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4 EQUIPPING THE BALLROOM FOR MINISTRY...

As we seek to minister more effectively to our families and the community, we are collecting funds for Ballroom equipment between now and Thanksgiving. Enjoy dinners together? Enjoy a specific sport in the gym? You can directly contribute towards that.

[Details...](#)

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[Details...](#)

Events & Activities:

- Nov 3 Bridal Shower for Kaitlin Shields, 2pm | [Details](#) | [RSVP](#)
- Nov 3 Father Daughter Purity Ball, 6-9pm @ NAS Pax River's Edge Conf Center | [Details](#)
- Nov 4 **Daylight Savings Ends**
- Nov 4 The Big Gathering, 5:30-7:30pm @ Cornerstone Campus | [Details](#)
- Nov 9 Youth Progressive Dinner
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- 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 6-13 WARM (Homeless Outreach) @ Cornerstone
- Jan 18-21 Youth Winter Retreat (High School)



Sign Up For:

- Coffee Barista Team | [Sign-Up](#)
- 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:

- Sundays: **Futsal Pick-up Games, 4-5:30pm @ The Ballroom**
"The Big Gathering" (Age 0-101), 5:30-7:30pm, @ Cornerstone
Youth Group (Grades 6-12), 5:30-7:30pm, @ Youth Room
- Tuesdays: Boy Scouts, 7pm, @ Youth Room
- Fridays: Biblical Counseling, by appt, Tom & Mary Thompson, [Email](#) or (443) 994-2778
Moms and Tots Active Play (Toddlers-5), **9:30-10:30am @ Ballroom – starts Nov 9!**
Adult Basketball Pick-up Games, 7-9pm @ The Ballroom
- 3rd Thursdays: Missions Prayer Time, **7pm, @ Church Office**

Announcements

- New Baller Baby! Ester Rose
- New Process for Reserving and Using the Cornerstone Facilities
- CARE NET Father-Daughter Ball
- New Weekly Ballroom Activities
- Adult basketball (Friday 7-9pm) – Beth Baxley / Jack Wiley
 - Futsal (Sunday 4-5:30pm) – Drew Savarese
 - Moms & Tots playtime (Friday 9:30 to 10:30am, starts Nov 9) – Jen Neubert
- Forming Coffee Barista Team
- Bridal Shower for Kaitlin Shields

Worship Notes:

- Hymns for 8am Service (NO 8am service this week.)
- Songs for 10:45 Service
- Hymn of the Month

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The Top 5 things to think about this week:

1. DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM READY? YOU BET, THANKS TO GOD!

Hurricane Sandy loomed over the horizon. Cornerstone's Disaster Response Team was still in its infancy... but it could remain there no longer. Would it grow up in time for the incoming Franken-super-storm of the century? Well, in typical Cornerstone "Just-in-time" fashion, a plan was created and the team assembled. There were many who volunteered, Tony Bowie continued as the Lead (he has been working on the vision and foundations of this for about 6 months), and [Twitter](#) was chosen as the primary communication channel (since cell phone text messaging is usually the last to get broken and the first to get fixed).

Only 2 requests for assistance came in, so the team was not overwhelmed to say the least. But Twitter did help communicate power outages as they happened, and provided situational awareness. The second request for help was for trees that had fallen on Cornerstone church property. No damage was done, but due to a quick response from the DR Team, the large pine tree was quickly cut up and removed from the picnic area. This helped the Reformation Party, which used that area the next evening.

Many thanks to the men and women volunteered to be part of this team who will go in after disasters and clean up after physical brokenness and the emotional brokenness that so often happens after families lose so much so traumatically. (Keep in mind that the Disaster Response Team not only needs strong backs for the physical work to be done, but also STRONG HEARTS that will sit and listen and comfort those who have been through trauma – this is the place where I think the church should supply the most workers after a disaster. If interested, please contact [Tony Bowie](#) for more info.)

Of course we know that the real superstar in everything that the Disaster Response Team did was our God, the Creator and Keeper, the one who also created Superstorm Sandy. Without the ideas and inspiration from Him, none of this would have happened. So ALL glory must go to Him. Thanks God!

Let's also continue to pray to God for those whose lives were destroyed by the storm – that they would find and/or trust in the Rock who is the firm foundation of life, no matter how big the storm...

2. THANKS TO THE TRUNK-OR-TREATERS!

Thanks to all who provided "Trunks", treats, and warm hospitality on the cold evening. There were large volumes of Town Creek Residents who attended Cornerstone's Trunk-or-Treat gallery this past Oct 31. And they got more than just candy!

First, there were about 15 vehicles whose trunks were open and decorated and welcoming to cold, costumed pilgrims from the neighborhood. It was such a spread that could NOT be turned down. Once in among the trunks, the weary pilgrims found they were surrounded by the smells of warm... sweet... light and airy... COTTON CANDY! Mmmmmmmmm – who can resist that treat?



For those with the more savory tooth, the Leepa Popcorn Company was pumping out bags of warm, salty, buttery popcorn to offset all the sweets of the night.

All this while lovely music was wafting among the smells and sights – Frank Sinatra, Matt Redman, some Christmas tunes... quite the eccentric playlist.

Tours were given to some of the neighborhood families of the Children's Ed Wing and the Ballroom.



Pray that these connections will result in deeper relationships as kids and families attend Sunday morning activities. As many people are attracted to Community before being attracted to Christ, pray that our Cornerstone Community will provide a salty appetizer of the ultimate relationship that we all need with God thru Jesus.

There was also a roaring bonfire with marshmallows for roasting. And after the trunks were closed for business about 7:30pm, a couple guitars showed up and songs were sung and prayers were lifted up around the campfire.

Thanks to the Prevatt's for their leadership and organization. Thanks to all who participated in any way. Though small scale, the entire Reformation Day Party enabled salt and light to be spread into our church's neighborhood.

3. HELP PREPARE FOR WATOTO AFRICAN ORPHANS CHOIR- ONE MONTH AWAY!

In 2010, there were over 600 people from our church & the community crammed into our Sanctuary for the [Watoto African Orphans Choir](#). On **Dec 9** we are hosting 2 concerts and need help preparing - TV commercials, road signs, housing, etc.

If you want to help, **find Steve or Lisa Brandt in the foyer of the Sanctuary building this Sunday.** They will have a sign-up list of the ways you can help. Here is a summary of the tasks:

- Help make and serve dinner to the choir in between shows
- Distribute signs in the next week to ten days to pre-assigned locations throughout the county. We need 5 people for this task.
- Distribute posters to schools and other organizations.
- We have enough signs for 40 homes to put one in their yards or nearby
- Distribute flyers around your neighborhood, workplace, and other organizations
- Help with Parking and Ushering on the day of the concert
- Hosting orphans in your home! We need 5 more hosts.



[Click](#) on this link to check out this commercial that will air on Channel 10 (and other Comcast channels) this next month: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/h0ysr681kf19mt0/p_obCS-70N

4. EQUIPPING THE BALLROOM FOR MINISTRY...

Equipping God's House...

God has blessed Cornerstone richly with our beautiful new facility, as well as some initial furnishings. We were blessed to acquire some used office equipment at great prices –i.e. conference room chairs & dry erase boards. Those items, combined with the reuse of our old items plus a few new items, have equipped our classrooms and hospitality suite and they look great.



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So much has been accomplished but there is more to be done, and we are working on the Ballroom now. The Ballroom is being used by MANY different groups of people, but to put it to full use we need tables and chairs (for dinner gatherings, etc.) and we need balls... kick balls, dodge balls, snow balls... lots of balls of all types and sizes for “kids” of all ages and for many different activities that build relationships though fun and competition.

We are providing you the opportunity to participate in this effort to Equip God's House with a “Shower” for the Ballroom. **There will be a list of desired items and estimated costs on a board in the foyer**, and in the Connection next week. This is the “registry” for the Ballroom. Simply put a check in the collection plate and annotate “Ballroom” in the remarks field with the amount designated for this effort. **You may specify “Sports Equip” or “Tables & Chairs”** if you have a preference, and even the name of a specific item. (Remember this not a substitute for your tithe.) Your giving is a show of thanks so we ask that you **make your contribution no later than November 25th, the Sunday after Thanksgiving**. More details will be coming soon. Contact [Linda Wiley](#) if you have questions.

Equipping God's House...

...so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:17**

5. HELP OTHERS PREPARE FOR ADVENT – TELL ME YOUR TRADITIONS

“The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate...”



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The Advent / Christmas season is a special time of year. **This year Advent starts on Dec 2**. We want to be prepared to celebrate in deep, meaningful ways that avoid the materialism and hype. In order to be prepared, let's share what we know with each other. Tell me what you've enjoyed and I'll put a list together and share it in a couple weeks. [Click here](#).

Also, on **Nov 30 at “Family Advent Night”** there will be activities which will help you get ready for Advent, too. Details about Family Advent Night are coming next week.

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.
- **Forming Coffee Barista Team! CALLING ALL COFFEE LOVERS!** The new Bunn Coffee Brewer is working and the new Air-pots are here! Now it is time to call in all the coffee lovers to help with the Sunday morning Coffee Blessing. Those of us who enjoy coffee or tea during SS are blessed with our new kitchen and the capabilities it holds. If you would like to serve in the capacity of providing this blessing, please sign up with the Body Builders (formerly Team Connect) to either help set up or clean up. Training will be provided. [Click here](#) to sign up online. Joan Heinsohn is currently the POC.

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Announcements:

- **NEW BABY!** Congrats to the Ballers on the birth of their new baby girl: Esther Rose Baller. 6 lbs 4.5 oz; 19.5 in. Mom and baby are healthy and home.
- **INTERNATIONAL ORPHAN SUNDAY – NOV 4**



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The **International Orphan Sunday is actually November 4.** Here is a message from Steve Brandt, the director of Cornerstone's orphan ministry, called Living Hope-2-Orphans (H2O):

"Orphan Sunday, Nov 4! As we celebrate Orphan Sunday this Sunday with our visit from HopeChest CEO, Tom Davis, please consider, after hearing Tom's message, taking special time this week devoted to prayer and reflection and to develop orphan awareness in your family devotion time, small group studies and personal devotions. There are great resources available for use on the

Orphan Sunday website; www.orphansunday.org. For example, I will be showing a movie Sunday night to our small group from the country of Zambia where the celebration of Orphan Sunday was born. Remember James 1:27 and Micah 6:8 as we seek to better understand and follow God's heart for the Orphan."



Here are a few more thoughts, scriptures, and links to help us dwell on this issue:

On Orphan Sunday, we celebrate adoption, foster care, and global initiatives that reveal God's heart.

A father to the fatherless... is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families...

- Psalm 68:5

We also remember God's heart for us, once orphans of sin.

In the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'children of the living God.'

- Romans 9:26

And so we seek to mirror this love in tangible ways.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...

- James 1:27

Christians worldwide are rising for the orphan. And you can [join them](#).

Defend the cause of the fatherless...

- - Isaiah 1:17

Our goal is that God's great love for orphans find echo in our lives.

[Click here to see a BEAUTIFUL video...](#)

[Click here to find out how to engage.](#)



- **OUR GIRLS IN GUATEMALA NEED SPONSOR FAMILIES:**

Over the past 3 years, Cornerstone's relationship with the "My Special Treasure" orphanage in Guatemala has improved more and more. We have continued to be impressed with the continued selfless service that the directors, Carol and Cesar, give to the orphaned girls that they have taken into their home. We have been amazed over and over with the genuine love and care that each of the girls have for each other, in spite of most of their troubled backgrounds. In fact, many other organizations that visit many orphanages all around Guatemala City say the same thing: "My Special Treasure (MST) really is a *very special* place!"

As we have seen the quality care and the positive results of that care, **we have become more and more confident that supporting MST is an excellent investment of God's resources.** As we have deepened our relationship with Carol and Cesar, they have opened up to us more about their needs. We see a great opportunity to make a significant impact in this home and in the lives of each of these girls, and after praying about this, feel that God is leading in the direction of investing more deeply at MST. With a small amount of giving, we can see large returns – both finances AND relationships can impact the lives of these girls in a very meaningful way.



To make a deeper investment in MST, we have allocated funds from the Cornerstone budget, but **the biggest way that Cornerstone can grow our support is through sponsorship.** We are looking for additional sponsors for each girl, so that each girl will have 3 sponsor families. Each family will give \$50 each month, AND write an email or letter each month, AND pray often for their girl. The girls will write back and very much appreciate their sponsors. We have seen how much they value the sponsors when we've visited – often pictures are posted next to their beds. You will even have an opportunity to visit the orphanage in person and spend time with your sponsored child!

We are working with Children's Hopechest to support MST. Hopechest's model of sponsorship is excellent, focusing on creating relationships between sponsors and the orphans, as well as between the orphanage and the church. To that end, **Hopechest has created a website for MST and Cornerstone: [Click here](#)** to see it. Scroll down to read about MST, and click on the tabs at the top to learn more. This website will be developed more in the future, too.

The finances given thru sponsorship go to provide for basic needs, and also for spiritual discipleship from a Children's Hopechest employee. But the biggest benefit to the girls is the relationships that are formed with the sponsors. Won't you please consider joining in a relationship with a special girl in Guatemala? **[Click here](#) to see their pictures** on the website, and then talk to [Steve Brandt](#). It will be a decision that you will not regret.



- **WANT TO USE THE BALLROOM OR A CLASSROOM?** There is a new process:

In order to be good stewards of the great facility that God has given us, and to make this facility as accessible as possible with accountability, we are putting the following process into place if you want to use the facility.



1. Facility Request: First, fill out a [Facility Request](#). This is available online now, with tools to let you check if the rooms you want are available, and a map of the facility with room numbers. Fill out the online form, and Vicky or I (Dave Perrin) will respond with an email to let you know that you have the room reserved. (Remember that the office is open Monday – Thursday each week.)
 - i. The online form is available via the website – look for the “resources” menu option on the home page, then “Facility Request”... (check it out now – [click here](#))
2. Key Checkout: To get into the building, you will probably need a key. Plan to pick up your key .
3. Opening: There are instructions to assist with lights, heating/AC, etc. Also note if you notice damage or a mess so that you are not held responsible.
4. CLEANING & Closing: There will be a checklist to complete each time the facility is used, and you will need to sign this when you have finished. This will also give us a record of who is using the facility.
 - ii. These checklists are kept on 3 clipboards – one for each major area of the facility: Ballroom, Sanctuary building, and new building Classrooms. These are hung in the Janitor’s closet for the respective building – i.e. the clipboards for the Ballroom and new building Classrooms are in the Janitor’s closet next to the kitchen, and the clipboard for the Sanctuary building is in the Janitor’s closet next to the women’s restroom in the Sanctuary building.
 - iii. Return chairs and equipment (and the clipboards) to the location that you found them, if you have moved them.
5. Key Return: The key should be returned ASAP after the event, unless the key has been assigned for a longer period of time (recurring event, etc).

I know that these steps are common for most facilities, and similar to our unwritten process that we’ve used. But we are formalizing them as the facility has grown and more people will want to use it. We will strive to remain flexible for spontaneous events that pop up – we want the facility to be used for as much ministry as possible. At the same time we want to keep it clean for the next group using it, so be sure to complete and sign the Cleaning & Closing checklist when you are done!

- **CARE NET FATHER DAUGHTER PURITY BALL**

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is extending an invitation to your fathers and daughters to attend our annual Father Daughter Purity Ball on Saturday, November 3, 2012. This is an evening of dining, dancing and decision, as both fathers and daughters will be challenged to make a pledge to live pure lives before God. Reservations are required. Seating is limited. All reservations must be received by close of business on Monday, Oct 29. Call 301-737-4604 or email realchoices@carenetsomd.org .



- **New Weekly Ballroom Activities:** OUR BALLROOM IS GETTING A WORKOUT! It is getting used more and more. Read about the new weekly activities below.



- **Friday Night Adult Basketball:** Starting on Oct. 12th from 7-9 pm, Cornerstone's "Ballroom" will be open for adult basketball. Whether you like to shoot around and play horse or play competitively, please join in the fun! It is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, get some exercise, as well as invite friends and neighbors to a non-intimidating gathering at church. Please contact **Jack Wiley or Beth Baxley** for additional information.
- **Futsal Pick-up Games:** Starting Oct 14 from 4-5:30pm, Cornerstone's Ballroom will be open for competitive Futsal, which is a form of indoor soccer. Contact Drew Savarese if you have questions.
- **Moms & Tots playtime:** Starting on Nov 9!! Moms of little ones, are you interested in an opportunity to get your kids (and yourself!) out and active through the coming cold weather? Or maybe you're just looking for a time of fun and connection with other moms with children. You are welcome to join us in the Ballroom (the new gym) on **Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30** for Active Play. This informal, interactive time will be focused on moms with their preschoolers and toddlers who would like to participate together in having fun, expending energy, and getting the little ones ready for an afternoon nap! Activities could range from learning basic sports ideas, to one-on-one catch with a Nerf ball, to a game of Duck-Duck-Goose. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact **Jen Neubert at frneubert@juno.com or 808.220.2218.**

- **Forming Coffee Barista Team! CALLING ALL COFFEE LOVERS!** The new Bunn Coffee Brewer is working and the new Air-pots are here! Now it is time to call in all the coffee lovers to help with the Sunday morning Coffee Blessing. Those of us who enjoy coffee or tea during SS are blessed with our new kitchen and the capabilities it holds. If you would like to serve in the capacity of providing this blessing, please sign up with the Body Builders (formerly Team Connect) to either help set up or clean up. Training will be provided. [Click here](#) to sign up online. Joan Heinsohn is currently the POC.

- **Bridal Shower Tea for Kaitlin Shields – Nov 3, 2-4pm @ Cornerstone Hospitality Room (119):** Come share the joy with Kaitlin by attending a Bridal shower given in her honor of the upcoming marriage to Phillippe Morrisette. Kaitlin & Phillippe are registered at Amazon.com. [Click here](#) to go to their registry.

If you prefer to combine resources and purchase one of the more costly items, please mail a check to Sue Singley @ 45841 Boatner Drive, Great Mills, MD 20634 by October 24. [Click here to RSVP.](#)



Worship notes:

Hymns for 8am Service

Hymn # 98	"Now Thank We All Our God"
Hymn # 55	"To God Be The Glory"
Hymn # 196	"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Hymn # 125	"Let All Things Now Living"

Songs for 10:45 Service

"The God of Abraham Praise"

By: Thomas Ollivers, 1770, Doug Leepa © 2012^l

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

By: John Newton & Laura Taylor 2001ⁱⁱ

"You Are My All in All"

Words and Music: Dennis Jernigan © 1991ⁱⁱⁱ

"Behold the Lamb"

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend © 2007^v

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Trinity Hymnal #98 By: Martin Rinkart and Johann Crüger^v



Hymn of the Month – "Now Thank We All Our God"

"Now thank we all our God" is a translation from the German "Nun danket alle Gott", written circa 1636 by Martin Rinkart (1586–1649), and it was translated into English in the 19th Century by Catherine Winkworth.

Martin Rinkart was a Lutheran minister who came to Eilenburg, Saxony at the beginning of the Thirty years war. The walled city of Eilenburg became the refuge for political and military fugitives, but the result was overcrowding, and deadly pestilence and famine. Armies overran it three times. The Rinkart home was a refuge for the victims, even though he was often hard-pressed to provide for his own family. During the height of a severe plague in 1637, Rinkart was the only surviving pastor in Eilenburg, conducting as many as 50 funerals in a day. He performed more than 4000 funerals in that year, including that of his wife.

During this time, Rinkart was a prolific hymn writer. The exact date of "Nun danket alle Gott" is in question, but it is known that it was widely sung by the time the Treaty of Westphalia was signed in 1648.

The tune is the Leuthen Chorale and is attributed to Johann Crüger and written circa 1647, is used in J.S. Bach's cantatas. The now-standard harmonisation was devised by Felix Mendelssohn in 1840 when he adopted the hymn, sung in the now-standard key of F major and with its original German lyrics, as the chorale to his second symphony, known as the Lobgesang or Hymn of Praise. Also, the Late-Romantic German composer Sigfrid Karg-Elert is one of the more recent composers to use this hymn, composing a 'Marche Triomphale' which is a famous piece in the classical pipe organ repertoire. After the Battle of Leuthen in the Seven Years' War, a soldier of the victorious Prussian army started to sing it, and soon all 25,000 joined in the hymn

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:

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- **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
- Director of Children's Ministry Beth Baxley
- Director of Music Kristin Ashby
- 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

Redeeming 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
H2O 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

Living Hope 2 Orphans (H2O)	Steve Brandt	301 475 8420
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Redeeming Southern Maryland through the Word:

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Small Group Ministry	Carl Fahrner	301 862 5235
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Men's Discipleship Ministries	Jason Thomas	240 434-5892
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
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Growing a Loving Body

Body Builders (Fellowship)	Frank and Joan Heinsohn	240 237 8542
Prayer Ministry Team	Rich Buckingham	301 994 1951
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New Moms	Barb Buckingham	301 994 1951
Sick	Sue Dugan	301 373-5566

Worshipping the Triune God

Director of Music Ministry	Kristin Ashby	301 862 4384
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Communion Coordinator	Julie Woods	240 538 8360
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Greeter Ministry	Gretchen Thomas	240 434 6165

Master Plan / Building Committee

	Scott Hoffman	301 862 1603
Facilities	Dave Eby	301 994 9660



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

Resources:

Prayer Chain:

Send prayer requests to prayer@cornerstonepca.org

Biblical Counseling:

Tom & Mary Thompson Email or (443) 994-2778

Online Facility Request Form:

<http://www.cornerstonepca.org/resources/facility-request.html>

Online Directory:

<http://www.cornerstonepca.org/resources/cornerstone-directory.html>

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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