

# The Cornerstone

Where “the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.” (Ephesians 2:20 NLT)

of

## Rock Creek United Methodist Church

Where we strive

*To reflect the light, love, joy and grace of Jesus and Pass It On*

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### Note from Richard

*“All of us are looking with unveiled faces at the glory of the Lord as if we were looking in a mirror. We are being transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to the next degree of glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”*

2 Corinthians 3:18 (Common English Bible)

Greetings in the Name of Jesus, Our Lord!

If you're like me, sometimes I know God is working but I just can't figure out what He is doing. Now it may very well be that I'm dense, but I think we all go through this. In his book, *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis said:

"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself."

The obvious things in our lives are the ones we tend to pray about and the ones we tend to expect God to deal with. But the things that are less obvious are the ones that usually cause us the biggest problems; the habits, the prejudices, the pre-conceived

notions, the unconscious issues that we are likely not even aware of. Those are the things that often create our greatest trials in life and often cause our deepest character flaws. And those are the things that cause the greatest amount of discomfort when God begins to chip them away.

But we need to remember that when we accepted Christ as Lord, we accepted Christ as LORD. We gave Him permission to shape us and change us into His image, so that we could reflect His glory... so that we could be His home. So the next time we start to experience the discomfort of being refined and remodeled, remember that God is transforming us into something beautiful. And if you're not going through it right now, take a deep breath... you will be soon. Praise God for it.

Now go light your world!

In Christ,  
Richard

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### “Faith”

For the month of August, we will be exploring the subject of “Faith.” Join us for this 4-week journey as together we seek to gain a deeper understanding of “Faith,” dispel myths about “Faith,” and learn to more fully “walk by faith.” You won't want to miss this exciting series.

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### Hot! Flash!

The UMW will be meeting in Monday August 1st at 6:30.

Our program will be on glass blowing, so exciting! Please join us and bring a friend. UMW is open to all women.

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## What's UP!

Mon, Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 pm – UMW Meets  
Wed, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30 pm – Bible Study  
Sun, Aug 7<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am – Sermon “Faith” Part 1  
Mon, Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – UMM Meets  
Wed, Aug 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Bible Study  
Sun, Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am – Sermon “Faith” Part 2  
Sun, Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 pm – UMYF Meet at Dixon’s  
Wed, Aug 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Bible Study  
Sun, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – 11:00 am – Sermon “Faith” Part 3  
Sun, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:00 pm – Bluegrass & Ice Cream  
Wed, Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Bible Study  
Sun, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am – Sermon “Faith” Part 4  
Wed, Aug 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 pm – Bible Study

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### Bluegrass & Ice Cream & School Supplies!

Come join us August 21 at 6:00pm for some good old-fashioned fun and excitement with bluegrass music by Route 61, Homemade Ice Cream and more. It'll be fun for everyone!! We are also gathering school supplies for Sylvan. So bring your favorite homemade ice cream or dessert and some school supplies and share in the fun. See you there!!

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### Men at Work!

The United Methodist Men will meet Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the church. Please bring a friend; it is open to all men that are looking to serve Christ. The men continue to work on projects in the community to help others in need of repairs and maintenance. If you know of anyone who needs help please let Mike Smith or Randle Greeson know.

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### Young ♥'s 4 JC

The Amazing Bible race is now in the second leg of the race. We just finished the book of Joshua, who led the Israelites into the Promised Land, battling one city after another. Blowing the walls down and meeting Rahab was exciting! On to Judges, what will be in store for us there? Remember Sunday School is our weekly meeting so be sure to be there.

All youth are to check your schedules to give 3 dates that you will be able to go and feed the Allied Churches Homeless shelter and a date to go to the labyrinth in Greensboro. We will meet Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm at the Dixon's. See you there!

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## Personal Milestones

Please remember the personal milestones for those in the month of August:

### Anniversaries

Johnny & Frances Ingold - Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Angelique & Wade Stauffer – Aug 8<sup>th</sup>  
Riley & Carolyn Shoe – Aug 10<sup>th</sup>  
Anthony & Olivia Fuqua – Aug 10<sup>th</sup>  
Don & Cindy Shetter – Aug 26<sup>th</sup>

### Birthdays

Ann Wells – Aug 8<sup>th</sup>  
Kenneth Dixson – Aug 12<sup>th</sup>  
Marilee Kivett – Aug 15<sup>th</sup>  
Norman Melton – Aug 16<sup>th</sup>  
Ryan Edwards – Aug 18<sup>th</sup>  
Daniel Dixson – Aug 19<sup>th</sup>  
Billie Oakley – Aug 21<sup>st</sup>  
Morgan Benton – Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Kristin Carter – Aug 29<sup>th</sup>  
Johnny Ingold – Aug 30<sup>th</sup>  
Morris McPherson – Aug 30<sup>th</sup>

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## Financial Report 2011

Total General Budget for 2011	\$91,831
Budget for Jan-June 2011	\$47,981
Received for budget as 6/30/11	<u>\$26,583</u>
Difference - Shortage	<u>\$21,398</u>
Weekly amount needed for budget	\$ 1,845
Avg weekly amount given 2011	<u>\$ 1,022</u>
Short fall to cover budget weekly	<u>\$ 823</u>
<b>YTD Expenses Paid</b>	<b><u>\$55,164</u></b>

### Expenses for June 2011

Pastor Salary & Housing	\$ 3,208
Insurance & Pension	\$ 1,367
Pastor Travel & Expenses	\$ 189
Lawn Service	\$ 400
Cleaning Service	\$ 269
Utilities	\$ 198
Supplies	\$ 913
Memorial Day Expenses	\$ 289
Flowers	\$ 50
Survey	\$ 650
Apportionments	\$ 6,279
Pass Thru collections	\$ 595
Parsonage Expense	<u>\$ 2,728</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$17,135</u></b>

*“You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. For your generosity to them will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.”*

2 Corinthians 9:13

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## Prayer Concerns

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### Bible Study

In our Bible Study we are on a Spirit Quest to discover, renew and follow the Holy Spirit living inside us. The methods we are using are prayer, scripture, meditation, & reflection.

May the Holy Spirit be our guide as we go out into the world:

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### Celebrate Women!

Alamance Regional Medical Center is sponsoring an event designed just for women on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Hear from speakers on a variety of women's issues, visit local health and wellness vendors, enjoy a full-course luncheon, receive a special gift, and register for free door prizes.

Registration deadline in September 2<sup>nd</sup> and registration fee is \$15.00. Spacing is limited and pre-registration is required on a first come, first served basis.

To register, call the Live Well line at (336) 586-4000 Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm.

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### You Got The Power!

*[Jesus said] "You're the first to hear and see it. You're the witnesses. What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Father promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you're equipped with power from on high."*

Luke 1:48-49

#### THOUGHT:

You Got the Power – Now go and be My Witness! Isn't that what Jesus was saying? Jesus wanted his closest followers to know that they had experienced some things that were world-changing, and they were the first ones to witness these things. Their mission would be great, but they would receive the power. This power would equip them and enable them to be witnesses to the world. That power that they were promised is the Holy Spirit. And that, dear friend, is the same Holy Spirit that lives inside Jesus' followers today! They waited for Jesus to send that power at Pentecost and we are the living reminders of that promise being fulfilled and that power being real. Two thousand years later, people across the oceans, throughout the world, centuries later, from a multitude of cultures call Jesus Lord because the promise of the Holy Spirit's coming is true ... in their day and in our own!

#### PRAYER:

O Father, please forgive us for not believing in the power you have made available to us in your Holy Spirit. Thank you, Jesus, for pouring the Spirit out on us when we gave our lives to you. Now, we ask that you open our eyes and our hearts to see and believe this promise source of power to witness to your work is available to us today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Colossians 3:17

**In all you do, give thanks to God.**

