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CORNERSTONE BANK NAMES WILKINSON VICE PRESIDENT AND AREA EXECUTIVE

Kenly, North Carolina native brings strong banking experience and community focus to his role.

(See accompanying photo of Buzz Wilkinson.)

Wilson, NC . . . Buzz Wilkinson joined Wilson's Cornerstone Bank as vice president and area executive, announced Mark Holmes, president and chief executive officer.

"Buzz is a solid banker with strong experience, especially in our market," Holmes said. "He understands businesses here and how to get things done. That knowledge is invaluable to our customers. He is community-focused, which is critical as a community banker."

A native of Kenly, North Carolina, Wilkinson has a degree in finance from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and is currently enrolled in the North Carolina School of Banking in Chapel Hill. His previous banking experience includes serving as a business banker for First Citizens, beginning in 2005.

On his role as area executive for Cornerstone Bank, Wilkinson said, "Cornerstone is what a community bank should be and I am pleased to be part of this team. Our mission continues to be for Cornerstone to be the 'go to' bank for businesses and individuals in this area. New, relationship checking accounts were launched this summer that pay customers back for using the account the way they normally do – we think people here will enjoy the benefits of that. Overall performance of the bank is strong and it is an exciting time to be here."

Wilkinson currently serves as president of the Greater Wilson Rotary Club, is its former treasurer, a Paul Harris fellow and former Rotarian of the Year. He is an executive board member of the Coastal Conservation Association, and is active in the Wilson Impact Initiative and Wilson Dynamic Leadership. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

Opened in 2000, Cornerstone is headquartered in Wilson, North Carolina. With \$115 million in assets, the Bank operates from a main office at 3710 Nash Street North.

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