

# Cornerstone Christian Church

November 2022

Confidence Rooted In Christ!

(Hebrews 3:6)

## Rusting On Your Laurels

### Romans 12:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

As 2023 approaches, and as we enjoy what's left of 2022, we can all admit we've been through a lot.

The covid crisis, coupled with personal challenges of dealing with the economy and other issues, a changing society, and the impression that a lot of things are out of control, not to mention the impact on the church universal and our own Cornerstone Family. A lot of stuff. And then there's personal sickness, surgeries, family issues, employment (or retirement!), etc.

I believe Cornerstone came through most of all this very, very well. Not to brag about ourselves and what we've done, because every bit of credit, glory, and praise goes to God. He has been so gracious to this church family. We understand the balance between the effort God expects us to make, and the power of God (Ephesians 2:10). Nothing good could be accomplished by the people of Cornerstone apart from dependence on Him.

Now the "holiday season," and the new year are bearing down on us. What are we preparing to do with God's plans as He presents opportunities to us? There is something we absolutely must avoid... you know the old statement, "Resting on your laurels?" It indicates a tendency to see all your achievements, all your adventures, all your challenges as being behind you. And some Christians see all their service to the Lord and His church as... behind them! Maybe the excuse is age, or tiredness, or "I've done that too many times before," or something else. RESTING on your laurels is really RUSTING on them. And there's no place for that in God's plans for us in 2023!

If we want to see Christ's church grow, we must embrace growth personally, and be leaders and example setters for one another (Hebrews 10:23-25).

Take a fresh look at what you can do to serve Christ. Let your example be a good one for other believers- that will encourage them to more effective service. Remember, we are members of Christ and of one another- we receive encouragement from Him and share it with each other (1 Corinthians 15:58)!

Blessed to be serving with you,

Jay

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### **Communion Meditation:**

**11/6- Rocco Arnold**

**11/13- Larry McKemey**

**11/20- Jack Jackson**

**11/27- Loyd McBride**

