

*Bible "Brush Up" Quiz*

1. What are the first 3 words of the Bible?

- A. "In the beginning....."
- B. "The Book of...."
- C. "And God said....."
- D. "Greetings to the....."

...and now, mark your calendar.

**Sunday – September 21, 2014,** – Senior Adult Sunday, Celebrating the Faith Journeys of Senior Adults;

**Saturday – October 18, 2014,** The Fall Red River Presbytery at Stonegate Church, at 9:00 am;

**Wednesday – October 22, 2014 at 6:00 pm,** Spaghetti Dinner, it has been requested to have a video show of Rachel's trip to Hong Kong.

**Sunday – November 23, 2014,** Thanksgiving – Sunday Worship Service with renewal of Stonegate Church membership.

**Sundays, November 30 – December 21,** Advent Season;

**Wednesday – December 24, 2014;** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



**STONEGATE**  
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

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**NEWSLETTER**

*Dear Stonegate Church Family,*

I took this opportunity to share with you good news about our Stonegate Church life.

First of all, I give thanks to our God for His mercy and grace upon us, which strengthens us and encourages us to continue a good race that was started from the very beginning of Stonegate Church. I give thanks to our God for His guidance and blessings on us. I have been the pastor of Stonegate Church for the last eighteen months. I don't know the details of the past, but I focus on daily life with God and to be always available for you when you will need me – I am at the church office daily.

Secondly, I would like to acknowledge all of you, dedicated members and friends of Stonegate Church, for your constant dedication of your life to God and to the Stonegate Church activities. Because of you and God's blessings, lately we have experienced again the "breeze of the Holy Spirit" in our Stonegate Church life.

TAPE MEASURE  
Consider only God's standards;  
don't compare yourself to other people.  
(Romans 12:1-2)

In the last eighteen months, we had reaffirmation of faith of one church member, we had one baptism and profession of faith, we had two transfers of memberships from another congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to ours, and we had another six professions of faith. So far, we received nine new members. I hope that until the end of 2014 year we will receive another eight new members. This is what I call, "God's mercy and grace is upon us..., and the breeze of the Holy Spirit is in our Stonegate Church life."



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2. Which of these is NOT one of Noah's sons?

- A. Man
- B. Shem
- C. Japheth
- D. Abel

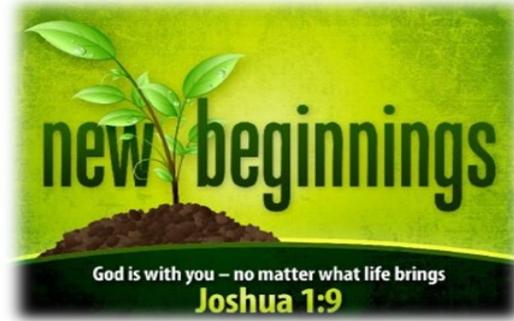
*Lead like Jesus...,*

*Lead to Jesus...,*

*Be led by Jesus...,*

More good news is that our young church member, Rachel Moore, was on a Hong Kong mission trip, July 2014, to teach the English language as a second language. She gave us a great report of her mission, and how she and other Christians' dedications can be a blessing to others. This is a remarkable confirmation of God's presence in our lives.

There is much more news that we would like you to share with all of us. We are practicing a Service for The Celebration of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday with the washing of hands. We are practicing The Covenant Renewal Service on the Ascension of the Lord, Senior Adult Sunday, and Celebrating the Faith Journeys of Senior Adults, etc. We are practicing a Healing and Prayer Service once a month.



We always miss very much every one of you when you can't be at the church due of health issues or any other. And we hope see all of you soon.

On Saturday, October 18, 2014; at 9:00 am, the Fall Red River Presbytery meeting is scheduled at Stonegate Church. You are welcome to come join us, and see pastors and elders, and friends from other churches.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23, 2014 we have planned a special worship service. It will be the first time in our almost twenty five years of history. I, as pastor of Stonegate Church, on behalf of the Church Session and the entire Stonegate church congregation, invite and call all of you to attend this particular worship service. It will be a time when the entire list of the church members of Stonegate Church will be read. If you haven't been at the church in the last two months, or even two - five years, your are kindly invited. Please come, and through your presence, you will confirm your membership of Stonegate Church. We have

redesigned and renewed a form of Sunday worship; see our bulletin attached to this Newsletter. We have new chandeliers in the sanctuary and TV screens in order to improve our active participation during services.

Our "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday" lunch,

On June 29<sup>th</sup> we were at the Veranda and there were 24 of us there!  
On August 31<sup>st</sup> we were at the Veranda again... and there were 35 of us there!

Thank you Vince!



Al and Carlene, Dr. Marian and his wife, Jeanette and Karla are gradually getting back to normal living in their households due to the moving process.

Last June, Marye Brown went to Birmingham, Alabama to celebrate her birthday with her twin sister. Dr. Marian, Pastor, surprised them with a phone call to wish them Happy Birthday.

Thank you Bill and Jane, for your hospitality! Our Church's picnic at your beautiful garden, a remarkable atmosphere... gathered in a huge crowd.



Norma and Jim went on a tour to Alaska. Betsy visited her son in California and we are sorry for the loss of her father's death. Valerie went to Montana to attend her nephews' wedding. Jonah spent the summer time with us and now has gone back to North Dakota to continue his studies.

We miss Jim, Moyra and John very much. Lately, they have not been able to attend our services due to their illnesses. We are praying and visiting them, so we hope they will be back among us very soon. We are glad to have Jean back in attendance after her stroke.

Vince, after chemotherapy and surgery, is back with us and we are so glad to see him feeling good and smiling. The power of God is limitless, Hallelujah!



May thoughts and prayers be with all of you. I am at the church office daily. If I can be of help to you, kindly let me know, please. Visit us at [www.stonegatecpc.org](http://www.stonegatecpc.org).

*Because of Christ,  
Rev. Dr. Marian,*

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