

## Summary at the "TOP":

### Top 5 Things to Know This Week:

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#### "THE BIG GATHERING" AT CORNERSTONE...

A decision was made: starting **Sept 16**, Sunday evening (5:30-7:30pm) 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. Please read more... [Details...](#)

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#### THE BIG KICK-OFF! ENGAGE:

The Big Kick-Off day on **Sept 9** is just around the corner. This includes Promotion Sunday, the Grand Opening & Open House celebration, and the Ministry Fair. Read how [you can help get us ready](#) – new information: [Details...](#)

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#### ANNUAL PIG ROAST PICNIC ON THE BEACH:

**Sept 3**, 1-6pm. Roasted Pig BBQ, lots of picnic food, beach, games. Everyone is there. This is the most attended event of the year. Food will be served at 3pm. [Online sign up](#) required for base access. [Details...](#)

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#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY EVENING: SEPT 2

There will be a congregational meeting at 6:30pm on **Sept 2**. On the agenda is the Budget and Vision Report, Discussion about The Big Gathering Sunday Night Activities, plus more: [Details...](#)

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#### YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF AT SOLOMONS!

This Sunday, **Aug 19** the Youth Group will kick off the new year at **5pm** @ the Solomon's MWR Annex. Bring something tasty and something fun, even if you were not able to RSVP. [Details...](#)

### Calendar Events:

August 2012						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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September 2012						
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- Aug 16 Poima Homeschool Registration Salad Supper, 7pm @ the Leepa's home
- Aug 19 **Youth Group Kickoff, 5pm** @ Solomons MWR Annex – Big Pavilion | [Details](#)
- 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 | [Details](#) | [Sign up to help](#)
- 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 | [Details](#) | [Sign up to help](#)
- Oct. 19-21 Men's Attack Weekend (aka "Men's Retreat"), Camp Wabanna | [Details](#)



### 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](#)



### **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

### **“Aslan is on the Move”:**

[Ministry Updates](#): Sunday School Promotion | [New Facility Ministry Team](#) | [Integrated Discipleship Plan](#)

[Missionary Updates](#): [InterVarsity at St. Mary’s College – kicking off the new year!](#) | My Special Treasure update

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

### **[Announcements](#)**

Nursery Workers Needed!

Men’s Retreat now called “Men’s Attack Weekend”, Oct 19-21

### **[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. "The Big Gathering" – an Evening of Discipleship, Fellowship, and Ministry at Cornerstone:

After getting your inputs and continuing to pray about this, we have decided to move forward with "The Big Gathering" at **5:30-7:30pm** on Sunday evenings, **starting September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks to everyone who provided inputs. Your inputs have helped generate ideas for ways to 1) make our initial proposal better, and 2) create opportunities at other times during the week to meet additional needs.

- First, instead of calling it "Family Discipleship Night", we are planning to call it "The Big Gathering", because singles are very much included! And there could be ministry beyond just discipleship happening. (If you have an idea for a better name, please let us know. "Unity Night"?)
- Second, we are changing the time to 5:30-7:30pm so that parents can get kids home earlier on a school night.
- Third, we will plan to have small groups and other activities available on other nights of the week so that those working/ministering on Sunday nights will have encouragement and learning opportunities. If this is you, please consider joining a "Micro Group" this year. [Click here](#) to read more about Micro Groups.
- Also, Dagan is planning on creating events outside of the Sunday Youth Group meeting that will create environments that are safer for youth to relationally engage with each other and build open, honest, and supportive friendships..., places where discussions can grow deeper and foster growth. Once a group gets beyond 8-12 people, it is hard to create those environments, so the 2 hours that our Youth Group meets on Sunday nights will focus on goals that can be achieved in a larger group setting. Cornerstone's Youth Ministry has many dimensions that extend beyond the once-a-week Youth Group 2 hour meeting... since our youth have MANY dimensions... if you know what I mean.

**We know that with change comes loss** – we are losing the way we used to do some things that bring us comfort – we know what to expect in those situations and we like them. But we also know that **God has led Cornerstone to be in this place at this time and is leading us forward to grow in ways that we can't even imagine.** Although there is discomfort that is sure to come, we have a "great cloud of witnesses" that we can read about in Hebrews 11 that show us that God is worthy of our faith and trust, and He promises that the end result is definitely worth the bumps and divots that we experience on the adventure. I know that I'm personally very grateful that I get to travel this journey with all of you, and I thank you for traveling with me and all of us.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and **let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."

- Hebrews 12:1-3

## Details & Structure:

So here is the structure for each age group and the needs that we have for each:

- **Ages 0-3:** Child Care / Nursery (5:30-7:30pm)
  - This child care will be provided at a reduced cost.
  - We are looking for someone to hire to lead this. If you have suggestions or would like to participate in this ministry, please let us know. [Click here](#).
- **Ages 4-5:** Kinder Choir and Games or Child Care / Nursery (5:30-7:30pm)
  - This is still in development. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please let us know. [Click here](#).
- **Grades 1-5:** Kids Choir (5:30-6:30pm) then Kids Club (6:30-7:30pm)
  - Kids Choir:
    - Keri Reed and Sherri Wolf will be leading this. Let them know if you would like to help out.
  - Kids Club:
    - Snacks and Games. For this semester, we are not expecting much more than that. We are hoping that next semester this ministry will develop into something more structured and includes some structured discipleship.
    - This is still in development. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please let us know. [Click here](#).
- **Middle School and High School:** Unified Youth Group (5:30-7:30pm)
  - Here is the probable schedule:
    - 6-6:30                   Activities: Multiple options
      - Options created considering the different ages, athletic ability levels, and desires
    - 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:
      - MS Boys, MS Girls, HS Boys, and HS Girls
    - 7:45-8:00               Close Meeting/ Play/ Socialize
- **Adults:** Multiple Small Groups and Discipleship Options available (5:30-7:30pm)
  - A specific list of Small Groups is developing.
  - If you would like to lead a small group on Sunday evenings, now that you know you can be available during that time anyway, please contact [Carl Fahrner](#).
  - [Click here](#) to read more about our Integrated Discipleship Plan.



## Conclusion:

- We hope that gives you some of the vision that we see 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. [Click here](#).
- And we hope that this provides more opportunity for you and your family to get involved in discipleship, fellowship, and serving.



**2. The Big Kick-Off – ENGAGE!** Sept 9th will be a wonderful day for Cornerstone. On this day, we will have Promotion Sunday in the morning, with a special report from the Children's Ministry Team about what God has been doing in Sunday School this past year. Then we will announce the new classes and all the children and youth will march from the Sanctuary to their new classrooms. That evening, starting at 6pm, we will have the Grand Opening & Open House celebration, and the

Ministry Fair. This will include a special worship service, and then lead to the Open House and Ministry Fair with desserts and colorful, crazy booths describing all Cornerstone ministry teams.

**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

**We could sure use your help...:** This is an exciting time to be at Cornerstone, and we want you to be able to fully engage in this experience. In order to do that, we are giving you the chance to help us move in! I know – it's hard to believe, but we are really going to let you help us move in! So much fun... for free! Here's how you can ENGAGE:

**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 17-Sept 1**)
  - Includes cleaning of the equipment / tables
- Putting up whiteboards / dry-erase boards (**Aug 17-27**)
- 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!

**3. 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 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 for water activities.

**4. 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.
- "The Big Gathering" Sunday Evening Activities – Background and Discussion

**5. Annual Youth Group Kick-Off at Solomon's:** Youth and youth families, here is your personal invitation from Dagan Mayfield, our Youth Pastor:

Join us this Sunday, the 19th for a time of fellowship at Solomon's MWR Annex in the Big Pavilion! Bring something tasty and something fun (think backyard games). Please come, even if you were not able to RSVP. Let us know if you need access to the base. Here is my cell number: 806-224-3148. Or [Email me](#).

Thanks,  
Dagan

## Sign-Up for:

- **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.**
- **Support InterVarsity at St. Mary's College:** As St. Mary's College students arrive on campus, InterVarsity aims to welcome them in a big way and engage them with the gospel from the start of the school year! Inviting and connecting with students early and often are great ways to encourage involvement with IV and plug in students to a Christ-centered community long-term. IV has several events coming up in August and September, and YOU can participate with them in reaching out to SMCSM students! [Click here](#) to sign up to participate.



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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.

This week I will highlight a need for landscapers with this request from Flora & the Building Committee:

**"Landscapers Needed.** If you are interested in landscaping we could use your talent on the Landscape Committee. We need to establish a landscape plan for the new church building. Not all



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work will be done right away, but we need a good plan in place. If you aren't interested in landscape design but like to "dig in the dirt", please let us know that as well."

If you are interested in learning more about landscaping or any position on the FMT, or want to join, [click here](#).

- **Integrated Discipleship Plan:**



**Are you interested in growing spiritually?** Growth happens most when we are in relationships where we are getting disciplined. **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)***

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 encouraged 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.

## **MISSIONARY UPDATES:**

- **InterVarsity at St. Mary's College:** As St. Mary's College students arrive on campus, InterVarsity aims to welcome them in a big way and engage them with the gospel from the start of the school year! Inviting and connecting with students early and often are great ways to encourage involvement with IV and plug in students to a Christ-centered community long-term. IV has several events coming up in August and September, and YOU can participate with them in reaching out to SMCSM students! As IV members help new students move in, host a table at the college's Club Fair, and connect with students through fun and compelling events, they would love for Cornerstone to be involved. Lots of snacks, soda, water bottles, and popsicles needed - even s'mores ingredients! Donated raffle items for the Big Welcome Opener would be great. And the annual Progressive Dinner is coming up on **September 21**. Cornerstone will be hosting the appetizers course at **4:45pm in The Atrium** (the new multi-purpose room). [Click here](#) to sign up to participate!
- **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 tithe 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

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

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

Roberta Brown  
MTW Church Planting in  
Chiba City/Japan with the  
Oyumin (women) 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 up and mudded/sanded in the gym. I wish I had gotten a picture of their faces covered with drywall dust – white with 2 eyeball circles! Now they are painting. They are scheduled to lay the floor next week.
- The kitchen floor has been tiled and ceiling tiles in place.
- Final coat of paint is complete in the Children's wing – the classrooms closest to the Church Office.
- Carpeting is being laid in the Children's wing and should be complete by the end of the week.
- So the Children's wing classrooms will be completely finished except for the base boards.
- Doors to most of the rooms have been hung, Exit signs are in place, fire alarm lights in place.
- Jonathan Griffith has completed laying the tile in the lobby and down the hallway. It looks great! He only has to tile the entry way to the side of the Youth Room and the area in front of the kitchen.
- Bathroom fixtures are being put in place, now that the flooring has been laid in all the bathrooms.
- Check out pictures at this on-line gallery:  
<http://www.dropbox.com/gallery/46799993/1/Cornerstone%20Interior%20Pictures?h=e50ddc>

## Announcements:

- **Men's Attack Weekend!** "MEN !!! Plan ahead now to attend the FALL MEN'S ATTACK WEEKEND, **Oct. 19-21.** ("Real Men" don't retreat – they attack!) To be held at Camp Wabanna. More info soon. Questions? Call Jay Thomas or Spencer Crispell."
- **Nursery Workers Needed!** The 9:30 and 10:45 nurseries are in need of nursery workers. The commitment for working in the nursery is **once every 6 weeks IF we have enough workers.** If you are using the nursery on a regular basis, please seriously considering serving in this ministry sometime during the year. If you are interested in serving our little ones and their parents in this ministry, please contact Elizabeth Buckingham. Thank you! [Elizabethbuckingham@hotmail.com](mailto:Elizabethbuckingham@hotmail.com) 240-317-5749



## 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:

**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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InterVarsity Esrael Seyum [egseyum@gmail.com](mailto:egseyum@gmail.com)

## 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  
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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Phillips website: [www.citywideredeemer.com](http://www.citywideredeemer.com)

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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](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/>

Cornerstone Update Blog:

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

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