amazing job. Mom loved her church family, and going to church was the highlight of her week. God's blessings on you for the kindness you've shown." - Clarke Family (Leif, Ashlee, & Parker)

"Many thanks for providing so generously for a hot meal for our family to share after the burial service. The food was delicious and enjoyed by all. Funerals and weddings are one of the few times we get together to renew our family ties, and we come from several states, but in the end our hearts beat together to glorify our great God; Jesus our Savior; and the Holy Spirit, who bestows His peace that passes understanding." - Clarke Family (Rosemary, Jerie, Kevin, Leif, & Parker)

"We are so blessed that you are our host church! Thank you for all the many ways you help and support our class. We appreciate you so much!" - Ashland Women's CBS Class

"Thank you for the calls, visits, food, and cards that I received during my recovery for my shoulder replacement. Most of all, thank you for the prayers from the congregation at CornerStone Methodist Church." - Sue Lambert

"The Trustees would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to these four men who have continuously kept our grounds looking great week after week: Jim Hunt, Don Neikirk, Bill Rice, and Mike VanHoose. We also want to give a HUGE THANK YOU to Ed Spears and his guys who have helped ease the load for the past few weeks: Steve Carver, Dwayne Grubb, and Brent Neikirk. Each of you are a blessing to our church!" - CornerStone Trustees



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.



#### **THANK YOU!**

A BIG THANKS to everyone who assisted with our spring cleanup days at the CornerStone and Centenary church properties. We sincerely appreciate all of your efforts to keep our churches and grounds looking great!

# Youth & Children's

We kicked off May with Graduate Recognition Sunday, honoring our four deserving graduates and their proud families, and

## NEWS AND EVENTS

ended with Confirmation Sunday, confirming three young people into church membership here at CornerStone and celebrating two baptisms! Praise God!

I'm also pleased to announce that, in conjunction with Ashland First UMC, our congregations raised over \$1,500 for the global water crisis through participation in the 6k for Water at Central Park. It was a fun morning, full of positive energy. I hope you can make plans to participate next May for Ashland's third annual 6k for Water!

Thank you to our volunteers who attended the Safe Sanctuaries training at the end of May. This annual training is required for all of our children's and youth volunteers. If



you were unable to attend but would still like to volunteer in the coming year, contact me and I will email you a recording of the training and the online quiz needed to generate your certificate of completion. We are truly grateful for your service.

While children's evening programming takes its own vacation over the summer, activities don't cease. Aldersgate Camp will see a range of individuals from our CornerStone family: from elementary, to middle school, to senior high, to Grand Campers. **VBS** will also take place over a weekend this year.



**VBS Programming** will occur **here** at CornerStone on **June 23-25** at the following times:

- Friday, 6:00 pm 8:00 pm. Meal provided.
- Saturday, 10:00 am 2:00 pm. Lunch provided.
- Sunday, 9:00 am 12:00 pm. Children will sing in the morning services, and brunch will be served during the Sunday School hour.

You won't want to miss it! Please extend the invitation to families in your circles.

To better serve our church community in case of an emergency, we would like to offer **First Aid/CPR training** for staff, children's & youth volunteers, or anyone interested in participating. KDMC is offering us the following options:

- FREE Family & Friends CPR course. Wednesday, July 12, or Tuesday, July 25. 9-11 am or 1-3 pm.
- First Aid/CPR certification through the American Heart Association. \$75/participant. Saturday, July 1, 10:00 am 3:00 pm. Lunch provided.

You do not need to register for the Family and Friends option and can show up at any of the four available times. These will be offered at KDMC CPR Training Center, 2432 Carter Ave. You DO need to register for the AHA course. If you'd like to attend, please submit your payment to me by June 1 so KDMC can provide the necessary number of trainers.

At the end of July, youth will be going on a mission trip to Memphis, TN, to lead local kids in Backyard Bible Clubs. To cover the cost of each participant and chaperone, we will have a display set up in the church foyer with envelopes numbered 1-100. You're invited to partner with us by taking an envelope, filling it with the amount noted (for example, \$2 if numbered 2), and dropping it in the offering basket. If every envelope is filled, this will cover the cost for each participant's lodging, meals, mission site programming, supplies needed for Bible Clubs, and funds for youth to attend the National Civil Rights Museum or other enrichment/fun activities while in Memphis. Thank you in advance for contributing in this way, and please be in prayer for our youth as they will be positively stretched as leaders this summer.

-Genée

**CURRICULUM SALE!** 

Christian Home Educators Fellowship

Christian Home Educators Fellowship (CHEF) will be at CornerStone on **TUESDAY, JUNE 6,** for a curriculum sale in the Family Life Center from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. Please encourage your homeschooling friends, neighbors, and family members to attend!



JUNE Items of the month: "WOW" GIFTS & TOYS

Suggestions: Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Soccer Balls (deflated w/ pump), Musical Instruments, Cars, Books, Puzzles, Games, Slinkies, Yo-Yos, and Jump Ropes

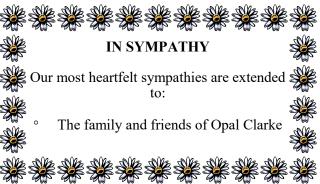
There will be a collection box in the foyer to drop off your gifts. Each gift should be able to fit in a shoebox. We will gladly accept donations for postage. Each box costs \$10 to ship.

**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 Children's scissors Colored pencil and markers Construction paper Crayons, pens, and pencils Deodorant Erasers Hand sanitizer (small bottles) Rulers School glue and glue sticks Shampoo (travel size) Toothpaste (travel and large size) Vitamins (children's, prenatal, and seniors) White Twin Sheet Sets









The mowing season is well underway at our church properties of CornerStone and Centenary and the former parsonage on Walnut Avenue.

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.



Dear Church Family,

I look and think about God's work and blessings He has shown to us in just the first five months of this year concerning Costa Rica. He has spiritually and literally led over 1,500 children just in Pital, guided the 2023 team to be His hands and feet, blessed Paul and Amy with new ministries of His choosing, and led Joel to be a

servant of His in Costa Rica. I could go on, but the point is, when God chooses a ministry, it is our blessing to be a part of His plan.

I pray that each of you enjoyed hearing from Amy Priest about all the ministries going on and around the camp. I appreciated her time and energy to bring the good news to us.

On Saturday, May 13, Martin and Natalia held the feeding program and Bible story time for 53 children. I want to thank all of you for your support. Without you, there is no other funding to feed these children. Proverbs 22:9 came to my mind as I was praying about what to write: "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

As you all know, the dates for the 2024 team are February 5-13. I purchased 15 tickets, which are all taken now.

Please pray about helping to support the feeding program or other ministries at the camp. Thanks for all of your love and support of these ministries.

In His Love and Service,

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