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CORNERSTONE NEWSLETTER



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Dear friends,

In the middle of getting back into school routine, starting our Wednesday night activities back up, and everything else that comes with sliding into fall, you might have missed something pretty big happening in the world of the Global Methodist Church at the beginning of this month. Starting August 30, hundreds of Global Methodists from all over the world will be convening in Johannesburg, South Africa, for our denomination's second ever General Conference.

In our "former wineskins," General Conference always brought on a considerable amount of fear and stress. Big decisions were being made by people who often did not see eye-to-eye on pretty fundamental issues of our faith.

I am thankful that we don't live in that world anymore. Years ago, I would have been keeping track of every piece of news I could get my hands on to see what was going to happen. This go-round, I haven't paid much attention. Not because what's being decided at General Conference isn't important – on the contrary, it's of vital importance. But because I trust the people that will be part of these conversations. I trust our own delegation from the Mississippi-West Tennessee conference. I trust our Bishops and our other leaders. heading in.

I trust the process. The delegates that will meet in Johannesburg in early September are committed to the same core convictions about God, Scripture, and the overall direction the Global Methodist Church should be heading in. That said, I would invite our whole church to be praying in the lead-up to General Conference, and especially during the days of General Conference (August 30-September 5). You can follow along with what's going on by checking out the General Conference website (beautyofholiness2026.org). They will be posting a livestream where you can watch a good bit of the discussion at the conference – though there is a seven hour time difference between here and there, so you might lose some sleep if you try to follow everything.

A few notable things that will be decided this year:

- ☒ General Conference will be voting to adopt a set of doctrinal standards that will serve as the guideline for what Global Methodists believe. A commission has put forward a draft set of standards that will be edited and then voted on at General Conference. The draft document is already very good. It follows along the lines of orthodox Christian faith that the church has held to for over 2000 years, as well as several Methodist distinctives. No one's going to wake up one morning and find out the GMC included something heretical or totally wacky in our doctrinal standards.

- ☒ New bishops will be chosen to lead our denomination. In our “former wineskins,” bishops held that office for life, and exercised considerable authority over

individual annual conferences. In the GMC, bishops are allowed to serve at least two six-year terms, after which they are transferred back to being a “rank and file” clergy. They are given authority over a several different conferences (our current bishop, Scott Jones, serves as the bishop of at least 11 different conferences across the globe – most bishops only serve 4). Their leadership, however, is less administrative in nature. Instead, they serve as connectional leaders, binding each individual conference to the rest of the denomination, and as spiritual authorities, reminding us of our mission and vision as we make decisions. One pastor up for election as bishop that I want to specifically mention is Rev. Paul Lawler. Paul serves as the pastor of Christ Methodist in Memphis, TN (part of our conference). He has served as a “spiritual father” to me over the last few years, and I’ve gained a lot from his wisdom and example. I’m thankful that our denomination has leaders like him who love the Lord, love the church we’re a part of, and have a heart for the lost who do not yet know Christ. Let’s be in prayer together as delegates and volunteers travel to Johannesburg over the next week and as they make decisions that are vital for our future as a church.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE



ENCOUNTER

A new **contemporary worship service**
at Cornerstone Methodist Church

SUNDAYS AT 5PM

CORNERSTONE METHODIST CHURCH
3338 E CHURCH HILL RD
WEST POINT

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6 PM on Sundays CORNERSTONE METHODIST

Tuesday, September 1st



OWLS
Older • Wiser • Livelier • Saints

First Fall Meeting

 Pheba Diner	 11:15 AM	 Dutch Treat	 All Are Welcome!
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We look forward to seeing you there!



Lydia Circle



Women's Bible Study



September 8



6:00 PM

All ladies are welcome



*She is
clothed with
strength &
dignity.*

PROVERBS 31:25



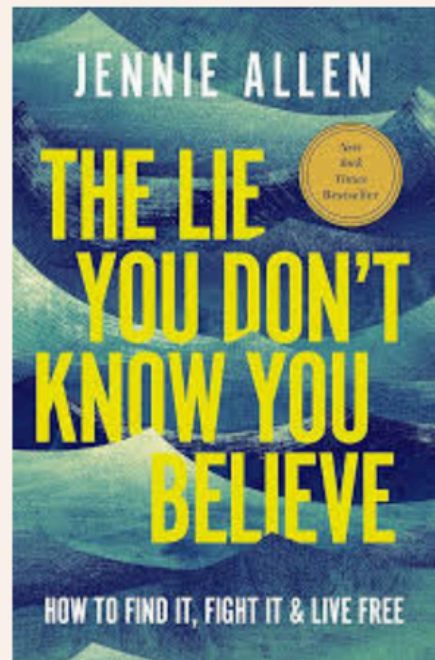
Wednesday Night Adult Studies

Starting September 9



Family Discipleship

A study to help parents build a plan to know Christ, grow in Christ, and show Christ as a family.



A study to help you discover the truth that sets you free and renews the way you think, live, and love.



Wednesday NIGHT Activities

— BEGINNING FOR THE FALL! —

— STARTING —

SEPTEMBER 9TH!

GROW IN FAITH. CONNECT IN COMMUNITY.



SUPPER
— at —
5:30 PM



BIBLE STUDY
— at —
6:00 PM



**CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES**
— at —
6:00 PM



All are welcome! ♥ We can't wait to see you!





New Bible Study

New Testament Series



Beginning Sept. 16th 8:30 AM



6–8 week program with video



Contact Cady Livesay 334-300-1766 or Janet Jameson 662-295-8053 for more information.



Christmas Shoe Boxes

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Items need to be turned in by August 9th. Any questions, please contact Bonnie at 970-739-1420.

 [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com)



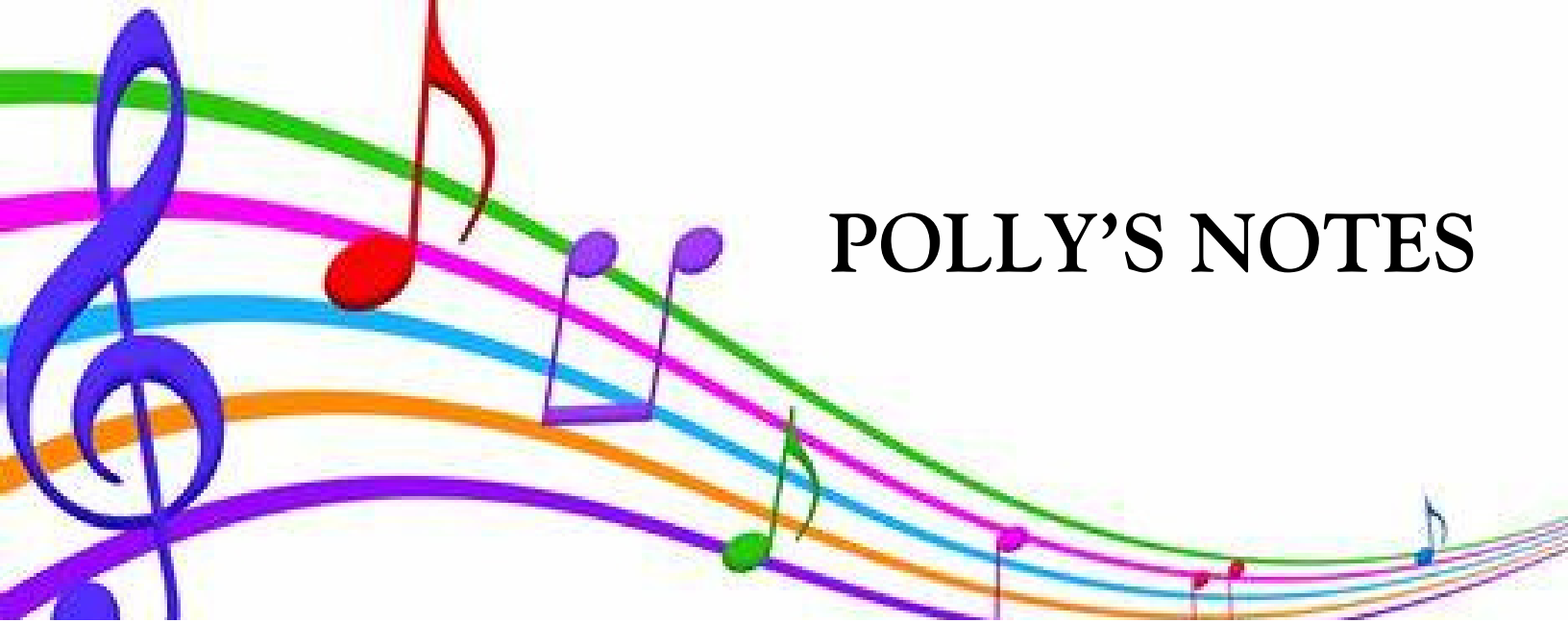
HELP US MAKE CHRISTMAS DREAMS COME TRUE!

ALL ITEMS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 17TH



SIGN UP HERE: [\[LIVE LINK\]](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B45A9A928A1FA7-64683796-chirstmas)

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POLLY'S NOTES

As I think about Cornerstone Methodist and our music program, I continue to be amazed at God's blessings! Not just the songs and instruments but more importantly – the people! There could not be a more dedicated and faithful group than our choir! Yes, I challenge them and their willingness to “try” is inspiring – I don't remember anyone saying “no, we can't do that” even with the song “Cornerstone.”

Now, may I focus on YOU as the congregation – what does music mean to you in our worship services? First, I love to hear you sing and our sanctuary certainly magnifies our joyful praise! Music has been a major part of worship, especially with the Psalms being led by choir directors, using instruments, singing new as well as old songs – very much like today. Thank you for joining the choir in praise, worship and making a joyful, musical “noise” each and every Sunday. YOU are vital in our worship services!

Polly

Let Us Be in Prayer For



Alice & Bobby Hughes

Ann Ross

Judy and Billy Buck Staggers

Anne Hinshaw Noble

Becky Brabham

Kenny and Lavern Fowler

Mickey and Carolyn Burgess

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God."*

— Philippians 4:6



CORNERSTONE CHURCH

Monthly Usher Schedule

1st Sunday

Shane Alpe, Jim Williams, Brooks Tinsley, Jeff Hairston

2nd Sunday

Brad Burgess, Chuck Pearson, Jordan Thompson, Hunter Estes

3rd Sunday

Cole Bryan, Seth Cunningham, John Cunningham, Cody Tawater

4th Sunday

Kevin Flurry, Elam Flurry, Colby Brister, Marcus Livesay

5th Sunday

Jack Jameson, Macon McBrayer, Riley Pierce, Chris McBrayer

*"For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God..."
— Psalm 84:10*

September BIRTHDAYS

Let's celebrate!

🎈 🍰 September Birthdays 🎉 📺

🎈 September 7 – Stacy Weems

🍰 September 10 – Patricia Blair

📺 September 11 – Price Brister

🎈 September 17 – Alice Hughes

🍰 September 20 – Laura Tinsley

📺 September 22 – Will Sutherland

🎉 September 24 – Linley Tawater

🎈 September 27 – Rhonda Stafford

🍰 September 28 – Jennifer Stuart

📺 September 28 – George Bryan

🎉 September 29 – Austyn Tawater

🎈 September 30 – Colby Brister

Happy Birthday!



Anniversary Celebrations



Tracey and Scot Bryan

9/2



Patricia and Bill Blair

9/11



Sara Frances and Vandy
Stubbs

9/13



Angie and Henry Wood

9/13

Cheers to your love!





ALTAR FLOWERS

September 6 - Sara Frances Stubbs

September 13 - Jennifer and Todd Stuart

September 20 - Abbey Dichiarra &
Allison Brister

September 27- Judy Sanders

We love honoring our Lord and our loved ones through the gift of flowers. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement for a special occasion (other than the altar flowers), please contact Abby Hairston (Chair of the Worship Committee) for details and availability.



Address: 3338 East Church Hill Rd. West Point, MS 39773

Contact Information:

Email: cornerstonechurchwp@gmail.com

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Service Times:

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Worship Service: 10:30 AM

Encounter Service : 5:00 PM

Our Mission:

With Jesus as the Cornerstone, we want to KNOW Christ, GROW in Christ, and SHOW Christ to others.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Will Be Open
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Need to reach us at other times?

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