



# CORNERSTONE Connection

Cornerstone's weekly e-newsletter

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

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### **"WHEN GOD WEEPS" – FOR WOMEN**

Starting **Feb 6, 9:30-11:00am**, a NEW Wed. morning Women's Study: "WHEN GOD WEEPS," based on the book by Joni Eareckson Tada. **Childcare provided.** [Click here to register.](#) For more info, contact Barb Buckingham, 301-994-1951 / 301-769-1253 (c). [Details...](#)

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### **YOUTH MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

Starting **Feb 6**, Dagan will start a Communicants class on **Wednesdays.** [Click here to register](#) if your child or youth is interested in becoming a member at Cornerstone, or just learning more about our faith. [Details...](#)

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### **1<sup>ST</sup> WINTER FESTIVAL!**

Don't miss Cornerstone's 1st Winter Fest on **Feb 15, 5:30-8pm.** The evening will kick off with a pot luck dinner, then everyone (ALL ages) will participate in a 4 team game show of Minute to Win It! Deep bonding and friendships are a sure bet! [Click here to register.](#) [Details...](#)

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### **MISSIONS WEEK & A SEMINAR**

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**Mar 23: Seminar on Christ-centered teaching** at Cornerstone – for teachers, parents, and anyone wanting to apply the Gospel to all of life. [Details...](#)

## Events & Activities:

- Feb 3** Ordination Service for Dagan Mayfield, 10:45am @ Cornerstone (**NO 8am service**)
- Feb 3** Ordination Reception for Dagan, after worship service.
- Feb 3** Super Bowl XLVII – Neighborhood Parties (game starts at 6:30pm)
- Feb 6** Communicants Class starting | [Register](#)
- Feb 6** Women's Bible Study starts, "When God Weeps", 9:30-11am | [Details](#) | [Register](#)
- Feb 15** Cornerstone Winter Festival, 5:30pm @ Cornerstone
- Mar 2** Urban Ministry Conference, 8:30am-3pm @ 10<sup>th</sup> Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia)
- Mar 9-17** Cornerstone Missions Conference Week – various speakers and locations
- Mar 23** "Christ-Centered Teaching" Seminar, 7:30am-12:00 noon @ Cornerstone
- Mar 28** Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30pm @ Cornerstone
- Mar 31** Easter Breakfast, 9:30am @ the Ballroom (8am and 10:45am service, but no SS)
- 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Clinic, 10-11:30am @ Ballroom | [Register](#)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays: Missions Prayer Time, 7pm, @ Church Office

### Sign Up For:

Understanding the Faith – Communicants Class starting Feb 6 | [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](#)



### Announcements

**Nursery Ministry Team – Leadership Changes – Looking for new team members**  
**2 New Girls Available for Sponsorship at My Special Treasure in Guatemala!**  
**Christ-centered Teaching Seminar – for all teachers... and non-teachers, too – Mar 23**  
Urban Ministry Conference – Mar 2 @ Tenth Pres in Philly  
Helping without Hurting – Poverty Alleviation Seminar by Chalmers Institute, Mar 9, 9am-4pm  
Magnetic Reminders to Pray for your children’s teachers  
Bible Reading Plans for the New Year  
Coffee Barista Team  
VBS Date Selected – Mark your calendars NOW!  
Process for Reserving and Using the Cornerstone Facilities  
Weekly Ballroom Activities  
Host a Party for Your Neighbors at Cornerstone

### Worship Notes:

Hymns for 8am Service  
Songs for 10:45 Service  
Profession of Faith  
Hymn of the Month

**Cornerstone Organization:** [Cornerstone Ministry Plan](#) | [Staff & Leaders](#) | [Missionaries](#)

**Adult Discipleship Opportunities** – Winter/Spring 2013 | [Facility Room Map](#)

**Resources:** [Prayer Chain](#) | [Counseling](#) | [Sermon Audio](#) | [iTunes](#) | [Blogs](#) | [Facebook](#)  
[Online Facility Request Form](#) [Online Directory](#)

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### 2. "WHEN GOD WEEPS" FOR THE WOMEN'S STUDY – ON WEDNESDAYS

Starting **FEB. 6**, a NEW Wed. morning Women's Study: "WHEN GOD WEEPS," based on the book (of the same name) by Joni Eareckson Tada. Have you ever wondered... if God is loving, why is there suffering? What's the difference between His permitting something and His ordaining it? When bad things happen, who's behind them--God or the devil? When suffering touches us or those we love, questions like these suddenly demand an answer. From our perspective, suffering doesn't make sense, especially when we believe in a loving and just God. After more than 45 years in a wheelchair as a quadriplegic, Joni's intimate experience with suffering gives her a special understanding of God's intentions for us in our pain. In "When God Weeps," we'll probe beyond glib answers that fail us in our time of deepest need. Come and gain new perspective on a God big enough to understand our suffering, wise enough to allow it, and powerful enough to use it for a good greater than we could imagine. We'll meet in **Room 203** (Conference Room) in the sanctuary bldg., from **9:30-11:00AM; childcare provided.** To register, [click here](#), or call the church office. For more info, call or email Barb Buckingham, 301-769-1253 (c), [bbuck@md.metrocast.net](mailto:bbuck@md.metrocast.net). **You will need a "Participant's Guide"** which can be purchased directly at [www.joniandfriends.org/store/product/when-god-weeps-bible-study-participants-guide-only-joni-eareckson-tada-steve-estes](http://www.joniandfriends.org/store/product/when-god-weeps-bible-study-participants-guide-only-joni-eareckson-tada-steve-estes) , for \$10 (which includes shipping).

### 3. YOUTH MEMBERSHIP CLASS – "COMMUNICANTS" CLASS

Starting **Feb 6**, Dagan will start a Communicants class on Wednesdays. If your child or youth is interested in becoming a member at Cornerstone, in what we believe, and how that belief applies to our lives as we live out that faith, [click here to register](#). Contact [Dagan](#) for details.



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### 4. CORNERSTONE'S 1<sup>ST</sup> WINTER FESTIVAL – FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Fun for Everybody! Don't miss Cornerstone's Winterfest on **Feb 15th** from **5:30-8:00 pm**. The evening will kick off with a **Pot luck dinner** followed by a **rip roaring team game show** of Minute to Win It! With Tom Cavallaro in a light-blue leisure suit, Scott Hoffman singing opera, and xxxxxx, this is sure to break up the gray winter. **All ages** will part of one of 4 teams and all ages will have fun together.

Childcare will be provided during the game for children 0 to 3 – all others will be incorporated into the fun! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS...PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW! Let's gather together to fight off the winter blues!



[Click here](#) to register now. The earlier you register, the more it will help us organize the event.

## 5. MISSIONS WEEK & A SEMINAR – SAVE THE DATES!

**Mar 9-17: Cornerstone Missions Week**– 3 of our missionaries will be visiting on different days and speaking to us, plus a Human Trafficking Awareness event. Here is a **tentative schedule**, so you have an idea of the types of events that are coming:

- Mar 9, **Sat** PM - human trafficking awareness event
- Mar 10, **Sun** AM - **Tito Padilla** preaching both services, giving a ministry update for SS hour
- Mar 11, **Mon** PM - fellowship / celebration with Tito of Las Tierras particularization
- Mar 12, **Tue** PM - fellowship and ministry update with **Richard Ramsay**
- Mar 14, **Thu** PM - missions prayer time
- Mar 16, **Sat** PM - fellowship/dessert with Jonah
- Mar 17, **Sun** AM - **Jonah** preaching at both services and giving a ministry update for SS hour

**Mar 23: Seminar on Christ-centered teaching** at Cornerstone – for teachers, parents, and anyone wanting to apply the Gospel to all of life.

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Yet too often we Bible teachers easily slip into teaching the **gospel of good works rather than the gospel of grace**. How do we avoid this trap and consistently develop Christ-centered applications?

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Please **save the date** and confirm your attendance with Walt. Also please pass this onto anyone else who might be interested!



## Sign-Up for:

- **Soup Kitchen Serving Team:** Multiple teams of at least 4 people are needed, 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:

- **NURSERY MINISTRY TEAM – LEADERSHIP CHANGES – LOOKING FOR NEW TEAM MEMBERS**

We hate to say good-bye to our former Nursery MT Leader, **Elizabeth Buckingham**, since she and her family relocated to Texas. However, we are grateful that God has raised up June Bowie and Kris Smith to co-lead this important ministry. Kris will oversee the Mothering Room and Infant Nursery and June will oversee the Walkers & Twos and Threes & Fours Nursery.

We are also sad that **Joe and Heather Travis are moving away**. Due to Heather's departure, the Walkers & Twos 10:45 a.m. nursery is now in need of a scheduling coordinator. Please notify June Bowie if you are interested.

- **NEW GIRLS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP AT MY SPECIAL TREASURE IN GUATEMALA**

There are 2 new girls available for sponsorship at MST. Their information is present on the website - click the links below to look at their specific info:

GT0103019 **Maryori** Galindo [Click here](#).

GT0103020 **Joselin** Galindo [Click here](#).

We would also like to highlight one of the girls that already has a sponsor, but would really like to have another sponsor. Her name is **Mayra**, a lovely 13 year old. [Click here](#).

See pictures of all three girls below.

Please be in prayer for all the girls - click this link to see them all - it helps to look at each one as you pray. <http://www.hopechest.org/community/my-special-treasure/sponsor/>



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- **CHRIST-CENTERED TEACHING SEMINAR – FOR ALL TEACHERS... AND NON-TEACHERS, TOO – MAR 23, 7:30-NOON**

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- **URBAN MINISTRY CONFERENCE – MAR 2 @ TENTH PRES IN PHILLY**

Tenth Presbyterian Church will hosts it annual Urban Ministry Conference on **Saturday, March 2 from 9am-3pm**. Workshops by urban ministry partners will explore how the Church represents the hands of Jesus to a suffering world. They will challenge us, also, to “unwrap the grave cloths” of those left for dead, and to care for the broken and weak, the vulnerable and unwanted. See [www.umc.tenth.org](http://www.umc.tenth.org) for registration and details.

Tenth Presbyterian Church  
1701 Delancey Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

THE GOAL OF THE UMC is to renew the Church's commitment to reach the city with the gospel through word and deed, and to train Christians to think and act biblically about issues which confront the urban church.

Dr. David S. Apple, Director of Mercy Ministry, Tenth Pres.

<http://www.activecompassionphilly.org>  
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**Word and Deed is like Fire and Smoke. You can't have one without the other.**

- **ESL STARTED AT CORNERSTONE AGAIN –**

Jan 14 was 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.

- **HELPING WITHOUT HURTING – POVERTY ALLEVIATION SEMINAR BY CHALMERS INSTITUTE, AUTHOR DR. BRIAN FIKKERT – MAR 9, 9AM-4PM**

In partnership with the Chalmers Center for Economic Development, Grace DC is excited to host Helping Without Hurting, a **day-long seminar with Dr. Brian Fikkert**, co-author of the renowned book When Helping Hurts. Dr. Fikkert will provide useful information and practical concepts to help churches and non-profits make a more meaningful difference in their communities and in the wider world.

- Saturday, March 9, 2013  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Held at Calvary Baptist Church  
755 8th St NW  
Washington, DC 20001

- \$25/person
- [Registration and other info located here.](#)

- **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. Remember 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

- **BIBLE READING PLANS 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.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.
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- **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 **Christy Thomas or the church office**.
- **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 thru April.
  - **Time:** 10 to 11:30 AM



- **Where:** The Ballroom (the 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](mailto: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

NO 8am Service!



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### Songs for 10:45 Service

### Dagan's Ordination Service

### Profession of Faith

#### Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

What is thy only comfort in life and death?

That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

### 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>



## 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



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- 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.



### **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



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.

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### **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: When God Weeps**

Starting FEB. 6, a NEW Wed. morning Women's Study: "WHEN GOD WEEPS," based on the book (of the same name) by Joni Eareckson Tada. Have you ever wondered... if God is loving, why is there suffering? What's the difference between His permitting something and His ordaining it? When bad things happen, who's behind them--God or the devil? When suffering touches us or those we love, questions like these suddenly demand an answer. From our perspective, suffering doesn't make sense, especially when we believe in a loving and just God. After more than 45 years in a wheelchair as a quadriplegic, Joni's intimate experience with suffering gives her a special understanding of God's intentions for us in our pain. In "When God Weeps," we'll probe beyond glib answers that fail us in our time of deepest need. Come and gain new perspective on a God big enough to understand our suffering, wise enough to allow it, and powerful enough to use it for a good greater than we could imagine. We'll meet in **Room. 203** in the sanctuary building, from **9:30-11:00AM**; childcare provided. For more information, contact the church office or Barb Buckingham, 301-994-1951 / 301-769-1253 (c).

### **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:

<b>Transformational Ministries Team (TMT)</b>	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

[missionscommittee@cornerstonepca.org](mailto:missionscommittee@cornerstonepca.org)

## Redeeming Southern Maryland through the Word:

Gideons	Pat Shields	301 994 0746
InterVarsity	Esrael Seyum	<a href="mailto:egseyum@gmail.com">egseyum@gmail.com</a>

## 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
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

Facilities	Scott Hoffman	301 862 1603
	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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Asia Church Planters (Information removed for their protection – pray more for them!)

## Resources:

Prayer Chain:

Send prayer requests to [prayer@cornerstonepca.org](mailto:prayer@cornerstonepca.org)

Biblical Counseling:

Tom & Mary Thompson [Email](mailto:Email) or (443) 994-2778

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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