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### 1. A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHLEEN



Dear Friends,

We worship a giving God, a God who provides so that we can be giving people, free people, fulfilled people. But sometimes we aren't. There are idols, including work and stuff and money and debt, that keep us from fully giving our lives to God and experiencing freedom. But God is a giving God, so how is God providing that freedom? This week in worship, as we continue in our sermon series *First: Putting God First in Living and Giving*, we'll be challenged to consider the place that money, work, and debt have in our own lives. What are our common understandings of these, and might the witness of Scripture lead us to some different understandings?

Join us at 9 or 11 as we continue to seek freedom that comes with placing God first in our lives.

*Grace and Peace in Christ,*

Pastor Kathleen

## 2. LUNCHEON

Representatives from the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas will be coming to speak on Monday, January 22. Lunch will be provided. Topics will include estate planning and legacy giving. Please register for the luncheon at the Visitor's Table or contact the church office so we will know how much food to order. Lunch will be a boxed lunch from Heavenly Ham.

## 3. WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Pastor Kathleen is leading a study that goes along with our New Year Stewardship sermon series First: Putting God First in Living and Giving. Youth and children will also have a study that follows the same topics, so that we all can consider together how we put God first in our lives this new year.

Patrick Gillespie and David Belk are leading Men's Study "33 The Series Volume 1: A Man And His Design". The 33 Series is based on the 33 years of Jesus' life on Earth. The Training Guide is \$15.

Michelle Young is leading a Women's Study by Chrystal Evans Hurst called *She's Still There: Rescuing the Girl in You*.

Pastor Sam Meadors will begin a study of C. S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* on January 17.

The meal for January 17 will be taco soup, Fritos, sandwiches and desserts. If you are interested in helping prepare the meal, serving or cleaning up, please contact the church office. We have a sign-up sheet for desserts on Wednesday night as well.

## 4. NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED!

Cornerstone has welcomed several new babies over the past couple of months! We have an urgent need now for nursery workers. We need volunteers for both Sunday mornings and Wednesday night during Wednesday Night Live. If you can help, please contact Andrea Newsom at (870) 275-3179.

## 5. CHILDREN'S WORKERS

**We need YOU**  
*to hang with our kiddos!*

We need readers & leaders for our children.  
For info call/text Christi at 501-860-5678 or  
email [familyminister@cornerstoneumc.net](mailto:familyminister@cornerstoneumc.net).



## 6. QUILTERS

If you are a quilter, we have a "Women of the Bible" quilting challenge. Here is a chance for you to learn more about some of the women of the bible and have a beautiful quilt before the end of the year. This is a BOM (block of the month). The patterns are all FREE. Your only cost would be the cost of the fabric you choose.

The patterns are all simple. Instructions are easy to follow. With each block, there is a story about a different woman in the bible. You will receive 2 patterns on the first of the month and two more block patterns on the 15th. No pressure or deadline to complete any of the blocks.

We're thinking of getting together once a month to share the blocks we have made and learn about a different woman in the bible. Would love to have you join us. If you've never made a quilt, we're more than happy to help you get started. If you want more info, I'll send you the introduction page and the first two blocks patterns. Contact Jan Magee at: [870-926-0398](tel:870-926-0398) or [Janmagee67@gmail.com](mailto:Janmagee67@gmail.com).

## 7. CHRISTIAN BELIEVER

Pastor Kathleen will be leading the day-time Bible study, *Christian Believer*, beginning January 8. On Mondays at 10:00 a.m., the group will gather together to study the tenants of our Christian faith and belief systems. Through scripture as well as words from ancient to contemporary theologians, we will ask and consider what makes us Christian, our unity and the wealth of diversity within our doctrine. This will be a 30 week study (with breaks) and each session will last about an hour and a half.

## 8. INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF MUSIC HERE AT CORNERSTONE?!

After a wonderful musical Advent and Christmas season, our choir and praise team will be resuming rehearsals on January 3. If you are interested in being a part of these musical groups or learning about our worship technology (sound, projections, video), contact Laura Syc ([music@cornerstoneumc.net](mailto:music@cornerstoneumc.net)).

## 9. WEATHER

In this time of year when there is always the potential for inclement weather, always check your e-mail, Facebook, TV, etc. for lists of closings. Pastor Kathleen will make the announcements any time she feels that traveling would be too dangerous for us to attend scheduled events, church services, etc.

## 10. ASU BASKETBALL FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

**Save the date!**

A-State Men's Basketball invites you and your congregation to join us **Saturday, February 17, for Faith & Family Night**. A fellowship with testimonial from special guest speaker, to be named later this week, and a student athlete faith panel will be held following the game. All faith groups in attendance will receive a videoboard & public address welcome during the game. This event is all ages and we encourage your congregations to attend as a group. Please the office if you are interested in attending as a group. Tickets will be **\$7 per person for all groups**.

## 11. CALENDAR: January 14-20

### Sunday

9:00 am Contemporary Worship  
9:00 pm Kids ConneXion  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
12:15 pm Staff Meeting

### Monday

4:30 pm Handbell Practice  
6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

### Tuesday

10:00 am Helping Neighbors Food Pantry  
6:30 pm AA Meeting (Friendship/Fellowship Room)  
6:30 pm ALANON  
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Front Page Café)  
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Live Meal  
6:00 pm Bible Studies  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice  
7:30 pm Praise Band Practice

### Thursday

5:30 pm Weight Watchers  
6:30 pm AA Meeting (Friendship/Fellowship Room)

### Saturday

6:00 am Proverbs Men's Group

## 12. BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK (January 14 - 20)

<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>01/14</i>	John Porbeck Taylor Ross
	<i>01/16</i>	Pat Chitmon Asher Martin (3)
	<i>01/17</i>	Joe Escue
	<i>01/19</i>	Benny Campbell Bill Gatlin
<i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>01/15</i>	Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Montgomery
	<i>01/20</i>	Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pait

### **13. THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH**

#### **USHERS/GREETERS:**

##### **January**

**9:00 am**

Greg Bauders, Ron & Linda Clines, Mike Coles

**11:00 am**

Benny Campbell, Roger Lamkin, Karen Pearce, Boyd Shelton

#### **NURSERY:**

**January 14**

**Help Needed – Please contact Andrea Newsom at (870) 275-3179.**

#### **FOOD PANTRY:**

##### **January 16**

**10:00-12:00**

Jim & Sandy Clardy, Larry & Lynn Featherston

**12:00- 2:00**

Barbara Blanchard, Randy Garrison, David Midkiff, Mary Montgomery

#### **COUNTING COMMITTEE**

**January**

Becca Farley & Margie Woods