

## Summary at the "TOP":

### Top 5:

- 1**  
**IMAGINE A BIG FAMILY NIGHT AT CORNERSTONE...**  
Imagine this: Sunday evening (6-8pm) at Cornerstone you find activities for all ages: Nursery, Children's programs, a unified Youth Group (both MS and HS), and many adult small groups. Tell us what you think... [Details...](#)
- 2**  
**DELAYED!**  
The **Big Kick-Off day (Aug 26)** has been **moved to Sept 9** due to construction delays and many other factors. This includes Promotion Sunday, the Grand Opening & Open House celebration, and the Ministry Fair. [Details...](#)
- 3**  
**THE BIG KICK-OFF! MOVING IN – HELP!**  
Although now delayed 2 weeks, we still need help: cleaning, moving, and hanging white boards. Many hands make light work! [Click](#) to sign up online or call 301-862-5016. [Details...](#)
- 4**  
**INTERESTED IN GROWING SPIRITUALLY?**  
Growth happens most when we are in relationships where we are getting disciplined. This year we have many options for different styles and levels of commitment. [Click](#) to choose the type for you, or read more: [Details...](#)
- 5**  
**BOY SCOUT OPEN HOUSE – AUG 14**  
BSA Troop 2819 will be hosting an open house and awards ceremony on August 14th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for prospective boys (ages 11-17) and their parents to learn more about scouting here at Cornerstone. [Details...](#)

### Calendar Events:

August 2012						
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September 2012						
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- Aug 9 Baby Shower for Katy Harbin, 7-9 pm @ Barb Buckingham's
- Aug 11 Women's Ministry Team Annual Planning Meeting, 8-11:30am @ TBD
- Aug 13 Final Softball Game, "A" Division, 8:15pm @ Chancellor's Run Field 2 | [Details](#)
- Aug 14 Boy Scout Troop 2819 Open House/Awards Ceremony, 7pm @ Sanctuary | [Details](#)
- Aug 16 Poiema Registration Salad Supper, 7pm @ the Leepa's home
- Aug 19 **Youth Group Kickoff** @ Solomons MWR Annex – Big Pavilion
- Aug 20 Public Schools Start
- Aug 21 California Christian Tutorial for Homeschools - Back to School Night @ Sanctuary
- Aug 31 InterVarsity Kick Off at St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Sept 2** Congregational Meeting, 6:30pm @ Cornerstone | [Details](#)
- Sept 2-8 Final preparations and moving into the new building | [Details](#) | [Sign up to help](#)
- Sept 3 Annual Pig Roast / Picnic, 1-6pm @ NAS Pax Beach House | [Details](#) | [Register](#)
- Sept 9 am** **Promotion Sunday & Opening of New Building, 9:30am @ Sanctuary**
- Sept 9 pm** **Grand-Opening-House Celebration & Ministry Team Fair, 6-9pm**
- Sept 15 CareNet Walk for Life, Noon to Midnight @ Ryken High School | [Details](#)
- Sept 21 InterVarsity Progressive Dinner



### Sign Up For:

- Small Groups Forming | [Interested?](#)
- Shoulder 2 Shoulder Women's Mentoring:** [Sign-Up](#)
- Soup Kitchen Serving Team: Victor Dela Cuesta, 240-925-9599. | [Details](#) | [Sign-Up](#)
- Budgeting Class – Teach and/or develop curriculum: Dave Perrin, 301 373-0207 | [Details](#) | [Sign-Up](#)
- Ministry Teams – Join now | [Sign-Up](#)



CCT Homeschool Registration: | [Details](#) | [Register](#)

### **Recurring Activities:**

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

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

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:**

Question of the Week

### **“Aslan is on the Move”:**

[Ministry Updates](#): Sunday School Promotion | New Facility Ministry Team | **Kids Choir Starting soon**

[Missionary Updates](#): **My Special Treasure update**

[Construction Progress](#): Lots going on inside – read the details below!

### **Announcements**

[Boy Scout Troop 2819 Open House/Awards Ceremony](#), Aug 14, 7pm @ Cornerstone

[Softball Teams Schedules](#)

### **Worship Notes:**

Hymn of the Month

Processional

### **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: Introduction to Islam

**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. Family Discipleship Night at Cornerstone under consideration:** We have prayerfully been considering hosting many activities/programs on Sunday evenings so that families can come together to church for discipleship and growth activities. This would build unity on Sunday evening, and also free up other nights of the week so families can be together. For example, if you have a kids in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade, the activities for those kids have been on separate evenings – Kids Choir (Wednesdays), Middle School Youth Group (Mondays), High School Youth Group (Sundays). Then add in a Small Group for the parents, and a sport or other extra activity, and... BOOM! – exploding family time!



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But with the new facility, we have more space and here is what we are proposing to host simultaneously on a single evening:

- Ages 0-3: Child Care / Nursery provided at a reduced cost (6-8pm)
- Ages 4-5: Kinder Choir and Games or Child Care / Nursery (6-8pm)
- Grades 1-5: Kids Choir (6-7pm) then Kids Klub (7-8pm)
- Middle School and High School: Youth Group (6-8pm)
- Adults: Multiple Small Groups (6-8pm)

We have been praying a lot and talking to a lot of people, but **we want everyone to have a chance to be heard. Read the details below and then let us know what you think about this – we are looking for both pro's and con's – [Click here](#) and tell us what you are thinking.** We need to make a decision about this next week, so **please provide your inputs by next Tuesday evening, Aug 14.**

### Details:

- Start date for this would be **Sept 16.**
- Kids Choir:
  - This WILL be happening starting Sept 16 (6-7pm). This is not dependent on other Sunday night events.
  - Grades 1-5.
- Child Care / Nursery (Ages 0-3)
  - We are looking for someone to hire to lead this. If you have suggestions, please let us know. [Click here.](#)
- Youth Group (Middle School and High School)
  - Unifying / combining the MS and HS YG is one of the biggest changes that would happen. See the next section for more explanation.
  - If necessary, this issue will be addressed during the congregational meeting, Sept 2.



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### Youth Group – Combining / Unifying:

- Here is the proposed schedule:
  - 6-6:30 Activities: Combined options for age, athletic ability, and desire
  - 6:30-6:50 Drinks/Snacks - Socialize
  - 6:50-7:10 Group Teaching Time
  - 7:10-7:45 Small Group Discussion/Prayer (4 SG's minimum)
  - 7:45-8:00 Close Meeting/ Play/ Socialize
- The staff, Dagan in particular, has been doing much research on potential issues that arise when putting kids from 6-12<sup>th</sup> grades together. The biggest issue seems to be the potential

vast difference in maturity between younger and older kids. Here are some of the things that are proposed to address this issue:

- Small Groups would meet each week to discuss and apply the teaching to specific needs for age/maturity. Dagan would develop specific topics/discussions for each group.
- At least 2 games/activities would be offered each week – one that is more athletic and competitive, and one that is more of a group challenge/adventure.
- Dagan would use the extra night during the week to meet individually with kids, or in smaller groups. (Invite him over to spend the evening with your family!)
- Potential benefits & other factors that are being considered:
  - More concentrated presence of Youth Workers – not spread out over 2 nights
  - More concentrated presence of snacks/food – only one list to coordinate
  - Small Groups each week – more intimate/personal
  - Activity/Game options, rather than just one offered each night
  - Opens up another night of the week for a different type of youth event (games, etc)
  - Mike Chipman wanted to unify on 1 night. In fact, he was getting coaching from Mark Devries (Nationally known Youth Leader) to combine youth groups.
  - Many other churches in the area and many we have visited only have 1 youth group for both MS and HS, and the youth groups are doing well.
- We recognize that there may be factors that arise that we are not aware of. This format would not necessarily be permanent. We would be open to changing the format as necessary. If the change is made, please continue to let us know how things are going and any concerns you have.
- Please let us know what you are thinking about Youth Group – pro’s & con’s: [Click here](#).



### Conclusion: What do you think?

- We hope that gives you some of the vision that we’ve been seeing for Sunday nights. Obviously, more programs need more workers – let us know if you are interested in helping with the Children’s programs, the Nursery, Youth Group, OR leading a Small Group.
- And we hope that this provides more opportunity for you and your family to get involved in discipleship. Let us know what you think: [Click here](#).

**2. The Big Kick-Off has been DELAYED! Sept 9<sup>th</sup> is now the big day:** All events that were scheduled for Aug 26 have now been moved to Sept 9. This includes Promotion Sunday, the Grand Opening & Open House celebration, and the Ministry Fair. The delay is due to construction delays and many other factors, including the availability of multiple key ministry leaders. We are very sorry for any confusion or schedule conflict that this may cause, but we truly felt like God was leading us to move the date. This will ensure that the building will be complete – there are a couple key pieces that haven’t fallen into place yet, and won’t until next week or later. This will also give us more time to move in and get set up – see # 3 below.

**Here is the schedule for that day – Sept 9<sup>th</sup>:**

8:00am	Worship Service
9:30am	Promotion Sunday and Opening of the New Building
10:45am	Worship Service
6:00pm	Special Worship Service / Celebration
7:00pm	Open House Celebration & Ministry Fair



- 3. The Big Kick-Off – Moving In:** Due to the delay in our Big Kick-off date, the schedule for some of the moving events has changed. But the strategy is the same, AND we still would love to have your help.



**Moving In Strategy:** We have divided the tasks into chunks of work that can be done independently of other tasks. This will allow us to let teams of people organize themselves to complete the task on a timeline that fits their schedule, RATHER than trying to get everyone to come all at once. So if you want to [organize](#) a few families and tackle one of these tasks, have a party and git 'er done!

**List of Tasks:** Below is the list of tasks for teams to complete, and the dates that the task can be worked on. Many of the tasks cannot be worked on BEFORE Sunday, Sept 2, due to various factors.

- Moving Kitchen equipment / tables from Office Garage (**Aug 11-Sept 1**)
  - Includes cleaning of the equipment / tables
- Putting up whiteboards / dry-erase boards (**Aug 15-27**)
- Moving table, chairs, other miscellaneous stuff from the Pink Trailer (Aug 27-Sept 8)
  - Includes cleaning everything... very thoroughly!
  - Youth are encouraged to sign up for this one, since this will include your stuff.
- Powerwashing the Sanctuary Building to remove all the construction dust and grime. (Aug 27-Sept 8)
- Moving Nursery furniture and equipment (Sept 2-8)
  - Nurseries will be located in the new building
  - Current Nursery Rooms are being converted into Adult Classrooms
- Moving furniture from Office Garage into Adult classrooms (Sept 2-8)
  - Includes cleaning of the furniture
  - Must be done AFTER Nurseries have been moved for Sanctuary rooms
- Moving Children's classrooms' furniture from the Church Office (Sept 2-8)
- Moving Children's classrooms' furniture from the Sanctuary (Sept 2-8)
  - Currently in the Choir Room and Visitor's Classroom

**How do I sign up?** To sign up, please [click here](#) and enter your information and preferences into the form. Your info will be forwarded to the right person and you will be contacted.

You will have the option of saying that you don't care which task you do, but have a limited schedule. Or a combination. Either way, [click here](#) and join the fun!



- 4. Are you interested in growing spiritually?** Growth happens most when we are in relationships where we are getting discipled. **What is a Disciple?** In short, a disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ, someone who is increasingly trusting Jesus Christ and living their life in response to his mercy and grace. One of the key points of Cornerstone's mission is "Discipleship" – making and maturing disciples.

**This year we have many discipleship options for different styles and levels of commitment.** Below is a list that describes the different options. If you are interested in one or any of these, please [click here](#) and let us know so we can get you more information. We want you to have the information you need to make a wise decision... one that could affect your life greatly this year.

### ***Christian Education Classes (a.k.a. "Sunday School Classes")***

On Sunday mornings between 9:30 and 10:30, Cornerstone offers classes for all ages and multiple classes for adults in order for them to grow in their understanding of the Word of God, the teachings of the Bible, Christian Living, and serving as Christian Leaders. This form of discipleship focuses on information transfer from a teacher to multiple students. A list of this semester's courses will be available towards the end of August. Most courses will start **Sept 16**. [Click here](#) if interested.

### ***Small Groups***

Throughout the week and throughout St. Mary's County, there are a wide variety of Cornerstone Small Groups. Small groups consist of between 6 and 12 men and women. These are a great way to grow in Christian community, in applying God's Word to daily living, and in loving our neighbors. This form of discipleship involves group interaction in a smaller setting (many times in homes) and is therefore more relationship-based. A list of this semester's small group offerings will be available towards the end of August. Most small groups will start the week of **Sept 16**. [Click here](#)

### ***Journey Groups***

If you are serious about discipleship, Journey Groups may be for you. JG's are single gender life-on-life discipleship groups that meet weekly for a year on various nights and mornings. Their purpose is to transfer the spiritual life from one person to another in the context of small groups of people (4-8) such that people grow as disciples from unbelief to belief; from belief to maturity; from maturity to ministry multiplication. Each meeting requires about two and a half hours of preparation. Journey Groups begin each September and involve a 9 month commitment. If you are interested in being in a Journey Group, let us know and we will strive to connect you with a group that would be a good fit. Most small groups will start the week of **Sept 16**. [Click here](#) if interested.

### ***Micro Groups (Smaller than Small Groups) [New this year.]***

These are single gender prayer and accountability groups of no more than four who gather two to three times per month to share their lives with each other, invite the others to hold them accountable as Christ's disciples, and to pray for one another. These provide more flexibility for busy schedules, but they can also be integrated into Small Groups, Ministry Teams, Education Classes, and Journey Groups. [Click here](#) to let us know if you are interested.

### ***Shoulder 2 Shoulder (Women's Mentoring) [Added to the list this week.]***

This is the WMT's women's mentoring/encouragement matching program, called Shoulder 2 Shoulder. This is designed to match up women 1-1 for a specified time period (1 year) in order to grow together in faith, in love, and in maturity. This is by no means a mandatory program to replace any mentoring that is already occurring within Journey Groups or other organic relationships. Rather, it is a program designed to serve as a means for connecting women across generations or spiritual maturity levels who may not have other opportunities to meet one another. [Click here](#) to let us know if you are interested.

### ***Retreats/Seminars***

This year we have several retreats and seminars to equip and encourage you in a more focused setting. Women's Retreat in April, Men's Retreat October 19-21, Cornerstone Mission's Conference in February. [Click here](#) to let us know if you are interested.

- 5. Boy Scout Troop 2819 Open House and Awards Ceremony, Aug 14, 7:00pm @ Cornerstone Sanctuary:** BSA Troop 2819 will be hosting an open house and awards ceremony on August 14th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for prospective boys (ages 11-17) and their parents to learn more about scouting here at Cornerstone. You can help by inviting your children, coworker's children, friends, neighbors, grandchildren and/or nephews to come learn more about the Boy Scout Troop. Our troop number, 2819, is based on Matthew 28:19, The Great Commission. If you will invite boys to come be a part of the troop, the troop leadership (both boys and adults) will be committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with them all while having fun and adventure and learning lifelong leadership skills. Statistics show that for every one hundred boys who join scouting, twelve of the one hundred will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these twelve and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives. Six of the one hundred will become pastors. You invite...We'll evangelize. If you have any questions, please call Aaron Rouland at 240-577-3093 or Frank Heinsohn at 301-767-5796. [Click here](#) to see flyer.



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### 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)
- **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.



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### "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:



- **Sunday School Promotion** is right around the corner. Class rosters will be posted in the foyer. Parents, please check to make sure that your child's grade and birthday is correct. If your child has not yet participated in Sunday School, please sign them up! We hope every child joins in to learn God's Word.
- **New Facilities Ministry Team:** We are forming a new ministry team under the Deacons to help keep our facilities working smoothly. The responsibilities of the Facilities Ministry Team (FMT) include oversight and maintenance of our current and new facility. This includes outdoor and indoor maintenance and upkeep, supervision of the kitchen, and management of the computers and networks.  
This new ministry team is an example of how the new facility is opening up opportunities for some of us to use our special gifts to serve God and our fellow Cornerstoners.  
If you are interested in learning more about this team, or want to join, [click here](#).
- **Kids Choir Starting on Sept 16:** Keri Reed and Sherri Wolf will be leading this from 6-7pm for grades 1-5. Details to come.

## MISSIONARY UPDATES:

- **My Special Treasure update** - We are excited about the future for our relationship with MST and to that end we desire to increase our level of relational and financial support through the following plan. Please prayerfully consider join us in this work through Sponsorship. Look for the MST Sponsorship Board in the next weeks. Any questions can be directed to Steve Brandt, [pilotof5@earthlink.net](mailto:pilotof5@earthlink.net).



## We can Help w/o Hurting

- **Survive – Development Plan – Cornerstone Plan**
  - Carol and Cesar operate via support – little to no personal income
  - Annual Budget - ~ \$40K
  - Cornerstone Church - \$1200 in 2013 budget to Carol and Cesar
  - Cornerstone Sponsorship – ~\$500/month
  - Currently 13 girls w/Max Capacity – 16 girls

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## Our Part: Move on to Thriving

- Cornerstone Families - Above and beyond our tithes to the Church
  - Commit to Sponsorship at \$50/month minimum
  - Sponsor each child at \$150/month thru 1-3 families joining together in this goal
  - 16 Girls/\$150/month – >\$28,000/yr
  - Encourage all Nuevo Reto families to transfer their sponsorship to MST
  - We will move to have this goal reached by the end of August...New building Celebration!
- Now they will have a greater opportunity to THRIVE

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Brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord  
may speed ahead and be honored... 2 Thessalonians 3:1

Jonah & Jennifer  
Evangelism in the Middle East

My Special Treasure Orphanage  
in Chimaltenango, Guatemala

Richard & Angelica Ramsay MTW  
Theological Training in Latin America

### Cornerstone Global Missions 2012

Esrael & Jill Seyum with  
InterVarsity Fellowship  
St. Mary's College, Maryland

Chris Garriott with  
Reformed University Fellowship  
University of Maryland, College Park

Roberta Brown  
MTW Church Planting in  
Chiba (city/state), Japan with the  
Oyuminō (town) Christ Church

Cheryl Crocker  
MTW Global Medical  
Missions Teams

Eric & Annette Phillips  
City Wide Redeemer  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Tito & Kim Padilla  
MTW Border Evangelism  
Juarez, Mexico/ El Paso, TX



## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS:

- Drywall ceiling is going up in the gym. The drywall is in place, and they are mudding and sanding. Then they will paint. Then they can lay the floor.
- The kitchen floor has been tiled.
- Final coat of paint is going on this week.
- Doors to most of the rooms have been hung.
- Jonathan Griffith has laid tile in the lobby and down the hallway. It looks great!
- We expect carpeting to be laid next week in most of the building.
- Check out pictures at this on-line gallery:

<http://www.dropbox.com/gallery/46799993/1/Cornerstone%20Interior%20Pictures?h=e50ddc>

## Announcements:

- **Nursery Workers Needed!** The 9:30 and 10:45 nurseries are in need of nursery workers. If you are interested in serving our little ones in this ministry, please contact Elizabeth Buckingham. Thank you! [Elizabethbuckingham@hotmail.com](mailto:Elizabethbuckingham@hotmail.com) 240-317-5749
- **Softball Games: The final game of the regular season is on Aug 13, 8:15** at the Chancellor's Run Sports Complex on Field 2.
- **Congregational Meeting, Sep 2, 6:30pm:** There are 4 items on the agenda:
  - Election of Frank Heinsohn as Elder
  - Changes to Pastor Nilsson's official Call
  - Budget and Vision Report: As ministries are getting started, we want to tell you where God is leading us this next year, and how the budget reflects that leading.
  - Family Discipleship Sunday – Background and Discussion
- **Cornerstone Annual Pig Roast:** It's that time of year again to get together for fun and fellowship during the Annual Cornerstone Pig Roast at the Beach House on Base. This year we are having it on Labor Day (**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**) which affords the opportunity to play games, utilize the beach (potentially bring kayaks, lay out in the sun,...) and still enjoy a wonderful feast together. The time is from **1pm to 6pm** with the **meal to be served at 3pm**. Please [click here](#) or go online to the Cornerstone website to sign up. **It is critical that if you need base access, that you sign up in advance to be placed on the list for the gate.** It is much better to sign up for base access and then not need it than to not sign up and need it. BBQ and drinks will be provided. Based on your last name please plan to bring the following side:
  - A-E dessert
  - F-R salad or slaw
  - S-Z Other side dish (baked beans, macaroni, ...)

There are also opportunities to sign up to help out with set up, clean up, running games, and bringing your special BBQ sauce (depending on desire there could be a competition here). This is one time of fun, food and fellowship that you don't want to miss.

Note: There will be NO lifeguard on duty at the beach. Provide your own supervision if swimming.



You're Invited to a

# Boy Scout Troop 2819 Open House

Learn more about Scouting in Troop 2819,  
Chartered to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church



- View slides and hear stories about our activities in 2011-12
- Learn about the challenges and benefits of Boy Scouting
  - Witness our Scouts receiving awards earned this year
- Share refreshments and fellowship with the Troop and their families



7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

23101 Town Creek Drive  
Lexington Park, MD 20653

Boy Scouts is open to boys ages 11-17  
Call Aaron Rouland, Scoutmaster,  
with questions. 240-577-3093



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## Worship notes:

### Hymn of the Month: "Arise My Soul"

In his book *My Life and the Story of the Gospel Hymns and of Sacred Songs and Solos*, [Ira Sankey](#) writes:



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"First published in 1742 under the title, "Behold the Man," this became one of the most useful of Charles Wesley's numerous hymns. In universal use in English countries, and translated into many languages, it has been the direct instrumentality in the conversion of thousands of souls. It has found expression in the exultant cry on the lips of many a dying saint.

'I have a record,' said a Wesleyan missionary laboring in the West Indies, 'of two hundred persons, young and old, who received the most direct evidence of the forgiveness of their sins while singing 'Arise, my soul.' The conversion of the greater number of these persons took place while I was a missionary abroad.'"

### Profession of Faith – Belgic Confession, Article 10 – “Jesus Christ is True and Eternal God”

The Belgic confession's chief author was Guido de Bräs, a preacher of the Reformed churches of the Netherlands. The churches of his country were exposed to terrible persecution by the Roman Catholic government. To protest against this persecution, and to prove to the persecutors that the adherents of the Reformed faith were not rebels - as was laid to their charge -de Bräs prepared this confession in the year 1561. In the following year a copy was sent to King Philip II, together with an address in which the petitioners declared that they were ready to obey the government in all lawful things, but that they would "offer their backs to stripes, their tongues to knives, their mouths to gags, and their whole bodies to the fire," rather than deny the truth expressed in this confession. In 1567, Guido de Bräs fell as one of the many thousands who sealed their faith with their lives. His confessional work has endured for centuries. There are 37 articles in this confession. [More...](#)

## 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: Intro to Islam @ Sanctuary**

A Christian perspective on Islam.

**Here is the schedule for the Sanctuary class (Youth & Adults) for the summer:**

Jul 29 - Aug 19:

Intro to Islam – Rich Prevatt

Aug 26:

Promotion Sunday and Grand Opening of the new building



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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
- Director of Youth Dagan Mayfield
- 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

- 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, "**The Reason for God**" (Tim Keller)
- 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
- Dagan Mayfield, 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:

<b>Transformational Ministries Team (TMT)</b>	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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## Multiplying Mature & Equipped Disciples

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Men's Discipleship Ministries	Rich Buckingham	301 994 1951
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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

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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
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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

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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/>

Website:

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

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