

CORNERSTONE METHODIST NEWSLETTER

A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

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OU' IN THE CORNER – ACTS 26:26

❖ Stop by the Welcome Table to sign in and get information.

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION TEAM

Mission for March: BABY LOVE

You are invited to a Baby Shower during Snack Time on March 29 for The Pregnancy Center. Bring Diapers (sizes 4,5,6 or 7) of Formula (Enfamil yellow or Enfamil Gentlease purple) or any new item you wish! You may drop off your items on any Sunday in March. Saving babies and moms.

Thanks, your Mission Team: Bettye, Ben, Charles, Jan T, Patsy, Roy

REFRESHMENTS

March 8 – Linda Dain and JoAnn Poole, March 15 – Carla and Ben Oefinger, March 22 – Patsy Helmcamp and Bettye Cook, March 29 – Jan Tomanio, Cindy Brown and Rosie Herrera.

WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

Women's Group is studying *The Handwriting on the Wall* by Dr. David Jeremiah. We will be reading Chapters 17 and 18 for our meeting on March 5 at Shawn Tindell's House. This study will conclude on March 12.

The Assembly of Bishops of the Global Methodist Church has a Teaching Series called *The World is Our Parish*. There are video lessons and short lessons for each session. I will have a copy of the handout for each of you on March 12. The meeting will be at Ann Finnell's. We will skip the week of March 19 (Spring Break) and start *The World is Our Parish* on March 26 at Helen Brown's House.

During Lent, J D Walt is doing a series for Lent entitled *Jesus Asking – The Three Transformational Questions of Lent*. I encourage you to follow J D. If you need help signing up, please call me at 817-343-7072.

Finally, Women's Group will have a Craft Day on March 16 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Joe's Shop, 6037 County Road 311, Grandview, Texas. We will paint a watercolor cross to celebrate Easter. There will be several crosses to choose from. Mary Parvin, an artist in mixed media, and longtime art teacher at Cleburne High School will lead us. The cost is \$20. You must RSVP and pay to Bettye Cook or Jan White by March 8. All materials will be furnished. Refreshments will be served. Invite your friends and neighbors. (we have plenty of room for everyone!)

CORNERSTONE CLASS NOTES

Read the remainder of Chapter 8 in John. Keep in mind that when Jesus says He is the light of the world, he is standing near the giant menorah that is symbolically lighting the temple area during the ceremony.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Week Services will be held at the Conference Center March 30-April 3. Cornerstone Methodist will be recognized on Tuesday, March 31. Jimmy Fife will give the opening prayer and Ben Oefinger is the speaker. Please plan to be there!

CONSTRUCTION PLANS FROM THE BUILDERS (GRADES 5-9)

Spring is here – ready or not. The Builders ended their winter semester of lessons last Sunday. This Sunday they will begin their spring semester, and it starts out with a look at Jesus' final days. They will begin with Jesus' ride into Jerusalem on the donkey and the crowd's reaction. The lesson is on following Jesus because we love Him, not because it's popular. The aim is to encourage The Builders to consider more than their feelings when evaluating their walk with God. Their feelings change so it is important for them to base their walk with God on the solid truths of the Bible and on God's never changing love for them. Living by Christ's teachings and Biblical principles will offer a stable foundation for life. Jesus is our cornerstone and the Bible is our blueprint. Please pray for our youth and encourage our youth.

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR 'TUNDE

Dear Cornerstone Methodist Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We now find ourselves in the third week of Lent, a sacred season of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent invites us to slow down and intentionally walk with Jesus on the road toward the cross. It is not merely a tradition on the church calendar; it is a spiritual journey that calls us deeper. As Scripture reminds us, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). In these remaining weeks before Easter, may we continue to examine our hearts, surrender afresh, and allow Christ to shape us from the inside out.

As we prepare ourselves for the joy and victory of Easter morning, I encourage each of you to begin thinking prayerfully about someone you can invite to join us. Easter is a powerful opportunity to share the hope of the resurrection with neighbors, friends, coworkers, and family members right here in Cleburne. Many people are more open to attending church during this season than at any other time of the year. Let us be intentional. Ask the Lord to place a name on your heart and trust Him to prepare the way.

We also want to continue lifting up in prayer those among us who are recovering from surgery and various health challenges. Your church family stands with you. As Paul writes in Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Let us not grow weary in showing care through prayers, calls, visits, and encouragement.

Our world continues to experience great distress—conflicts among nations, economic uncertainty, and deep divisions. As believers, we are called to be people of prayer. I urge you to pray daily for world peace. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 encourages us to offer "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings... for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life." Prayer may seem simple, but it is powerful. The church has always advanced on its knees.

Over the next three weeks, we will be blessed to have various speakers minister the Word of God during our worship services. I am grateful for these faithful servants who will pour into us. While I will mostly be present in church, I will be sitting and listening alongside you, allowing the Lord to refresh and renew me as well. Every pastor needs moments to receive and be filled again, and I look forward to what God will speak to all of us during this season. We shall continue our Bible study for the book of Galatians. We are now beginning the second chapter this week.

Cornerstone family, may this Lenten journey prepare us not only for Easter Sunday but for the "next level" God is calling us into as a congregation. May He energize us, deepen our faith, strengthen our unity, and enlarge our vision for what He desires to do in and through us.

Let us continue walking with Jesus—faithfully, prayerfully, and expectantly.

With gratitude and hope,

Your brother and friend, Rev. Dr. Babatunde "Tunde" Oladimeji

Pastor, Cornerstone Methodist Church

CEEBRATIONS

- Birthdays
 - Friday, March 6 – Alexas Sanders
 - FYI Tuesday, March 3 – J D Walt
- Anniversary
 - Saturday, March 7 – Barry and Gwen Shook – 31 years
- It feels like spring
- Cheryl has graduated to walking with a cane.
- Gwen and Barry were in church on Sunday.
- Charles and Judy Allen were in church on Sunday.
- Cindy Brown was in church on Sunday.
- Carla Oefinger is recovering from COVID.

CONCERNS

- Lami is undergoing treatment for her cancer. She is experiencing a lot of pain as well as having trouble sleeping. She also has some GI issues.
- NEW: Sophia, Marianna and Perry Tassin's granddaughter, is hospitalized at Children's in Dallas with RSV and Epiglottitis, a dangerous narrowing of closure of the airway.
- Janet Faver cut her hand on Friday. She has several stitches and is in some pain.
- Ron and Brenda Driggers are under the weather.
- UPDATE: Joe Browder passed away at 8:30 Saturday night. His memorial service will be later this month.
- Sylvia Browder broke her hip and is in Rehab.
- James Neeley's nephew, a GMC missionary, is headed to Slovenia.
- The Middle East
- A family friend of the Tassin's, Barbara Aker, passed away.
- The Johnson's good friend, Jimmy Brookshire, passed away.
- Texans on Mission is on standby to go to Israel.
- Leona Peacock is recovering from surgery.
- Cindy Brown is doing well. She has physical therapy and is walking.
- Gwen and Barry are doing well.
- Hazel Bell, pianist at First Methodist, is in rehab after suffering a fall.

CALENDAR

- Tuesday, March 3
 - Galatians Bible Study – 6 p.m.
 - Wesley Memorial
- Wednesday, March 4
 - Prayer Meeting – 5 p.m.
 - Pastor 'Tunde's Office
- Thursday, March 5
 - Women's Group – 9:30 a.m. – Shawn Tindell's House
 - *The Handwriting on the Wall, Chapters 17-18*
- Thursday, March 5
 - Cornerstone Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m.

- Seventh-day Adventist church
- Saturday, March 7
 - Men's Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.
 - The Victory Building
- Sunday, March 8
 - Second Sunday Singles – after worship
 - Pasta Fina
- Friday, March 13
 - Salt Shakers – 11:30 a.m.
 - Wesley Memorial
 - Covered Dish
- Monday, March 16
 - Women's Craft Night, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
 - Joe White's Shop – 6037 County Road 311, Grandview
 - Carpools available
 - Cost - \$20
 - RSVP and pay Bettye Cook or Jan White by March 8
 - Let Jan White know if you need a ride to the event. 817-343-7072

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, March 29
 - Palm Sunday
- Monday, March 30 – Friday, April 2
 - Holy Week Services at the Conference Center
- Tuesday, March 31
 - Cornerstone recognized at Holy Week Services
 - Jimmy Fife providing the Prayer
 - Ben Oefinger is the speaker
 - Please plan to attend!
- Thursday, April 2
 - Maundy Thursday Service – 6 p.m.
 - Seventh-day Adventist Sanctuary
- Friday, April 3
 - Good Friday Service – 6 p.m.
 - Seventh-day Adventist Sanctuary
- Saturday, April 4
 - Methodist Men's Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.
 - Joe White's Shop
- Sunday, April 5
 - Easter