

CORNERSTONE NEWS JULY 2015



Happenings In the Church



Men's Breakfast
July 11 @ 8:00am

Deacon's Meeting
Sunday July 12
Right after Church Services



VBS Week
July 13-16
Theme:
What's in the Bible?



Business Meeting
Sunday July 19th
Right after
church Services!



Donut Sunday
July 26, 2015

Teddy Bears
July 29th
10:00 am



Adult Fellowship
July 30 6:00pm



Dear Church,

As we prepare to celebrate the independence of our nation, I hope you will spend some time praying for our nation. I am deeply concerned about decisions that are being made by our leaders. As I preached this past Sunday, I believe the supreme Court's decision to mandate same sex marriage will prove to be more damaging than the decision to stop prayer in schools. (Pro.14:34)"Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people."(Gal.6:7-8)

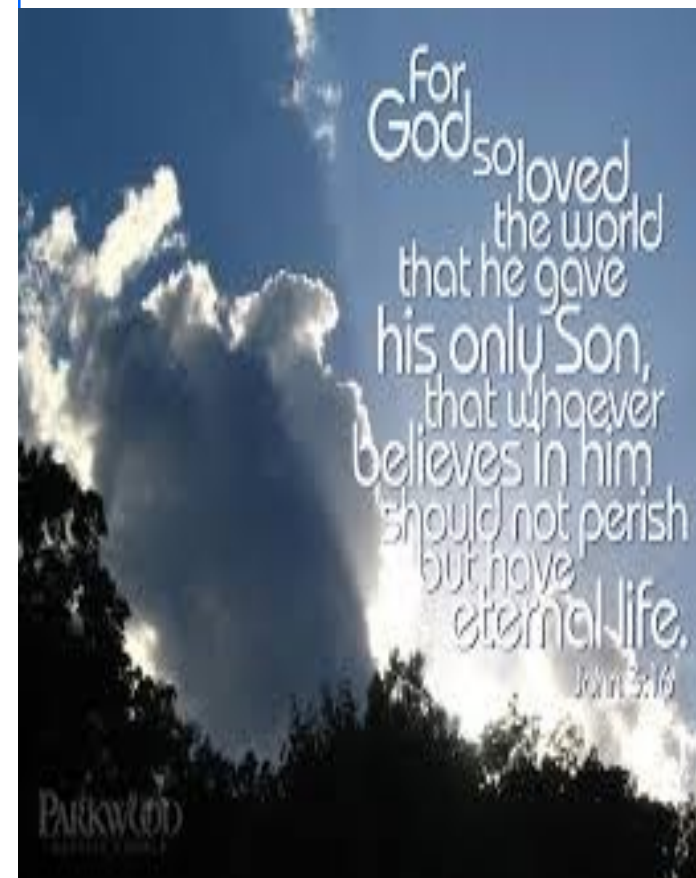
"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. "What is true for an individual is also true for a nation. I love our country, but I strongly fear that we are forgetting why we have been blessed. We sing, "God bless America," but we are making decisions that contradict God's word and God's will.

Unless we repent, and change our ways, I believe we are going to see some fireworks from heaven! What can we do?

- 1) Pray diligently
- 2) Repent sincerely
- 3) Support Leaders who are making a stand
- 4) Address these issues with your children
- 5) Preach the truth from the pulpits
- 6) Don't lose hope, God is still in control

Pastor Rodney





Hello again, church family!

This month, we celebrate the freedoms we have as Americans- we remember those who have sacrificed in order to provide us with these freedoms, and we thank God for the privilege we have to live in a nation where we are free to worship Him as He leads without fear of persecution or incarceration. No other word resonates within our hearts and minds in the American discourse, yet for all the glory and beauty of the political freedom we are granted through our nation, the freedom we find in Christ is of worth beyond compare.

Galatians 5:1 (NLT) says, "So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law." In John 8:32 (NLT), Jesus says that, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free," then continues in verse 36, "So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free." These passages are pretty clear- if we are in Christ, we are freed from our old sin natures, and we mustn't willfully submit ourselves into the bondage of our old master, sin.

How is that playing out in our lives? We are free to be righteous, we are no longer unable to resist sin's chokehold, yet too often we wrap chains back around ourselves, more comfortable in our old patterns of pride, greed, lust, or whatever our personal struggles might be. As people, we aren't very good at simply removing something from our lives- psychology shows us that it is much more effective to replace something, and while we are now free from sin, Scripture still calls us slaves. "For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil." (1 Peter 2:16, NLT)

The culture around us wants to say that freedom is the removal of all restraints- that it is the ability to do or say anything we want any time we want. This is NOT what Scripture calls freedom. In fact, this definition of "freedom" will lead directly to death. A train can be effective and free to be useful only so long as it is on its tracks- if it ever leaves the boundaries it was made for, it becomes not only useless, but imprisoned and unable to move. We are designed to operate within the boundaries God gives us in Scripture, and when we ignore them in the name of "freedom" we find ourselves bound and gagged, trapped by the sins that no longer have claim to us.

This month, will you join me in meditating on Scripture's definition of freedom? Perhaps, like Martin Luther, we will find that "A Christian man is the most free man of all, and subject to none; a Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone."

Soli Deo Gloria,

Kyle






Please call the church office to add events to the calendar. Articles about your ministry activities are welcome.

Purchase Orders: Finance Team Members
 Counters: Don Summers, Jerry Brown
 Homebound: James Fulton, Tom Cocoran

2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 BD: Karin Brotherton, Janie Ford, Barbara Marshall	2	3	4  BD: Jana Drodowski
5 DD: Clark Thompson	6 BD: Tanner Medley	7 BD: Charles Matson	8 BD: H.R. Jennings	9 BD: Kyra Moyer	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8:00am 
12 DD: Tom Corcoran VBS BD: Jene Greer	13 VBS BD: Chyrl Reed	14 VBS BD: Dave Lane	15 VBS	16 VBS	17	18
19 DD: James Fulton Business Mtg: after church service	20	21 BD: Brenda Leigh	22	23	24	25
26 DD: Mike Gandy BD: Mike Smith, James Stevens	27	28	29 Teddy Bears 10:00am BD: Reta Field, Katelyn Jones, Vanessa Workman	30 Adult Fellowship 6:00pm	31	

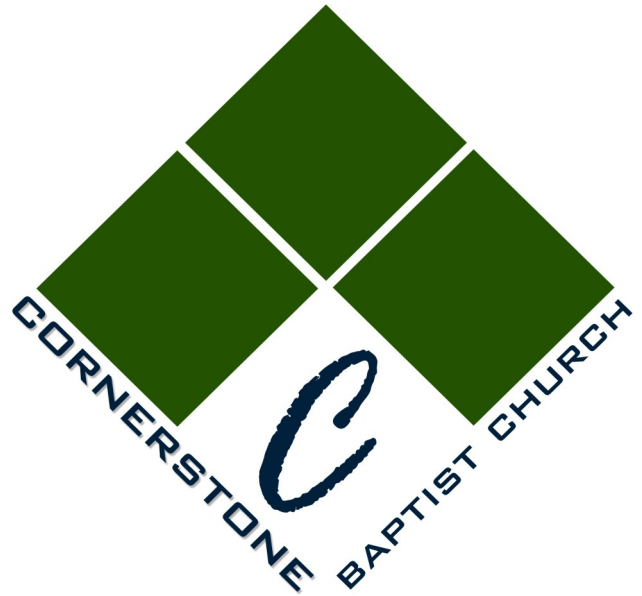
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Sunday

9:45 am Bible Study
10:45 am Morning Worship

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer meeting
6:30 pm Team KID
6:30 pm Cornerstone Youth



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