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Many have asked for it – now the Cornerstone Directory is online. Password is on the bottom of the Quick Connect, which also works for WiFi in our facility (PCA-Guest). If you do NOT want your info online, contact our office. The Facility Request is also now online! Details...</p> | <p>2
ENCOURAGE HOPE IN LEXINGTON PARK
Here is a great chance to directly serve the materially poor in our community. Saturday, Sept 29, anytime from 8am-4pm. Work side-by-side with residents to clean up their neighborhood. Details...</p> | <p>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. It's not too late... Details...</p> | <p>4
LIVING HOPE-2-ORPHANS
Many ways to engage in the plight of orphan coming soon:
Oct 6: Guatemala Sponsorship Info Social
Oct 15: Deadline to apply for Mission Trip to Guatemala
Oct 28: Orphan Sunday – Special Morning
Dec 9: Watoto Children's Choir Concert
Details...</p> | <p>5
MEN: ATTACK!
Men don't like to retreat – they attack! Sign up now for the Men's "Attack" Weekend, where men will be attacking food, sports, and God's Word. Chris Garriott is the speaker: "Glorifying God in ALL of life." Only a 90 min drive away – a great time to gain new perspectives on life. Oct 19-21. Details...</p> |
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Events & Activities:

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| Sept 28 | HS Youth Movie Night, 7:30pm @ Masons Details |
| Sept 29 | Encourage Hope Day, 8am-4pm @ Lexington Park Details Sign Up |
| Sept 30 | The Big Gathering, 5:30-7:30pm @ Cornerstone Campus Details |
| Oct 6 | Living Hope-2-Orphans Sponsorship Dessert & Info Social, 6:30-9pm Details RSVP |
| Oct 7-21 | Coat Drive for Park Hall Elementary School Details |
| Oct 14 | Unpacking Atheism webinar, 7pm @ PaxPres Details |
| Oct 19-21 | Men's Attack Weekend (aka "Men's Retreat"), Camp Wabanna Details Sign Up |
| Oct 27 | Missions Committee Quarterly Meeting |
| Oct 28 | Orphan Sunday Details |
| Oct 31 | Reformation Day Party @ Cornerstone Campus |
| Nov 9 | Youth Progressive Dinner |
| Nov 16-18 | Youth Fall Retreat (Middle School) |
| Nov 22 | Thanksgiving |
| Nov 30 | Advent Family Night Celebration @ Cornerstone |
| Dec 9 | Watoto Children's Choir Concert @ Cornerstone Details Sign Up to Host Children |
| Jan 18-21 | Youth Winter Retreat (High School) |



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, 3rd 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](#): My Special Treasure update and sponsorship information

Announcements

Men’s Retreat now called “Men’s Attack Weekend”, Oct 19-21
Coat Drive for Park Hall Elementary School, Oct 7-21

Worship Notes:

Hymn of the Month
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The Top 5 things to think about this week:

1. ONLINE DIRECTORY IS HERE! Plus other new uses of technology ...

As we grow, we are working to leverage technology in ways that help us be more efficient and effective with God's resources. Here are three ways that we are doing that:



- **Online Directory** – We've been asked a ka-jillion times if we could put the directory online. After studying the problem, we have decided to put the directory on a password-protected page on our website. [Click here](#). We hope that this will make it much easier to connect with other Cornerstone members and regular attenders in order to build relationships and minister more effectively.
 - The password for the Directory page is **on the bottom of the Quick Connect – I can't put it online... ☺**.
 - Our Information Disclosure Policy states that we will not give any personal information to non-Cornerstone members, and will not otherwise sell or give the info to anyone for profit or other shady, immoral reasons.
 - **If you do NOT want your information in the Online Directory**, please [click here](#) and let us know. You have every right to control your information, and we want to respect that.
 - Now that you can access the information in an electronic format, **please be very careful how you use it**. We want to continue to provide this service.
- **Online Facility Request Form** – If you want to reserve a room or some church equipment, you should now utilize the online Facility Request Form. There are a few tools that will help:
 - A [Facility Calendar](#) will allow you to see what rooms are already reserved.
 - A [Facility Floor Map](#) with room numbers will allow you to see which room number(s) to request.
 - You will have to understand your responsibilities to take care of the facility and clean up afterward – download the Clean Up Checklist.
 - If you have any issues with this process, please [let me know!](#)
- **WiFi in the facility** – with the new building we added a WiFi network throughout the entire facility, including the Sanctuary building. We trust that this will provide access to information that will help us know God more and more.
 - The name of the WiFi network is **"PCA-Guest"**. This will be listed on the bottom of the Quick Connect in case you forget. Do NOT try the "PCA" network – it will not allow you to log in.
 - The password for that network is **on the bottom of the Quick Connect – I can't put it online... ☺**.
 - If you are having trouble logging in, you may be in an area of weak signal – move to an area with stronger signal to log in initially.



2. ENCOURAGE HOPE DAY – It's time to roll up our sleeves – Sept 29th!

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) 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 for scheduling.
Meeting for volunteers on September 5, 2012 at 6:30pm at Three Oaks Center.

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. LIVING HOPE-2-ORPHANS - Update:

There are many exciting opportunities in which to engage over the next several months for Cornerstone in the Living Hope 2 Orphans (H2O) ministry. Please prayerfully consider you calling as God commands in James 1:27. Additionally as we work through Isaiah over the next several weeks in Walt's Sermon series we all will hear more of God's heart for justice for the oppressed and the beauty of His provision often brought forth by the faithfulness of His Church.



- **Saturday, October 6th at 6:30** in the Hospitality Room we will have a **Sponsorship Dessert and Information Social** on the state of My Special Treasure and the impact of Sponsorship on the hope for the girls there to Survive, Thrive and Succeed. Please join us for an evening of prayer, information, fellowship and an opportunity to join in on Sponsorship that night! This is for all the current sponsor families and all others that might be interested in Sponsorship or just want more information. Please [SIGN UP HERE](#) if you would like to attend!
- **October 28th** we will celebrate **Orphan Sunday** as Tom Davis, CEO of HopeChest, will visit and preach during both services and lead our Sunday School hour. Please plan on being here to get a view into the big picture of God's heart for the orphan and practically of orphan care around the world.
- **GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP** sign up and application, **DEADLINE for applications is October 15th !!!** We are taking a small team back to Guatemala to visit MST on **January 16th – January 21st**. This is the long weekend in January and we are excited that Frank Heinsohn will lead a team to love and serve the Girls at MST. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Size of the team is limited to 6 people for this trip. Please email Steve Brandt at pilotof5@earthlink.net or call at 719-491-0761 if you would like to apply for this trip. [Click here](#) to download the Mission Trip Application.
- Lastly, **Watoto Children's Choir** is coming back Sunday, **December 9th**. See www.watoto.com. We will need help advertising, spreading the word and hosting the children. We will need 8 homes in which the children and their chaperones can stay Sunday and Monday night. Please [sign up HERE](#) if you would like to be blessed by these children in your home!
- Lastly, if you are **interested in joining the Living Hope-2-Orphans ministry** please contact [Steve Brandt](#) at pilotof5@earthlink.net or call at 719-491-0761.



5. MEN, ATTACK!!

MEN !!! Plan ahead now to attend the FALL MEN'S ATTACK WEEKEND, **Oct. 19-21.**

("Real Men" don't retreat – they attack!)



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Who: Men of Cornerstone & friends, ages 16 & up.

When: Fri., Oct. 19 to Sun., Oct. 21.

Arrive Fri. by 7 pm to get settled in your room. Program starts at 7:30.

(Supper on your own on way there)

Depart around noon on Sunday.

[Click HERE to REGISTER!](#)

(Lunch on your own on way back)

Where: Camp Wabanna, Edgewater, MD (just south of Annapolis).

How: Carpool. If you need help with transportation, or if you are willing to transport others, *see or call Rich Prevatt at 301-863-2606.*

Cost: **\$140** - This includes 2 nights' lodging and 4 meals. Partial scholarship assistance is available as needed. *Call Spencer Crispell at 301-475-0418 to inquire about financial help.*

Deadline? *Registration and money should be received by Sunday, 14 Oct. 2012.*

Bring: Bed linens & blanket/sleeping bag, pillows, towels, toiletries, soap, flashlight, sports gear, comfortable warm clothing, Bible, pen, notebook.

Activities:

- Large group Seminars
- Small group Discussions
- Ultimate Frisbee/football
- Floor hockey
- Ping pong / foosball
- Relaxing time to bond with a great group of men!

Our Speaker: Chris Garriott

Theme:

We live in a culture that self-promotes and self-glorifies itself on every front. We're obsessed with showing off our Facebook status or latest tweet about our various conquests; always careful, of course, to put our best foot forward. And if real life is not going well, we can always brag about our fantasy football win! When we turn to the Bible we see the exact opposite. We are called to get our eyes off of self and instead "glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

Join us for a time of reflection on what it means to glorify God in all of life.

Questions? Call Jay Thomas (240-434-6115) or Spencer Crispell (301-475-0418(h), or 240-577-8530(c)).



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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.**

"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.](#)

- **"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.



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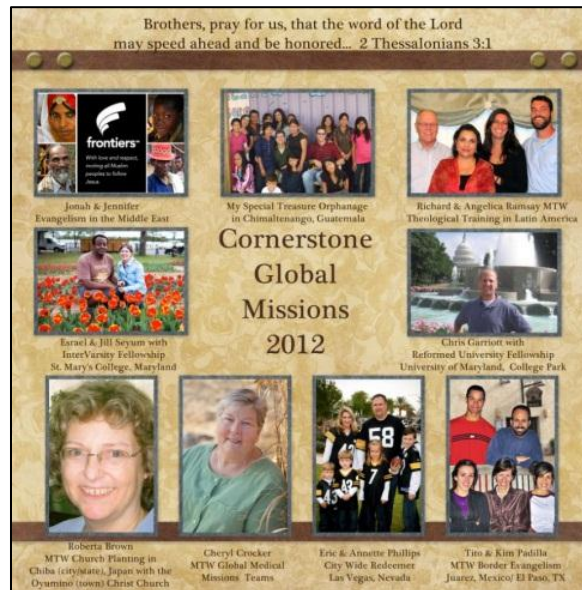
- This is only available for those in a small group or “Big Gathering” ministry.
 - If you plan to use the **childcare**, please [register online](#).
 - **Ages 4-5:** Kinder Choir (5:30-6:30pm) and Game Time (6:30-7:30pm)
 - Kinder Choir:
 - Lindsey Pellet and Desiree Colvin will be leading this. Let 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.
- **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 or 301-475-8420 with questions or sponsorship directions.



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."
- **Park Hall Elementary School Coat Drive:** Cornerstone Church established a partnership with Park Hall Elementary School last year. We have established a presence in the school to include classroom volunteers and mentors. We have also helped the school to provide food and school supplies to the neediest children at this Title One School. During the month of October we will be conducting a Coat Drive with the goal of supplying a warm winter coat for many children who would otherwise not have one. **We primarily need sizes 8 –18 in both boys and girls coats.** Gently used children's coats as well as newly purchased coats will be **collected in the church foyer** beginning Oct 7th and continuing through Oct. 21. The school staff will distribute the coats to specific families during their Community Bus Trip on Oct. 26th. Please join our efforts to keep the kids warm during this upcoming winter.
 - Please contact [Sherri Wolf](mailto:Sherri.Wolf@cornerstonepca.org) 301-863-7266 with any questions.



- **Join the fun and impact the future:** 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.

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?

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.



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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



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Christian Education Classes

Sunday Mornings at 9:30AM

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.

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

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 19th 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:

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English as a Second Language (ESL)	Sarah Black	240 237 8400
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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

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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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Prayer Chain	Sue Singley	301 863 4504

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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

Master Plan / Building Committee

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

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Resources:

Prayer Chain:

Send prayer requests to prayer@cornerstonepca.org

Biblical Counseling:

Tom & Mary Thompson 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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