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Events & Activities:

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| Jan 4 | Youth Movie Night (High School), 6:30pm @ Cornerstone Youth Room |
| Jan 4-5 | InterVarsity Vision Casting Meeting @ Cornerstone Details Sign up to support |
| Jan 6 | Back to Normal - 8am service, Sunday School, 10:45am service, and Big Gathering (Except NO Youth Group) |
| 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 7 | ESL Registration, 6pm @ Cornerstone |
| Jan 11 | Youth Movie Night (Middle School), 6:30pm @ Macquilliam's home |
| Jan 14 | ESL First Class, 6pm @ Cornerstone |
| Jan 16-21 | Guatemala Mission Trip to “My Special Treasure” Orphanage |
| Jan 18-21 | Youth Winter Retreat (High School), Ridgecrest, NC |
| Jan 21 | Martin Luther King, Jr., Prayer Breakfast, 6am @ St. Mary's College POC |
| Jan 25 | Women's Bunco Night, 7-9pm @ Cornerstone |
| Feb 3 | Ordination Service for Dagan Mayfield, 10:45am @ Cornerstone |
| Feb 15 | Cornerstone Winter Festival, 5:30pm @ Cornerstone |
| Apr 5-7 | Women's Retreat |



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
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:

ESL Starting! Interested in helping or teaching? Eloise Dela Cuesta, 240 925-9597
Sonship Small Group with Pastor Nilsson – starts Jan 6th! | [Details](#) | [Register](#)
Understanding the Faith – Communicants Class starting Jan 23 | [Details](#) | [Register](#)
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Small Groups | [Interested?](#)
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Soup Kitchen Serving Team: Victor Dela Cuesta, 240-925-9599. | [Details](#) | [Sign-Up](#)
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1. WARM IS HERE!



WARM starts this Sunday!. Share God's love and provisions to 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.

Reminder: WARM training will be held on Saturday, 5 January 2013 from 3 to 4:30 pm in the CPC new bldg hospitality suite. This is desired for all volunteers, and required for overnight monitors.

There are still lots of openings for you to get involved:

- 3-4 additional overnight monitors (male or female) to assist with 1st shift (7pm-1am) on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.
- 3 breakfasts outstanding (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday).
- Set-up (tables, chairs, cots) volunteers at 1 pm in the CPC new bldg ballroom/gym on Sunday, 6 January 2013.
- Tear-down (tables, chairs, cots) volunteers at 8 am in the CPC new bldg ballroom/gym on Sunday, 13 January 2013.

Don't miss this chance to serve as our Master did.

2. NEW CLASSES & SMALL GROUPS NEXT SEMESTER –STARTING JAN 6

Starting this Sunday, Jan 6, the new Adult Sunday morning classes and small groups for the new semester will start. Here is a list, and [click here](#) to read a description of each. Decide, then find the class location on the [map below](#).



Sunday Morning, 9:30-10:30am:

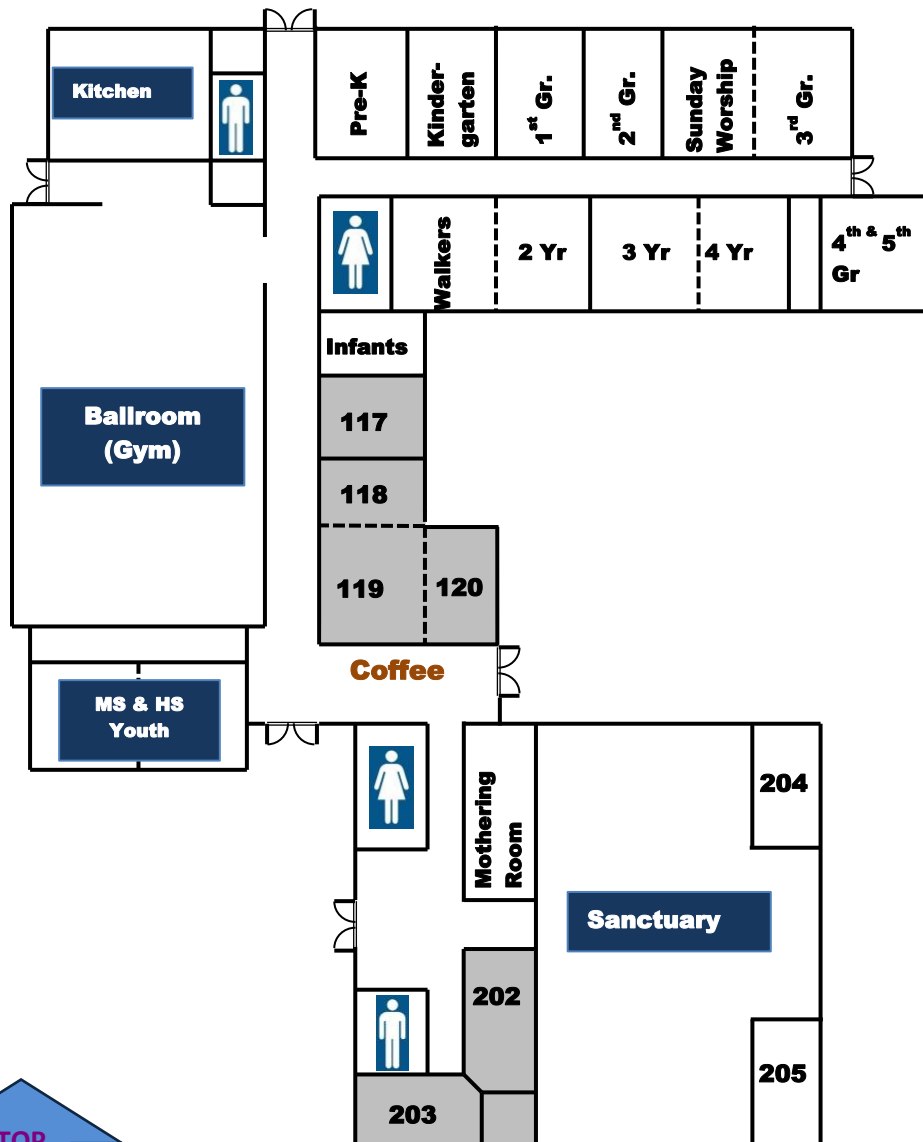
- [Visitor's Class](#), Room 120
- [Basic Christianity](#), Room 203
- [casket EMPTY](#), God's Story through the New Testament, Room 202
- [Helping Without Hurting](#) (Poverty Alleviation), Room 119

Sunday Evening Small Groups, 5:30-7:30pm (part of The Big Gathering)

- [Sonship](#), Room 203
- [Military Support](#), Room 117
- [Minor Prophets](#), Room 119
- [The Truth Project](#), Room 202

Small Group Studies throughout the week:

- A Praying Life, Wednesday nights at 7PM at the Prucha's home. Contact Gerry Murphy (410-326-1232) for more information.
- Young Adult Ministry of Southern Maryland (YAMS) Small Group, Tuesday nights near Leonardtown. Contact Elizabeth Fahrner (240-298-2162) for more information.
- Women's Study: The Promised One, Wednesdays starting September 19th from 9:30-11:00AM just off of the lobby in room #120. Childcare is provided. Contact the church office for more information.
- The Essential 100, 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, Friday nights at the Reeds' home. Contact Chad & Keri Reed (240-256-5014) for more information.



3. MISSION TO GUATEMALA – JAN 16-21



On Jan 16-21, Cornerstone will be sending a team of short term missionaries to Guatemala to visit the “My Special Treasure” orphanage. But even if you are not going, there are many ways you can be a part of this trip. You can start praying now and continue throughout the trip. You can write cards for the girls and house parents/orphanage directors – Carol and Cesar. They especially enjoy pictures and artwork, so go crazy with your kids and create some drawings and “artistic encouragements”! They could also use spiritual encouragement, so some nice letters that share your own Gospel-centered spiritual journeys and insights would be very much appreciated. And of course, you can give above your normal tithe to support the trip. So far, we are very thankful that \$6400 of \$8600 has been raised. (Team members have decided to pay their own airfare.)

Many of the girls in the orphanage are in their teens and nearing the point when they will age out of the orphanage and embark on the rest of their lives. It is our desire through this trip and future mission trips to build relationships with the girls and give them “plans for welfare and not for evil, to give them a hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11b ESV. With this in mind we will be conducting a basic skills assessment and beginning some very early stage vocational skills training. There are estimated to be 27 million people in slavery today around the world. Through Christian relationship building and basic skills training, we want to insure that these girls understand the Gospel message of love, redemption and healing and are not now, and never will be, treated as property for sale.

Additionally on this specific trip we will be facilitating basic medical physicals for the girls (one of the girls recently had emergency surgery and potentially some portion of that might have been prevented through a routine physical exam); visiting the Guatemala City Dump with the girls supporting their outreach/evangelism in this extremely impoverished area of Guatemala; and visiting the International Justice Mission (IJM) Office with the older girls to show the girls a place where they may seek justice in the future if the need ever arises and for the team to learn more about the IJM operations in Guatemala.

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Be sure to mark your calendars with these events coming up:

- HS Movie Nite: Jan 4
- MS Movie Nite: Jan 11
- Ladies Bunco: Jan 25
- Cornerstone Winter Festival: Feb 15, 6-8pm: Covered dish dinner followed by fun for all ages. Let's gather together to fight off the winter blues!
- Women's Retreat: Apr 5



Below are the [details of the Women's Retreat](#) from Joan Heinsohn, the retreat coordinator:

Ladies of Cornerstone! As you put away your holiday decorations and set your sights on 2013, it is time to think about the annual Women's Retreat. As in 2011 we will be joining Annapolis EP at Turf Valley, Ellicott City, MD along with 10 other churches, to hear Nancy Guthrie speak on *Jesus Revealed in Revelation*. The worship leader for the weekend will be Laura Story, she works in Music and Women's ministry at Perimeter Church in Atlanta and is the composer of the Dove Award winning song "Indescribable." Laura lead us in a wonderful evening of worship at the last retreat. It

will be such a blessing to have her for the whole weekend. She has quite a testimony and sense of humor!

The date is April 5 - 7th. Registration has begun and with such a great line-up and so many churches participating it is best to sign up as soon as possible. Registration is a two step process.



1. Register for the retreat itself through Annapolis EP. Click here: [2013 Women's Retreat Registration](#). The cost is \$85.
2. Reserve a room at Turf Valley.
 - Click here [Hotel Reservation for Retreat](#)
 - Enter group ID 27s62x or call 888-833-8873 and mention Group ID EP Church Women's Retreat.
 - If you would like to share a room, find some friends, one of you book the hotel, everyone reimburse the one with the credit card charge :) It is up to you to get your room reserved. If you don't know who you would like to room with, but would like a roommate, reserve your room and let me know you have space. I will let you know if someone mentions needing a roommate before they book.

Contact Joan Heinsohn at jheinsohn@cornerstonepca.org or Holly Nilsson at walt_holly@yahoo.com if you have any questions. We will have brochures available Sunday.

5. BIBLE READING PLAN FOR THE NEW YEAR

Now is a great time to start a Bible reading plan, since many of the plans are oriented around the calendar year. God wrote all these special books and letters for you, so you can know Him more and more and **deepen your relationship with Him**. A reading plan is very helpful to “encourage” us to be meeting with our best friend each day. **Reading plans are also great to use for family devotions** – read the chapters ahead of time and pick out a couple verses to research and prepare for discussion. Here are some suggestions:

- **Bible Eater**: A Plan for Feeding on Christ in The Whole Bible in One Year – God has not told us when or how often we should read the Scriptures. He just told us we need them in order to live: “Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Deut 8:3 / Matt 4:4). Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35) Check out this reading plan that is fairly flexible in its form, but still gets you thru the Bible in 1 year. [Click](#).
- **For the Love of God**, by D.A. Carson – both a book and an online version that will send you a daily email. It contains a devotional and follows the M’Cheyne reading plan (see next plan). Pastor Nilsson uses this. <http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/loveofgod/>
- **M’Cheyne One Year Reading Plan** - Each day this plan has two passages from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and one from either the Psalms or the Gospels. In one year, you read the Old Testament once and the New Testament and Psalms twice. Calendars are attached for printing and checking each reading. Here is a link to an online, interactive version: <http://www.edginet.org/mcheyne/calendar.php>
- **Prof. Horner’s Reading Plan** – a unique way to saturate yourself with God’s Word. DO NOT be intimidated! Prof Horner was a college dropout, ex-heavy-druggie when he started it. Tim Challies, a popular reformed blogger, calls it the “3650 Challenge” and provides some resources: <http://www.challies.com/site-news/resources-for-the-3650-challenge> .





- **YouVersion** – <http://www.youversion.com/reading-plans/all> This is a website where you can read many versions of the Bible. They have built in Reading Plans that can be connected to your email for reminders each day. (Prof Horner’s and the M’Cheyne reading plans are here, as well as many other chronological plans.) They have great mobile phone apps, and **you can also listen to many versions on your computer or mobile phone**, and the narrating is well done, not computer generated. This is my favorite – using the “Essential Jesus” reading plan right now. Sign up today!
- **Other Websites:** Here are some other websites with good reading plans:
 - www.esv.org/biblereadingplans
 - <http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/readingplans/>
 - <http://www.blueletterbible.org/reader/daily/>
- The book table in the foyer has some of these resources available.

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:

- **ESL STARTING AT CORNERSTONE AGAIN –**
Jan 7 is Registration; Jan 14 is the first class. This is a Beginners Class for those who speak little or no English. Intermediate English & Advanced Classes will be offered as needed.
Time: Monday Evenings, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Students may enroll throughout the semester on any Monday at 6:00 p.m.
Cost: All classes are Free. Students will be asked to purchase a textbook costing \$20.
No childcare is provided.
Co-Directors: Eloise Dela Cuesta & Reid Sprague.

If you are interested in helping or teaching, contact Eloise Dela Cuesta, 240 925-9597.

- **MAGNETIC REMINDERS TO PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S TEACHERS**

The Children's Ministry Team is seeking YOUR prayer on behalf of the children and their Sunday School teachers. This Sunday each parent will receive a magnetized picture prayer card of their child's class and his/her teachers. Will you please place this on your refrigerator or in a prime spot to remind you to pray faithfully for God to work in and through the teachers and in the heart and lives of the students? We are humbly aware that, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who labor, labor in vain." Psalm 127:1

- **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.

- **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

Songs for 10:45 Service



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Profession of Faith

Hymn of the Month –

“O Worship the King” draws upon the splendor of 19th-century monarchy as a metaphor for the magnificence of the Almighty. Attributes of an earthly monarch are magnified to communicate the characteristics of the King of kings—one who by nature cannot be described.

The hymn is based primarily on the rich imagery of Psalm 104:1-7: “Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.”

Composer Sir Robert Grant (1779-1838) was born and died in India—a country that by this time had long played a major role in the British Empire. He was a public servant distinguishing himself in law, serving as a member of Parliament, judge advocate general and governor of Bombay (now Mumbai).

Despite his Scottish roots, Grant was Anglican, not Presbyterian. His father Charles was a leader in the evangelical wing of the Church of England and also played an active civic role with William Wilberforce in the emancipation of African slaves in the British Empire. Robert was born in India when his father went there to negotiate an end to barriers set up against missions by the British East India Company.

The hymn was published posthumously in 1839 in *Sacred Poems*, a volume edited by Grant’s brother, Lord Glenelg. It had appeared in an earlier form in 1833, but the 1839 publication was said to be a “more correct and authentic version.”

Excerpts taken from: <http://www.umportal.org/article.asp?id=6902>



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Cornerstone Organization:

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.



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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 – Winter/Spring 2013

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 TBD, 2013

Cornerstone Missions Conference: March 9-17, 2013.

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.



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Helping Without Hurting!

How to alleviate poverty without hurting the poor...and yourself.

This class will work through the book, "When Helping Hurts", in order to improve our local and global outreach efforts. While this book exposes past and current development efforts that churches have engaged in which unintentionally undermine the people they're trying to help, its central point is to provide proven strategies that challenge Christians to help the poor empower themselves. Focusing on both North American and Majority World contexts, When Helping Hurts catalyzes the idea that sustainable change for people living in poverty comes not from the outside-in, but from the inside-out.

We will come to a better understanding of the broken world in which we live, the gospel, and how that can transform people (including ourselves) to step out of poverty.

This class is highly encouraged (possibly required) for those who would like to be members of TMT, H2O, or the Missions Committee.

Meets just off of the lobby, next to the coffee bar, in rooms #118 and 119. Led by Dave Perrin and Brian Baller.

Basic Christianity

Named a "Book of the Century" by Christianity Today "If Jesus was not God in human flesh, Christianity is exploded," writes John Stott. "We are left with just another religion with some beautiful ideas and noble ethics; its unique distinction has gone." Who is Jesus Christ? If he is not who he said he was, and if he did not do what he said he had come to do, the whole superstructure of Christianity crumbles in ruin. Is it plausible that Jesus was truly divine? And what would that mean for us? John Stott's clear, classic book examines the historical facts on which Christianity stands. Here is a sound, sensible guide for all who seek an intellectually satisfying explanation of the Christian faith.

Meets off of the sanctuary foyer in room #203. Led by Steve Brandt.

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



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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 #202. Led by Adam Scott.

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

Small Group Studies at The Big Gathering

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

Youth and children’s ministries provided concurrently.

Sonship

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 lovingkindness with others.

Meets off of the sanctuary foyer in room #203. Led by Pr. Walt Nilsson and Carl & Pam Fahrner.

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 grow and stronger communication with Him.

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

Young Adult Ministry of Southern Maryland (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.

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 the church office 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.

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[Click here](#) to see a **floor map of the church facility**.

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
Missions Committee	Jen Neubert	808 220 2218

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Redeeming Southern Maryland through the Word:

Gideons	Pat Shields	301 994 0746
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Multiplying Mature & Equipped Disciples

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

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

Director of Music Ministry	Kristin Ashby	301 862 4384
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Communion Coordinator	Julie Woods	240 538 8360
Beautification Team	Flora Woodward	301 373 6951
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Greeter Ministry	Gretchen Thomas	240 434 6165

Master Plan / Building Committee

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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:

[http://sermon.net/cornerstonepcasomd/rss/](http://itunes://sermon.net/cornerstonepcasomd/rss/)

Website:

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