**What is God up to?**

Cornerstone Christian Church September 2023

We Love, Because He First Loved Us!

(1 John 4:19)

It’s important to our growing faith that we reaffirm God’s presence and power working in our lives (Ephesians 3:14-21). We serve a living God, through a living Savior, indwelled by a living

Spirit!

God is always present in us. There is no need for a Christian, living under the New Testament

(covenant) of Jesus’ blood (Luke 22:20), to wonder where God is. He’s in you, in the presence of

His Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9, 14; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:13, 14). Therefore, we are never alone or separated from God.

God’s timing is infallible. He knows when and how to address our situation. An excellent illustra- tion is Jesus’ “late” arrival, at least in human terms, to the situation with His friend Lazarus

(John 11:1-46). He showed up in God’s timing to resurrect Lazarus, confirm Martha’s belief in the resurrection, and expand her understanding to the personal aspect of Jesus *being* the resurrec- tion and the life. God won’t be late in meeting our needs. We must be watching for Him to do it in creative ways consistent with His will for us (Romans 8:28).

Feeling down? Guess what- God comforts the depressed (2 Corinthians 7:5-7). When circum-

stances got Paul down, God sent Titus to personally bring good news he needed to hear! Of all

the places we look for comfort and encouragement in our “down” times, we can trust in God to

strengthen us and restore our joy.

God disciplines us, showing He cares. Discipline is a major attribute of His love for us (Hebrews 12:4-13). A loving father wants his children to be trained by discipline that will equip them to meet the challenges in life. Our Heavenly Father prepares us to produce “the peaceful fruit of righteousness,” pleasing and serving Him.

He is a God who is engaged in our lives. He is shaping us into the image of His Son. And He gives us the joy of being His children. Praise Him for that!

Happy to serve with you, Jay

***Communion Meditation:***

***Greeters:***

**9/3– Jack Jackson**

**9/10– Larry McKemey**

**9/17– Ken Crook**

**9/24– Rocco Arnold**

**9/3 – Loyd & Gladys McBride**

**9/10– Mike & Dianna Stover**

**9/17– Paul & Wanda Reynolds**

**9/24– Jack & Linda Jackson**

**SEPTEMBER is upon us!**

⇒ Saturday, 9/2- **Ladies Prayer Breakfast**, 8 AM at the CCC Building.

# ⇒ Tuesday, 9/5- **Elder’s Meeting**- 4PM at the CCC Building. Got some- thing to bring to the Elders? Here’s your opportunity! Make an ap- pointment-Talk to Larry, Jack, or Jay! Don’t forget- they’ll meet with you other times, as well.

⇒ Wednesday, 9/6- **Praise, Prayer, and Bible Class**.

⇒ Tuesday, 9/12- **Ladies’ Bible Study** at 6:30 PM, CCC Building.

⇒ Wednesday, 9/13- **Fellowship Meal** at 5 PM- Spaghetti, salad, de-

sert. **Praise, Prayer, and Bible Class** following at 6. Plan not to miss!

⇒ Saturday, 9/16- 8 AM- **Men’s Breakfast**. Food, fellowship, devotion.

# Spend time with your fellow fellows!

⇒ Wednesday, 9/20- **Praise, Prayer, and Bible Class**.

# ⇒ Friday, 9/22- **Keenagers** meet at noon, CCC Building. Speaker will be Loyd McBride.

⇒ Saturday, 9/23– **Cornerstone Handcraft Market**, 8 AM-1 PM.

⇒ Wednesday, 9/27-**Fellowship Meal** at 5 PM- Hoagie Sandwiches and desert. Followed by Praise, Prayer, and Bible Class following at 6- get nourished both ways!

