

CORNERSTONE METHODIST NEWSLETTER

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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

Final March Report: 1387 items for the Pregnancy Center blessing babies. On to April Love for Teens at CHS Mentor's Care: Snacks (Slim Jim's, Breakfast Bars, etc.) 98% Graduation Rates for those programs for 2 years.

The Mission Team sent \$1000 to Fort Graham Baptist Church in Whitney after a recent fire. It is a historic church and small like Cornerstone. They were very grateful.

Grateful for you, the Mission Team – Bettye, Ben, Jan Tomanio, Patsy, Charles and Roy

REFRESHMENTS

April 12 – Janet Faver, Ann Finnell and Helen Brown, Sunday, April 19 – George and Cheryl Doggett, Sunday, April 26 – Darla and Gaylyne Pliler, May 3 – Perry and Marianna Tassin

CORNERSTONE CLASS NOTES

Cornerstone Class will return to the study of the Harmony of the Gospels on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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)

Dr. Luke tells The Builders a lot in his opening verses of Acts 1:1-11. In fact, Dr. Luke begins the book of Acts with a reference to his former book Luke 24:50-52, but Acts is the "rest of the story". We are told of very important promises Jesus made to the disciples in these first verses of Acts. Next Sunday The Builders will look at one of these promises. As the disciples watch Jesus ascend to heaven two men dressed in white stood beside them and proclaimed that one day Jesus would return to them the same way He had gone – bodily and visibly (Acts 1:11). In simple terms, the lesson Sunday will focus on "What Went Up Will Come Down". Jesus gave us a clear promise that He will return and set up His Kingdom on the earth. As we know, Jesus keeps His promises. We will discuss what it means to wait, predicting things we wait for, and preparing for Jesus' return. Our youth have six weeks of school left for this year, so let's continue to encourage them and to pray for them.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Dear Beloved Family in Christ,

What a glorious, Spirit-filled, and unforgettable Easter celebration we experienced together as a church family! We give thanks to God for the privilege of gathering to celebrate the victory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, over sin, death, and the grave. Truly, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

My heart is full of gratitude as I reflect on all that God did in and through us this past weekend. I want to express my deepest appreciation to our church leaders, the mission team, our scripture readers, media team, greeters, safety team, and the altar guild. Your faithful service, attention to detail, and spirit of excellence created an atmosphere where lives could be touched and hearts drawn closer to Christ.

To our choir—your dedication and tireless rehearsals were evident. You did not just sing; you ministered. You helped usher us into the presence of God in a powerful and meaningful way. As Scripture reminds us, "Sing to the Lord a new song... proclaim His salvation day after day" (Psalm 96:1–2). May the Lord bless you abundantly for your labor of love. I am also deeply encouraged by those who stepped out in faith to invite friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family members. This is the heartbeat of the Gospel—sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. The Bible reminds us, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15). Let us not stop here. Easter is not the finish line—it is the launching point for continued outreach and discipleship.

Now, dear friends, as we move beyond Easter Sunday, we must remember that the resurrection is not merely an event to celebrate—it is a reality to live. The empty tomb is not just a historical moment; it is a present power at work in us. Scripture declares:

"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." (Matthew 28:6)

"Praise be to 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)

"If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies..." (Romans 8:11)

Because Jesus lives, we have living hope. Because He lives, we are no longer bound by fear. Because He lives, we walk in victory.

The resurrection reminds us that Jesus is not only Savior but also the reconciler between God and humanity. As Paul writes, "All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ..." (2 Corinthians 5:18). Through Him, we have peace with God, restoration of relationship, and the assurance of eternal life.

Therefore, I encourage us all:

LIVE IN THE LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION.

Let this truth shape every aspect of our lives:

- In our daily walk, let us walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4).
- In our thinking, let us set our minds on things above (Colossians 3:1–2).
- In our relationships, let us extend the same grace we have received (Ephesians 4:32).
- In our mission, let us be witnesses of His resurrection power (Acts 1:8).

We are a resurrection people. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in us. That means no situation is beyond God's ability to redeem, no life is beyond His reach, and no heart is beyond His transformation.

As we continue this season, let us commit ourselves afresh to spiritual growth—through prayer, through the study of God's Word, through fellowship, and through faithful service. Let us not grow weary, for "at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). Do not forget to join us for our Bible study as we continue in our journey in the book of Galatians. This study is very relevant in this season.

Let me also encourage you—if you invited someone this Easter, follow up with them. Reach out. Invite them again. Walk with them. Discipleship is not a one-time invitation; it is a continuous journey.

May the joy of the resurrection fill your hearts, the peace of Christ guard your minds, and the power of the Holy Spirit guide your steps each day.

"Now may the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing His will..." (Hebrews 13:20–21)

May your homes be filled with joy, your hearts with hope, and your lives with purpose.

With resurrection joy and pastoral love,

Pastor 'Tunde

CEEBRATIONS

- Birthdays
 - Sunday, April 5 – Iva Foster
 - Sunday, April 5 – Sue Rebstock
 - Friday, April 10 – Bettye Cook
- Anniversary
 - Wednesday, April 8 – Albert and Beverly Archer – 60 years
- Our visitors – Xavier and Laura and their kids (Janet Faver's grandson), Kaay Shackelford (Jan White's sister)
- Ben Oefinger's sermon on Tuesday at the Holy Week Service.
- The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services at Cornerstone.
- Lami's back surgery
- The two aviators who were rescued after their plane was shot down in Iran
- George and Cheryl Doggett are traveling to have Easter with friends.
- Patsy Helmcamp is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
- Jimmy Fife is at home recovering from hip surgery.
- Families having Easter together

CONCERNS

- Lami's treatments as she continues to fight cancer.
- Patsy Helmcamp will have an MRI to determine the cause of her shoulder pain.
- Guy and Candy James' son, Neil, will have surgery for tongue cancer on April 7.
- Ron Pelfrey's son Spencer's friend, Conner Horsley, who has leukemia. Conner helped organize fundraisers for Spencer's wife, Megan.
- Perry Tassin's friend, Jim Apt, is recovering from surgery.
- Andrea Boedeker, wife of County Judge Chris Boedeker, will have surgery to repair a hole in her heart.
- Tom Pliler has a follow-up with his kidney doctor next week.
- General Rusty Driggers, Ron and Brenda's son, as he serves as Chief of Staff of the European Command.
- Harry Koscielniak's brother, Kenneth, passed away last Thursday. His service will be April 13 in Rockdale.
- Sandy Utley's son, Chad, will have surgery soon.

CALENDAR

- Tuesday, April 7
 - Galatians Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. at Wesley Memorial
- Wednesday, April 8
 - Prayer Meeting – 5:30 p.m. at Pastor Tunde's Office
- Thursday, April 9
 - Women's Group – 9:30 a.m. at Bettye Cook's House
 - *The World is Our Parrish – Lesson 2*
- Friday, April 10
 - Salt Shakers – 11:30 a.m. at Wesley Memorial – Covered Dish
- Saturday, April 11
 - Men's Breakfast – 8:30 a.m. at Joe White's Shop
 - Everyone is invited
- Sunday, April 12
 - Second Sunday Singles – after Worship at Pastafina
 - 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.