



The Top 5 things to think about this week:

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| <p>1 LAST WEEK TO EMPOWER THE CORNERSTONE CHRISTMAS SHOP Here is a chance to bring a bright spot to a child that lives nearby... and encourage their parents, too. Park Hall ES Parents will be able to buy gifts at much reduced prices at the Shoppe, whose inventory is filled with gifts collected at Cornerstone. We are collecting new toys, books, sports equipment, electronics and bikes until this Sunday, Dec 16. Details...</p> | <p>2 FINANCIAL UPDATE... AND WHY GIVE? As 2012 comes to a close, Cornerstone's giving is \$28,918 (-8.4%) below our budgeted giving. We are grateful for your generosity and trust the Lord to provide and propel our ministry forward. For tax deductions, giving must be in by December 31, 2012. But why give? Details...</p> | <p>3 NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED! Bless our Cornerstone children and especially first time visitors on Christmas Eve by serving in the Infant or Toddler-4 year old nursery. Both adults and teens needed. Contact Elizabeth Buckingham if interested. Elizabethbuckingham@hotmail.com Details...</p> | <p>4 PREPARE TO HOST OUR HOMELESS On Jan 6-13, Cornerstone will host a group of homeless from our community. We need many volunteers to feed, transport, and oversee our guests. This is a great opportunity for small groups and families to minister together. Sign up to serve. Details...</p> | <p>5 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE Many people in our community will only attend church a few times a year – including Christmas Eve. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:30pm, Monday, Dec 24. Details...</p> |
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Events & Activities:

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| Dec 16 | The Big Gathering, 5:30-7:30pm @ Cornerstone Campus |
| Dec 23 | Worship Service-10:45am, Sunday School-9:30am (NO 8am service or Big Gathering) |
| Dec 24 | Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service, 5:30pm |
| Dec 25 | Christmas |
| Dec 30 | Worship Service-10:45am. (NO 8am service, Sunday School, or Big Gathering) |
| Jan 1 | New Year's Day |
| Jan 4 | Youth Movie Night (High School), 6:30pm @ Cornerstone Youth Room |
| Jan 6 | Back to Normal - 8am service, Sunday School, 10:45am service, and Big Gathering |
| Jan 6 | Sonship Small Group Starts, 5:30pm @ Big Gathering Details Register |
| Jan 6-13 | WARM (Homeless Outreach) @ Cornerstone Details Sign up to serve |
| Jan 11 | Youth Movie Night (Middle School), 6:30pm |
| Jan 16-21 | Guatemala Mission Trip to "My Special Treasure" Orphanage |
| Jan 18-21 | Youth Winter Retreat (High School), Ridgecrest, NC |
| Feb 3 | Ordination Service for Dagan Mayfield, 10:45am @ Cornerstone |
| Feb 15 | Cornerstone Winter Festival, 5:30pm @ Cornerstone |



Recurring Activities (Check our [website](#) for the holiday schedule of these events):

- 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
Adult Basketball Pick-up Games, 7-9pm @ The Ballroom
Saturdays: **3rd – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Clinic**, 10-11:30am @ Ballroom | [Register](#)
3rd Thursdays: Missions Prayer Time, 7pm, @ Church Office

Sign Up For:

Sonship Small Group with Pastor Nilsson – starts Jan 6th! | [Details](#) | [Register](#)
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](#)

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Announcements

Sonship Small Group Starts – Jan 6!

Thank You Notes from the Pastors and Staff

Forming Coffee Barista Team

Nursery workers needed for Christmas Eve service

Holiday Schedule at Cornerstone

VBS Date Selected – Mark your calendars NOW!

Process for Reserving and Using the Cornerstone Facilities

Weekly Ballroom Activities

- 3rd – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Clinic (Saturdays 10-11:30am, starts Dec 1) – Tom Cavallaro
- Men's Indoor Soccer (Tuesdays 5:30-7pm) – Dave Eby
- 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
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Host a Party for Your Neighbors at Cornerstone

Worship Notes:

Hymns for 8am Service

Songs for 10:45 Service

Hymn of the Month

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1. THE CORNERSTONE CHRISTMAS SHOPPE – GIVING GIFTS AND DIGNITY!

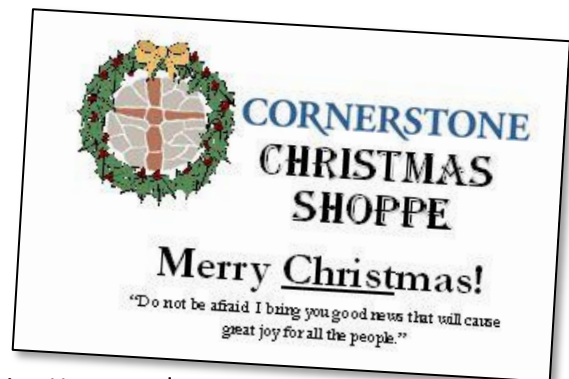
This year Cornerstone Church is helping to provide Christmas gifts for 26 of the neediest families from Park Hall Elementary School. **We hope to provide gifts for up to 50 children in the “Cornerstone Christmas Shoppe”.** On Tuesday, December 18th selected PHES staff members will host an invitation-only special “shopping event” for the parents of these children in the Shoppe.



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How does this work?

Applying Christian Community Development principles, we have worked with the administration of the school to create a “shoppe” that both empowers the families as they spend their own money (giving them dignity), and meets the needs of the children through very-affordable gifts. The adults from these 26 families will be able to purchase tickets for \$1 each. Each gift that we provide will be assessed a value of between one and three tickets (ie. bikes and some electronics would be 3 tickets each). Families will be able to trade in their tickets to purchase gifts for each of their children. Monies raised from the sale of tickets will help to provide the turkeys the staff usually buys for these families for their Christmas dinner. This project was developed with the help of the book, When Helping Hurts, and other resources found through the Chalmers Center for Economic Development and the Christian Community Development Association.



So what are we doing?

We will be collecting new toys, books, sports equipment, electronics and bikes from now until Dec. 16th. We do not know sizes of the children so we will not be collecting new clothing. There are 33 elementary aged children (20 boys and 13 girls), a few middle school children, and 1 female and 2 male high school students, in the 26 families we will be helping. We are still checking about toddlers and babies.

We are also in need of wrapping paper and tape and gift tags so that the presents can be wrapped during the evening of the event.

What a great opportunity!

Cornerstone has been such a blessing to these families in the past couple of years by providing food, coats and school supplies. Now let's help to share the joy of Christmas with those less fortunate.

Feel free to make or have your children make Christmas cards sharing the reason for the season.

We will gladly include them with the gifts.



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(Contact Sherri Wolf 301-863-7266 for info)

2. FINANCIAL UPDATE... AND WHY?



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But why give?

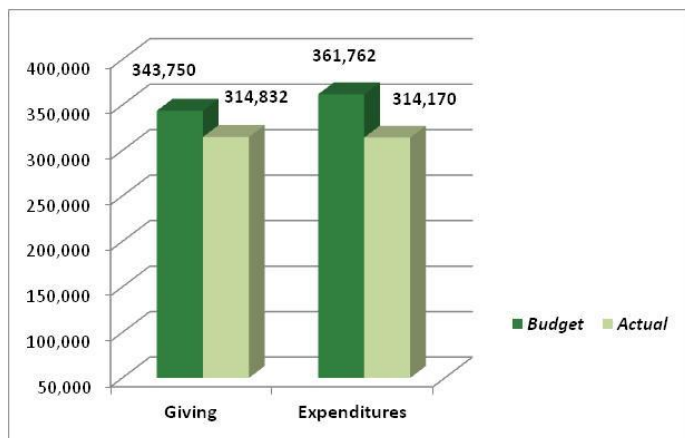
What's in Your Journey Sack? At the end of the journey across the 2012 year, what would fall out of the journey sack of your heart? We can think about end of year giving, but if we look deeper – at our hearts – what is flowing? Does our generosity reflect the heart of Christ?

“And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, **they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.** And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and **they fell down and worshiped him.** Then, opening their treasures, **they offered him gifts,** gold and frankincense and myrrh.” – Matthew 2

We see in this story of the “Wise Men” that at the end of their journey, a journey that covered a great distance on the backs of camels or some other animal, a journey through desert and other rough country, ... there was **beautiful fruit that fell out of their journey sacks** – fruit that looked like **great joy... worship of Him... gift giving to Him.** They were so grateful to see and worship this baby King – their gifts flowed naturally out of the love in their hearts. And they were genuinely satisfied.

This is similar to the end of another planned journey that ended 33 years later, where our Rescuer gave the greatest gift out of a heart of infinitely-generous love to us.

I pray that after our journeys of the 2012 year, the fruit that falls out of our journey sacks are hearts of generous love like His, and that our lifestyles reflect this generosity, and that we experience the ultimate satisfaction as we experience His ultimate love.



Five Months

Ended 11/30/2012

3. NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Bless our Cornerstone children and especially first time visitors on Christmas Eve by serving in the Infant or Toddler-4 year old nursery. Both adults and teens needed. Please let Elizabeth Buckingham know if you are interested. Thank you! Elizabethbuckingham@hotmail.com .



4. PREPARE TO HOST OUR HOMELESS – WARM at Cornerstone:

Share God's love and provisions some of our St. Mary's county homeless neighbors through the "WARM Program" – Wrapping Arms 'Round Many. Cornerstone will host up to 25 WARM guests from **6-13 January 2013** in the new ballroom/gymnasium. WARM is a St Mary's county faith based volunteer organization to provide overflow housing for the local homeless shelters/transitional housing (such as Three Oaks) during the winter months (November – March). Cornerstone will provide a safe and warm place to sleep for up to 25 homeless people, typically adults (men and women) only, for 7 consecutive nights in addition to breakfast & dinner. You can help us realize this blessing by volunteering your services and talents.

This is a great opportunity for **small groups and families to minister together**. Contact Tony Bowie for more information. [Click here](#).

WARM Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Overnight Monitors** - There will be at least one man and one woman on duty per shift X two shifts per night X seven nights = 28 slots for monitors. First shift is 7 pm to 1 am, and Second shift is 1 am to 7 am. The Overnight Monitors supervise all WARM guests and **MUST REMAIN AWAKE** during their 6 hr shift.
- **Alongsider / Activities** - We are looking for friendly people (individual or family) to share a meal or activity/game with our WARM guests and engage them in conversation.
- **Bible Study Leader** - Lead a Bible study (1 or 2 total) for any interested WARM guests. Recommended duration is approximately 30-45 minutes. Bible study night preference at the discretion of Bible study leader.
- **Food Service** - PREPARE and/or SERVE breakfast and/or dinner to WARM guests and any Cornerstone volunteers.
- **Inclement Weather Crew** - To provide guest transportation, if necessary, during inclement weather. Also, looking for volunteers to remove snow & ice from the Cornerstone grounds, if necessary.
- **Cleaning** - Cornerstone facility (ballroom/gymnasium, kitchen, bathrooms); bed sheets; towels; blankets; cots.
- **Supplies Set-Up or Transport** - Set-up (cots/tables/chairs) and/or transport supplies (cots/plastic supply bins) from Cornerstone to the next WARM host site.



5. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE – 5:30pm

Many people in our community will only attend church a few times a year – including Christmas Eve. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service **at 5:30pm**, Monday, Dec 24.



Sign-Up for:

- **Soup Kitchen Serving Team: 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.

Announcements:

- **SONSHIP STARTS! – JAN 6**
Many of us understand the faith intellectually, but our hearts have not quite kept up with our heads. Sonship is designed to help you take some of the glorious theological truths of the gospel - truths that you may know in your head - and apply them to the nitty-gritty reality of daily life. You'll find that as the gospel re-makes you, there is greater joy and desire to share the wonderful news of God's loving-kindness with others.
Pastor Nilsson will be leading this small group at the Big Gathering – Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:30pm. [Click here](#) to register.



- **THANK YOU NOTES FROM THE PASTORS AND STAFF**

THANK YOU

Dear Cornerstone Family,
Beth and I were deeply moved by your very gracious notes of encouragement and gifts of appreciation that you gave us for Pastors Appreciation last Sunday. We have been very blessed to serve this congregation for the past 21 years, even though in a more limited capacity over the past three years. Thank you for the way you have cared for us so generously at a time when I am no longer able to serve vocationally. I am so thankful that God has raised up Walt, Dave, Dagan and all of our support staff to provide the leadership to continue to grow God's church here in Southern Maryland. It gives us such joy to see Cornerstone bearing the fruit of the gospel in our community and around the world. We are glad to continue to play some small part in it.

Love,
Terry & Beth

THANK YOU

Dear Cornerstone Family,
Thank you for you the love and generosity you showed to us through your gifts and the notes of encouragement. It is a great privilege for us to serve our Lord together with you here in SOMD! I am regularly encouraged by the many ways you love our family and even more so by the ways you live out your faith here in our community. We are delighted to take part in the great work the Lord is doing here through Cornerstone and are greatly appreciative of you and your partnership in the gospel. Thank you again.

Love,
Walt and Holly

THANK YOU

Dear Families of Cornerstone,
Thank you very much for the outpouring of love and generosity you showed us by your gifts and notes. I was very much encouraged and energized by your thoughts and actions! You clearly care for us and it was amazing to see it expressed in this way. The Lord is sustaining and uplifting Jen and I through your prayers and love for us. I am delighted that I get to do the job that I do here, especially while receiving your unexpected blessing on top of it. Praise the Lord!

Blessings,
Dagan and Jen Mayfield

THANK YOU

Dear Cornerstone Families,
Thanks so much for your surprise gift last Sunday. The gift, the cards, and the kind words mean a lot to Tracie and I. It has been just over 1 year since you have called me to this new job, and I am still lovin' it. It is an honor and privilege to work at Cornerstone. I am in a position to see many of the ways that God is working thru YOU as he transforms your hearts and leads you in acts of love and service to each other and to our community. I'm psyched to see what God will do this next year. Thanks again for the gift, but also for your gifts of affirmation throughout the year.

We love you!
Dave and Tracie Perrin



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- **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's our schedules get a bit crazy, and that includes our Cornerstone schedule. Here is a list of the special events and also times when normal events are NOT taking place. (See the website calendar if you have any questions: [Click here.](#))



Summary of Everything:

Dec 16 8am & 10:45am service, Sunday School at 9:30am, TBD Big Gathering
Dec 23 Worship Service-10:45am, Sunday School-9:30am (**NO** 8am service or Big Gathering)
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service, 5:30pm
Dec 25 Christmas
Dec 30 Worship Service-10:45am. (**NO** 8am service, Sunday School, or Big Gathering)
Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 6 Back to Normal - 8am service, Sunday School, 10:45am service, and Big Gathering
Jan 6-13 WARM (Homeless Outreach) @ Cornerstone

Sunday School and 8:00am Worship Service Schedule:

Sunday School is only suspended on 2 Sundays, while the 8am service will be suspended on 3 Sundays:

Dec 23 – NO 8am service but there will be Sunday School

Dec 30 – NO 8am service and NO Sunday School

The Big Gathering Schedule:

Dec 16 – The Big Gathering is happening... with a Christmas Party theme!

Dec 23 – Christmas Weekend – **NO** Big Gathering

Dec 30 – New Year's Weekend – **NO** Big Gathering

Jan 6 – The Big Gathering

- **VBS DATE SELECTED – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! JULY 29 - AUGUST 2**

The Children's Ministry team has set the date for VBS – this is the earliest the date has ever been set – a new record! Please put this on your calendar and take it into consideration when you are planning family vacations and summer camps this year. This is the week right after swim team ends....July 29-August 2 from 9am-12 pm. Thanks!!



- **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 need a key. Plan to pick up your key if you don't already have one .
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 immediately after the event before you leave the facility, 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!

- **WEEKLY BALLROOM ACTIVITIES: OUR BALLROOM IS GETTING A WORKOUT!** It is getting used more and more. Read about the weekly activities below.
 - **Tuesday Men's Indoor Soccer, 5:30-7pm:** Stop by after work and have some fun competition. Talk to **Dave Eby** if you have questions.
 - **Friday Night Adult Basketball: 7-9 pm.** 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 **Beth Baxley** for additional information.
 - **Futsal Pick-up Games:** 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:** 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.**

- **Boys Basketball Clinic starts On Saturday, Dec 1 weekly from 10-11:30am in the Ballroom. For boys in grades 3-8, this is a low commitment chance to learn basic skills and have a great time.**
 - **Who:** All boys in Third through Eighth grade
 - **Dates:** Saturdays, beginning December 1st.
 - **Time:** 10 to 11:30 AM
 - **Where:** New Cornerstone Gym!
 - **Why:** Exercise, learn some B-ball skills, teamwork, and fun!
 - **Cost:** Free!
 - **Coach:** Tom Cavallaro and others.
 - Preregistration is not required, but if you know you are bringing your children please [sign up online](#) or send Tom Cavallaro an email tbcavallaro@gmail.com. Please also let Tom know if you are willing to help coach.

- **HOST A PARTY FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS AT CORNERSTONE!**

God has given us a great new facility and we want YOU to use it as you love your neighbor! Reserve the gym, kitchen, and Youth Room for a movie, snack/potluck and game night for your neighborhood. Here are some options for games and/or activities:

Games:

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Dodge ball with real dodge balls
- Four Square
- Futsal / Indoor Soccer
- Ping Pong
- Wrestling – on nice wrestling mats
- Foosball
- Darts
- Indoor Kickball
- Indoor Ultimate Frisbee

Other Activities:

- Watch a movie in the Youth Room – 65” TV’s with surround sound!
- Cook Popcorn or warm pizza in the kitchen
- Board Games



Worship notes:

Hymns for 8am Service

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| Hymn # 213 | “What Child is This?” |
| Hymn # 194 | “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” |
| Hymn # 193 | “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” |
| Hymn # 196 | “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” |

Songs for 10:45 Service

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Trinity Hymnal #193 By: Gerard Moultrie Arranged by: Ralph Vaughn Williams¹

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

Trinity Hymnal #194, By: John Mason Neale²

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

By: Phillips Brooks and Lewis Redner, 1868³

“Come thou Long Expected Jesus”

Trinity Hymnal # 196 By: Charles Wesley and William Walker⁴

“Joy to the World”

By: Watts, Handel, Mason, 1742⁵



Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question #22

How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Hymn of the Month – None for December – enjoy the Christmas Carols!!



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.

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



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).

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



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.

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

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MINISTRIES

Redeeming Southern Maryland through Deeds:

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| 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

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| Living Hope 2 Orphans (H2O) | Steve Brandt | 301 475 8420 |
| Missions Committee | Jen Neubert | 808 220 2218 |
| | missionscommittee@cornerstonepca.org | |

Redeeming Southern Maryland through the Word:

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| InterVarsity | Esrael Seyum | egseyum@gmail.com |

Multiplying Mature & Equipped Disciples

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| Small Group Ministry | Carl Fahrner | 301 862 5235 |
| Journey Groups | Fred Neubert | 808 220 2257 |
| 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 |
| Poiema Academy (Homeschool) | Rich Prevatt | 301-863-2606 |

Growing a Loving Body

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| Body Builders (Fellowship) | Frank and Joan Heinsohn | 240 237 8542 |
| Prayer Ministry Team | Rich Buckingham | 301 994 1951 |
| Prayer Chain | Sue Singley | 301 863 4504 |
| Visitor Hospitality | Heather Harris | 240 237 8223 |
| Congregational Care / Meals: | | |
| New Moms | Barb Buckingham | 301 994 1951 |
| Sick | Sue Dugan | 301 373-5566 |

Worshipping the Triune God

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| Director of Music Ministry | Kristin Ashby | 301 862 4384 |
| Worship Service Operations | Dave Perrin | 301 373 0207 |
| Communion Coordinator | Julie Woods | 240 538 8360 |
| Beautification Team | Flora Woodward | 301 373 6951 |
| Sunday Refreshments/Fellowship | Lucy Stevenson | 301 862 2660 |
| Greeter Ministry | Gretchen Thomas | 240 434 6165 |

Master Plan / Building Committee

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| | Scott Hoffman | 301 862 1603 |
| Facilities | Dave Eby | 301 994 9660 |



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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Roberta Brown

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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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