

CORNERSTONE METHODIST NEWSLETTER

A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

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OU' IN THE CORNER – ACTS 26:26

❖ Stop by the Welcome Table for your September/October Upper Room and any handouts for Sunday school.

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION TEAM

Our September project is raising awareness of Human Sex Trafficking (\$150 billion business) not only globally but in Cleburne by helping with Julia's Sacred Space, a closet of new clothing, underwear, hygiene products, etc. (specific list coming), at Walls Texas Health Hospital for victims.

Several organizations including Julia's family's work to rescue, restore freedom and dignity, and provide hope and healing for victims (20%—children.)

If you wish to see Julia's story & the closet, click on this link. <https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/health/texas-health-cleburne-hosts-grand-opening-new-safe-room-for-sexual-assault-survivors/287-5f1d6a01-aec9-4528-baa9-cde72c60d2e6>

We can pray, protect, & provide!

Our church is also sending \$1000 from the Mission Fund as well as encouraging notes to the Ferriday, LA, Global Methodist Church which burned to the ground last week. Ferriday GMC is in the Trinity Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

Thank you.

Loving God and loving others, Your Mission Team – Bettye, Ben, Charles, Patsy, Jan T and Roy

REFRESHMENTS

August 31 – Joe and Jan White (for Stan and Dianne Johnson), September 7 – Judy Oaks and Sue Rebstock, September 14 – Linda Dain and JoAnn Poole, September 21 – Carla and Ben Oefinger

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Plans are being made for a Fall Bible Study. The study will be led by Joe White and Pastor 'Tunde. A review of the Old Testament will kick off the study, then move to the time between the Testaments. After this introduction, the New Testament will be the focus of the study. We look forward to starting on Tuesday evenings in September.

WAKE-UP CALL – THE GOSPELS

Beginning September 1, the Wake-Up Call will begin a series on the Gospels led by J D Walt. Come walk with Jesus—day by day, chapter by chapter—through the Gospels. This daily journey is shaped in Scripture, rooted in community, and alive with the Spirit's work in us. Let's wake up to His love together. If you would like to subscribe to the Wake-Up Call you can do so at seedbed.com or contact Jan White and receive a Wake-Up Call email with a link to subscribe.

Tuesday's Wake-up Call contained this testimony from a subscriber: *The story is long. Your part, I was depressed, tired, stage-4 cancer, chemo, for five years. Getting selfish, self-centered. I started listening to Seedbed a couple of years ago. When I started listening, I started studying. Every night I listen, study, pray, review on my day. My thoughts left me and I started realizing JESUS, start to finish JESUS. I learned from the word we were studying, started praying for everyone, all day. Started living JESUS. I have learned so much but really it is just knowing JESUS through all things. JD, it is so much more and I love you and pray for you. It is so complicated but so simple.*

GREETINGS FROM REV. DR. TUNDE OLADIMEJI

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

As we concluded this past Sunday, we were reminded that our God is truly a Miracle Worker. His mighty hand is not shortened, nor His power diminished, for *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"* (Hebrews 13:8). The same God who parted the Red Sea, healed the sick, raised the dead, and multiplied bread is the same God who is at work in our lives today.

Every week, we are called to open our hearts and recognize the miracles of God—whether great or small. Some are extraordinary, like miraculous healings and provisions, while others are quiet but no less powerful—like peace in the storm, strength in our weakness, or grace to endure. Scripture reminds us: *"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness"* (Lamentations 3:22–23). Truly, each new day itself is a miracle.

We thank all those who shared their testimonies of God's goodness with us this past Sunday. Your willingness to declare His works among us strengthens the body of Christ, for *"they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony"* (Revelation 12:11). May we never grow weary of proclaiming what the Lord has done, for He is glorified in our praises.

Let us continue in prayer for one another, holding fast to the promise of James 5:16: *"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."* As a church family, may we remain united in lifting up one another, interceding for healing, provision, guidance, and spiritual growth. Together, we believe God will continue to do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

This week, let us walk with faith and expectation, knowing that the God who began a good work in us will bring it to completion (Philippians 1:6). May we not only look for His miracles but also be vessels of His grace and love to others.

This weekend is an important time in church as we celebrate new Sunday classes for our youth, and we come together for our potluck. Let's us share together, eat together and laugh together.

Stay blessed and may the God of miracles go before you this week, surround you with His presence, and fill your hearts with joy.

With love in Christ, *Pastor Tunde*

CORNERSTONE CLASS NOTES

For next week please read Chapter 6 of Mark. We will continue our discussion of the beheading of John the Baptist and the Feeding of the Five Thousand.

See you Sunday, Joe

CELEBRATIONS

- Birthday
 - Thursday, July 28 – Jubilee Oladimeji
 - Saturday, July 30 – Jerry Walker
 - Saturday, July 30 – Ann Word
- Anniversary
 - Sunday, August 24 – Perry and Marianna Tassin – 34 years
 - Tuesday, July 26 – John and Iva Foster – 58 years
- Charles, Judy and Christi Allen joined Cornerstone on Sunday.
- Tom and Brenda Swilling joined us on Sunday.
- The Media Team – Monte Dain, Allen Slagle, and Jubilee Oladimeji
- The unseasonal August weather.
- The Church Safety Training
- J D Walt's upcoming "The Gospels" Wake-Up Call

Traveling or Sick August 24

- Dianne and Stan are in Colorado.
- John and Melinda Finnell are on vacation
- Barney is at home recovering from surgery. JoAnn is helping him

CONCERNS

- Judy Allen is having some health problems.
- Barney is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Gwen Shook is under the weather
- Pastor Robert and his family as he navigates his Parkinsons.
- NEW: Rosie Herrera is under the weather. She turned her ankle Sunday afternoon...it is not fractured.
- Ira Parr, Iva's brother, is struggling with the loss of his wife.
- Janet, a Walgreen's employee, is having heart valve replacement surgery this week.
- Lorna Smith had knee replacement surgery and is at home recovering.
- Kay Fenn has multiple myeloma. She is undergoing chemotherapy
- Amelia, who is going through a difficult time in her life. (Carla and Ben Oefinger)
- Marianna Tassin's father is having a cardiac CT with contrast to confirm that his Watchman is working properly.
- A victim's family. (Brenda Driggers)

CALENDAR

- Wednesday, August 27 – Prayer Meeting
 - 5:00 p.m. – Pastor 'Tunde's Office at the Victory Building
- Thursday, August 28 – Women's Group
 - 9:30 a.m. – Bettye Cook's House
 - *David: A Man of Passion and Destiny* – Charles Swindoll, Chapters 18-19
 - New Study – *Encounter the Father* – Carolyn Moore, Cost \$20
 - Books will be available on Thursday at Bettye's house
- Sunday, August 31 – Children's Promotion Sunday and Fifth Sunday Potluck
 - After the service
 - Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE

- Saturday, September 6 – Methodist Men
 - The Victory Building
 - 8 a.m.
 - Coffee and Donuts will be provided
- Sunday, September 7 – Youth Sunday school starts
- Monday, September 8 – Women's Group Lunch (rescheduled from September 1 – Labor Day)
 - Our Place Restaurant
 - 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, September 11 – Salt Shakers
 - Location to be announced later
 - 11:30 a.m.
 - Catered Meal - \$20 and Games
 - RSVP by September 1
- Sunday, September 14 – SSS – Second Sunday Singles
 - Chisholm Trail Smokehouse
 - Following Worship

WORDS TO THE CHANTS

In the Lord

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.