**Light Coming Into Darkness John 1:1-13; 1 John 2:7, 8**

Cornerstone Christian Church December 2024

Serving through Christ’s Strength!

(Philippians 4:13; 1 Peter 4:10, 11)

A major feature of Christmas time are lights. Almost anything becomes a target upon which to hang them. From the plump “old fashioned” type bulbs of our childhood to the tiny, very vivid LED bulbs which have become so prevalent in recent years, lights adorn trees, houses, yards, items static or moving. I’ve seen vehicles and dog houses adorned with them.

To we who follow Jesus, light has a very significant meaning. Darkness, in scripture, repre- sents being spiritually lost. Darkness is the realm of hopeless wandering; we can’t see where we’re going. There is despair and ultimately doom. But then THE light (Jesus) comes into the world and offers enlightenment (John 1:9), which means “to make clear spiritually, to cause to understand.” In Jesus we see God Himself and realize His saving purpose (John 12:45, 46).

We can experience the daily fellowship walking (living) in the light can bring with God and our brothers and sisters (1 John 1:5-7). We’re in the family of God, saved, blessed, empow- ered to serve- no longer in darkness, but now in light!

The Magi saw the light of a star and sought Jesus to worship Him (Matthew 2:1, 2). May eve- ry light we see this Christmas remind us of the transforming power of Jesus. May we stay close to Him and absorb His Word. May we be encouraged and strengthened to glorify God by loving and serving one another.

Have a blessed Christmas season. Jay

***Communion Meditation:* 12/1– Larry McKemey 12/8– Jack Jackson**

**12/15– Loyd McBride**

**12/22– Jay Thompson**

**12/29– Ken Crook**

***Greeters:***

**12/1– Jack & Linda Jackson 12/8– Larry & Sarah McKemey 12/15– Mike & Dianna Stover 12/22– Victor & Sharon Clark 12/29– Loyd & Gladys McBride**

**December**

**Monday, 12/2 at 4 PM- Elder’s Meeting**- If you have business for them to discuss, or if you want to meet with the elders, see Jay, Jack or Larry in advance.

# Wednesday, 12/4 at 6 PM– Praise, Prayer, and Bible Class.

**Friday, 12/6 at 8 AM- Gift Wrapping Party**– Come help us get things ready to show the love of Jesus to the folks at Friendship Mission!

**Saturday,12/7– gather at the CCC building** at 10:15 AM to load cars for the Friendship Mis- sion party. At 10:30 AM we will caravan over. The party starts at 11 AM and will go to 2 PM.

# Wednesday, 12/11 at 6 PM– Praise, Prayer, and Bible Class.

**Saturday, 12/14, 8:30 AM-11:30 AM– Ladies’ Christmas Party**, at the CCC building.

# Wednesday, 12/18 at 6 PM– Praise, Prayer, and Bible Class.

**Tuesday, 12/24 at 6 PM- Cornerstone’s Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**- Join in as we take a few minutes to remember why we celebrate the season. We will sing Christmas songs, Jay will share a Christmas message, and we will end with candlelight Communion

time.

There will be no Praise, Prayer, and Bible Class on Wednesday, 12/25. ***BUT have a blessed Christmas Day!***

We will not have Wednesday meals in December. They’ll resume in January. Also, the Keenagers will not meet in December.

