

## Summary at the "TOP":

### Top 5:

[BYBC Signup](#) | [Meet a Youth Pastor Candidate](#) | [Food Drive](#) | [Guatemala Prep & Report from MST](#)

### Calendar Events:

- May 17 "Third Thursday" Prayer for Missions, 7pm @ Church Office
- May 18 Women's Bunco Night, 7pm @ Leonard's Grant Clubhouse | [Details](#) | [Sign-Up](#)
- May 23 Life Line preventive health screenings @ Cornerstone Sanctuary | [Details](#)
- May 24 BYBC Kick-Off meeting, 6:45pm @ SMHEC (near county airport)
- May 26 Praise in the Park, noon-3pm @ Chancellor's Run Park
- May 28 Memorial Day
- May 31 Leonardtown High School Graduation
- Jun 1 Great Mills High School Graduation
- Jun 8 Christian Community Development Speaker, Bob Lupton, 7pm @ Richmond | [Details](#)
- Jun 21-27 Guatemala Mission Trip to "My Special Treasure" Orphanage | [Details](#)
- Jun 25-29 Victory Jam Middle School Camp
- June-Sept Final preparations and moving into the new building (specific dates TBD)
- July 7-14 Boy Scout Troop Summer Camp @ Goshen Scout Reservation, Goshen, VA | [Details](#)
- July 16-20 Back Yard Bible Clubs | [Details](#) | [Volunteer](#)
- July 22 Grand Opening House for the new building!
- July-Aug Forming and Starting Missional Neighborhood Small Groups | [Details](#) | [Interested?](#)
- Aug 19 Youth Group Kickoff @ Solomons MWR Annex – Big Pavilion
- Aug 26 Promotion Sunday & Ministry Team Fair
- Sept 3 Annual Cornerstone Pig Roast and Picnic ( Labor Day) @ NAS Pax Beach House

[Website Calendar](#)

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### Sign Up For:

- Women's Bunco Night: Elizabeth Buckingham (904-248-0440) or Jessica Landis (240-538-3904) | [Details](#) | [Sign-Up](#)
- Budgeting Class – Teach and/or develop curriculum: Dave Perrin, 301 373-0207 | [Details](#) | [Sign-Up](#)
- Ministry Teams – Join now as goals are being developed for the next year | [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](#)
- CCT Homeschool Registration: | [Details](#) | [Register](#)

[Website Sign-Ups](#)

### Recurring Activities:

- High School Youth Group, Sundays, 6-7:30pm, @ Church Office
- Middle School Youth Group, Mondays, 6:30-8pm, @ Church Office
- Play Group, Tuesdays, 10am – 11:30am, varying locations | [Details](#)
- Boy Scouts, Tuesdays, 7pm, @ Choir Room (A2)
- Missions Prayer Time, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7pm, @ Church Office

Biblical Counseling, Fridays by appointment, Tom & Mary Thompson, [Email](#) or (443) 994-2778

### Community Events:

May 13      Baby Bottle Blitz Starts, ending Jun 17, Father's Day | [Details](#)  
May 23      Life Line Medical Screening Preventive Health Clinic @ Cornerstone Church  
Jun 1-3      Revival 2K12 Conference (PCA/MNA), Faith Christian Fellowship, Baltimore MD  
Jun 8        Christian Community Development Speaker, Bob Lupton, 7pm @ Richmond | [Details](#)

### **"Aslan is on the Move":**

Ministry Updates: **Prayer Team forming!**, TMT Looking for Budget Teachers and "Mentors", Play Group, BYBC's, Living H2O Guatemala VISION, Summer Ministry Overview, Neighborhood Missional Small Groups

Missionary Updates: Prayer Prompter! **My Special Treasure report, Asia Church Planters update**  
[Construction Progress](#)

### Announcements

Lost and Found – If you lost something, please claim it before it disappears... forever!  
Boy Scout Troop Summer Camp, Jul 7- 14, Goshen Scout Reservation, Goshen, VA

### Worship Notes:

Hymn of the Month  
Apostles Creed


### 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.  
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. **Back Yard Bible Clubs – Kick-off Meeting, 6:45, May 24:** Cornerstone's Back Yard Bible Clubs (BYBC) are back again this summer and will be held the week of July 16-20. Mark your calendars, spread the news and tell your friends! We are in the Recruitment Phase now, forming the teams and hosts that will enable this great ministry to our communities. **We are buying curriculum for the Kick-off meeting, so we need an accurate count of host families before May 17.** Sign up by [clicking here](#) if you are interested in volunteering - there are many ways you can help! Or talk to Gretchen Thomas at 240 434-6165.

2. **New Youth Pastor Candidate coming to Cornerstone:** Last weekend, we enjoyed spending time with Dagan and Jen Mayfield. On 18-21 May, another youth pastor candidate, **Brandon Lutz**, will be visiting with his wife, Rachel. (Ask him if he is related to the Veggie Tales character – it's part of the interview process.) Here is their current schedule. Be sure to provide your feedback to an elder.

- Friday, 18 May – arrive, tour of church, dinner with Nilsson's and others.
- Saturday, 19 May
  - i. Morning – interview with the Session.
  - ii. Afternoon – Brandon and Rachel lent a car to explore SoMD, go hiking, etc.
  - iii. Evening – dinner with Mason's and others
- **Sunday, 20 May**
  - i. Morning – Sunday worship at Cornerstone
  - ii. **3-5pm – Ultimate Frisbee with HS and MS Youth Groups @ Town Creek Elementary School yard**
  - iii. **5pm – Cookout at Church Picnic Area – Brandon will share his testimony - all are invited – meat, drink, and dessert provided – BRING A SIDE DISH**
- Monday, 21 May – depart

3. **Food Drive for Park Hall Elementary School:** Continuing with our effort to build credibility and trust in our community, we will spend the next couple weeks collecting food for 16 needy children in our local area. During the summer these kids from Park Hall Elementary School will no longer be receiving free breakfast and lunch. We would like to supply them with easily prepared, non-perishable breakfast and lunch foods. Please bring your donated foods **between May 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** and place them in the bins in the church foyer. Questions? Call Sherri Wolf 301-863-7266.

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- By the way, we do not see this food drive as the best way to serve our community, but as a way to create relationships in the community that will open doors to other ministry opportunities. We not only want to help solve the material poverty that is so easy to identify – such as the lack of food in this case. We know that, just like for us, there is much relational, emotional, and spiritual poverty in our community. And those other types of poverty can only be addressed through deep relationships – that is where we think God is leading us. And this food drive is one of the initial steps to help us get there.

4. **Guatemala Happenings:** Great things are happening at our orphanage in Guatemala – “My Special Treasure” (MST). And great things are happening here as our mission team prepares to travel to MST on June 21 – please be in prayer for them. [Click here](#) to read a detailed report from the directors of MST – Ceasar and Carol.

## Sign-Up for:



- **CCT Homeschool Registration:** California Christian Tutorial [Registration](#) is now open for the 2012/2013 Academic Year! CCT is a ministry to homeschooling families in the area. CCT's mission is to support families as they seek to develop their children into mature and discerning followers of Christ by enhancing and extending the home school experience into the middle and high school levels. Classes are held on Tuesday & Thursday at Cornerstone. For registration and more information about [classes](#) and [schedule](#) visit their website: [www.californiachristiantutorial.org](http://www.californiachristiantutorial.org)
- **Women's Bunco Night:** Enjoy a fun game night **Friday, May 18th, 7 pm, at Leonard's Grant** clubhouse / recreation center (23600 North Montague Drive, Leonardtown, MD). Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Contact Elizabeth Buckingham (904-248-0440) or Jessica Landis (240-538-3904) if you have any questions. [Click here](#) to sign up.
- **Cornerstone Softball** – Softball season has started. This year, Cornerstone fielded two teams – an A-league (competitive) and a B-league (semi-competitive) team. The A-team is managed by Shannon Nuhfer. If you have questions or if you are interested in playing, 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.](#)

## Community Events:

- **Baby Bottle Blitz:** Help us Change Lives and Save Babies! The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is having a Baby Bottle Blitz to raise funds for the Center's ministry to women and babies. Bottles will be available to families on **May 20**, to take home and use as a bank during the month. They should be returned to the church on Father's Day, **June 17**. If you have any questions, contact [Lee Mason](#) or the Center at 301-737-4604. Thank you for your support!
  - **Life Line Medical Screening Preventive Health Clinic, May 23, 9am-4pm @ Cornerstone Church:**
- Cornerstone will be hosting a medical clinic for the congregation and for anyone in the community. Our main hope is that this will be a blessing to the community. More details will be available later.
- Website: <http://www.lifelinescreening.com/>
  - Short video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8igGrkVcBc>
  - Identifying Your Risk = Disease Prevention
- Life Line Screening will perform screenings for:
- 1) Carotid artery blockage (stroke)
  - 2) Atrial fibrillation
  - 3) Abdominal aortic aneurysm



4) Peripheral arterial disease

5) Osteoporosis (bone loss)

These screenings are recommended for anyone 50 and older, or 40 and over with cardiovascular risk factors. They are non-invasive, painless, and take 60-90 minutes to complete. The results, which are mailed directly to you, will help you and your doctor protect your health. Stroke, Vascular and Heart Rhythm Package range from \$129.00 to \$159.00. Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners) to schedule your appointment.



- **Revival 2K12 Conference, Jun 1-3, Faith Christian Fellowship, Baltimore MD:** Why does it seem so difficult for us to demonstrate unity across ethnic lines? That's the main topic at this year's Revival 2K12. We will hear, discuss, and pray about what God is doing to empower His church to put the saying "Sunday morning is the most segregated hour of the week" to rest once and for all. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Christian Community Development Speaker, Bob Lupton, Friday, Jun 8, 7pm @ Richmond:** Bob Lupton has invested almost 40 years of his life in inner-city Atlanta. In response to a call that he first felt while serving in Vietnam, he left a budding business career to work with delinquent urban youth. Bob and his family sold their suburban home and moved into the inner-city where they have lived and served as neighbors among those in need. His life's work has been the rebuilding of urban neighborhoods where families can flourish and children can grow into healthy adults.
  - Location: Northminster Church - Contemporary Worship Center
  - Ticket: \$10 which can be purchased at: <http://www.cdda.org/gather/event/37> Your confirmation is your ticket.
  - Website Announcement: <http://intothenighborhood.com/2012/04/24/bob-lupton-speaks-insights-into-serving-the-city/>

### **"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:**

- **Prayer MT forming!** God has been working in the hearts of many members over the past year or more, leading us toward the formation of a specific ministry team (MT) whose purpose is to cultivate a deeper culture of prayer at Cornerstone, both corporately and individually. If you would like to be part of this team, contact Rich Buckingham via [email](#).
- **TMT needs Teachers for Personal Budgeting Classes:** Our Transformational Ministry Team (TMT) is partnering with the Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide Financial Literacy classes, starting with classes on making and keeping a Personal Budget. These classes will help those from lower resourced neighborhoods and rough backgrounds to take critical steps towards stability in life. We need help developing a curriculum, then teaching the classes. You



can sign up for one or the other or both. Interested? Please [click here](#) so we can discuss this with you further.

- **TMT Amp-ing Up / Needs Mentors:** The Transformational Ministry Team (TMT) has created a partnership with St. Mary's County Department of Social Services (Intake Services). This partnership 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 crisis to another (Budgeting skills, Parenting skills, etc.). Talk to Tim Singley or Dave Perrin to become part of this growing team, especially if you want to be a mentor.
- **It's a good time to join a Ministry Team:**
  - Cornerstone's "Ministry Year" is similar to a company's "Fiscal Year" – the 12 months that define the start and end of a budget. Budgets may not sound like a lot of fun, but they are necessary for planning purposes, and Cornerstone endeavors to make the most of all of the resources that God gives to us.
  - Cornerstone's Ministry Year starts in July and ends in June. This aligns nicely with the school year, and when most ministries start and end their projects, small groups, etc.
  - We are now in preparation for starting the new Ministry Year, and the staff and ministry team leaders will be working together to define goals for next year, and the associated budgets.
  - I write all this so that you know what the leadership at Cornerstone is working on right now, but more importantly, so that **if you are interested in joining a [ministry team](#), now is a good time. You will be able to help define the goals for this next year, and capture the vision of Cornerstone!** [Click here](#) if you want to join or are interested.
- **Play Group, Tuesday mornings:** Looking for a way to get to know other families in the church? Do your kids need to burn some energy playing with other kids? Then you should come to Play Group on Tuesday mornings. Right now, meeting time is Tuesday, 10-11:30am. As the weather gets hotter, the time will move up to 9:30-11am. Bringing a bag lunch or snack is always a good idea. Most of the parks have Restroom facilities or equivalent (Green, plastic, smells funny). If you would like to receive emails concerning playgroup or want to be removed from the email list please contact [chipmanfamilycircus@gmail.com](mailto:chipmanfamilycircus@gmail.com)
  - The parks with no facilities are indicated below. In the event of Rain or Severe Heat, the Play group may be cancelled.
  - May 22 - Miedzinski Park
    - Route 5 to Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown
  - May 29 - John G. Lancaster Park
    - Willows Road, Lexington Park
  - June 5 - Cecil Park
    - Rt. 249 to St. George's Church Rd., Valley Lee
  - \* June 11 Monday - Spray ground at Nicolet Park
    - Lexington Park
  - June 19 - St. Clement's Shores Park
    - 22300 Meadow Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650
    - No restrooms
  - June 26 - Cecil Park
    - Rt. 249 to St. George's Church Rd., Valley Lee
  - July 3 - Chancellor's Run Regional Park





- Rt. 235 to Chancellors Run Rd., Great Mills
- \* July 9 Monday - Spray ground at Nicolet Park
- July 17 - Dorsey Park
  - Rt. 245, Hollywood
- July 24 - Elm's Beach Park
  - Rt. 235 to Bay Forest Road, to Back Door Road, Lexington Park
- July 31 - Miedzinski Park
  - Route 5 to Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown
- August 7 - TBD
- \* August 13 Monday - Spray ground at Nicolet Park
- August 21 - John G. Lancaster Park
  - Willows Road, Lexington Park
- August 28 - St. Clement's Shores Park
  - 22300 Meadow Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650
  - No Restrooms
- September 4 - Cecil Park
  - Rt. 249 to St. George's Church Rd., Valley Lee
- September 11 - Chancellor's Run Regional Park
  - Rt. 235 to Chancellors Run Rd., Great Mills
- September 18 - Dorsey Park
  - Rt. 245, Hollywood
- September 25 - Elm's Beach Park
  - Rt. 235 to Bay Forest Road, to Back Door Road, Lexington Park
- **Living H2O Guatemala Vision Update – “Focusing Cornerstone’s Ministry in Guatemala”:**
  - As we continue to develop our relationships in Guatemala through Children’s HopeChest, the Living H2O team has prayerfully considered: what is the best way to “Help without Hurting?” After further assessing our vision and goals for this aspect of the H2O ministry, a mission and vision trip, and session insight and guidance, **we have refined our orphan ministry in Guatemala to My Special Treasure (MST) only**, rather than supporting two orphanages.
  - In discerning how to best help without hurting both the children and leadership in MST and Nuevo Reto (NR), and our own church members, **it was determined that dividing our efforts, commitments and focus between two orphanages would more likely hurt than help both homes, and possibly hurt us. Thus, we will now focus solely on the spiritual, physical, relational, and financial needs of MST (Caesar and Carol, and the 11 girls currently there).** We know this is hard for those sponsoring children in NR, but we will phase out this relationship over several months. There were many factors which directed this decision, but **the primary factor was a vision and optimism for a relationship with MST.** Our hope is that this relationship will glorify our Lord and bring great joy and hope to a home filled with lovely young ladies needing the love of Christ.
  - **The needs at MST are great. Our goal is to increase our level of financial and relational support by adding additional families to the sponsorship program, support capitol, educational and vocational programs, and meet more medical and dental needs of the girls. Thank you for your continued support as we grow this orphan care ministry.** Please contact H2O with questions.





- **Summer Ministry Opportunities** – God is working to provide many interlocking ministry opportunities that propel us toward our [Vision](#). 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: 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. [Click here](#) if interested in participating.
  - **Sept 3: Annual Cornerstone Pig Roast and Picnic** (Monday, Labor Day)

## MISSIONARY UPDATES:

- **Prayer Prompter!!** – Do you know who our missionaries are? Do you remember to pray for our missionaries? The missions committee is committed to helping us support our missionaries through the one thing they value the most: PRAYER! Thus the “Prayer Prompter” was born! Printed on high quality photo paper, this 12”x12” collage of our missionaries is a great tool to help you pray consistently and inclusively. Put in a location near your kitchen or dinner table so you can’t miss it. Only \$3. Contact [Lisa Brandt](#) to order.





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Dear Brothers and Sisters of  
Church "Cornerstone"

Greetings from Christian Ministry "My Special Treasure". We are hoping that you are enjoying the many blessings our dear good God.

The reason for this letter is to let you know how much we appreciate the support that you are providing for the girls.

We are grateful to God for the love and support that each of you give us. Thanks for being part of this ministry and joining us in the dream of planting seeds in the lives of each of our girls, who through you can see the love of God in their lives.

We ask God with all our heart to bless and reward you greatly.

**The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you.  
Numbers 6:24,25**

We love you and bless you.

Caesar and Carol Lopez  
Directors  
"My Special Treasure"

Guatemala, May 8, 2012

Cornerstone Church, the following is  
a report for the months of January through April of 2012

## **JANUARY 2,012**

During this month, the girls began a new school year. We also had to pay for their registration, buy books, notebooks, uniforms and shoes. The budget was quite high, but we thank God because this year was the first in which we had the resources to cover everything for their education that the girls needed and to be able to cover it at the beginning of the year. Thanks be to God and your donations.



## **March 2,012**

During this month we had a nice visit from Steve Brandt and Doug Leepa who brought us many greetings from each one of you and gave each of the girls the gifts and letters from their sponsors. They also shared with us some very special moments and we had the opportunity to watch a movie at theater, at the only shopping center in Chimaltenango. For many girls it was their first experience of being in a movie theater and they were very excited to see a big screen and the sensational sound system. It was truly special to see the happiness in each of our girl's as they were able to enjoy an outing that they are not used to doing.

Later we had a time to with Steve and Doug about the needs of the home and of the girls. It was a time of blessing and hope for us, as directors and parents of girls who daily face very difficult situations, but with the help of God we keep moving forward.



During this month the girls had their assessments in the first semester in school and thanks to God, the majority went with acceptable grades. The girls who excelled and ended up in the top three places for the best grades were:

1st. Place Yesica Alvarez Average of 94 points  
2nd. Place Jennifer Orellana Average 92 points  
3rd. Place Damaris Tzay Average 91 points

Please pray for these girls who have learning difficulties in school:

Gersi Ordonez

Lesli Ordonez

Odeth Jimenez

Pamela Rodriguez

The prayer request is that God will give wisdom and understanding in different subjects so they can improve in their academic performance.

**April\_2.012**

The girls are blessed to be able to receive beautician classes. The teacher is from our church and God placed it in her heart to support the girls by teaching them all the procedures in this course. The teacher is doing so voluntarily and is not charging anything.

During this month the girls began to practice cutting hair by cutting the hair of children from various schools in the capital, although they were always under the supervision of the teacher. Even though they were the first haircuts that the girls had done, they did a very nice job and are very excited.

Also the girls have begun to receive English classes from missionary, Victoria Marquette Bernal who is visiting us on Mondays and Fridays to teach the girls and is a blessing to all of us. The only thing is that we would like to support her with the cost of fuel for her car. She is a very friendly person and very patient to teach English to the girls. She is really a great help to us all.



## How we feel as Directors

### Our joys:

For us it is a very happy time when a new girl enters My Special Treasure, which is not very frequent due to the limiting structure and resources, but when God does allow the opportunity to receive a girl is of much joy to us because we know that from the moment she enters My Special Treasure there is a purpose from for her life.

Another one of our joys is when we see the girls appreciate and care for the blessings that God sends to them, which we are able to see in the positive changes that they show in our home, school and church.

### **Our sorrows:**

Our greatest sadness is when we lose a daughter because we love all of the girls that are with us as if they were our own real daughters. Sometimes, they leave because the judge orders them to go to another institution where they can be with their other siblings.

It is very sad and we often feel frustrated when a girl is not interested in changing her bad behavior and is carried away by her emotions of anger and rebellion. It is very painful for us when she doesn't appreciate the help that she is given and decides to leave our home. It is very sad and many times we mourn for them because we know that her future will not be good.

### **Spiritual Area:**

- Every day we teach girls about the love of Christ through prayer, Bible study, participation in Christian services that are focused in seeking God and worshipping Him.
- The girls are also taught and trained for works of service in the local church and within the home so that God's Word is reproduced and expanded in the lives of many children.
- We have special times to discern the gifts, talents and strengths that God has given each of the adolescent girls and to provide opportunities so that they can develop their gifts in the church and within the home, but something that they all have in common is that they like to sing praises of worship to God.

### **Our concerns:**

Since last year we have had problems with finances. It's been difficult to gather the money needed for rent, electricity and for the telephone bill. We have not had the funds to cover the medical aspects of the girls. One of the priorities that we have is their need to receive dental care because several of them have problems with their teeth. We were also unable to buy clothes or shoes for the girls. Lastly, we have not been able to pay for the professional services that the law requires institutions to have, such as social workers, psychologists, accountants and teachers.

In order to pay rent and the electric and phone bills we have had to ask for permission to use some of the money designated for education services. On other occasions we have had to borrow money to cover these payments so that we would not get behind. It is difficult to have to think about what we are going to do each month as the due dates get closer and many times we end up being two months behind at a time.

### **Our thanks:**

- We thank God, the brothers and sisters of Hope Chest and Cornerstone Church for the support and love that they are providing to each of the girls.

• Thank you for joining us in our vision to support the girls, to see them as young ladies, graduated with a career in college. Also in the vision that they would be good disciples of Jesus Christ so that one day they can help other girls who are in the same situation that they were and so that they can also help their own family.

**Prayer requests:**

- Additional income to help with our financial situation.
- A larger bus.

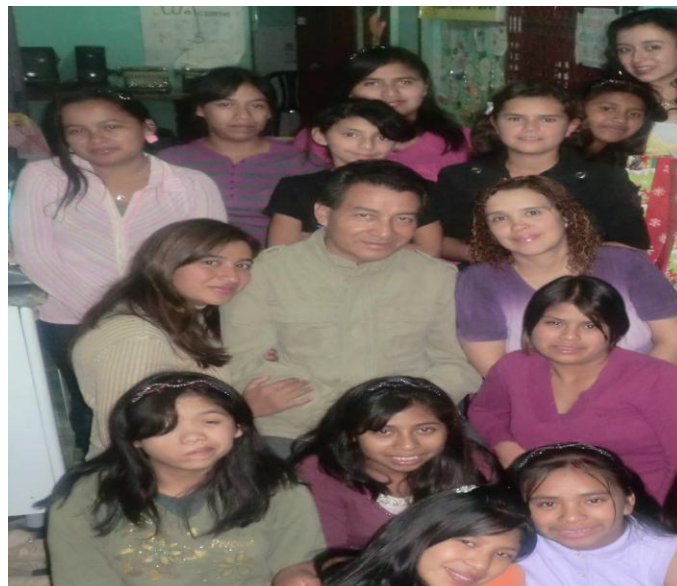
• Buy a bigger house or land to build a home where we can start building little by little the areas that we need for girls, such as a computer lab, an area to do their homework and a room for their devotional times that include praise to God and the teaching of his word, it could also be used for English classes.

• That God would send the teachers and professionals that we need so support the girls in specific areas. People who are called, have good attitudes and are a witness before God so that they may be a blessing to the girls and be a support for us in the spiritual area of discipleship and when necessary, they can pray and minister to the girls.

• We ask God to bless and reward the brothers and sisters of Cornerstone Church and of Hope Chest greatly for all of the love and support that they give to girls.

Blessing of the Lord be upon you; We bless you in the name of the Lord.  
Psalms 129:8

Cesar and Carol  
Home for Girls "My Special Treasure"



- **Asia Church Planters:**

- May, 2012

- Dear Prayer Warriors,

- **Grace & peace** be with you!

- Last month we wrote to you about senseless target killings taking place in our city, we have not seen any change so far. This unpleasant, heartbreaking dance of death goes on in our city streets. On average 8 to 10 people are losing their life and countless families have become victims of such crimes. We do know that nothing lasts forever not even our troubles. Like they say, cookie today, crumbs tomorrow. It seems life is very cheap without any value. Even if people shut their doors and sit in their own homes, yet trouble will fall from the skies. How can this be? What can be done to help hurting people? How to bring comfort & hope in the real sense of this word? How to help people who have met tragedy face to face? Life is not one long process of getting tired. Right! Let us go on our knees and talk to our Father to seek His divine wisdom. Please keep praying for change of hearts of people here. Pray that the Father will open the hearts & minds of people to come to know the Prince of Peace. To Know Jesus is to know peace, No Jesus, No peace is reality.

- **Face Book:** Over 4,500 young people have made a commitment to get training & share their faith with others around them. This group is living in different cities. On Saturday April 28, 2012 we had our first meeting with those who live in our own city. We had 97 people come for this event. We plan to have such training & teaching workshops with this group in different cities of the country. As you see, the work load is increasing and we need your prayers to reach out to this group of people. Please pray for the Lord's wisdom for us as we share the vision of reaching out to others in the country. Pray that the lost of this land will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and will follow Him. Please pray that people will grow in their understanding of the Scriptures.

- Our **Good Friday** and **Easter services** were real blessings to us all. Jonah preached in three different locations on Good Friday. The first service was at 9:30 a.m. the second service from 12:00 – 4:30 p.m. and the third service was at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It was one long day of teaching & preaching. In the afternoon service, we had over 2000 people sitting under a tent with temperatures over 100 degree.

- We rejoice with those whose hearts & minds were open that day to hear about His Love on the Cross, for His people. We wish we can give you more information on these events but we rather not share more as we are not sure of the E-mail security at this end. Jennifer and I were deeply moved as to how the Lord uses these events to bring glory to His Name. Thank you for your prayers for these events. Your prayers are being answered. We do appreciate your willingness to stand with us through your prayers. Now please pray that those who have heard His Gospel will prayerfully put their trust in the Lord. Pray for courage to do the right things. Witness the Name of the Lord to those who are still walking in fear and darkness.

- **Round Table Meeting:** On April 20, Jonah went to the Capital City again, to meet other leaders in the country. Our time of prayer & Bible study together was real rewarding. We discussed matters related to His Kingdom here in this land. Good time of fellowship and lots of home work for the six of us to do before we meet again in September this year. Please pray for church planting teams in the country to keep their focus on the main thing and not be distracted by other obstacles in the way. Pray that we help each other to learn both from His Word and from each other.



- **On April 23**, Jonah met with our Brother Imam again. We discussed plans to do the ground work among those who are able to think freely, without others influencing them. As a result of our meetings, we are planning to arrange our First One Day Teaching Seminar in the Capital City. The Imam is willing to teach on one of the important subject **“According to Qur’an there is no change in the Torah, the Zabor and the Anjil”**. ( Zabor is Psalms and the Anjil is Gospel) This Seminar will be our first attempt to expand our work out of our Big City. The subject of this Seminar is a real need of the hour. Please pray as we plan this event that the Lord will give us wisdom to deal with all issues related to this Seminar. Pray for all the arrangements that need to be made from a distance to hold such an event.
- **Bible Study**: On Saturday May 5, 2012 Jonah was invited by another church Pastor to come and lead a Bible Study. This was the first Bible Study in the city that had over 150 people from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We had a blessed time of studying His Word. People here are very open to sitting for long hours and learn His Word. Please pray that we will have an ongoing monthly Bible Study with this group. Pray that new people will come and join our group. This is remarkable that the Lord is opening new doors for His Word to go forth. Pray for knowledge, wisdom and understanding for us all.
- **Special Needs**: We feel there is a growing need to teach and train believers and we are in the process of developing a ministry under a different name. We want to call it **“Resources for Basic Communication” (RBC)** Under this name we would like to publish study books and booklets. We are developing meaningful and thought provoking book marks using Scriptures verses to help people to know the Truth of the Gospel of grace. Above all we would like to produce teaching /training audio, video CD or DVD. We are in desperate need of a **professional video camera** and other related equipment to produce high quality material that will help our Media Team members to spread the Gospel in this dry land. Please pray for the Lord to open some hearts to release funds for this very purpose.
- **Family**: Our children and grandchildren are doing well. Everyone is busy with their work. Please remember them in your prayers for wisdom to make wise & right decisions for their lives. We would appreciate your prayers for our health & strength and above all courage to remain focused on His ministry work.
- There are many other events beside these major events that we are asking you to please join us in prayers. **The work of His Kingdom in the country is growing but our resources are shrinking.** Due to various reasons, some supporting churches have stopped supporting us. Please pray that the Lord will open some new doors to support His ministry through us in this great land. For all of these events, we will need funds to cover the cost. Pray that the Lord in His graciousness will remove obstacles from our way.
- Our weekly meetings in the **Library** are going well. **This month, we have two families join the Library. This is one of the high lights of the month.** Please pray for their growth & walk with the Lord and wisdom for us as we lead them toward the Lord.
- There is still no news about the two brothers who were kidnapped. Please keep them and their family members before the Father in your prayer for faith & comfort and peace.
- We thank you for your prayers.
- In His grace,
- **Asia church planters...**



## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS:

- The curbing was been laid, and rough asphalt has been laid. There will be more asphalt and a finish coat before they are completed.
- They are boring under Town Creek Drive to create an access to the city water system – that is what the big black pipes that are laying on the Church Office lawn are for. They dug through Roper Road to connect the city water to the new building. The plumbers are connecting the old building to the new building, so the old building will have city water. Then the well that is in the middle of the courtyard can be removed and that area can be graded and sidewalks poured.
- Drywall is beginning to go up on the classrooms.
- June or July are the projected finish dates – not too far away. If you have ideas of how to use the new building to impact our community and build up our church community, please let me know. Some projects are starting to form, and planning needs to start yesterday, so don't wait.
- For those of you who have moved away from SoMD, here are some pictures:



## Announcements:

- **Lost and Found:** There are several items in Lost and Found. Have you lost a nice black women's raincoat, size Petite 12? How about a purple and black and white jacket? Or are your children missing any hooded sweatshirts? Perhaps a bag or two of infant clothes? And then, of course, there are umbrellas in Lost and Found. If you are missing any of these items or more, you have a very brief time to claim them before they are given away. Call Flora Woodward or Beth Baxley to claim lost items.
- **Boy Scout Troop Summer Camp, Jul 7- 14, Goshen Scout Reservation, Goshen, VA:** Please let Frank Heinsohn or Aaron Rouland know if you are interested.



## Worship notes:

### Hymn of the Month: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

The hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" was written by a young graduating seminarian, Ernest W. Shurtleff, in 1887. Shurtleff was born in Boston, Massachusetts on April 4, 1862. His classmates at Andover Theological Seminary, recognizing the poetic ability of their colleague, asked him to write a hymn which they might all sing together for their commencement service. Shurtleff responded with this excellent text. At the time of his graduation he had already published two volumes of verse and throughout his later ministry wrote a number of additional hymns. This is his one hymn text, however, which has endured the passing of time.

(Excerpts taken from: <http://www.hymnalaccompanist.com/Story/story619.html> )



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### Apostles' Creed, Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Century

Of Christendom's many creeds, the best known and most used are the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. Both creeds state what Christians believe to be true without explaining how they are true.

Though the apostles did not write it, the Apostles' Creed developed as a way for the early church to hand on the basic structure of biblical faith. Roman Christians used a question-and-answer form of the creed to prepare converts who wanted to be baptized and join the church.

Some words and phrases in the Apostles Creed may cause confusion to us today. The word "catholic" here denotes a universal church, or one common Church that unites all believers. Also, to say that Christ "descended into hell" doesn't speak of an actual trip to hell, but speaks of His experience on the cross and being separated from the Father. As we encourage one another with these truths, we join with Christians around the globe and throughout the ages.

## 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:

- **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 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
- 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

Missions Committee Jen Neubert 808 220 2218  
[missionscommittee@cornerstonepca.org](mailto:missionscommittee@cornerstonepca.org)

## Reaching Southern Maryland through the Word:

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## Multiplying Mature & Equipped Disciples

Small Group Ministries	Carl Fahrner	301 862 5235
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  
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## 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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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](mailto:prayer@cornerstonepca.org)

Biblical Counseling:

Tom & Mary Thompson [Email](mailto:Email) or (443) 994-2778

Sermon Audio Files:

<http://www.cornerstonepca.org/resources/index.html>

iTunes link podcast:

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

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