

Cornerstone Christian Church

September 2021

Facing Challenges With Confidence!

Culture and Us

Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:9, 10, 3:13-17, 4:11

“Culture” is defined as “the customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group.” The social group under consideration being the nation overall. We now live, and have for quite some time, in what is referred to as a post-Christian culture. While there are pockets of sub-cultures which retain a focus on God, the scriptures, and salvation through Jesus, the indication is that a large and increasing number of people are rejecting that path. It goes beyond a rejection of “institutionalized church;” it is a rejection of biblical precepts and principles which govern life. It is an embracing of the worship of self, combined with desperation when that sort of “religion” fails to deliver peace of mind and strength of heart.

We who claim Christ must consider our place and role in this kind of culture. We can't throw up walls, lock the doors, and pretend everything's okay. We are intended by God to have a positive impact for Him on the world around us. Our works are to point to Him, to glorify Him. That must begin in our mind and heart.

Is it your intention to use your life to glorify God? Are you keeping an awareness of the opportunities He brings for you to speak a word or perform an action which will introduce your faith to someone? J.S. Bach signed all his musical compositions "S. D. G." or "Soli Dei gratia" which means "To God alone the praise." He intentionally set out to bring God praise through his daily work. There's no reason why we shouldn't set the same goal for ourselves!

Peter makes it very clear that representing Jesus might result in our persecution (1 Peter 4:12-19). But he also makes it clear that we are to entrust our souls (commit, assign trust) to our Faithful Creator. Whatever standing up for Christ may cost us, it pales beside the confidence we can have in God's faithfulness.

Salt and light penetrate and alter the circumstances into which they enter (Matthew 5:13-16). You and I might have the blessing of being used to show someone the Savior and the way to eternal life. May our commitment be strong, regardless of the direction of modern culture!

Blessed to be serving with you,

Jay

What's Happenin' This Month...

Wednesday September 1st - @ 4PM-Elders Meet- If anyone has any business to be discussed please see Jay or Larry.

Wednesday meals in September- 8th & 27th. As usual, please turn in a reservation that is in the Sunday bulletin on the Sunday prior to a meal. If you miss putting in the reservation, please let Gladys or Sarah know you plan to attend.

Friday, September 10th @ 12 Noon- Keenagers, at the Cornerstone fellowship building . The entree is baked chicken. Please let Gladys know if you plan to attend and what side dish you would like to bring to go along with chicken. We will have the devotion presented by Jack Jackson. That is Lynda Coats' birthday so we may be singing too as we gather for fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Workday- Saturday, September 11th @ 8AM- Work Day! Come ready to do some good 'ol outside labor as we whip the church property into shape.

Communion Meditation

9/5- Wayne Nickols
 9/12- Jack Jackson
 9/19-Larry McKemey
 9/26- Loyd McBride

AUGUST 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Elders Meet/4PM Bible Class, Prayer, and Praise/6PM	2 B-Day/Cassandra Rightmyer	3 Quilting/9AM	4
5 Sunday School/9:30 AM Worship/10:30 AM Labor Day Celebration/3:00PM @ McKemey's	6	7	8 B-Day/Ashtyn St John Dinner/5PM Bible Class, Prayer, and Praise/6PM	9 Survivors of Suicide Support Group/6PM	10 Keenagers/12PM at CCC B-Day/Lynda Coats	11 Workday at CCC/8AM
12 Sunday School/9:30 AM Worship/10:30 AM	13	14 Ladies' Bible Study/6:30 PM	15 Bible Class, Prayer, and Praise/6PM	16	17 Quilting/9AM	18 B-Day/Lisa Ellis
19 Sunday School/9:30 AM Worship/10:30 AM	20	21	22 B-Day/Jeff Bonds Dinner/5PM Bible Class, Prayer, and Praise/6PM	23 Survivors of Suicide Support Group/6PM	24	25 Cornerstone Handcraft Market/Starts at 8 AM
26 Sunday School/9:30 AM Worship/10:30 AM	27	28	29 Bible Class, Prayer, and Praise/6PM	30	1	2