

C.C.F. UPDATE



Merry Christmas

December 2014

Sunday Service Rota

DECEMBER 7

COMMUNION: Jane Redmond HG
PRAYER: Shaun
SPEAKER: Robbie Muir
CRECHE: Marie
HELPERS: Lesley Anne & Morag
BIBLE CLUB: Margaret & Jo
DESK: Teri Smith

DECEMBER 14

SPEAKER: Pastor Alan Welsh
LEADING: Julien Crispin
PRAYER: Ewan
CRECHE: Marie
HELPERS: Stephen & Elaine
BIBLE CLUB: Margaret & Robert
DESK: Mary Douglas

DECEMBER 21

Christmas Family Service

SPEAKER: Pastor Alan Welsh
PRAYER: Anne-Marie

DECEMBER 28

Christmas Lunch Party

SPEAKER: Pastor Alan Welsh
PRAYER: Jane Redmond
LEADING: Robbie Muir
BIBLE CLUB: Tom & Paul

YOUTH ROTA:

Please see Vivianne Crispin

This Christmas, let us have less of Santa Claus and more of Jesus CHRIST!



We ourselves have seen and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world. (1 John 4:13)

CORNERSTONE HOLDS AGM

"Prayer and Blessings" was the focus of Cornerstone for 2014 which set the thread of agenda at the recently held AGM. We recalled the many blessings we received as a church and how God has used us to be a blessing to others.

Joseph's Basket to the World

A letter from Pastor Clint, pastor of the Camarines Norte Inter-Churches Fellowship was read thanking Cornerstone's generosity to the remote community in the Philippines devastated by Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda.

"We would like to thank you for partnering with us. You are not Filipino but has a heart in helping our fellow Filipinos and that challenged us more and inspired us to go back and forth in that area. I think it's not a matter of nationality but a matter of the kingdom," Pastor Clint wrote.

Pastor Alan cannot help but be reminded of the prophecy Cornerstone received years back, "that our church will be Joseph's basket to the world." Indeed, we are.

As we partner with this church in the

Far East, we join them in the different missions they've launched: first one was focused on relief operations; second one on rebuilding the church buildings and the pastoral house and the third was focused on rebuilding the livelihood of the people.

An Intentional Church

Through the ministry of Bethlehem House of Bread, we have successfully raised our profile as a community of believers committed to serve the needs of the wider community. However, we need now to be more intentional in our ministries – more focus on sharing the Gospel – to be "an intentional church and not just a church full of good intentions."

We can prayerfully look at the available ministries we have in place and use them as an opportunity to invite other people and share the good news of salvation with them in a friendly, non-threatening manner.

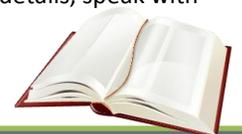
Monthly Fellowship Lunch

In line with this shift to becoming intentional in our services, we have organized a monthly Sunday lunch – get together after the service where folks can invite their families and friends to join us for fellowship over a meal.

New Bible Study Time

Monday afternoon Bible study has been proving to be very fruitful, with high numbers. Robbie Muir would like to thank all who come along, for their support and contribution. It's a great opportunity to invite friends and family to come.

They meet at 1 pm every Monday in room L3 down stairs close to the kitchen. For details, speak with Robbie Muir.



Jack Hanson is over-seeing this together with Phyllis McLeod. Our first lunch was on the 30th of November. Anyone interested in helping, please speak with Phyllis.

Unclaimed Treasures

To date, our Library has over 1700 items of Christian books, CDs, videos on hundreds of subjects from Addiction to Adventure; great people of faith; bible study resources for all ages. Sadly, this treasure trove is still yet to be discovered by many. It is a rich resource to help us deepen our faith and a wonderful tool to utilize for book lovers and folks who might be searching for purpose in life. However, to paraphrase Luke 12:48, "those who do nothing with what they have already been given, that too will be taken away." We have been given so many great resources; let us make full use of them.

Memory Events for the Youth

The Youth Group is now being led by Vivianne Crispin with a vision to create "memory events" in the lives of our young people – something they can all look back with fondness and camaraderie. They aim to work closely with other Christian youth groups in the city to strengthen their Christian belief values so they can stand against the

World's peer pressure. There are also loads of ideas in the pipe line such as Friday night outreach to the youth in our local community, homework sessions, studies lead by different elders of the fellowship, greater emphasis on prayer – cultivating personal quiet times and intercession for the needs of the world. So watch this space.

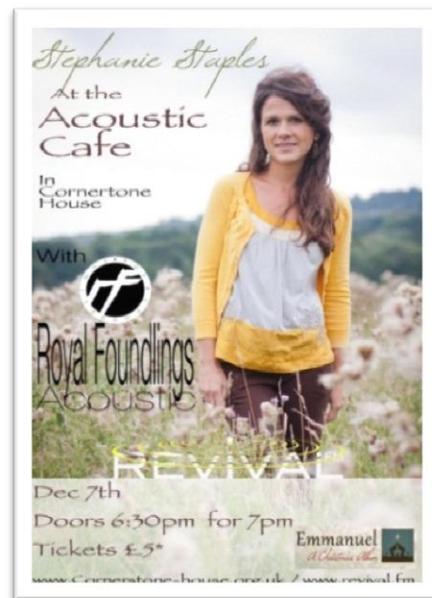
Acoustic Café

Julien Crispin with his association with Revival Radio has been organizing music events at Cornerstone Café wherein folks can enjoy listening to professional Christian artists – a different way of introducing the gospel. The next event is on the 7th of December with "Royal Foundlings" with Stephanie Staples. Tickets are "£5 each.

Looking to 2015

Indeed, exciting things are ahead for Cornerstone in these challenging times. Be encouraged that God is working through us. Let's focus on Jesus! Let's be intentional in our actions!

Note: Copies of the Accounts report can be obtained from Lesleyanne Wray.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Bethlehem House of Bread are taking names of people who are struggling at this time to deliver a Christmas food hamper to them. If you know someone who will benefit from this, please speak with Norma Cowan.

Love Your Pastor

(From UCB Word of Today 2014)

Pastors have a tough job. They get more kicks than kisses; if a pastor is young, he lacks experience; if he's grey-haired, he's too old; if he has five kids, he has too many; if he has none, he's setting a bad example. If his wife sings in the choir she's being forward; if not, she's not dedicated enough. If he preaches from notes, he's dry. If he spends much time in his study he's neglecting his people. If he makes Home visits he's not a good time manager. If he's attentive to the poor, he's after public approval; if he attends to the wealthy, he's ingratiating. If he suggests

improvements, he's a dictator; if he doesn't, he has no vision. If he uses too many illustrations he neglects the Bible. If he doesn't use enough stories, he's unclear. If he speaks against wrong, he's legalistic; if he if he doesn't, he's a compromiser. If he preaches for an hour, our, he's windy; less than that, he has nothing to say. If he preaches the truth, he's offensive; if he doesn't, he's wishy-washy. If he fails to please everybody, he has no convictions. If he preaches tithing, he's a money-grabber; if not, he's failing to develop his people. If he receives a large salary, he's mercenary. If he doesn't, it proves he's not worth



much. If he preaches on a regular basis, people get tired of hearing the same person; if he invites guest preachers; he's shirking his responsibility. Wow! And you thought your pastor had an easy life? How'd you like to change places? Bottom line: **Love your Pastor.**