

CORNERSTONE METHODIST NEWSLETTER

A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

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YEAR 4, WEEK 1

OU' IN THE CORNER – ACTS 26:26

- ❖ Stop by the Welcome Table to sign in and get information.
- ❖ May/June Upper Rooms are available at the Welcome Table.
- ❖ Salt Shakers will take a break and resume in September.
- ❖ See the attached Refreshment Schedule for May 3 – July 5.

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION TEAM

April Mission Report: 155 treats (Crackers, chips, pop tarts, granola bars, Oreos, etc.) for Mentor's Care at CHS! Keep encouraging teens at risk with our April Love for them.

Reaching out with Jesus's life – Bettye, Ben, Jan Tomanio, Patsy, Charles and Roy

REFRESHMENTS

Sunday, April 19 – George and Cheryl Doggett, Sunday, April 26 – Darla and Gaylyne Pliler, May 3 – Perry and Marianna Tassin, Dianne and Stan Johnson

Attached to the Newsletter email, please find the new Refreshment Schedule for May 3 – July 5. If you would like to be added to or removed from the schedule, please let Jan White know by April 26.

CORNERSTONE CLASS NOTES

Ben Oefinger will teach on April 19. Joe and Jan will be traveling to Arkansas to visit family. We will continue to look at John Chapter 10, *The Shepherd and His Flock*, when we return on April 26.

MEALS FOR THE OLADIMEJI'S

Attached to this Newsletter is a list of the people who have volunteered to deliver food to the Oladimeji's. I have extended the dates through May. Please let me know if you want a date.

CONSTRUCTION PLANS FROM THE BUILDERS (GRADES 5-9)

The Builders this week will contemplate loneliness. We will ask the question - Have you ever felt alone, like you were the only one who ever felt this way or faced a particular dilemma? Our lesson will bring The Builders face-to-face with the Savior, who faced those same feelings, who dealt with rejection, betrayal, and overwhelming loneliness. Because Christ experienced the same hurts as we do, He is the true minister of comfort to us. When no one else can understand or care for us, Jesus is always available to us. Our Bible readings and discussion will point us to Jesus for comfort. *"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Matthew 28:20b.

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR 'TUNDE

Dear Cornerstone Family,

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

As we come together for the Third Sunday of Easter, I want to speak to you not just as your pastor, but as a fellow traveler on this journey of faith. This season continues to remind us that the resurrection is not something we simply celebrate once a year—it is something we are called to *live out every single day*.

And this week is especially meaningful for us as a church family. As we conclude our third year as a church, we pause with grateful hearts to thank God for sustaining us. Through seasons of growth, transition, learning, and possibility, the Lord has been faithful. *"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy"* (Psalm 126:3). We also look ahead with expectation, trusting God for the new things He is set to do in our church and in our community. As Scripture reminds us, *"Forget the former things... See, I am doing a new thing!"* (Isaiah 43:18–19). Hope you were able to partake of the cake we cut during our worship time on Sunday.

Sometimes, if we are honest, life does not always feel like resurrection. There are moments of uncertainty, fatigue, and even quiet struggles that others may not see. Yet, right in the middle of ordinary life, the risen Christ comes and stands among us just as He did with the disciples and says, *"Peace be with you"* (John 20:19). That peace is for you this week.

To live as people of the resurrection means first that we are called to boldness. The disciples moved from fear to courage because they had seen the Risen Lord. *"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind"* (2 Timothy 1:7). You may not have all the answers, but you carry the presence of the Risen Christ within you. Do not shrink back—God is with you.

Secondly, we are called to love deeply and intentionally. After His resurrection, Jesus restored Peter not with harsh words, but with loving questions: *"Do you love me?"* (John 21:15–17). That same love has been extended to us. Scripture reminds us, *"We love because He first loved us"* (1 John 4:19). In a world that often feels cold and distant, your kindness, your patience, your willingness to forgive—these become powerful witnesses of the resurrection.

Thirdly, we are called to a transformed life. The resurrection is not just about hope for eternity—it is about change right now. *"Just as Christ was raised from the dead... we too may live a new life"* (Romans 6:4). Day by day, God is shaping us, renewing us, and calling us forward. Even when progress feels slow, remember: *"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion"* (Philippians 1:6).

I also want to gently remind us that living as resurrection people is something we do *together*. The early believers devoted themselves to fellowship, prayer, and encouragement (Acts 2:42). This week, check on someone, pray for someone, invite someone. Sometimes the simplest acts become the clearest evidence that Jesus is alive.

As your pastor, I want you to know that I am deeply grateful for each of you. Your faith, your presence, your prayers, and your commitment to what God is doing at Cornerstone are not unnoticed. Let us continue to grow—not just in numbers, but in depth, in love, and in spiritual maturity.

So this week, wherever you find yourself—whether in moments of joy or in quiet challenges—hold on to this truth: *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"* (1 Peter 1:3).

Live in that hope. Walk in that power. Reflect that love.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May His presence go with you, and may your life boldly declare: Jesus is alive.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Tunde

CEEBRATIONS

- Birthdays
 - Tuesday, April 14 – Sophia Oladimeji
 - Friday, April 17 – Rita Whitt
- Anniversary
 - Wednesday, April 8 – Albert and Beverly Archer – 60 years
- Traveling on Sunday – Iva and John Foster to Austin for their grandson, Ben's, Confirmation.
- Jimmy Fife was at the Men's Breakfast on Saturday. And Allen picked up Barry Shook.
- Roy went to Forney on Saturday for his granddaughter's band competition
- The Rain
- Sandra and James Neeley attended the Texas Historical Commission Meeting in Austin.

CONCERNS

- Lami's treatments as she continues to fight cancer.
- Jane Cook had a terrible accident. Her leg is broken in 3 places and she is recovering from surgery.
- Guy and Candy James' son, Neil, will have surgery for tongue cancer on April 7.
- Neil Patton, a friend of Kaay Shackelford's, had a brain bleed on Saturday. He is recovering from surgery to relieve the swelling. He is in Lexington, Kentucky.
- Larry Larrison has PST Palsy, which is similar to ALS with a terminal outcome. It is affecting his vision and speech.
- Tammy Estes's mother, Shirley, died last week.

CALENDAR

- Tuesday, April 14
 - Galatians Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. at Wesley Memorial
- Wednesday, April 15
 - Prayer Meeting – 5:30 p.m. at Pastor 'Tunde's Office
- Thursday, April 16
 - Women's Group – 9:30 a.m. at Cleburne Conference Center Conference Room
 - *The World is Our Parrish – Lesson 4*
 - FYI – *The Great Awakening*, a movie about Benjamin Franklin and George Whitfield, is showing at the Cleburne Movie Theater through Thursday. It is about spiritual, social, and political freedom and has references to the Wesley brothers. People report that it is an excellent movie.