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Calendar Events:

Apr 1	Palm Sunday
Apr 5	Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
Apr 7	Egg Hunt, 10 am-12 noon, Church Office Yard Details
Apr 8	Easter Services 8 am and 10:45 am Details
Apr 8	Easter Fellowship Breakfast, 9:30 am Details Register
Apr 15	Arise 4.14 Celebration Fellowship, 9:30 am, Church
Apr 20–22	2012 Women's Retreat, Camp Wabanna (Edgewater, MD) Details Register
Apr 28	Christmas in April Details Register
Jun 21-27??	Guatemala Mission Trip to "My Special Treasure" Orphanage – Dates Tentative
July 16-20	Back Yard Bible Clubs
Aug ??	Inner City Ministry Work – Tentative
Aug	Forming and Starting Missional Neighborhood Small Groups
Sept 3	Annual Cornerstone Pig Roast and Picnic (Monday, Labor Day)

[Website Calendar](#)

Sign Up For:

Easter Flowers: Flora Woodward, 301-373-6951 | [Details](#) | [Sign-Up](#)

Cornerstone Softball: Shannon Nuhfer at 703-722-6623(h) or 301-904-0963(c). | [Details](#) | [Sign-Up](#)

Soup Kitchen Serving Team: Victor Dela Cuesta, 240-925-9599. | [Details](#) | [Sign-Up](#)

Recurring Activities:

High School Youth Group, Sundays, 6-7:30pm, @ Church Office

Middle School Youth Group, Mondays, 6:30-8pm, @ Church Office

Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am @ Sanctuary

Boy Scouts, Tuesdays, 7pm, @ Choir Room (A2)

[Website Sign-Ups](#)

"Aslan is on the Move":

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[Missionary Updates](#): Roberta Brown

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Middle School, High School, and Adults: Biblical Apologetics @ Sanctuary

Cornerstone Organization: [Cornerstone Ministry Plan](#) | [Staff & Leaders](#) | [Missionaries](#)

Resources: Prayer Chain | Counseling | Sermon Audio | iTunes | Blogs | Facebook

The Top 5 things to think about this week:

1. **New e-Connection and Sunday Morning resources:** This Sunday, Apr 1, we are taking the first big steps of our technology enhancement project. (Why did I agree to do this on April Fool's Day?!) Please help us through this time of change as we endeavor to use our resources more efficiently so more effort can be used for direct ministry. Here is a summary of the changes:

- **The "Weekly" transforming to The Connection:** The "Weekly" email has GROWN and will now be our "Cornerstone Connection" e-newsletter, containing all of the information that was previously contained in the paper Connection, plus more. It has been enhanced with a Summary / Table of Contents at the beginning and links to help you navigate through the document itself, plus links that enable you to interact with the Cornerstone website. This includes links that allow on-line registration and sign-up, which is more efficient and effective than paper. Also, now the Connection will never get lost – you can always find it in your email inbox, or on the [website](#).
- **The Cornerstone Quick Connect:** This piece of paper will replace the printed Connection as a resource available Sunday mornings. This will provide a summary of events, activities, and sign-ups, but will not provide a way to register or sign-up for activities. This must be done through this newsletter or directly from the website – both will work. The "Quick Connect" will also provide Worship Notes that can be used during the worship service. The hope is that you will spend your time doing the "Administrative" aspects of our church community at home, and will be able to focus on worship at the ... Worship Service.
- **The Cornerstone Website:** More effort will now be put into the Cornerstone Website to ensure it contains the information that you need, as well as resources to support our church community. The church calendar now contains all church activities, as well as community activities that affect us. (Let us know if we are missing something!) This is integrated with the on-line registration and sign-up functions. So between the e-Connection and the website, you should be able to get the information and resources you need, and provide information that is needed for our ministries and activities.
- **Worship Registration:** Instead of TEARING a page out of the old Connection, you will now have a separate "Communication Card" to fill out and put in the offering plate. Please include questions, comments, and prayer requests on the back of this card.



2. **Easter Invitation Opportunities:** Say that 5 times fast! In addition to our Easter services, there are 2 activities that you can invite friends and family to attend – an Egg Hunt and a Breakfast:

- **Easter Egg Hunt – Apr 7, 10am-12 noon @ Church Office Yard:** The Cornerstone Youth Ministry is hosting an egg hunt on April 7 from 10 am-12 noon. It will be held in the church office yard. Along with the egg hunt, there will be other activities taking place for children of all ages. **We are reaching out to the Town Creek and surrounding communities** and the middle school youth will be leading many of the activities. We are asking that church **members donate a dozen filled plastic eggs** for this event. There will be a collection box for the eggs in the foyer. For questions or to volunteer to help with set up and clean up, please contact Heather MacQuilliam or Mike Chipman.
- **Easter Sunday Morning Breakfast Fellowship – Apr 8, 9:30-10:30am @ Foyer:** Although we will not be able to have our full Easter breakfast this year, we will gather for fellowship during the Sunday school hour **with a continental style breakfast**. To sign up, [click here](#). Let



us know if you will be attending (how many) and if you can bring something to share by checking an item on the registration form. It will be wonderful to gather as the Body of Christ as we celebrate His resurrection. If you have any questions, please contact Frank or Joan Heinsohn at 240-237-8542.

3. **Easter Services:** There's a Maundy Thursday Service on **Apr 5**, 7pm. Easter morning, **Apr 8**, services will be at normal times (8am and 10:45am), with a Continental Breakfast Fellowship in-between at 9:30. There will be no Sunday School classes. **Invite** your neighbors and friends – for many in our community, this is one of the few days they will attend church.

4. **Fitting In** – The **2012 Women's Retreat** begins in less than a month! Camp Wabanna is prepping for us to arrive **April 20th**. Registration is open online and Sunday's in the church foyer. Please sign up now and list your roommate choice(s). Double and triple occupancy rooms are available. The countdown is on! Please continue to pray for the weekend and our speaker, Sandy Yagel, that God's plans for our time together would be blessed. [Online registration: Click here.](#)

5. **Summer Ministry Opportunities** – There are a few opportunities for ministry this summer that we want you to know about now, so you can plan ahead and coordinate your schedules. They start in Guatemala, and end up with a pig in our back yard. Some of the details are still being ironed out, but we want you to be able to start thinking about them.

- **Jun 21-27** (Tentative Dates): **Guatemala Mission Trip** to “My Special Treasure” Orphanage
- **June-Sept** (Tentative Dates): Final preparations and moving into the **new building**.
- **July 16-20: Back Yard Bible Clubs** – start thinking about hosting or participating in your neighborhood! These could be the start of a Neighborhood Bible Study and/or Small Group.
- **July-Aug:** Forming and Starting **Missional Neighborhood Small Groups** – These will be small groups focusing on redeeming the neighborhood where YOU live. Start praying now. These could flow from relationships formed during BYBC's.
- **Aug ??:** (Tentative) **Inner City Ministry Work** – There might be an opportunity to work with an inner city church in Baltimore. Pray that this will develop into concrete relationships.
- **Sept 3:** Annual **Cornerstone Pig Roast and Picnic** (Monday, Labor Day)

Sign-Up for:

- **Easter Flowers:** As Easter approaches, we are making plans for flowers to be used in the celebration of our Lord's resurrection. By purchasing flowers, you will have the opportunity to honor God and recognize those who have made a difference in your life. Names and a short dedication will be included in the Easter Connection. An example might be:
 - "The Smiths, in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Jones."
 - [Click Here](#) to Sign-Up for the number of flowers you wish to purchase and the dedication you wish to appear in the Cornerstone Connection. Flower selection will be based on availability. Thank you.
- **Cornerstone Softball** – Softball season is around the corner again. Last year, Cornerstone fielded two teams – an A-league (competitive) and a B-league (semi-competitive) team. This year, we will field two teams if there are enough players, and players will be placed according to their experience/skill level. Practices will begin soon, with games beginning in May. The A-team will be managed by Shannon Nuhfer. If you have questions or if you are interested in playing or coaching, contact Shannon at 703-722-6623(h) or 301-904-0963(c). [Register](#)
- **Soup Kitchen Serving Team:** Last year over 16,700 meals were served at St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen, a 20% increase over previous years, and it is expected to be a greater number this year. Therefore, **we are creating a more robust structure for our volunteer force.** Multiple teams of at least 4 people need to be established, preferably 6 people each. Each team would consist of (1) team leader, (1) cook, and (2-4) helpers. These teams would serve on a rotating basis, but would commit to serving one meal at least (3) times during the year. [Click here](#) to join the Soup Kitchen Team online or contact Victor Dela Cuesta, 240-925-9599.




“Aslan is on the move”:

This section describes how God is working in and through Cornerstone. Aslan is the Jesus figure in C.S. Lewis’ classic books, The Chronicles of Narnia. When Aslan would start working to transform and redeem things in Narnia, the citizens of Narnia would whisper with reverence and joyful expectation, “Aslan is on the move...” Let’s whisper this, too.

MINISTRY UPDATES:

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- **TMT Amp-ing Up:** The Transformational Ministry Team (TMT) had a meeting this week with St. Mary’s County Department of Social Services (Intake Services). A partnership is being formed that will enable TMT members to interact more deeply with the needy in our community, helping them to develop their life skills, rather than just jump from one crises to another (Budgeting skills, Parenting skills, etc.). Talk to Tim Singley or Dave Perrin to become part of this growing team.
 - **Summer Ministry Opportunities:** God is working to provide many interlocking ministry opportunities that propel us toward our [Vision](#). [See #5](#) of the Top 5.
 - **Great Missions Month!** Thanks to the entire Missions Committee and all who helped make the past month a great time to hear and think about God’s heart for the lost in the world. [Click here](#) to see a video about the 27 million slaves in the world and one small way to help that situation. **Please fill out this evaluation – it will only take a few minutes**, and will greatly assist us in our efforts to improve our ministries. [Click here for the Missions Month Evaluation](#).

MISSIONARY UPDATES:

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- **Roberta Brown, Japan:** “My hope is to return to Japan by the next English teaching semester and I am trusting God to provide the financial support needed in order to return. Right now, my financial need stands at \$1,562/month. Over 60 students are waiting for me to come and teach them the Bible every week. Please be praying that in God’s gracious timing this can happen, and be considering whether there is anything more that you as a church can do to help make this a reality. Thank you again for your involvement in God’s work in Japan.”
 - MTW Tokyo church planting
 - If interested in more information about church planning in Japan (newsletter available), talk to the Missions Committee (POC: Jen Neubert)

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS:

- Windows are in the Multi-Purpose Room. White siding is being installed – the outside is looking better every day. Much HVAC ducting is being installed, as well as the electrical and plumbing. The computer network system wiring will be installed soon.

Worship notes:

Hymn of the Month: "Let Us Sing and Love and Wonder"

A hymn, which expresses glory and dominion to Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, is "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder." The text was written by John Newton (1725-1807). In 1779 Newton, along with poet William Cowper, compiled three books of the Olney Hymns, but Newton had published other hymns previously, such as this one which first appeared in his 1774 work *Twenty Six Letters on Religious Subjects*, by Omicron. The modern text has been altered. The tune (All Saints Old) most commonly used with "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" is by an anonymous composer and is taken from the Darmstadt Gesangbuch of 1698. The song gives several reasons why we should praise the one who washed us from our sins with His blood. (Excerpts taken from: <http://homeschoolblogger.com/hymnstudies/782328/>)

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Heidelberg Catechism, Date: 1563

The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg at the request of Elector Frederick III, who ruled the Palatinate, an influential German province, from 1559 to 1576. Though it is credited to "the entire theological faculty here," (University of Heidelberg) it was largely written by theologian Zacharias Ursinus. It was divided into 52 sections to match the number of weeks in a year. It has long been considered one of the most influential of the Reformed confessions and over the years, has been translated into dozens of languages.

Sunday Classes (9:35-10:30am):

Grades 1 – 5: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray"@ Church Office.

Inquirers Class: Led by Pastor Baxley @ Church Office in Pastor Nilsson's Office.

Explores who we are as a church, what we believe, and why we do what we do. Visitors may join in any week.

Middle School, High School, and Adults: Biblical Apologetics @ Sanctuary

Pastor Chipman is teaching a class on basic biblical apologetics, which is the study of defending one's faith. The class will largely be in a discussion format, starting by building up a basic biblical foundation, then teaching a few approaches to defending it. Pastor Chipman will primarily be teaching from the book, "Every Thought Captive," by Richard Pratt.

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MINISTRY PLAN FOR CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Purpose and Vision

At Cornerstone, our purpose is to glorify and enjoy God by growing a loving body of faithful disciples that is reaching Southern Maryland and the world for Christ.


Mission

We accomplish our vision by:

- Worshipping the triune God
- Growing a loving body
- Multiplying mature and equipped disciples
- Reaching Southern Maryland and world for Jesus Christ
- Leading others in Christ's kingdom

Core Values

As a church of Jesus Christ, we are a:

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- **Gospel-centered.** The gospel, as revealed in God's Word, is the center of who we are and all that we do. It is the truth that through faith in Jesus Christ alone, all of our guilt, shame and unrighteousness is removed and replaced with all of Jesus' beauty and righteousness. Growth in the Christian life occurs the same way that it began: through believing the gospel.
 - **Prayer-inspired.** Prayer is essential to the life of a Christian and to the life of a church. Through prayer we commune with God, express our need and dependence upon, align ourselves with God's work, and become empowered by God's Spirit.
 - **Kingdom-driven.** God's kingdom has entered history in the person of Jesus Christ to renew the whole world and reconcile all things to himself. The church is God's principle instrument of making the fullness of his coming kingdom a present reality.
 - **Incarnate.** God incarnated himself in the person of Jesus so that the world could be reconciled to God and one another. As a church we model the incarnation in manifesting the love and truth of Jesus Christ to Southern Maryland and wherever we serve.
 - **Authentic community.** This is a community where Jesus Christ is experienced in his presence and power, where lives are transformed by the gospel through mutual ministry. In gospel-centered community, people come to know and experience his presence in a way that cannot happen individually. This is a community where it is safe to be broken without fear of condemnation, where there is gospel inspired transparency and accountability, and where there is a fertile context for the Holy Spirit to transform lives.

Our Denomination

Cornerstone is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America, an evangelical and Reformed denomination committed to the Lordship of Christ and the proclamation of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Our Firm Foundation

Our beliefs are founded on the authoritative Word of God and are expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. These ancient truths, articulated in the 16th century Reformation, continue to transform lives today.



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OUR OFFICE STAFF

- Senior Pastor Walter Nilsson
- Pastor Emeritus Terry Baxley
- Pastor for Youth and Family Mike Chipman
- Director of Ministry Development Dave Perrin
- Biblical Counselor Tom Thompson
- Treasurer Paul Mitchel
- Accountant Joan Heinsohn
- Secretary Holly McAteer
- Secretary Vicky Travis



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OUR SESSION

- Walter Nilsson, Session Moderator
- Pat Shields, Clerk of Session
- Rich Buckingham
- Carl Fahrner
- Doug Leepa
- Chad Reed
- Chris White

OUR DEACONS

- Scott Hoffman, Chairman
- Dave Eby
- Jonathan Griffith
- Tim Singley

SMALL GROUPS, WINTER-SPRING 2012

- Walt Nilsson, Church, **Sonship**. Sun., 6-8pm
- Barb Buckingham, Church, Wed., 9:30-11 am, **Ladies Bible Study in Colossians**
- Terry Baxley, where TBD, Wed. 6-7:30 pm, **Reformed Faith Study**
- Terry Baxley, Wildewood/various homes, Sun. eve's., **Book of Daniel**
- Chad Reed, Lex. Pk./St. James, Fri. 7-8:30 pm, "**Broken Down House**: Living Productively in a World Gone Bad" (Paul Tripp)
- Sandy Black/Frank Heinsohn, Park Hall (Letcher's), Fri. 7pm, **Pastoral Letters of Paul**
- Bill Smith, Lex. Pk./Esperanza (Smith's), Sun. 6-7:30 pm, Food/Fellow-ship/Bible Study/Outreach
- Gerry Murphy, Hollywood (Prucha's), Wed. 7-8:30 pm., **Before Abraham (John MacArthur)**
- Steve Brandt/Adam Scott, Hollywood, Tues. eve's., OCF, **1 Peter/2 Peter**
- Greg Landis, Great Mills (Landis'), Wed. 6:30-8 pm, **Portrait of a Struggle** (by Paul Tripp).
- Don Hill, St. George Island, Thurs. 6:30 pm, Discussion-oriented Bible Study geared to those with Roman Catholic backgrounds
- Mike Chipman, Church, Monthly, Sun. before Youth Group, **Youth Ministry Team**--how to better minister to our youth



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MINISTRIES

Reaching Southern Maryland through Deeds:

Transformational Ministries Team (TMT) Tim Singley 301 863 4504

English as a Second Language (ESL)	Sarah Black	240 237 8400
St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen	Victor DelaCuesta	301 862 4386
Three Oaks Homeless Shelter	Walt Nilsson	301 862 5016
WARM	Tony Bowie	301 848 1088
Living Hope 2 Orphans (H2O)	Steve Brandt	301 475 8420
Foster Care/Adoptive Support	Dave Perrin	301 373 0207
HOPE of Southern MD	Dave Eby	301 994 9660
Christmas in April	Wil Ridley	301 863 9103
Pregnancy Care Center	Lee Mason	301 863 2606

Reaching Southern Maryland, Potomac Presbytery, and the World

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Reaching Southern Maryland through the Word:

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Multiplying Mature & Equipped Disciples

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Men's Discipleship Ministries	Rich Buckingham	301 994 1951
Women's Ministry Team (WMT)	Holly Nilsson	240 431 9235
Youth Ministry Team	Mike Chipman	301 862 5016
Children Ministry Team	Mike Chipman	301 862 5016
Children's Sunday School	Beth Baxley	301 737 1920

Growing a Loving Body

Visitor Hospitality	Heather Harris	240 237 8223
Team Connect	Frank and Joan Heinsohn	240 237 8542
Congregational Care / Meals:		
New Moms	Barb Buckingham	301 994 1951
Sick	Sue Dugan	301 373-5566
Prayer Chain	Sue Singley	301 863 4504

Worshiping the Triune God

Director of Music Ministry	Kristin Ashby	301 862 4384
Worship Service Operations	Dave Perrin	301 373 0207
Communion Coordinator	Julie Woods	240 538 8360
Beautification Team	Flora Woodward	301 373 6951
Sunday Refreshments/Fellowship	Lucy Stevenson	301 862 2660
Greeter Ministry	Gretchen Thomas	240 434 6165
Nursery Coordinator	Emily Chipman	240 237 8097

Master Plan / Building Committee

Facilities Scott Hoffman 301 862 1603
Jonathan Griffith 240 925 9192



MISSIONARIES

These are the missionaries that we support as a church. Please pray for them, contact them, and let them know you are thinking about them.

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Eric & Annette Phillips

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Cheryl Crocker

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Richard & Angelica Ramsay

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Roberta Brown

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Asia Church Planters (Information removed for their protection – pray more for them!)



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Resources:

Prayer Chain:

Send prayer requests to prayer@cornerstonepca.org

Biblical Counseling: Tom & Mary Thompson [Hindsight Biblical Counseling] Email or (443) 994-2778

Sermon Audio Files:

<http://www.cornerstonepca.org/sermon-audio/index.html>

iTunes link podcast:

itpc://sermon.net/cornerstonepcasomd/rss/

Website:

<http://www.cornerstonepca.org/>

Cornerstone Update Blog:

<http://cornerstonepca.blogspot.com/>

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<http://cpcyouthnews.blogspot.com>

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