



# Cornerstone News December 2015



Happy Holidays from Cornerstone Baptist Church:  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!

## Happy Holidays

Men's Breakfast  
December 5 @ 8:00 am



Business Meeting  
December 14  
Finance @ 6:30  
Business @ 7:00



Team KID's  
Wednesday  
@ 6:30 pm



Christmas is the perfect time to celebrate the love of God and family and to create memories that will last forever. Jesus is God's perfect, indescribable gift. The amazing thing is that not only are we able to receive this gift, but we are able to share it with others on Christmas and every other day of the year.

Crazy Sock Exchange Party  
December 8 @ 6:00 pm

All ladies are invited to attend a Christmas Party at the home of Debra Weatherly. Transportation will be provided and will leave the church at 5:00 pm. Bring a pair of Christmas socks to exchange. You may also take a favorite goodie for dessert. Debra will be providing the meal. Please sign the Party list in the foyer if you plan to attend. This will help us plan transportation and Debra will know how much food to prepare.



Donut  
Sunday  
Dec. 27th





Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values.

There is no better time than now, this very Christmas season, for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the principles taught by Jesus the Christ. It is the time to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart - and our neighbors as ourselves.



Hello again, church family!

While December may be the last month in our calendars, it's the beginning of the church year- a cycle that believers have celebrated for over 1000 years in order to remind ourselves of the basic truths of our faith. The church year begins with Advent, which begins four Sundays prior to Christmas, and goes through December 24<sup>th</sup>. Advent is a time of year defined by expectant waiting for the arrival of Christ, the birth of the Messiah who has reconciled us to God, but all too often we only think of Christmas and Jesus' birth from our own modern perspective. It is easy for us now to look at God's plan of salvation and, if not understand it in its fullness, certainly to at least grasp the basic way in which God achieved our redemption.

We often talk about God's plan of salvation so matter-of-factly that we forget about the wondrous way God has chosen to interact with us. It is difficult, but try for a moment to get into the head of someone living in the era of the prophets of Israel, before Jesus' coming. The prophet Isaiah wrote: "Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, and behold, darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom." - Isaiah 59:9

People, even the chosen people of God, who lived before Christ's coming lived in a dark world. Not physically darker than that in which we live, but a place where darkness of spirit and un-Godliness reigned virtually unchallenged. Where the only people who knew the true God were located in a single region, and the rest of the world openly worshiped idols and demons in His place. It is difficult for us who live in a world of instant communication to understand, but in the days of the prophets there was nearly an entire planet that had never heard of Yahweh, His great faithfulness, or His promise of hope.

As we look forward to Christmas, may we take the time to reflect on Christ, the greatest gift God has given, and on the privilege it is to live on this side of His coming, where we can see how God has moved through history to reconcile us to Himself.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Kyle





Dec. 2015

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



Sun

Mon

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Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 BD: Lynda Duncan Bible Study 10:00	2 Team KID's 6:30	3 BD: Shannon Leigh, Thomas Reagan	4 BD: Diana West	5 BD: Emilea Becca
6 DD: Randy McCurley BD: Mike Gandy	7 BD: Holly Boestra	8 BD: Johnny Baird, Jeff Leigh Bible Study 10:00	9 Team KID's 6:30	10	11 BD: Kyle Collins	12 BD: Holy Osborn
13 DD: Jim Moyer	14 BD: Becky Mayfield Business Mtg: 7:00 pm	15 BD: Della Moyer Bible Study 10:00	16 Team KID's 6:30	17	18	19
20 DD: Chris Steward	21	22 Bible Study 10:00	23	24 Christmas Eve	Christmas Day 25 	26 BD: Mike Nelson
27 DD: Chris Stout BD: Tommy Corcoran Donut Sunday	28 BD: Anita Davis, Troy Drinnon, Doug Fisher	29 Bible Study 10:00	30	31		
						

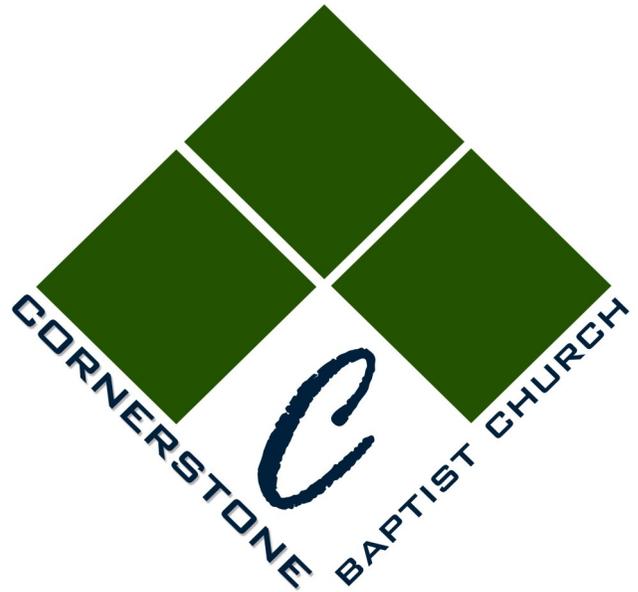
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**Sunday**

**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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