

# NEW MEMBER WORKBOOK



# CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH



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## *a letter from* **OUR LEADERS...**

*Praise the Lord and welcome home to your new house of worship. We count it a privilege that you have chosen this church as a place where you can grow in knowledge, grace, and faith.*

*As your pastors, we encourage you to use your gifts and talents to the glory of God in any ministry group God where God is leading you. We pray you will feel free to talk to us. If you have a question or an idea. Feel free to speak with us via email, virtual or an in-person meeting. We are here for you.*

*You are special and God has such an amazing plan for your life. HE has led you to a loving group of His children and we are excited that you are here. We pray that you will grow in wisdom, the knowledge of God and exercise His plan for your life.*

*Get involved with the ministries of your new church. Make ministry a part of your daily life in some way. There are various ministries and multiple growth experiences that we hope will afford you the opportunity to grow in fellowship with your new brothers and sisters in Christ.*

*Finally, we invite you to make Cornerstone Baptist Church a place where you can be continuously nurtured in your Christian walk. Then nurture others as you open your heart to the Lord in each season of your life. May God richly bless and keep you!*

*Shalom,  
Bishop Dr. Charles J. J. Jackson, III & Co-Pastor Elder Alaine Jackson*

# *Mission* **STATEMENT**

OUR MISSION IS

*to know Christ and to make him known  
through worship and service to others.*

*Matthew 28:12-20*

# *Vision* **STATEMENT**

OUR VISION IS

*to provide an atmosphere of worship  
where all people come to know Christ  
and serve Him through fellowship,  
discipleship, and outreach.*

# Our Church COVENANT

*Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.*

*We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, toward its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.*

*We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to study diligently the word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.*

*We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*When we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.*

*This Church accepts the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as this inspired record of God's revelatory actions in human history and as the authoritative basis for its doctrine and practice.*

# OUR FOCUS

*Our New Member course is designed to be given in four to six sessions. There are six lessons in Christian growth to help you understand your opportunities as a Christian.*

## 1. DAILY DEVOTION TIME

*The consistent practice of the following will help you to have an established relationship with the Lord and enable you to experience the great joys of serving Him.*

### A. PRAY

*– take time to commune with god in a quiet place.*

### B. MEMORIZE

*– Commit the selected verses to memory .*

### C. STUDY

*– Answer a few questions from your study sheets each day.*

### D. APPLY

*– Determine what steps you will take to apply what you have learned to your everyday life.*

## 2. DISCIPLESHIP SESSIONS

*Sessions will be held each week for four to six weeks. These meetings will include:*

**A. PRAYER** *and special time to worship the Lord*

**B. TEACHING** *instruction with some visual aids relating to your study questions.*

**C. SHARING** *discussion of the lesson, related experiences, questions, etc.*

**D. STUDY** *questions will be due each week.*

*Remember to answer these questions at home before class to enrich class discussions.*

# CURRICULUM

## I

### *Salvation & Grace*

UNDERSTANDING SALVATION & GRACE  
IN RELATIONSHIP TO OUR CHRISTIAN WALK

## II

### *Baptism, The Lord's Supper*

UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES  
OF BAPTISM, & THE LORD'S SUPPER

## III

### *Spiritual Warfare*

DEALING WITH TEMPTATION  
AND UNDERSTANDING OUR ENEMY

## IV

### *How To Pray*

LEARNING THE BASICS OF COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

## V

### *Tithing*

LEARNING THAT TITHING IS A RESPONSIBILITY

## VI

### *Your Bishop/Pastor & You*

BUILDING A PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP  
WITH THE OVERSEER OF GOD'S FLOCK  
AND YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

# Lesson I

## SALVATION & GRACE

*Read & Meditate* ROMANS 3:23, 5:12; 10:9

*Memorize* EPHESIANS 2:8-9

### Introduction

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SAVED? WHO CAN BE SAVED?  
IS EVERYONE AFFECTED BY SIN? HOW CAN I AVOID SIN?**

***The answers to these and many other questions are found in the gospel, but what is the gospel?***

*The word “gospel” means “good news”; and that is exactly what it is. One might ask, “why is the gospel so important?”*

*The answer is because of sin that has affected mankind. The word sin means “to transgress” or “to miss the mark.”*

*Whenever we sin, we are separated from God but Jesus came to redeem man from sin.*

***Many people think that they are exempt from the effects of sin.***

*Yet the Bible clearly tells us that “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)*

*and “there is none righteous, no, not one”. (Roman 3:10)*

***Someone might argue, “this isn’t fair! I haven’t done as much wrong as some others have!”***

*We must realize that the Bible says a little leaven, leavens the whole lump, or a little yeast still makes the bread rise.*

*(Galatians 5:9) In other words, it does not take a whole lot to separate us from God. One sin, no matter how large or small, is enough to keep us separated from God.*

***What is the penalty of sin?***

*The Bible tells us that “the wages of sin is death” (Roman 6:23). Well, if sin separates us from God how are we saved?*

***It is very important that every child of God understands that it is by God’s marvelous grace that we are saved!***

*For by grace, we are saved from the penalty of past sins and kept from the power of present and future sin.*

***For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.***

***Not of works, lest any man should boast.***

**EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

*Webster’s Dictionary defines grace as, “the unmerited love and favor of God toward men.” By understanding grace, we can have assurance that we are not only saved but able to be kept by the power of God. In this lesson we will see that grace is truly the proof of God’s amazing love for us.*

Notes:

# STUDY QUESTIONS

1. ACCORDING TO GENESIS 2:15-17 AND 3:6, WHAT DID THE FIRST MAN, ADAM, DO TO BREAK GOD'S COMMANDMENT?

2. WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF ADAM'S FALL FOR US TODAY? (*Romans 5:12*)

3. IS ANY HUMAN BEING GOOD BY NATURE? (*Romans 3:10-12,23*)

4. WHAT PUNISHMENT AWAITS UNSAVED MANKIND? (*Romans 6:23*)

5. WHO PAID THE PRICE FOR OUR SINS? HOW AND WHY? (*Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15: 3; 2 Corinthians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:18*)

6. IN RELATION TO THE ACCOMPANYING SCRIPTURES, GIVE A BRIEF DICTIONARY DEFINITION OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

**JUSTIFICATION** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)

**REDEMPTION** (*1 Peter 1:18-19 or Matthew 20:28*)

**PROPITIATE** (*Romans 3:25*)

7. THE BIBLE SAYS THAT WE ARE SAVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_  
(*Ephesians 2:8-9*)

8. WHAT LAW DID CHRIST'S DEATH FREE US FROM? (*Romans 8:2*)

9. WHAT IS THE ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR SALVATION? (*Romans 10:9*)

# Application

1. ARE WE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR SINS PRIOR TO OUR SALVATION? (*Romans 8:1, 31-34*)

2. WHAT ABOUT THE SINS WE HAVE COMMITTED SINCE WE WERE SAVED THAT WE ARE TRULY SORRY FOR? (*1 John 1:7-10; 2:2*)

3. DOES FORGIVENESS REMOVE THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN? (*Galatians 6:7-9*)

4. CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THAT YOU FEEL IS NOT TRUE.

OUR SALVATION DEPENDS ON:

A. OUR OBEDIENCE TO THE PLAN OF SALVATION

B HOW WE FEEL AT THE MOMENT

C. CHRIST'S DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION

D. FAITH IN GOD'S GRACE

*We trusted God for payment of our penalty for sin. Should we not continue to trust Him for power over sin? We are saved by faith through His grace, and we are kept by faith in His grace. Our feelings and moods may change like the weather, but our God never changes. Jesus will never fail "... for He said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee". (Hebrews 13:5)*

***Keep your trust in Him, "being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.***

**PHILIPPIANS 1:6**



# Lesson II

## BAPTISM & THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Read & Meditate* EPHESIANS 4:5; MATTHEW 28:1; ACTS 2:38  
1 CORINTHIANS 11: 24-29; LUKE 22:19

**Have your ever asked yourself: Is it necessary to get baptized? Where did the Lord's Supper come from and why is it so important? Will I be wrong if I refuse to participate in baptism and communion? How about tithing, is it really required by God or did someone make it up?**

*The answers to these questions and many others are found in the next few pages. As Christians, we have responsibilities to baptism, the Lord's Supper, and tithing. Let us study to find out what our responsibilities are.*

## BAPTISM

1. WHAT DOES BAPTISM REPRESENT? (*Romans 6: 4-11*)
2. BAPTISM IS DONE BY SPRINKLING OR POURING. True or False (*Acts 8:38*)
3. WHO CAN BE BAPTIZED? (*Mark 16:16*)
4. ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:23, WHERE DOES BAPTISM OCCUR?
5. CAN SALVATION COME WITHOUT BAPTISM? (*John 3:16*)
6. WHY SHOULD EVERY BELIEVER BE BAPTIZED? (*Matthew 3:15-17*)

## Fill in the Blanks

Romans 6:4: "Therefore, we have been \_\_\_\_\_ with Him by \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_,  
so that, just as \_\_\_\_\_ was raised up from the \_\_\_\_\_ by the glory of the Father,  
so we too might \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of life."

Notes:

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. WHAT DO THE BREAD AND WINE REPRESENT? (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)

2. WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE? (1 Corinthians 11:24-26)

3. WHO IS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER? (Acts 2:41-42)

4. HOW OFTEN SHOULD THE LORD'S SUPPER BE OBSERVED? (1 Corinthians 11:26)

## Fill in the Blanks

Mark 14:22-24: "And as they did \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus took \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ it, and gave it to them, and said, take, \_\_\_\_\_, this is \_\_\_\_\_.

And he took the \_\_\_\_\_, and when he had given \_\_\_\_\_, he gave it to them and they all \_\_\_\_\_ of it. And he said unto them, this is my \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ which is \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_."

# Lesson III

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

*Read & Meditate* EPHESIANS 6:10-18

*Memorize* 2 CORINTHIANS 10: 3-5

***When you gave your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ,  
you enlisted in His army and entered spiritual conflict with the enemies of God.  
It is a fight to the finish! In the Bible we are told to, “fight the good fight of faith...”***

**1TIMOTHY 6:12**

*Whether you realize it or not, you have already been engaged in some of the battles. It is not a physical warfare you are fighting. The battlefield is spiritual. This is where defeats are suffered, or victories won. God’s promise is that He will, “keep (that is, put a garrison or military stronghold about) our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7) How wonderful! However, in order to be victorious, we must know our enemies and what Satan’s weapons are. We must take full advantage of the armor Christ provides us, and we must know how to use it.*

*If you will take God’s way in this great warfare, you can say like the Apostle Paul, “thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!” (1Corinthians 15:57)*

## STUDY QUESTIONS

### 1. THE CHRISTIAN HAS THREE ENEMIES.

*What are they?*

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 5:8)

\_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:4)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 5:17)

*How can they be overcome?*

\_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:7)

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 2:15)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 5:16)

### 2. TEMPTATION IS SATAN’S MAJOR WEAPON. IT IS AN ENTICEMENT TO DO EVIL. THE WORD “TEMPT” LITERALLY MEANS “TO TEST”.

*Answer the questions below, yes or no, then look up the corresponding scriptures.*

*Was Jesus Christ ever tempted? (Hebrews 2:18)*

*Did He experience the very same temptations we do? (Hebrews 4:14-15)*

**3. CAREFULLY READ JAMES 1:13-15 AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:**

Who do you think “the tempter” is? \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 13)

What causes us to be tempted? \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 14)

Is temptation, or yielding to it a sin? \_\_\_\_\_ (Verse 15)

**4. IS THERE ANY TEMPTATION THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO WITHSTAND?  
WHY OR WHY NOT? (1 Corinthians 10:13)**

**5. WHAT ARE TWO THINGS WE MUST DO TO REPEL SATANIC FORCES?  
(James 4:7)**

A.

B.

**6. CAN WE ACCOMMODATE THE DEVIL IN ANY WAY? (Ephesians 4:27)**

**7. GOD HAS MADE A WAY FOR US TO SUCCESSFULLY BATTLE THE ENEMIES OF OUR SOUL.**

**A. WHERE DOES OUR STRENGTH COME FROM TO DEFEAT OUR FOES? (Ephesians 6:10)**

**B. WHAT ARE THE FOUR CATEGORIES OF EVIL IN THE WORLD? (Ephesians 6:12)**

**C. LIST THE SIX DEFENSIVE WEAPONS GOD PROVIDES FOR US TO OVERCOME.  
(Ephesians 6:14-17)**

**8. ROMANS 8:31 AND VERSES 35-39, TELL OUR POSITION REGARDING SPIRITUAL WARFARE.**

**A. WHO IS ON OUR SIDE? (Verse 31)**

**B. WHAT ARE WE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST? (Verse 37)**

**C. CAN ANYONE, OR ANY CIRCUMSTANCE DEFEAT US? (Verses 35, 38, 39)**

# Application

## A. CAREFULLY READ JOHN 1:8 - 2:1.

*The Bible tells us that we should not sin. However, because we are human, we know (and the Bible tells us) that we do commit sin, even after we are saved. So, God in His mercy, has provided “a way of escape” for us when we fall into temptation and the snare of the enemy. Write out 1 John 1:9 to find out what we must do to obtain forgiveness and personal cleansing.*

## B. SPEND SOME TIME ALONE WITH GOD.

*Ask Him to reveal to you any sin that is in your life. In privacy and honesty, write down on a piece of paper a temptation that frequently overcomes you. Confess to God that you realize it is wrong (confession simply means to “agree with God” concerning your sin). Knowing that He will hear your sincere prayer of repentance, write “... the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin”, across the top of your paper. As you do, realize that God has not only forgiven, but also forgotten your sin.*

*The Word of God gives our enemy the devil many names. He is referred to as: Satan, Lucifer, the Destroyer, the Dragon, the Father of Lies, the Tempter, the Evil One, a Roaring Lion, the Old Serpent, the Accuser, Prince of Darkness, the Adversary, the Wicked One, Prince of Demons, Murderer, The god of this World, and the Prince of the Power of the Air. Our enemy can be strong, ruthless, cunning, fierce, subtle, and without mercy. He is dedicated to destroying man and the kingdom of God. Never underestimate him. However, never overestimate him or fear him either.*

*Satan is dreadfully afraid of Christians who are saturated with God’s word and full of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord, who has all power in heaven and earth, has given us power over all powers of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt us. (Luke 19:10) You can expect the devil to put up a good fight, “but the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil” (2 Thessalonians 3:3), for “...greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)*



# Lesson IV

## HOW TO PRAY

*Read & Meditate* LUKE 11:1-13  
*Memorize* PHILIPPIANS 4: 6-7

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK TO GOD?  
IS YOUR DESIRE FOR GOD TO SPEAK TO YOU?**

*In this lesson you will learn to pray effectively! The world can be changed through prayer and the power, revelation, and strength of God becomes ours. You can become an important part of God's plan if you are willing to pray.*

*As for me, I will call upon God and the Lord shall save me.  
Evening and morning, and at noon will I pray, and cry aloud; and He shall hear my voice.  
PSALMS 55:16-17*

**To be effective, establish this one consideration; choose to pray.**

*This is something only you can do. Your decision to pray will bring glory to God and blessings to yourself and others.*

*That decision, when carried out, will make you one of the most important people in the world, doing the most important job in the world.*

## STUDY QUESTIONS

**1. OUR LORD JESUS SAID, "... MEN OUGHT TO PRAY AND NOT \_\_\_\_\_**

*(Luke 18:1)*

**2. THE APOSTLE PAUL TELLS US TO, PRAY \_\_\_\_\_**

*(1 Thessalonians 5:17)*

**3. WHAT MUST WE ALL HAVE WHENEVER WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER?**

*(Hint: without this one thing it is impossible to please God.) (Mark 11:22-24, Hebrews 11:6)*

**4. SOMETIMES WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO PRAY FOR, AS WE SHOULD.**

**WHAT SUPERNATURAL HELP DO WE HAVE IN PRAYER?** *(Romans 8:26, Jude v. 20)*

**5. ACCORDING TO 1 JOHN 5:14, HOW CAN WE KNOW THAT OUR PRAYERS WILL BE**

**ANSWERED?** \_\_\_\_\_

# Fill in the Blanks

James 5:16 "... the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ prayer of a \_\_\_\_\_ man availeth much."

## FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING CHART:

CAUSE	(1) POSSIBLE PROBLEM	(2) SUGGESTED SOLUTION
JAMES 4:3		
MARK 11:25		
1 PETER 3:7		
MATTHEW 21:22		

## 1. ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS 6:18...

WHEN should we pray? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT should we pray with? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW should we pray? \_\_\_\_\_

WHO should we pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

# Application

A. THE MOST CONVENIENT TIME FOR ME TO PRAY IS \_\_\_\_\_

B. A QUIET PLACE FOR ME TO PRAY UNINTERRUPTED IS \_\_\_\_\_

C. THESE ARE SOME OF THE PEOPLE, THINGS & SITUATIONS I NEED TO PRAY FOR OR ABOUT:

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Notes

**Prayer is two-way communication with God.** Express yourself naturally and then listen. We can talk with the Lord anytime, anyplace, in any position and any way we feel. Above all, always remember that the only way to really learn how to pray is to pray! The words of prayer advocate, S. D. Gordon, contain a conviction that every child of God should have and hold, “the greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray. Not those who talk about, nor those who say they believe in prayer; but those people who take time to pray.”

**Prayer is good in any posture at any time, in any place, under all circumstances.** Prayer is needed in the life of the person who wants to know Jesus Christ in a personal way. The Bible tells us, “Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

**Jesus told us that “men always ought to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1).** When you face difficulties in life and find yourself worried about the future, that is the time to pray! We are also told, “be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 4:6)

**There are basically four different types of prayer:**

### **PETITION**

When we bring our own prayer needs to God. “Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

### **SUPPLICATION AND INTERCESSION**

When we pray for the needs of others. “Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16 NIV)

### **PRAISE, THANKSGIVING AND WORSHIP**

When we take time to thank God for what He has done in our lives and get to know Him better by learning to worship Him in the process. “I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. (Psalms 34:1).  
“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)

### **CONFESSION**

Where I admit my own sins and shortcomings to God. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). This type of prayer is extremely important because unconfessed sin can hinder your prayers. “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear [me].” (Psalms 66:18)

To confess means to agree with God. It means, in essence, to see things the way He sees them. For instance, I know that God hates sin, so if I am “confessing” my sin, I should want to turn away from it. Scripture tells us, “You who love the Lord, hate evil.” (Psalm 97:10).

One of the keys to learning how to pray is to know God better. One way to get to know God better is to read the Bible. Just remember that you can pray to God about anything, anytime, anywhere.

# Pray About Anything

<i>For Blessings</i> .....	1 CHRONICLES 4:10
<i>For Help In Trouble</i> .....	2 CHRONICLES 14:11
<i>To Express Love To God</i> .....	PSALMS 18:1
<i>When In Anguish</i> .....	PSALMS 22:1-2
<i>To Express Thanks To God</i> .....	PSALMS 52:9
<i>For Direction</i> .....	PSALMS 143:8
<i>For Instruction</i> .....	PSALMS 143:10
<i>In Praise And Worship</i> .....	PSALMS 145:1-2
<i>For Guidance</i> .....	PROVERBS 3:5-6
<i>For Daily Needs</i> .....	MATTHEW 6:11
<i>For God's Mercy</i> .....	LUKE 18:13
<i>For Your Ministry</i> .....	JOHN 15-16
<i>For Someone's Salvation</i> .....	ROMANS 10:1
<i>For Everything</i> .....	PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7
<i>For Wisdom</i> .....	JAMES 1:5
<i>For Physical Healing</i> .....	JAMES 5:16
<i>For Forgiveness</i> .....	2 JOHN 1:9
<i>For Anything</i> .....	2 JOHN 5:14

# Pray at Anytime

<i>When You're Up</i> .....	EXODUS 15:11-13
<i>When You're Down</i> .....	2 SAMUEL 12:15
<i>In Spiritual Battle</i> .....	1 KINGS 18:36
<i>When You've Sinned</i> .....	PSALMS 51:3-4
<i>Evening, Morning, And Noon</i> .....	PSALMS 55:17
<i>When In Trials</i> .....	ACTS 16:25

# Pray Anywhere

<i>In The House Of God</i> .....	1 SAMUEL 1:9-10
<i>In Your Room</i> .....	MATTHEW 6:6
<i>Out On The Hills</i> .....	MATTHEW 14:23
<i>With Others</i> .....	MATTHEW 18:19-20
<i>Alone</i> .....	MARK 1:35

# Lesson V

## TITHING

*Read & Meditate* MALACHI 3:8-12

*Memorize* LUKE 6:38

1. WHAT IS TITHING? (*Genesis 28:22*)
2. WHY SHOULD WE TITHE? (*Leviticus 27:30*)
3. USING A DICTIONARY, DEFINE THE WORD "TENTH", THEN DEFINE TENTH IN YOUR OWN WORDS
4. LIST THREE REASONS WHY YOU THINK A PERSON DOES NOT TITHE.

*Read Malachi 3:8-12 to answer the next questions.*

5. IS IT SINFUL NOT TO TITHE?
6. WHAT IS THE STOREHOUSE?
7. WHAT ARE SOME BENEFITS OF TITHING?
8. WHAT DOES GOD SAY TO SHOW US THAT HE WANTS TO BE CHALLENGED BY OUR TITHING?

### Fill in the Blanks:

Luke 6:38: " \_\_\_\_\_, and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto you;  
good \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ down,  
and \_\_\_\_\_, and running over,  
shall men \_\_\_\_\_ into your \_\_\_\_\_.  
For with the same \_\_\_\_\_ that ye mete it  
\_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ to you again."

Notes



# Lesson VI

## YOUR BISHOP/PASTOR & YOU

**Read & Meditate** EPHESIANS 4:1-16, 1TIMOTHY 3:1-8

**Memorize** 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13

### Introduction

*There are divine agencies our Lord gives us to fashion and mold our lives so that we can be acceptable unto Him and successful as a Christian. There are at least three major agencies to consider. First, we have the Word of God. Then, we have the Holy Spirit as a constant teacher and guide. Lastly, we have the man/woman of God — our pastor, our Bishop. In this lesson we will deal with the role our pastor/Bishop plays in our spiritual lives.*

*The word “pastor” literally means, “shepherd”. The word “bishop” means “overseer.” (1 Timothy 3:1-8; Acts 20:17, 28; Titus 1:5,7) The guiding and helping hand of a godly pastor/bishop will be invaluable to you in your walk with God. As a new creature in Christ, walking a brand new but yet unfamiliar path of life, it is good to be able to follow and listen to someone who has walked this way for many years. Nurture a desire to be fed and led by the man/woman of God.*

*Our Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, says to those that will be His disciples, “follow me.” The Bible exhorts believers to be, “... followers of God, as dear children.” (Ephesians 5:1), and to follow His under shepherds as they follow Christ. (Philippians 3:17 and 1 Corinthians 11:1) The Word of God teaches us to follow, respect, believe and work with the man/woman of God. He/she is a representative of our Heavenly Father, of whom it is said, “...that ye would follow His steps” (1 Peter 2:21). In 1 Thessalonians 1:16, the Apostles Paul portrays the ideal situation for pastor and people. He says “ye became followers of us, and of the Lord.” What a beautiful relationship. This is the kind of relationship God wants you to have with your pastor/bishop.*

## STUDY QUESTIONS

### 2. READ 1 PETER 5:4 AND HEBREWS 13:1 AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

*Who is the Chief Shepherd?*

*Who are His under shepherds or overseers?*

### 3. LIST THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MINISTRY AS FOUND IN 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13.

**4. LIST THREE OF YOUR PASTOR’S/BISHOP’S GOD-GIVEN RESPONSIBILITIES:**

P \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:12)

F \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:28)

W \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 13:17)

**5. YOUR PASTOR/BISHOP IS GIVEN A SOLEMN CHARGE TO DO WHAT FIVE THINGS WITH ALL PATIENCE AND TEACHING? (2 Timothy 4:1-2) Fill in the blanks.**

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

6. “...The servant of the Lord must not \_\_\_\_\_; but be \_\_\_\_\_ unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in \_\_\_\_\_ instructing those who oppose themselves. (2 Timothy 2:24,25)

**7. CAREFULLY EXAMINE EZEKIEL 3:17-19 AND HEBREWS 13:17, AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

Why must our pastor/bishop give warning to his people at times?

- A. For your sake
- B. For his sake
- C. Both a & b

Although our pastor/bishop will give an account for you, who suffers the consequences of disobedience to spiritual authority?

- A. You
- B. Him
- C. Both a & b

**8. YOUR PASTOR/BISHOP IS A HELPER OF \_\_\_\_\_.** (2 Corinthians 1:24)

A. The fourth chapter of Ephesians gives us some clear insights on spiritual leadership.

1. What ministries are God’s special gifts to the church? (Verses 7-11)
2. Which of the above are you primarily associated with?

**B. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS WE SHOULD SUPPORT OUR PASTOR/BISHOP?**

- Hebrews 13:7

- Hebrews 10:25, 2 Corinthians 11:7 & Philippians 4:10

- Romans 15:30 & 1 Thessalonians 5:25

- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

**C. SIGN BELOW IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN COMMIT YOURSELF TO THE FOLLOWING:**

*Before God, I pledge myself to fully cooperate with my pastor/bishop and support him/her and the church by joining together in spiritual activities and labor for the advancement of the kingdom of God.*

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Notes

# GOD'S ARMOR



BREASTPLATE  
OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

HELMET OF  
SALVATION

SWORD OF  
THE SPIRIT  
THE "WORD  
OF GOD"

SHIELD OF FAITH

BELT OF TRUTH

FEET FITTED WITH THE  
READINESS FROM THE  
GOSPEL OF PEACE

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*

**EPHESIANS 6:10**

# STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

*Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me.*

*But ye say Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings.*

MALACHI 3:8

EARNINGS	TITLES
\$10	\$1
\$20	\$2
\$30	\$3
\$40	\$4
\$50	\$5
\$60	\$6
\$70	\$7
\$80	\$8
\$90	\$9
\$100	\$10
\$200	\$20
\$300	\$30
\$400	\$40
\$500	\$50
\$600	\$60
\$700	\$70
\$800	\$80
\$900	\$90
\$1000	\$100

*“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”*

MALACHI 3:10

*This is a copy of the front of our in-service offering envelope.*

## CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

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SENIOR PASTOR



TITHES \_\_\_\_\_

OFFERING \_\_\_\_\_

MISSION \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER

VISITOR

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." -1 Cor. 16:2.*

## GIVING AT CBC IS QUICK & EASY.

*Here are the electronic ways to give:*

- CASH APP: \$CBCSPARTANBURG
- PAY PAL
- CBCHURCH APP
- ON CAMPUS – at offering time or at the CBC Bookstore (cash, credit or debit cards are accepted)

**THE LORD PROMISED TO OPEN A WINDOW  
FROM HEAVEN BECAUSE OF OUR OBEDIENCE.**

*Giving of tithes and offerings into the storehouse (our church and the kingdom) is important.  
So please consider remaining current and consistent with your tithes and offering.*

# OUR CHURCH ETIQUETTE & More

**Church etiquette includes a variety of issues.**

*It is how we conduct ourselves while at church and during our worship experiences. Here at Cornerstone, we value and respect order in the house of the Lord. This section should give you a guide by which to conduct yourself.*

*This selection from **Church Etiquette** by Henry Joseph, II, gives us seven statements that cripple the church:*

- 1. DID YOU HEAR WHAT I HEARD?**
- 2. NOBODY TELLS ME ANYTHING, TOO MANY SECRETS!**
- 3. ASK “YOUR” PASTOR**
- 4. WHAT “DEACONS”?**
- 5. I HEARD SOMEBODY SAY....**
- 6. WHAT ARE THEY UP TO NOW?**
- 7. I KNEW THEY WERE WRONG, BUT THEY DIDN’T ASK ME.**

*A lot of what we do in and through the church has everything to do with our attitude. Worship starts with our attitude and church etiquette does too.*

## WHAT TO WEAR?

*One of the major concerns of church members is what to wear to church. So often we think "I don't have anything to wear", but Gladys Goforth says in her research on church etiquette "Adam and Eve didn't either, but it didn't stop them!" This is a humorous statement but it's very true.*

*The rule of thumb for dressing in church is to look your best! Anything clean and not provocative is in style. Given the style trends of today, a good rule of thumb for ladies is the more conservative the better. Short skirts (higher than one inch above the knee sitting down) tight clothing (for fashion), plunging necklines that show cleavage or the back, are not considered appropriate. We are all here to worship, not to be a distraction.*

*At Cornerstone periodically we observe a business casual/casual, which gives all of us, including our Pastor/Bishop, a chance to relax a little and come to worship. On these Sundays for ladies, casual dresses or skirts, pants, sandals, etc. (in the summer) are always appropriate, however, shorts, short skirts, spaghetti tops, etc. are not. For men, casual pants/slacks are always appropriate. However, muscle shirts, tank tops, baggy pants (displaying under garments) and t-shirts with logos displayed under dress shirts are not appropriate. The sanctuary is usually very cool in the summer months, and warm in the winter months, so being dressed appropriately will add to a pleasant worship experience for you and those around you. Remember you can be Godly and stylish too.*

## BE ON TIME

*Praise and Worship begins fifteen (15) minutes prior to service. Arrive early so you can have an opportunity to relax and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and whisper a prayer before the worship experience begins.*

## USING THE RESTROOM

*We appreciate your assistance in helping us keep our restrooms clean. When using the restrooms please dispose of any personal items properly. All children should be escorted to the restrooms by their parent, guardian or caretaker for that day. Please DO NOT send a child to the restroom alone. A good time to use the restroom for children is before the worship experience. To provide the best service to our members and guests our ushers have been instructed not to walk children to the restrooms or any other place on the church campus.*

## WHEN NEVER TO WALK

*The second commonly asked question is when never to walk in church. Here is a guideline to help:*

- 1. NEVER WALK DURING PRAYER FOR ANY OCCASION.**
- 2. NEVER WALK DURING THE READING OF SCRIPTURE.**
- 3. NEVER WALK DURING THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND ALTAR CALL.**
- 4. NEVER WALK DURING THE COMMUNION OR BAPTISM.**
- 5. NEVER WALK WHILE SOMEONE IS SPEAKING FROM THE PULPIT, OR LECTERN.**
- 6. NEVER WALK DURING THE SERMON/MESSAGE.**

*The rule of thumb is to walk as little as possible during the worship experience. Inappropriate walking is a distraction to the worship experience and is considered poor church etiquette. If you have a medical condition or medical need the usher's ministry will be happy to show you the closest exit, nurses' station, or have a member of our nursing ministry assist you.*

- If you must walk for any reason during the worship experience, never walk across the front of the church (in front of the pulpit), but you may use the aisles and walk around the back of the church, or out of the exit doors. Enter and exit as quietly as possible.*
- If the sermon has begun, please take the nearest seat available to you.*
- Some members have medical needs, and some may have children that are just being potty trained so walking might be a little more expected. A good rule is to have your children go to the restroom before service begins to minimize walking.*

## WHAT IF MY CHILDREN CRY?

*Our church has a cry room for your convenience. Any usher can assist you and you can still witness the worship experience in the comfort of this room.*

*Nursery (infant to 5) and children's church (6-13) ministries are available. The nursery has an infant and toddler room. Our youth minister(s) will call for the children for children's church during morning worship on the designated Sundays.*

*The Nursery is open at the beginning of the worship experience. An adult is needed to sign your child in the nursery and pick up your child from both ministries. You may be asked to sign an information sheet to help us care for your child. Personal*

toys are not permitted. However, should the need arise for special comfort purposes please consult with the nursery leaders first. No medications are given in the nursery or children's church.

A fretful child is not a crime. If your child cries, a good tip is to take your child in the cry room or the concourse area until they calm down.

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING FOR MY CHILD

If you decide to keep your children with you during worship, any toy or activity that can be played with quietly and not cause a distraction is appropriate. Fighting men or dolls are usually disruptive and too interactive. Markers, pens, pencils, crayons etc. are never a good idea.

Please do not allow your children to play with church property or write on church envelopes. It is important that they begin to learn church etiquette too. Snacks should not be eaten in the sanctuary. Babies and toddlers should use non-spilling "sippy cups" and/or bottles to avoid spill accidents in the sanctuary.

All children/youth are expected to exhibit proper conduct, respect for their peers, respect supervising adults and church property.

## WHAT DO I DO DURING THE OFFERTORY PERIOD?

The offering is a continuation of the worship experience. It is not a break. Here at Cornerstone, we follow the words of Malachi in that we bring our tithes to the storehouse. The Bible teaches that the tithe is different from the offering. The tithe is giving ten percent of your gross income to the Lord. The offering is giving God a sacrificial gift. Remember our blessings are tied to how we give.

We march during our offertory period and some of our giving is done before our worship experiences and electronically. When we march, we ask that all our members and friends who are physically able to follow the directions of our church leaders and ushers. What if I don't have an offering? It is a good idea to march anyway; it makes marching go much smoother.

## WHAT TO DO IN CHURCH

1. **DO** bring your own personal Bible or use your phone or device!
2. **DO** prepare to praise and worship the Lord!
3. **DO** prepare your heart to receive "rhema" from the preaching of the Word! Rhema is a direct word from the Lord to you in your current state.
4. **DO** prepare to receive an answer to prayer through the Word, miracle, signs or wonders!
5. **DO** prepare to pay tithes and give offerings as the scriptures teach and as Holy Spirit directs you!
6. Ladies on the front row and in the pulpit, **DO** wear dresses long enough to cover your knees while sitting, or cover your knees with a modest cloth!
7. **DO** sit where the ushers instruct you to sit!
8. **DO** allow the Holy Spirit free reign in your life and rejoice with love for one another.

# COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Why do we stand sometimes when we sing to praise the Lord?**

*“And the Levite... of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.” (Chronicles 20:19)*

## **Why do we clap our hands?**

*“O clap your hands all ye people, shout unto God with the voice of triumph.” (Psalms 47:1)*

## **Why do we lift our hands?**

*“Thus, I will bless Thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in Thy name.” (Psalms 63:4)*

*“Lift your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord”. (Psalms 134:2)*

## **Why do we give audible praise unto God?**

*“I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” (Psalms 34:1)*

## **Why do we have this type of worship?**

*“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.” (John 4:23-24)*

## **Why do we sing hymns?**

*And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” (Ephesians 4:5:18-19)*

## **Why are musical instruments a part of the worship experience?**

*Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance. Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: Praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals.” (Psalms 150:3-5)*

## **Why does the church pray corporately for specific needs?**

*“And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven and earth....” (Acts 4:24)*

## **Why do we anoint with the oil and pray for the sick?**

*“Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.” (James 5:14,15)*



## OUR CHURCH CREST

*A symbolic representation of the core principals of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, the CBC crest displays our core values. The dove is symbolic of the Holy Spirit and the power and presence He brings; the family is symbolic of our relationship to each other and the importance of fellowship; the open hands are symbolic of our mission and praise to God. We are commanded to praise and worship God as well as work until His triumphant return. The open Bible and The Cross are symbolic of our foundation and our purpose as the body of Christ. We must never forget The Cross nor the infallible Word of God*

## OUR TRIBAL FAMILY CONCEPT

*Congratulations and Praise the Lord! You have completed your new members' course and are ready to be officially welcomed as a part of your new church family. At Cornerstone our entire membership is organized into twelve tribes symbolic of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Each tribe has its own set of tribal leaders who are available to assist you when life happens and to answer any questions or concerns you may have. These tribal leaders are servant leaders of our official ministries (Deacon/Deaconess and Trustees) and our adjutants (Elders and Ministers). Feel free to call/text or email them to share your celebratory moments, prayer requests, and just to stay informed. Your tribal leaders will reach out to you after you receive the Right Hand of Fellowship and your official CBC Welcome Packet and Members' Handbook. A list of the tribes will be included in your packet.*

***Welcome Home! We are so glad that you are here!***

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your new church family, listen to services,  
and receive messages about church news and events.*