



CornerStone
METHODIST CHURCH

South Winds

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

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On Sunday, I mentioned that we could do a whole sermon series on making Jesus the center of our lives. As I have been thinking on that statement, I was reminded of a text in Hebrews. The writer of Hebrews said, "Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and *go on to maturity*," (Hebrews 6:1, ESV). The King James says *go on to perfection*. Either way, this is what we mean by sanctification.

Notice in the text that maturity (or sanctification) is not something that accidentally happens. The text says to leave elementary teachings and go on to maturity. We have to take an active role in pursuing Christian maturity. So the question we must ask is how do we do that? I believe the answer lies in Spiritual disciplines.

Some spiritual disciplines are simple to understand and pursue. Spending time in the Scriptures is fairly straightforward. As followers of Jesus, we need to spend time in the Bible every day. This is why we have the daily Bible reading plan. This is a guide to help keep all of us in the Word and it is provoking questions and comments among church members as we all read the same thing. On multiple occasions in Bible study, someone will mention the daily reading text and how it applies to what we are studying that night. There are many different ways to read the Bible: straight through in a year, chronologically in a year, Old Testament and New Testament texts every day. You should mix it up and try different plans, but be in the Word of God every day.

There are other disciplines that are not so simple to understand. Why are Wesley groups so effective? What is it about confessing our sin to close Christian companions that is beneficial to the sanctification process? I don't know, but I do know it works. Just ask any Twelve Step proponent and they will tell you it is essential to recovery.

Then there are disciplines that I have so little experience with that I cannot say how to implement them in the Christian life. But this is the exciting thing about the Christian life: it is a journey and there is always room for more growth. Right now, God is working in an area of my life that, after some more practice, I will be ready to talk about. But for now, know that God is calling us to be transformed into the image of Christ, which takes discipline. So get on the daily reading plan, join a small group, and spend time in prayer. Let's move towards maturity together.

Pastor Keith

NEW Offering Envelopes



NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

In an effort to reduce costs, the church has switched to a “loose” giving envelope format. These new envelopes will not have dates or member numbers on them, so you will need to write your name, along with the amount given, on the envelope. The date is optional.

The new “loose” offering envelopes will be available for pick up in the sanctuary foyer later in November. Please take as many envelopes as you need based on your giving frequency.



Thanksgiving Baskets

On Sunday, November 20, we will bring our Thanksgiving baskets and place them around the altar for Hillcrest Bruce Mission. The following suggested items are for a basket that serves four:

- 3lb canned ham
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Gravy
- Instant milk
- Stove top stuffing
- Rolls
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Jell-O or other prepared desserts (no cream pies)
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Saltines
- Macaroni and cheese
- Spaghetti and sauce
- Cans of beef stew, chili, or tuna
- Tuna and/or hamburger helper
- Applesauce

This time of year, food pantries’ supplies are often sparse, so please give generously.



Church Thanksgiving Meal

The church-wide Thanksgiving meal will be held on Wednesday, November 15, at 5:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center



The church office will be **CLOSED** on **Thursday, November 23,** and **Friday, November 24,** to celebrate the Thanksgiving holidays.

IN SYMPATHY

Our most heartfelt sympathies are extended to:

The family and friends of
Teresa Kirkpatrick

The family and friends of
Darlene Meyers

Hardwired for Thankfulness

A Thanksgiving Thought from Pastor John

I remember as a kid when my Mom used to always remind me to say, "Thank you." When someone at church gave me a piece of candy or gum, I'd hear, "Now, what do you say?" Of course, my reply was always, "Thank you." I often, very often, needed reminding.

Read Psalm 9:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 and Colossians 3:15-17.

In the Bible we are constantly reminded to be a thankful people: giving thanks to God and giving thanks for the believers around us. As we do so, we are encouraged and so are others.

Here are a few reminders of how you can be thankful...

Thank you God for loving me and sending your Son to bring my dead self to life.

Thank you Pastor Keith for faithfully and accurately sharing God's Word with us every time you preach.

Thank you Jr., Krista, Madison, Adam, and others for sharing your media skills with us each week.

Thank you Genée and all our volunteers who lead our children and youth into deeper relationships with Jesus.

Thank you to all our musicians and singers for leading us in worship each week.

Always be thankful. Don't reserve giving thanks just around the table on Thanksgiving day. Let the world know you are excited to be alive and that you and your neighbors are loved by God, saved through Jesus, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Questions of the day:

What do you have to be thankful for?

How can you be an encourager of those who are your neighbors?

Living the Life God has Given,
Pastor John

CornerStone MC Treasurer's Report - October 2023

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$57,717.27	\$53,102.57	\$110,819.84
Receipts	\$42,438.86	\$4,497.40	\$46,936.26
Disbursements	(\$48,495.57)	(\$7,373.39)	(\$55,868.96)
Transfer	\$1,608.35	(\$1,608.35)	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$53,268.91	\$48,618.23	\$101,887.14
Year-to-Date			
Balance 12/31/2022	\$20,063.93	\$75,306.83	\$95,370.76
Receipts	\$403,597.35	\$218,181.28	\$621,778.63
Disbursements	(\$396,656.68)	(\$229,128.77)	(\$625,785.45)
Transfer	\$26,264.31	(\$15,741.11)	\$10,523.20
Closing Balance	\$53,268.91	\$48,618.23	\$101,887.14

Honors & Memorials

Backpack Ministry

*In Honor of Pastor Keith, Pastor John,
and all Riders for Bikes for Backpacks*
Given by John & Sue Lambert

In Memory of Darlene Meyers
Given by Jim & Susan Ifert

Budget

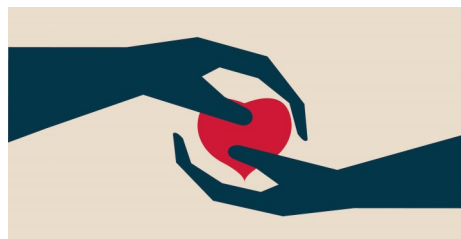
In Memory of Teresa Kirkpatrick
Given by Lisa Hammond

Choir Fund

In Memory of Wanda Baker
Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears
and Al & Becky Gehring

In Memory of Darlene Cahal
Given by Mrs. Skippy Simmerman & Family

In Memory of Harold Watson
Given by Mrs. Skippy Simmerman & Family



Missions

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

Budget

In Memory of Rachael Knee
Given by Loyal Followers
Sunday School Class

Costa Rica Farm

In Honor of Bill & Martha Rice
Given by Mike Dove

Trustee's Project/New Bus

In Memory of Wanda Baker
Given by Randy & Cynde Elkins

In Memory of Robert Barrels
Given by Randy & Cynde Elkins

In Memory of Teresa Kirkpatrick
Given by Randy & Cynde Elkins

In Memory of Rachael Knee
Given by Randy & Cynde Elkins

In Memory of Darlene Meyers
Given by Randy & Cynde Elkins

In Memory of Grady Walter
Given by Randy & Cynde Elkins

Costa Rica Feeding Program

In Memory of
Given by



“Dear CornerStone, Thank you for letting our Beta Club use your gym for our homecoming! We all had a great evening, and we appreciate the generosity and hospitality of everyone at CornerStone.” - Carter Beaumont, President, CHEF Beta Club

“The Trustees greatly appreciate all those who helped with our fall clean-up day. Even though our tasks came to an end when the rain began, we were able to accomplish a great amount of work. Thank you to all the men and women who helped to maintain the beauty of our church grounds. Our church is blessed to have so many diligent workers!” - Gloria Neikirk

LET'S GET A NEW BUS!

We are in need of a gently used, handicap accessible bus! The campaign to achieve this goal continues to accumulate the amount needed. This bus will benefit everyone, especially our senior members and youth.



Currently, we have amassed over \$26,000 toward reaching our goal. Please pray about giving to this campaign. Mark your envelope “Trustees Capital Projects.”

We appreciate each one of you who has donated to this project. You are a blessing!

Youth & Children's

News and Events

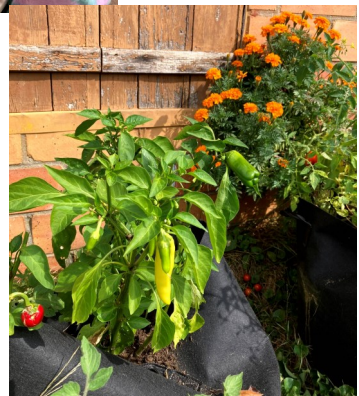
Jesus modeled - for people in His culture and in ours today - the importance of eating with one another. Social status was never a deterrent for Jesus, neither was religious status nor gender. Jesus dined with all, broke bread for all. After Jesus' resurrection, John lets us in on a beach breakfast Jesus had prepared for his fishing friends. Not the Hebrew Scriptures, the Gospels, nor the Acts of the Apostles are lacking invitations to come eat with one another.

Thankfully, that invitation is one we gladly carry on today in our church tradition. On Sunday nights, volunteers provide meals for kids and youth and their adult leaders. Each Wednesday night, our congregation shares a meal together. Leading up to Thanksgiving, our Stewardship & Missions class and youth group will be sorting food at Hillcrest Bruce to send food baskets to dozens of families in our community so they, too, have the chance to break bread together over the special holiday weekend.

I am so easily swept up in the multi-tasking nature of our society, I sometimes eat without considering the work, sacrifice, and care that went into the food entering my mouth or the people I'm sharing it with. How many hands were involved in growing, harvesting, transporting, and selling these ingredients to me? How far did it travel to make it to my plate? Do the people who picked my vegetables have enough to feed their families, too? How is the soul of the person sitting across the table from me?

Next time we sit down to eat, may we remember the sacredness of our action and in the same breath give thanks to God for His provision, crying to God for those who are hungry at this very moment. May we be intentional in our breaking of bread and sharing a meal, and may we be moved to give.

- Genée





Dear Brothers and Sisters, I pray God has held and blessed you as He will in this Thanksgiving season. We all are so blessed to have a God who loves, holds, and protects us every day of our lives that He has given to us. All is His.

Work at the Costa Rica camp continues as they build, not only physical structures, but also bonds with the Costa Rican people. Joel has received high praise for his work and commitment to our Lord. He has been leading young adult groups and even preached in Pital on Sunday, October 15. I was told he did a marvelous job, which is no surprise to you or me, I am sure.



The Pital feeding program continues to operate and grow in the number of children you are supporting. I thank God every day for my amazing, giving, and caring church family. It warms my heart when Natalia sends me pictures of these children literally being fed along with their souls being fed as well. All the smiles are worth a million dollars to me. This would not be happening without all of you. *Thanks* does not seem enough, but that's all I can say.

I have prayed many times that God would give me more eloquent words or style to convey my thoughts. It just has not happened. I suppose He wants me to stay the dumb Kentucky man for some reason. I am sure it is His plan. God has often led me to 1 Corinthians 1:28-31: *God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things - and the things that are not - to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.'*

I read in the footnotes that this verse suggests that God prefers to use people and things considered lowly or weak by society's standards to accomplish His purposes. I equate that to mean, not only was I lowly, but I also argued with God about not being the person for His job in missions. I learned He has given me more than I need for His purposes. He can and does the same for all of us. That gave me comfort when I finally understood what God was saying.

As I was finishing this article, I received the sad, heartbreaking news that Teresa Kirkpatrick had gone to be with our Lord. Sad for us, but a day of celebration for her. She has been an integral part of the Costa Rica mission team, having been a member for fourteen of our trips. She loved helping with VBS and the Feeding Program and being a member of the Painting Sisters. She especially loved holding the babies! Teresa will be missed by all. Please keep Larry and the rest of Teresa's family lifted up in your prayers.

Your team's plan for the February 2024 trip continues well. At this point, there are 17 from our church and area. We also have five from Georgia joining us and maybe three from Maryland.

Please keep the team, Joel, and the Costa Rican people in your prayers.

Thanks, and Blessings to all in His Love and Service - Eduardo



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

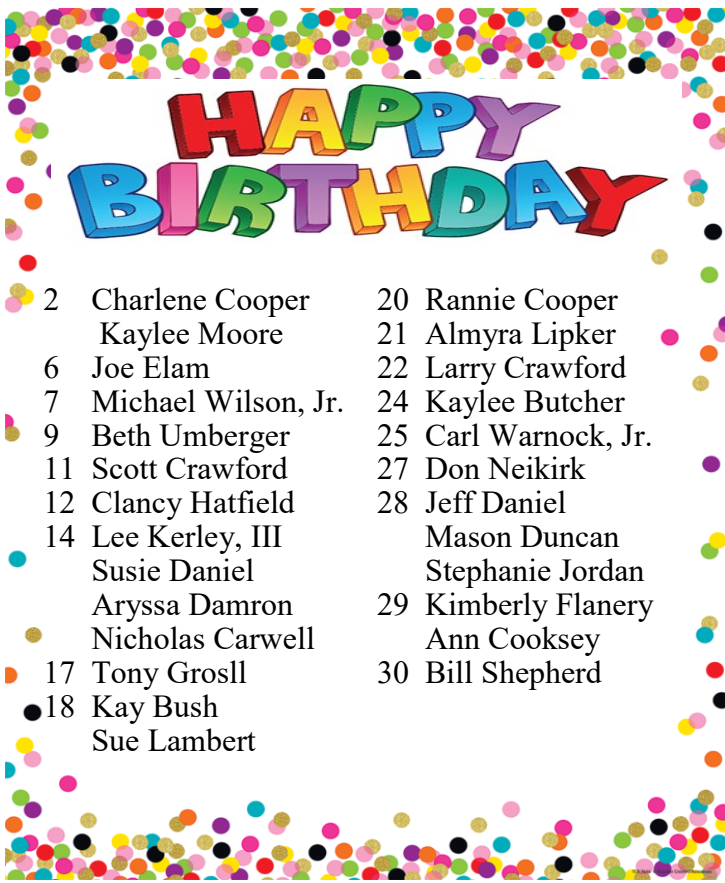


PACKING PARTY

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 11

@ 11:00 am

in the Family Life Center
Pizza will be provided.



- 2 Charlene Cooper
- 6 Joe Elam
- 7 Michael Wilson, Jr.
- 9 Beth Umberger
- 11 Scott Crawford
- 12 Clancy Hatfield
- 14 Lee Kerley, III
- 17 Tony Grosll
- 18 Kay Bush
- 20 Rannie Cooper
- 21 Almyra Lipker
- 22 Larry Crawford
- 24 Kaylee Butcher
- 25 Carl Warnock, Jr.
- 27 Don Neikirk
- 28 Jeff Daniel
- 29 Kimberly Flanery
- 30 Bill Shepherd



- 6 Jon & Brenda Roberts
- 9 Carl & Mary Warnock
- 12 Mike & Linda VanHoose
- 18 Fred & Deanie Fields

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 7:30 Pastor Prayer Support 8:00 Bilingual Worship 8:00-12:00 Discipleship Classes 9:30 Traditional Worship 10:00 Discipleship Hour 11:00 Contemporary Worship 5:30 Youth & God's Gang/Godly Play 5:30 Women's Class 5:30 Lifegroup	6 8:30 Pastors Covenant Group 6:30 Lifegroup 7:00 p.m. Lifegroup	7 11:00 Friends of the Children 11:00 Lifegroup 7:00 Scouts	8 10:00 Men's Class 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Children's Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Puppets 6:30 Stewardship & Missions	9 9:00 Praying for the Church 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Praise Team 6:30 Red Letter Bible Study	10	11 11:00 OCC Packing Party
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