



## The Top 5 things to think about this week:

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| <p><b>1</b><br/><b>SUPPORT IV COLLEGE STUDENTS</b><br/>Friday evening, <b>Sep 21, 4:45pm</b>, come support InterVarsity college ministry at the Progressive Dinner. Bring an appetizer to Cornerstone and/or hangout and encourage students in this ministry at St. Mary's College – a local mission field we can directly support. <a href="#">Details...</a></p> | <p><b>2</b><br/><b>ROOM CHANGE FOR ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES</b><br/>There have been room changes since there was such great attendance in the Sunday morning adult classes. Check the details below, and look at the new map which also shows <b>small groups</b> locations: <a href="#">Details...</a></p> | <p><b>3</b><br/><b>JOIN A SMALL GROUP</b><br/>Small Groups are a great way to grow spiritually and develop friendships with others. If you haven't already, please consider joining a small group... <a href="#">Details...</a></p> | <p><b>4</b><br/><b>WORKERS NEEDED SUNDAY EVENING</b><br/>Each Sunday evening, from 5:30-7:30pm, there is a great opportunity to serve others and have fun with kids. We especially need <b>adult males to join youth small groups</b>, play games with 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, and we need to hire 1 more nursery worker... <a href="#">Details...</a></p> | <p><b>5</b><br/><b>ROBERTA IS GOING TO JAPAN</b><br/>Our missionary to Japan, Roberta Brown, has been cleared to return to Japan after being delayed for many months! Pray for hearts in Japan, and for the logistics of leaving the US. Her newsletter is below. <b>Bring a lunch and have a picnic with her</b> after the second service – behind the office. <a href="#">Details...</a></p> |
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## Events & Activities:

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| Sept 21   | InterVarsity Progressive Dinner, 4:45pm @ Ballroom   <a href="#">Details</a>   <a href="#">Sign up to help</a> |
| Sept 21   | WMT Nursery Shower, 7-9pm @ Walkers Nursery   <a href="#">Details</a>   <a href="#">Register</a>               |
| Sept 23   | Lunch w/ Roberta Brown, 12:30pm @ Cornerstone Picnic Area  |
| Sept 23   | The Big Gathering, 5:30-7:30pm @ Cornerstone Campus   <a href="#">Details</a>                                  |
| Sept 27   | Blood Drive, 12-6pm @ Our Father's House AG   <a href="#">Register</a>   |
| Sept 28   | HS Youth Movie Night   |
| Sept 29   | Encourage Hope Day, 8am-4pm @ Lexington Park   <a href="#">Details</a>   <a href="#">Sign Up</a>               |
| Oct 6     | Living Hope-2-Orphans Sponsorship Dessert Social, 6:30-9pm   |
| Oct 14    | Unpacking Atheism webinar, 7pm @ PaxPres   <a href="#">Details</a>   |
| Oct 19-21 | Men's Attack Weekend (aka "Men's Retreat"), Camp Wabanna   <a href="#">Details</a>                             |
| Oct 31    | Reformation Day Party @ Cornerstone Campus   |



### Sign Up For:

- Small Groups | [Interested?](#)
- Shoulder 2 Shoulder Women's Mentoring: [Sign-Up](#)
- Soup Kitchen Serving Team: Victor Dela Cuesta, 240-925-9599. | [Details](#) | [Sign-Up](#)
- Ministry Teams: | [Sign-Up](#)



### Recurring Activities:

- "The Big Gathering" (Age 0-101), Sundays, 5:30-7:30pm, @ Cornerstone
- Youth Group (Grades 6-12), Sundays, 5:30-7:30pm, @ Youth Room
- Boy Scouts, Tuesdays, 7pm, @ Youth Room
- 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](#): New Facility Ministry Team | **Encourage Hope Day Sept 29** | **“The Big Gathering”**

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

**Announcements**

WMT Nursery Shower, Sept 21, 7-9pm @ Walkers Nursery

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

**Worship Notes:**

Hymn of the Month

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## The Top 5 things to think about this week:

### 1. SUPPORT IV COLLEGE STUDENTS at the Progressive Dinner: Friday, Sept 21

Coming very soon is a chance to support one of our missionaries in a hands-on way, as well as welcoming InterVarsity students from St. Mary's College to the new school year and to Cornerstone! On Friday, September 21, Cornerstone will host the appetizer portion of IV at SMCSM's annual Progressive Dinner in the new multi-purpose room. Set-up begins at 3:30p.m., students will arrive at 4:45p.m., and clean-up will happen afterward as needed. Feel free to come for all or part of the time as you're available to hang out with the students and support InterVarsity in this endeavor. Families are welcome! Sign up online: [click here](#).



### 2. ADULTS' Sunday Morning Classes and Small Groups: Due to FULL classes (praise God) and technology opportunities, we are moving 2 of the classes:

- Islam (Rich Prevatt) will move to rooms 118,119 – the Hospitality Suite with the coffee bar. There should be much more room than last week! Thanks for your patience!
- CASKET empty (Adam Scott and Chris White) will move to the Conference Room (Room 203 off of the Sanctuary foyer). It has a new flat TV, which Chris and I tested yesterday. Good to go!
- Reference map on the next page.
- **Detailed descriptions:** [click here](#).

Also **Small Groups** have started, but there is still time to join. [Click here](#) for the full list of small groups on Sunday evenings AND throughout the week.

[Click here](#) if you want to let us know you are interested in any of these offerings.

### Adult Room Assignments

#### **Sunday Morning:**

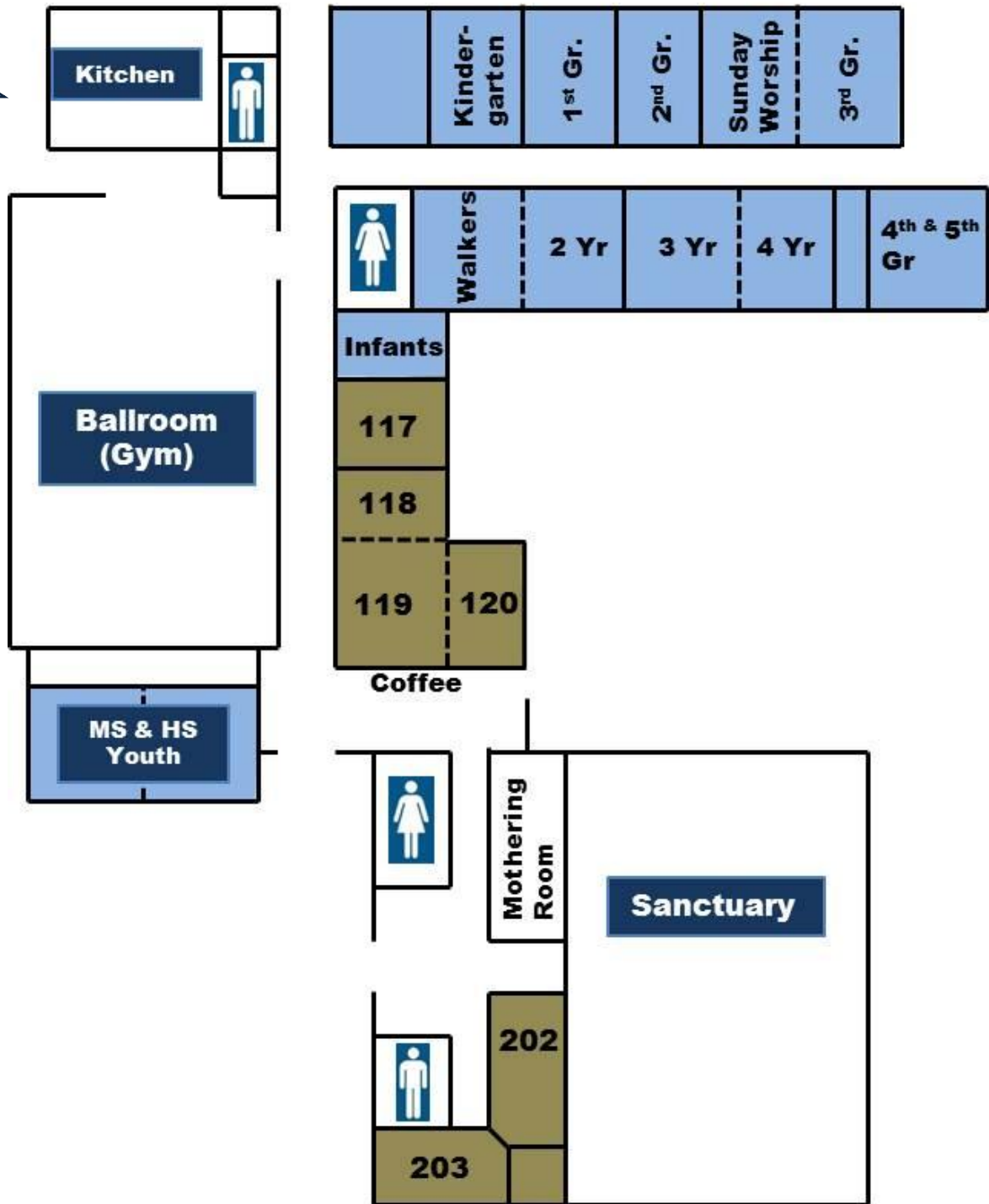
119 – Islam  
120 – Visitors Class  
202 – Hands On  
    Philippians  
203 – CASKET empty

#### **Sunday Evening (5:30):**

117 – Military Support (Brandt)  
119 – Minor Prophets (Baxley)  
202 – Uprooting Anger (Fahrner)  
203 – GriefShare (Nilsson /  
    Buckingham)



See Map Below



### 3. JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

Small Groups are a great way to grow spiritually and develop friendships with others. If you haven't already, please consider joining a small group. There are groups available Sunday evening when all the Children's and Youth programs are running, so a great way to use that time if you have kids involved. Or there are small groups available throughout the week. [Click here](#) for the full list of small groups on Sunday evenings AND throughout the week.



#### 4. WORKERS NEEDED SUNDAY EVENING:

Each Sunday evening, from 5:30-7:30pm, there is a great opportunity to serve others and have fun with kids. We especially need:

- **Adult males to join youth small groups.** These small groups will have at least 2 adults as a team to facilitate small group discussion. Dagan provides the outline for discussion – you would just work with your adult partners to help the youth talk about the teaching subject and apply it to their lives. God could use you to have a big impact on someone's life!
- **Anyone to play games with 1st-5th graders.** We will be using the new Ballroom (gym) to play a wide variety of games. Just come and join in the fun!
- **We need to hire 1 more nursery worker.** If you know of a college student or another (who is a believer) looking to minister to kids (age 0-3) and those kids' parents, please contact Beth Baxley or the church office.



#### 5. ROBERTA IS GOING TO JAPAN!

Our missionary to Japan, Roberta Brown, has been cleared to return to Japan after being delayed for many months! Pray for hearts in Japan, and for the logistics of leaving the US. Her newsletter is below.

Also, All are invited to a lunch and fellowship time with our missionary to Japan, Roberta Brown. We will meet after the second service in the picnic area behind the church office THIS SUNDAY, September 23.

Please bring your lunch! We'll take some time to encourage Roberta and pray for her before she returns to Japan in early October. Children are welcome, too!

Her newsletter is on the next page:

# Jots of Japan



PRAYER LETTER FOR ROBERTA BROWN - MTW TOKYO CHURCH PLANTING TEAM - SEPT. 2012

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The English teaching semester begins again in Japan and students are still signing up to be taught not only English but the Bible. In doing church planting in a foreign culture we are always thinking about what new methods are effective in bringing in the harvest. It is amazing that for over 20 years English is still an effective means to reach the Japanese for Christ.

In Chiba, the main area that I have been working these many years, 3 English students have come to Christ this year. One woman, a former student of mine, actually studied English for about 10 years and was taught by numerous missionaries in her path to faith. She has overcome many obstacles and is an example of the need for long term investment in Japan. It is exciting news that after much preparation, and now public baptism, she is fully committed to Christ. *Pray for her faith to be strengthened.*

Even though there are many secular English schools in Japan, when a student comes to us and experiences the unconditional love of Christ, they are drawn in, and God continues to work in their hearts. The greatest method in church planting is still the power of the Holy Spirit coupled with the prayers and actions of his people.

Thank you for praying for my continued support need. Praise God that even though I am still not at full support level, I have been allowed to return to Japan October 2nd. It is important that the field has the missionary resources, though by returning now I may not be able to stay for the full term as planned. If God has been prompting your heart to support or to increase your support, now would be the time to act so I would be able to leave for the field fully funded for this next term.

Thank you so much for loving me through your prayers and support and enabling me to love the Japanese people for God's glory.

Roberta

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**SEPTEMBER 2012**

**PRAISE GOD:**

> *For receiving a go ahead to return to the field*

> *For new supporters. My support level is now at 91%*

**PRAY FOR:**

> *the logistics of leaving and saying my goodbyes*

> *the logistics of getting established back into the country*

> *the new English classes I will teach: that the hearts of students will be prepared to hear the gospel and respond*

> *my own heart to be in God's word each day becoming a wellspring of life to those around me*

> *my Japanese language ability - that I may develop deep relationships*

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## Sign-Up for:



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- **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. **The IV Progressive Dinner is coming up on September 21,** and YOU can participate with them in reaching out to SMCSM students! [Click here](#) to sign up to participate. Comment if you want to help set up and/or clean up.

## "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:

- **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 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.](#)



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- **It's time to roll up our sleeves - Encourage Hope Day:**

Three Oaks Center has put together an **Encourage Hope Day**. This is a great way for Cornerstone members to get down in the trenches and serve the community in a tangible way. You can really serve and love the community like Jesus does.



Encourage Hope Day is on **September 29th from 8am-4pm (you definitely don't have to be there the whole day)**. It takes place in the Missouri Avenue neighborhood across from the Lexington Park Volunteer Fire Station (which is next to the Lex Park Library).

**This neighborhood is one of the poorest in the county**-many residents are on food stamps and other government assistance programs. There is a lot of sadness in the neighborhood; it is covered in trash, there are plenty of broken down/abandoned homes, dealing and using drugs, are rampant in the neighborhood, and many kids are child protective service cases, which means that they have been neglected, abused, etc.

**Encourage Hope is a day for the residents to come out and clean-up their neighborhood and for the community to come and support them in this effort.** I cannot stress how important it is for this neighborhood to have some **hope** and for the residents to have a clean neighborhood where they enjoy and feel more comfortable living.

It is a day where we can come in and love this community of people, learn their stories, eat with them, and support them in this effort.

We can come together as the body and really be like Jesus to this hurting community (and build some trust too!).

Lauren Ramsay has a sign-up sheet so you can email her ([laurenramsay55@gmail.com](mailto:laurenramsay55@gmail.com)) and tell her what you would like to do. These are the different volunteer options:

- \*Set-up Crew-Arrive at 7AM to help set-up for the day.
- \*\*\*Break Down Crew-Start to organize the ending of the day and break down all activities.
- \*Power Washing-power wash houses that signed up for the service.
- \*\*Mulch-spread mulch for neighbors who signed up for the service.
- \*\*Flowers-plant flowers for neighbors who signed up for the service.
- \*\*Grass Cutting/Blower-cut and trim grass for neighbors who signed up for the service.
- \*\*\*Clean-Up Crew-walk around the neighborhood and pick up trash (there is a ton!)
- \*Security Detail-Keep tabs on all the "borrowed" items and Keep the day peaceful.
- \*Food-Serving, setting up, keeping things properly stocked, etc; pick up and deliver food items if necessary.
- \*Entertainment-Keep times of when each entertainment act should start and finish.



- \* need 5 or less volunteers
- \*\* need 7-10 volunteers
- \*\*\* need 20+ volunteers

Please consider coming out and supporting this incredible effort! See flyer below:



# Encourage Hope Day

Community Clean-up  
Organized by: Three Oaks Center



Volunteers needed  
for the following:

- Pick-up Litter
- Trim Bushes
- Paint Shutters
- Power Wash
- Plant Flowers
- Mulch
- Cut/Trim Grass
- Weed

## September 29, 2012

Start time: 8:00 a.m.

Colony Square  
(Shangri La)

Lexington Park, MD



Volunteers PLEASE  
Wear Yellow Shirts!!  
Yellow symbolizes HOPE!



Appreciation Celebration  
immediately following:  
Food, Games & DJ

As in previous years, volunteers are needed to assist neighbors with yard work.  
If you would like to volunteer or need help with your yard,  
please call Patrice 301.863.9535 ext. 102 or email [pcampbell@threeoakscenter.org](mailto:pcampbell@threeoakscenter.org) for scheduling.  
Meeting for volunteers on September 5, 2012 at 6:30pm at Three Oaks Center.

- **“THE BIG GATHERING”! – an Evening of Discipleship, Fellowship, and Ministry at Cornerstone:**

"The Big Gathering" takes place at 5:30-7:30pm on Sunday evenings.

Here is the structure for each age group:

- **Ages 0-3:** Child Care / Nursery (5:30-7:30pm)
  - This child care will be provided at a reduced cost.
  - This is only available for those in a small group or “Big Gathering” ministry.
  - If you plan to use the childcare, please [register online](#).
- **Ages 4-5:** Kinder Choir (5:30-6:30pm) and Game Time (6:30-7:30pm)
  - Kinder Choir:
    - Lindsey Pellet and Desiree Colvin will be leading this. Let them know if you would like to help out.
    - This is open to anyone in the community.





- Game Time:
  - Snacks and Games. If you would like to participate in this ministry, contact Beth Baxley or Dave Perrin.
  - **This is only available for those in a small group or “Big Gathering” ministry.**
  - If you plan for a child to participate in Game Time, **please [register online](#).**
- **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.
    - This is open to anyone in the community.
  - Kids Club:
    - Snacks and Games. If you would like to participate in this ministry, contact Beth Baxley or Dave Perrin.
    - **This is only available for those in a small group or “Big Gathering” ministry.**
    - If you plan for a child to participate in Kids Club, **please [register online](#).**
- **Middle School and High School:** Unified Youth Group (5:30-7:30pm)
  - Here is the approximate schedule:
    - 5:30-6:00      Activities: Multiple options
      - Options created considering the different ages, athletic ability levels, and desires
    - 6:00-6:20      Drinks/Snacks - Socialize
    - 6:20-6:40      Group Teaching Time
    - 6:40-7:15      Small Group Discussion & Prayer – 4 SG’s minimum:
      - MS Boys, MS Girls, HS Boys, and HS Girls
    - 7:15-7:30      Close Meeting/ Play/ Socialize
- **Adults:** Multiple Small Groups and Discipleship Options available (5:30-7:30pm)
  - [Click here](#) for the full list of small groups on Sunday evenings.
- We hope that this provides more opportunity for you and your family to get involved in discipleship, fellowship, and serving.

## 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).
- **TWO GIRLS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP:** Maria and Michele are now available for sponsorship. **Please prayerfully consider joining in this ministry in making a difference in these girls’ lives.** Target sponsorship level is \$50/month. Please contact Steve Brandt at [pilotof5@earthlink.net](mailto:pilotof5@earthlink.net) or 301-475-8420 with questions or sponsorship directions.



## Announcements:

- Cornerstone's New Nursery Celebration!** The Women's Ministry Team is hosting a Nursery Shower, Sept 21, 7-9pm in the Walkers Nursery at Cornerstone. Come celebrate God's blessing of Cornerstone's new building!! Let's shower the nursery with new things for our precious children. We will enjoy desserts, coffee and tea as we enjoy each other's company! [Click here](#) to see the sign-up sheet for a list of needed items for the nursery. Look forward to enjoying a fun evening with a bunch of wonderful women!!
- 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."



## Worship notes:

### Hymn of the Month: "Come Thou Fount"

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

"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.

### 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...](#)



## 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 redeeming 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
- Redeeming 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.



## 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



## OUR SESSION

- Walter Nilsson, Session Moderator
- Pat Shields, Clerk of Session
- Rich Buckingham
- Carl Fahrner
- Chad Reed
- Frank Heinsohn

## OUR DEACONS

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

# Adult Discipleship Opportunities - Fall 2012

## How Can I Grow as a Disciple?

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We offer many opportunities for you to grow as a follower of Jesus.

[Click here](#) if you want to let us know you are interested in any of these offerings.

### *Christian Education Classes*

On Sunday mornings between 9:30 and 10:30, Cornerstone offers classes for all ages. There are multiple classes for adults, focused on growth in understanding the Word of God, the teachings of the Bible, Christian Living, and service as Christian Leaders. The classes for this semester are listed in the next section.

### *Small Groups*

Throughout the week and throughout St. Mary's County, a wide variety of Cornerstone Small Groups meet. These are a great way to grow in Christian community, in applying God's Word to daily living, and in loving our neighbors. This semester's Small Group offerings are listed in the last section.

### *Journey Groups*

Journey Groups are single-gender life-on-life discipleship groups that meet weekly for a year on various nights or mornings. Their purpose is to transfer spiritual life from one person to another in the context of small groups of people such that people grow as disciples from unbelief to belief, from belief to maturity, and from maturity to ministry multiplication. Journey Groups begin each September and continue through May. Contact Fred Neubert (808-220-2257) if interested.

### *Micro Groups*

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, to hold each other accountable as Christ's disciples, and to pray for one another. These groups are perfect for people who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus but their schedules or seasons of life preclude participation in a small group. Contact Jason Thomas (240-434-6115) for more information.

### *Shoulder to Shoulder*

These are mentoring relationships for women designed to help them grow together in faith, love, and maturity. The program is 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. Contact Rachel Harmon (443-786-1804) for more information. [Click here](#) to let us know how you are interested.

### *Retreats/Seminars*

This year we have several retreats and seminars to equip and encourage you in a more focused setting.

Save the dates:

*Men's Retreat:* October 19-21, 2012

*Cornerstone Missions Conference:* TBD, usually in the Spring.

*Women's Retreat:* April 5-7, 2013



# Christian Education Classes

Sunday Mornings at 9:30AM

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## *Visitors' and New Members' Class*

Want to learn more about Cornerstone? To understand what we believe and why we believe it, what we do and why we do it? The 13-lesson revolving-course format allows you to begin any week as you explore making Cornerstone your church home.

*Meets just off of the lobby, next to the coffee bar, in room #120. Led by Pastors Terry Baxley and Walt Nilsson.*

## *Hands On: Philippians!*

Come discover the joy that God brings through Jesus Christ. Through this study of Philippians, you will learn to study God's Word *as* you study God's Word. This format is simple enough for someone who has never opened the Bible and deep enough for those who have studied the Bible their whole lives.

*Meets off of the sanctuary foyer in room #202. Led by Esrael Seyum.*

## *Islam*

Islam controls about 25% of world population... With careful comparison to Scripture, we are gaining an overview of Muhammad, Islam's teaching and practice, and Muslim culture. We will understand why the god of Islam (Allah) is not I AM/ Lord / Yahweh/ El Shaddai (God Almighty) revealed in the Bible. And we will prepare to take the Gospel to Muslims in America and around the world, understanding that many are born into Muslim life and that leaving Islam to become a Christian can mean death.

***Meets just off of the lobby, next to the coffee bar, in rooms #118 & 119. Led by Rich Prevatt.***

## *CASKET empty:*

### *God's story of redemption through time*

Did you know that there is one overarching story in the Bible? Most Christians know a few Bible stories, but don't know that they fit into one big story, taking place in numerous lands, with different cultures, over thousands of years. What is that story? In a word, it's "Redemption." This is the story of God loving, creating, and saving his rebel children through the Messiah. So how do you get a handle on all of the individual events, timelines, characters, relationships, and sub-stories? We will be using a study and learning tool called "CASKET EMPTY" as a framework to make the big story of the Bible clear. CASKET is an acronym for the story of the Old Testament (Creation, Abraham, Sinai, Kings, Exile, Temple) and EMPTY for the New Testament (Expectations, Messiah, Pentecost, Teachings, Yet-to-Come). The Story doesn't stop on the pages of scripture, but continues today. We will use this group to understand not only the unity of God's story in scripture, but also its relevance to the story God is writing in you. We will spend time sharing our stories with each other, enjoying refreshments together, and finding opportunities to connect our stories outside of Sunday morning through fellowship and service.

*Meets off of the sanctuary foyer in room #203. Led by Adam Scott and Chris White.*

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# Small Group Studies

**Sunday Evenings 5:30-7:30PM** at Cornerstone.

Youth and children's ministries provided concurrently.

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## *Uprooting Anger*

Everyone experiences anger, but few of us handle it in a Christ-centered way or know how to help others biblically. We need something better than our own moral efforts and resolutions if we really want to rid our hearts of deep-rooted anger. In this biblically-based, practical guide to anger management, we will focus on changing the underlying motivations and beliefs of the heart that drive angry behavior. By uprooting these heart problems, we will learn to handle anger and see the fruit of thorough and lasting change.

*Meets off of the sanctuary foyer in room #202. Led by Carl and Pam Fahrner (301-862-5235).*

## *GriefShare*

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and small group for people who are grieving the death of a loved one. Journey with others through grief as the Lord works to turn your mourning into joy.

*Meets off of the sanctuary foyer in room #203. Led by Pr. Walt Nilsson (301-862-5016) and Rich Buckingham (301-994-1951).*

## *Minor Prophets Small Group –*

A discussion oriented Bible study of the Minor Prophets with practical application to our lives along with prayer for one another, food and fellowship. *Meets just off of the lobby in room #119. Led by Pr. Terry Baxley (301-737-1920).*

## *Military Support Small Group*

Provided in partnership with Officers' Christian Fellowship, we will strive to **unite Christian officers for biblical fellowship and outreach, and to equip and encourage them to minister effectively in the military society.** *We consider authentic biblical fellowship essential for individual growth and the advancement of God's Kingdom within the military. If you are connected to the military, past or present, consider joining us.*

*Meets across the hall from the Ballroom in room #117. Contact Steve Brandt (719-491-0761) or Christa Dittmar (301-690-2483).*

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## Small Group Studies

Throughout the week

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### *A Praying Life*

We will learn how to connect the broken pieces of your life and allow prayer—even poorly delivered—to fill the gaps with meaning and substance. This down-to-earth approach and the practical nature of this study invite you into a deeper relationship with God and stronger communication with Him.

Meets **Wednesday** nights at 7PM at the Prucha's home. Contact Gerry Murphy (410-326-1232) for more information.

### *Women's Study: The Promised One*

Join us as we grow together by supporting one another and studying how the book of Genesis points forward to Jesus. This study provides a fresh look at the book of Genesis, leading readers in discovering how its stories, symbols, people, and promises point to Christ.

Meets **Wednesdays** starting September 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:00AM just off of the lobby in room #120. Childcare is provided. Contact Holly Nilsson (240-431-9235) for more information.

### *The Essential 100*

The Essential 100 is a carefully selected list of short Bible passages: 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament. Most are about 1-2 chapters in length, just the right amount for a busy person to read in a few minutes. Over the course of the year, we will be reading these passages and meeting together for discussion, encouragement, prayer, and fellowship. Interspersed with the weekly studies will be occasional nights with an opportunity for food and fellowship.

Meets **Friday** nights at the Faidley's home. Contact Frank Heinsohn (240-237-8542) or Sandy Black (240-237-8400) for more information.

### *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change Helping People in Need of Change*

The paradigm is simple: When God calls you to himself, he also calls you to be a servant, an instrument in his redeeming hands. All of his children are called into ministry, and each of them needs the daily intervention this ministry provides. That is what this study is about: how God uses people, who are themselves in need of change, as instruments of the same kind of change in others.

Meets **Friday** nights at the Reeds' home. Contact Chad & Keri Reed (240-256-5014) for more information.

### *Young Adult Ministry in Southern MD - "YAMS" Small Group*

Starting off in your career? Join us as we study God's Word and enjoy life together.

Meets **Tuesday** nights near Leonardtown. Contact Elizabeth Fahrner (240-298-2162) for more information.

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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

## Redeeming Southern Maryland, Potomac Presbytery, and the World

Missions Committee Jen Neubert 808 220 2218  
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## Multiplying Mature & Equipped Disciples

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Women's Ministry Team (WMT)	Holly Nilsson	240 431 9235
Youth Ministry Team	Dagan Mayfield	301 862 5016
Children Ministry Team	Beth Baxley	301 737 1920
Nursery Ministry Team	Elizabeth Buckingham	240 317 5749

## Growing a Loving Body

Visitor Hospitality	Heather Harris	240 237 8223
Fellowship Ministry Team	Frank and Joan Heinsohn	240 237 8542
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New Moms	Barb Buckingham	301 994 1951
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Prayer Ministry Team	Rich Buckingham	301 994 1951
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## Worshipping the Triune God

Director of Music Ministry	Kristin Ashby	301 862 4384
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Beautification Team	Flora Woodward	301 373 6951
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Greeter Ministry	Gretchen Thomas	240 434 6165

## 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/](http://itpc://sermon.net/cornerstonepcasomd/rss/)

Website:

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

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