

CORNERSTONE METHODIST NEWSLETTER

A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 12, 2025

YEAR 3, WEEK 27

OU' IN THE CORNER – ACTS 26:26

- ❖ Stop by the Welcome Table to sign in and get information.
- ❖ There will be a Fire Drill on Sunday, October 19. Exit to the right side of the Sanctuary. Our ushers will direct you.
- ❖ PINK OUT on Sunday, October 26. Wear your pink in support of Cancer Awareness. We have lots of survivors!

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION TEAM

National Night Out was a great outreach. 37 visitors and 23 church members attended and enjoyed hot dogs, chips and the llamas.

We end the month with Halloween at the Oefinger's. Please start bringing your candy any time. We received lots of candy on Sunday. We had over 1500 kids visit us last year!

Our November Mission Project will be Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes. Boxes are available for pickup on Sundays. The due date for boxes is November 9. Each box comes with a pack that has a list of suggested gifts, a label to attach to your box, a Samaritan's Purse bookmark, and a rubber band to put around your box to hold it closed. The church will pay the \$10 fee. If you need more information, please talk to Jan Tomanio or Patsy Helmcamp, who are coordinating this project. Our Goal is 50 boxes.

Thank you for your love of those in need, Your Mission Team – Bettye, Ben, Charles, Patsy, Jan T and Roy

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

On Sunday, November 2, we will celebrate All Saints Day. All the saints who have passed away since All Saints Day 2024 will be remembered. So far, I have Larris Slagle, Phyllis Fife, and David Shackelford. I know there are others, for instance, Iva Foster's sister-in-law. Please send names of those who should be recognized by October 26.

REFRESHMENTS

October 19 – Helen Brown, Janet Faver, and Ann Finnell, October 26 – George and Cheryl Doggett, November 2 – Darla and Gaylyne Pliler, November 9 – Marianna and Perry Tassin.

If you are interested in joining the rotation for Refreshments, please let Jan White know by November 2.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Our Fall Bible Study continues Tuesday, October 14, at 6 p.m. We are meeting at Wesley Memorial, 1200 West Kilpatrick. We will continue our overview of the Old Testament. It's not too late to start! We look forward to seeing you for Bible Study and Fellowship.

GREETINGS FROM REV. DR. TUNDE OLADIMEJ

Beloved Cornerstone family,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This week, we joyfully celebrate *the work of the laity*—the faithful hands and hearts who serve tirelessly within our young and growing church. As I mentioned on Sunday, for everything that happens in our fellowship and in our outreach to the community, there are many people working quietly behind the scenes. These are the unsung heroes of ministry - who pray, who organize, who clean, who encourage, who teach, who give, and who serve with love and humility.

The Scripture reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12:4–6, “*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.*” Every act of service, whether seen or unseen, forms part of the beautiful body of Christ at work. Just as each part of the body plays a vital role, so too does each one of you in the life of our congregation.

In Romans 12:6–8, Paul exhorts us to use our gifts faithfully—whether it is serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, or showing mercy. Each gift matters to God. Every act of kindness, every prayer offered, and every effort made for the sake of the gospel contributes to the growth of God’s kingdom among us.

Let us continue to pray that the Lord will bless all the work of our hands, strengthen every volunteer and servant-hearted member, and fill us with joy as we labor together for His glory. May our efforts in worship, service, and witness continue to bear lasting fruit in our church and our community.

One of the best ways to support the ministry of our church is through individual and corporate prayer. Five o’clock every Wednesday at the office is a time of corporate prayer when we join our voices together to call on the lord for many needs in our church, community and the society at large. I want to remind you that this is not a ‘professional’ prayer meeting but ordinary people learning to dialogue with God on behalf of many people, so come and join us to pray (Luke 18:1).

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for calling us to be Your people and for gifting each of us for Your service. Bless every member of our Cornerstone family who serves faithfully in big and small ways. Renew our strength, deepen our unity, and use our work to bring honor to Your name. We dedicate all we do to You, Lord, trusting that You will bless and multiply it for Your kingdom’s sake. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Have a blessed and fruitful week, Cornerstone family—keep shining as God’s hands and feet in the world!

Your brother and friend,
Pastor ‘Tunde

CORNERSTONE CLASS NOTES

On Sunday, October 19 we move on to Mark 7, 1-23. Take time to read through the chapter to prepare for our discussion of handwashing.

See you Sunday, Joe

CONSTRUCTION PLANS FROM THE BUILDERS (GRADES 5-9)

Well, we made it through the poisonous snakes and learned just as the Israelites had to look at a bronze snake that was lifted up on a pole as God told them in order to live from snake bites, we must look to Jesus who was lifted up on a cross to be saved from spiritual death caused by sin’s poison and have eternal life. We are now moving to the book of Joshua. Again, more spies, only two this time are sent to Canaan, the promised land of milk and honey, on an intelligence-gathering mission. This time they had Rahab, a double agent, and her house was their safe house to hide in. The climax of this spy mission was not the two Israelites escaping from Cannan, but how Rahab because of her faith in God and courage to follow God was not killed by the Israelites but instead became part of the line of Jesus. We will see how Rahab’s story is a testimony to God’s love and grace. Our memory verse this lesson describes Rahab. “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13) Encourage our youth, pray for our youth, and pray for Pastor ‘Tunde.

CELEBRATIONS

- Birthday
 - Monday, October 13 – Helen Brown
 - Tuesday, October 14 – Tonya Cheek
- Anniversaries
 - Coming Soon
- Iva’s grandson and a friend, who are members of Joshua ROTC. The students provided the program for the DAR last Saturday.
- James and Sandra are at Horsehead Crossing on the Pecos.
- Megan Pelfrey will have surgery on October 15 to complete her recovery from cancer.
- Ben and Carla’s granddaughter-in-law will have their first great grandson, Brody, this week.

- The Israeli hostages are scheduled to be released this week.
- Prayer cards are appreciated.

TRAVELING

- Stan and Dianne Johnson are in Colorado
- James and Sandra Neeley are traveling on a Reenactment Trip.
- Marianna is in Lubbock and Perry is helping Jacob in Italy, Texas

CONCERNS

- NEW: Pastor Robert was hospitalized last week due to complication from his Parkinson's Disease. He is now in Rehab at Ridgeview (across from the hospital in Cleburne). He will be there for 21 days. Please pray that he can gain strength. Take a minute to visit him.
- NEW: Leona Peacock's grandson, Caleb, was discharged from the Navy. Pray that he can transition to civilian life smoothly.
- NEW: John Foster's cousin, Mike, who has pancreatic cancer is having some bad days.
- NEW: Eddie and Kristy Yancey's family.
- Jackie Saylor has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Lami will have an infusion on Thursday as a continuation of her cancer treatment.
- Jimmy Fife's daughter lost her job due to the government shutdown. Please pray that this is temporary.
- Lami's mother lost her sister last week. Please pray for the family.
- Pastor 'Tunde's father has an enlarged heart and had pneumonia. Pray that he accepts treatment and improves soon.
- Lisa Shackelford, Kaay's sister-in-law, is undergoing new treatment for her cancer. She has several "spots" that are active and not responding to treatment.
- Darla Pliler had an ablation on the nerves in her back on Monday. She is recovering at home.
- The family of Tom Harrison, a friend of James and Sandra's, who was shot to death on September 23.
- Helen Willingham, April Archer's mother-in-law, is hospitalized at UT Southwestern with complications from a heart stent

CALENDAR

- Tuesday, October 14 – Fall Bible Study
 - 6:00 p.m. – Wesley Memorial, 1200 W Kilpatrick
- Wednesday, October 15 – Prayer Meeting
 - 5:00 p.m. – Pastor 'Tunde's Office at the Victory Building
- Wednesday, October 15 – Cornerstone Choir Practice
 - 6:00 p.m. – The Victory Building
- Thursday, October 16 – Women's Group
 - Darla Pliler's House, 805 Meadowview
 - *Encounter the Father* - Chapter 2

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, October 19 – Fire Drill after worship
- Sunday, October 26 – Pink Out! Wear your pink to support cancer awareness.
- Friday, October 31 – Trunk or Treat
 - 5 p.m. – The Oefinger's, 1111 Westhill
 - Bring candy and treats during October
- Sunday, November 2 – All Saints Sunday

PASTOR 'TUNDE'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Send a text message or call Pastor 'Tunde on 623-203-5092 to schedule an appointment.