



CORNERSTONE Connection

Cornerstone's weekly e-newsletter

The Top 5 4 things to think about this week:

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WINTER FEST IS HERE!

Don't miss Cornerstone's 1st Winter Fest on **Friday, 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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VBS PLANNING AND PRAYING

Vacation Bible School has positively impacted families in the community and our own families. If you have a heart for planning or for just praying for this effort, please join the team Monday, Feb. 11th at 7 pm in the third grade room. [Details...](#)

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NEW WEBSITE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cornerstone is building a new website, and there is much work to be done. If you would like to be part of the website building team, please contact [Dave Perrin](#). [Details...](#)

Events & Activities:

- Feb 9 DC Car Show, 10:00am (MMT car pool departs early) – POC [J Thomas](#) 240-434-6115
- Feb 15 Cornerstone Winter Festival, 5:30pm @ Cornerstone | [Details](#) | [Register](#)
- Mar 3** Guatemala STM Team Report, 9:30am @ Youth Room – for all adults & youth
- Mar 9-17 Cornerstone Missions Conference Week – various speakers and locations | [Details](#)
- Mar 23 "Christ-Centered Teaching" Seminar, 7:30am-12:00 noon @ Cornerstone | [Details](#)
- Mar 28 Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30pm @ Cornerstone
- Mar 30 Easter Egg Hunt @ Cornerstone
- Mar 31 Easter Breakfast, 9:30am @ the Ballroom (8am and 10:45am service, but no SS)
- Apr 5-7** Women's Retreat
- Apr 5-19 Philippine Medical Mission Trip
- Apr 14 Arise 4.14 Anniversary
- Jul 29-Aug 2 VBS – Vacation Bible School @ Cornerstone



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:

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

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

CORNERSTONE MISSIONS CONFERENCE WEEK

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Urban Ministry Conference – Mar 2 @ Tenth Pres in Philly

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The Top 5 things to think about this week:

1. CORNERSTONE'S 1ST 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! [Click here to see a preview](#). With Tom Cavallaro in a Clemson-orange leisure suit, Scott Hoffman singing opera, and Tracie Perrin riding a Harley through a ring of fire, 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.

2. HANDY OR COMPASSIONATE?

Cornerstone's new **Disaster Response & Community Restoration (DR & CR) Team** is all about destruction and construction- and building hope in people's lives. They are starting training, fixing up the Cornerstone trailer, and planning for a summer construction project. Interested? [Click here](#) to register. Here are the details:

DR & CR Team: Training - Would you like to join Cornerstone's new Disaster Response & Community Restoration (DR & CR) Team? We're looking for a few good MEN and WOMEN (adults & teenagers). (Note: Strong backs not required.) There is a **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training** opportunity on **Saturday-Sunday, 2-3 March 2013** (8 hrs per day). CERT is hosted by the St. Mary's County Dept of Emergency Services & Technology in Leonardtown, MD. CERT is FEMA approved training for citizen response. CERT training will bring a level of trust, competence, and accreditation between Cornerstone's DR & CR Team and St. Mary's County Emergency Management. There are **NO administrative/registration fees or pre-requisite certifications required** to attend the CERT training course. Please contact [Ken Hassler \(856.217.3844\)](#) or **Tony Bowie (301.848.1088)** if you are interested in joining the DR & CR Team and/or attending the CERT training. You may also contact the DR & CR Team or [Click here](#) to register for the CERT training via the Cornerstone website online forms.



DR & CR Team: CPC Trailer Restoration & Upgrades - The DR & CR Team has taken custody of the **trailer** previously used for the Fairmont, WV (PCA-MTW sponsored) short-term mission trips. We would like to accomplish the following tasks prior to Summer 2013 to properly **upgrade & restore the trailer**: wash, remove current logo/decals, wash & dry, paint, and install storage shelves & hooks. Upon completion, magnets or decals using a variant of the new Cornerstone logo will be affixed to the trailer side walls & rear door(s). Please contact [Ken Hassler \(856.217.3844\)](#) directly or [Click here](#) to register if you are interested in helping to restore & upgrade the trailer.



DR & CR Team: Sandtown Habitat for Humanity "Summer Build Week" - The DR & CR Team is currently making plans to register as a group and participate in the Sandtown Habitat for Humanity (www.sandtownhabitat.org/welcome) annual "Summer Build Week" from **24-28 June 2013**. (Sandtown Habitat, founded in 1989 by the late Allan Tibbels, is a non-profit Christian housing organization in the Sandtown-Winchester neighborhood of West Baltimore with the purpose of rebuilding the vacant housing in Sandtown, increasing homeownership and improving the health of the community.) Complimentary lunch, snacks, and beverages are provided daily to all participants. The minimum age of all "Summer Build Week" volunteers is 18 years old. Lovely Lane United Methodist Church (www.lovelylane.net) is a potential lodging option. Please **contact Tony Bowie (301.848.1088) or Ken Hassler (856.217.3844)** directly or [Click here](#) to register via the Cornerstone website online forms if you are interested in being a "Summer Build Week" volunteer.

3. VBS PLANNING AND PRAYING MEETING

Vacation Bible School has positively impacted families in the community and our own families. If you have a heart for planning or for just praying for this effort, please join the team Monday, Feb. 11th at 7 pm in the third grade classroom. [Beth Baxley](#) is the POC.

4. RECRUITING NEW WEBSITE VOLUNTEERS

Cornerstone is building a new website, and there is much work to be done. If you would like to be part of the website building team, please contact [Dave Perrin](#). Just basic computer skills are needed. Please indicate the type of experience you have, and if there are tasks that you would like to do.



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.

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Announcements:

- **NEW GIRLS AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP AT MY SPECIAL TREASURE IN GUATEMALA**
There are 2 new girls available for s 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 an **additional sponsor**. Her name is **Mayra**, a lovely 13 year old. [Click here](#).
See pictures of all three girls below – Maryori, Joselin, and Mayra, from left to right.
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/>



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

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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?

On **March 23rd** from 7:30AM-12 AM, we will be having a teacher training seminar: **“Bible Study for Bible Teachers: How to make application Christ-centered.”** Our desire is for **all of our Bible teachers** to go through this training, but **anyone who is interested** is also encouraged to attend.

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

- **CORNERSTONE MISSIONS CONFERENCE WEEK**

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



- **WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Study is now called "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 120** (Hospitality Suite) 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. **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, for \$10 (which includes shipping).

- **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 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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Phone 215-735-7688, Fax 215-735-3960,

Word and Deed is like Fire and Smoke. You can't have one without the other.



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- **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.](#)

- **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.



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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.
 - i. 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 tcavallaro@gmail.com. Please also let Tom know if you are willing to help coach.



Worship notes:

Hymns for 8am Service



Hymn # 642	“Be Thou My Vision”
Hymn # 648	“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
Hymn # 500	“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”
Hymn #235	“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Songs for 10:45 Service

“Shout to the Lord”

By: Darlene Zschech, 1993ⁱ

“Rock of Ages”

By: Augustus Toplady (lyrics) James Ward 1984ⁱⁱ

“The Wonderful Cross”

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707. Music and Chorus: Chris Tomlin, JD Walt, Jesse Reeves, Lowell Mason © 2000ⁱⁱⁱ

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Words and Music: Stuart Townend © 1995^{iv}

“Forever”

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin © 2001^v

Hymn of the Month – Rock of Ages

Augustus Montague Toplady (1740 to 1778), was an unusual child. His father died when he was very young and so he was raised by his mother who adored and spoiled him. He was not very well liked by his peers or his relatives, partly because they did not relate to his extreme intelligence, and partly because he was sickly and neurotic.

Controversy followed Toplady throughout his short 38 years of life, but he did not let that stop him. At a very young age he showed a keen interest in developing a relationship with God. By age 12 he was preaching sermons, and at age 14 he began writing hymns. He was ordained as an Anglican priest at the age of 22. Although some thought him to be arrogant and obstinate, excerpts from his writings verify that he was a devoted and humble follower of Christ.

Toplady was a staunch Calvinist, and a very outspoken opponent of John Wesley's Arminian theology. In 1776, two years before his death, he wrote an article on God's forgiveness. The purpose of this publication was to rebut statements made by Wesley. The article concluded with Toplady's poem, Rock of Ages; a poem that would many years later find its way into the very same hymnals as many of John's brother, Charles Wesley's (Arminian) songs.

Excerpts taken from: <http://www.sharefaith.com/guide/Christian-Music/hymns-the-songs-and-the-stories/rock-of-ages,-cleft-for-me-the-song-and-the-story.html>



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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
- Youth Pastor 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.



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.

[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: 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. 120** in the Hospitality Suite, 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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MINISTRIES



“Redeem” – Redeeming Southern Maryland through Deeds:

Transformational Ministries Team (TMT)	Tim Singley	301 863 4504
Mentoring Core Team	Dave Perrin	301 373 0207
English as a Second Language (ESL)	Eloise DelaCuest (Reid Sprague)	240 925 9597
St. Mary’s Caring Soup Kitchen	Victor DelaCuesta	301 862 4386
Three Oaks Homeless Shelter	Walt Nilsson	301 862 5016
WARM (Yearly Homeless Support)	Tony Bowie	301 848 1088
H2O Foster Care Support	Dave Perrin	301 373 0207
HOPE of Southern MD	Dave Eby	301 994 9660
Christmas in April	Wil Ridley	301 863 9103
CareNet Pregnancy Care Center	Lee Mason	301 863 2606

“Redeem” – Redeeming Southern Maryland, Potomac Presbytery, and the World

Living Hope 2 Orphans (H2O)	Steve Brandt	301 475 8420
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Gideons	Pat Shields	301 994 0746
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“Disciple” – Multiplying Mature & Equipped Disciples

Small Group Ministry	Carl Fahrner	301 862 5235
Journey Groups	Fred Neubert	808 220 2257
Director of Youth Ministry Team	Pastor Dagan Mayfield	301 862 5016
Director of Children Ministry Team	Beth Baxley	301 737 1920
Nursery Ministry Team	June Bowie and Kris Smith	240 538 2463
Poiema Academy (Homeschool)	Rich Prevatt	301-863-2606

“Unite” – 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
Men’s Ministry Team	Jason Thomas	240 434-5892
Women’s Ministry Team	Holly Nilsson	240 431 9235
Young Adult Ministry SoMD (YAMS)	Elizabeth Fahrner	240 298 2162
Visitor Hospitality	Heather Harris	240 237 8223
Congregational Care / Meals:		
New Moms	Barb Buckingham	301 994 1951
Sick	Sue Dugan	301 373-5566

“Worship” – Worshiping 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

“Lead” – Master Planning Committee

Facilities	Scott Hoffman	301 862 1603
	Dave Eby	301 994 9660



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

Resources:

Prayer Chain:

Send prayer requests to prayer@cornerstonepca.org

Biblical Counseling:

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

Online Facility Request Form:

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

Online Directory:

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

Sermon Audio Files:

<http://www.cornerstonepca.org/resources/index.html>

iTunes link podcast:

itunes://sermon.net/cornerstonepcasomd/rss/

Website:

<http://www.cornerstonepca.org/>

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