



The Top 5 things to think about this week:

1 HE IS RISEN! EASTER CELEBRATION

We are looking forward to celebrating THE Resurrection together! Use Cornerstone postcards to invite your **Friends** to an Easter service & breakfast. **Easter Breakfast** is 9:15-10:30am. Please **RSVP** and bring enough to feed your family. I hear Doug Harmon's famous sausage gravy will be there. Please read the details so you know how it will be organized. [Details...](#)

2 SUMMER MISSION TRIPS AND MORE...

There are many mission & outreach opportunities for you to get involved with this summer: **Guatemala** mission trip, **Inner-city Baltimore** mission trip ("Fairmont-like"), VBS, Basketball Clinics, a Back-Yard Bible Club for lower-privileged kids in Lexington Park, Faith & Finance Class for low-income folks. **Deadline for applying for both mission trips is Apr 5.** (Leaders needed, too.) Click for [Details...](#)

3 THANKS FROM THE PHILIPPINE TEAM

Last week, many of you responded to the time-critical need for funds for our Philippines Medical Mission Team. In such a short time, the need was met and our team is ready to go. In response, the team would like to thank you: Click for [Details...](#)

4 ARISE 4.14 UPDATE

As of Feb 28, \$919,537 has been given. This is 69.5% of what was pledged (\$1,322,024), and on Apr 14 we will be 2 years into our 3 year campaign. Thanks for your faithfulness to your promises. Click for charts and [Details...](#)

5 CORNERSTONE SOFTBALL TEAM

Softball season is around the corner again. This year, we will field two teams if there are enough players, and players will be placed according to their experience/skill level. Practices will begin soon, with games beginning in May. If you have questions or if you are interested in playing, [click here](#). Questions? Shannon Nuhfer: 301-904-0963 or [email](#). [Details...](#)

Events & Activities:

- Mar 28 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm @ Cornerstone
- Mar 28 Red Cross Blood Drive, 12-6pm @ Our Father's House AG church | [Register](#)
- Mar 31 **Easter Breakfast**, 9:15-10:30am (8am & 10:45am services, **no SS or Big Gathering**)
- Apr 5-7 Women's Retreat
- Apr 5-19 Philippine Medical Mission Trip
- Apr 14 Arise 4.14 Anniversary
- Apr 20 Patuxent Presbyterian Church's Women's Conference, 9am-5pm | [Details](#)
- Apr 26 Ministry Team Leader Potluck & Yearly Review
- Apr 27 Christmas in April
- May 19 Final Big Gathering before the Summer Break
- Jun 17-22 HS Youth Summer Camp – "Horizons"
- Jun 24-28 Girls Basketball Clinic, 6-8pm @ The Ballroom | [Details](#)
- Jun 29-Jul 6 **Guatemala short term mission trip** | [Details](#) | **Apply by Apr 5 - [Download](#)**
- Jul 2-7 **Baltimore Inner-City short term mission trip** | [Details](#) | **Apply by Apr 5 - [Download](#)**
- Jul 8-12 Girls Basketball Clinic, 6-8pm @ The Ballroom | [Details](#)
- 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 – Not Easter Sunday
Youth Group (Grades 6-12), 5:30-7:30pm, @ Youth Room
- Tuesdays: Boy Scouts, 7pm, @ Youth Room
- Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11am @ Hospitality Suite
- Fridays: Biblical Counseling, by appt, Tom & Mary Thompson, [Email](#) or (443) 994-2778
Moms and Tots Active Play (Toddlers-5), 10:30-11:30am @ Chancellor's Run Park
Adult Basketball Pick-up Games, 7-9pm @ The Ballroom
- 3rd Thursdays: Missions Prayer Time, 7pm, @ Church Office

Sign Up For:

Cornerstone Softball Team | [Details](#) | [Register](#)

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

Moms & Tots Playtime – Moving Outside and Later. Chancellor's Run Playground, 10:30-11:30am

Patuxent Presbyterian Church's Women's Conference, Apr 20, 9am-5pm

New Girls Available for Sponsorship at My Special Treasure in Guatemala!

Cornerstone Disaster Response & Community Restoration (DR & CR) TEAM

TMT FOCUS ON MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS

Weekly Ballroom Activities

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1. HE IS RISEN! EASTER CELEBRATION – MAR 31

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

resurrection die
lives believes
Whoever life never though yet everyone live
believe

The words from Jesus in John 11 are remarkable – never die? If these words are true, then we have MUCH to celebrate, starting right NOW. Let’s celebrate together this Sunday!

• EASTER FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Easter Breakfast Fellowship is **9:15 – 10:30am**... including Sausage Gravy! Mmm. Please [sign up](#) to help set up, clean up, and select what type of food you will bring. (Please bring enough to feed your family.)

Breakfast will be informal, “drop-in” style – Walt will pray for the food at the end of the 8am worship service, so as soon as we enter the Ballroom, we can start eating and fellowshiping. (Don’t wait for someone to pray before you start eating.)

As you bring in your food, look for the tables that are labeled with the type of food you are bringing – Egg dishes, Fruit, or Pastries. These tables will be at different locations. Thanks!

• INVITE YOUR FRIENDS – CORNERSTONE POSTCARDS ARE A GREAT TOOL

Easter is one of those few times of year when it is acceptable in our culture to invite anyone and for them to attend church. We encourage you to use **Cornerstone postcards** to invite your **friends** to the Easter service & breakfast. There is a stack on the table as you enter the sanctuary, as well as on the book shelves. Below is a picture of the front, and here is the text that is on the back:

“Things aren’t the way they should be. Brokenness is all around us and inside us. We see it in our relationships, in our families, and in ourselves. But the God we serve is the one who mends the broken pieces of our lives and world through Jesus Christ. God has called us to be an authentic community in which He is restoring lives and in which it is safe to be broken without fear of being judged. We worship together on Sunday mornings (8am & 10:45am). We encourage one another



on Sunday evenings (5:30pm) through group study and discussion, and we serve our community throughout the week.



Join us in experiencing His restoration.

23101 Town Creek Drive, California, MD 20653

(Turn at the light by Wal-Mart and BAE. ½ mile on left)"

• **EASTER FLOWERS – DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY**

As Easter approaches we are making plans for flowers to be used in the celebration of our Lord's resurrection. By purchasing flowers you will have the opportunity to honor God and give recognition to those who have made a difference in your life.

All dedications will be included in the Easter Connection. Examples of dedications would be:

- The Smiths, in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Jones
- Parents of 4th grade Sunday school students, in appreciation of Anne Johnson

Prices will be : Smaller flowers (Easter Lilies, tulips) \$10.00

Larger flowers (hydrangeas or other large plants) \$25.00

Please make your check payable to "Cornerstone" and note "Easter Flowers" on the memo line, and place it in the offering plate. Please note the following on the Communication Card :

- Name
- Dedication
- Flower type
- Thank you for helping us reflect the joy Easter brings us.

[Click here](#) to buy flowers in the sanctuary and/or attend/assist the Easter Breakfast.

2. WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

There are many mission & outreach opportunities for you to get involved with this summer. Here is the quick list, and the details are stretched out below:

- [Baltimore Inner-City short term mission trip](#) – Jul 2-7
- [Guatemala short term mission trip](#) – Jun 29-Jul 6
- [VBS – Vacation Bible School](#) - Jul 29-Aug 2
- [Girls Basketball Clinics](#) – June 24-28; July 8-12 (6-8pm)
- [Back-Yard Bible Club](#) for lower-privileged kids in Shangri-La neighborhood of Lexington Park
- ["Partnering" with low-income individuals taking a Faith & Finance Class](#)

Turn in Application NOW!
Deadline is Apr 5th! [Download](#)



Short Term Missions Trips – 2 of them! Turn in applications NOW!

This summer there will be 2 short term mission (STM) trips – Guatemala to the My Special Treasure orphanage, and one in the "local" area to Inner-City Baltimore.

- We are immediately taking applications for both STM trips for team members and leaders – the **deadline for applications is Apr 5th**. [Click here to download](#).
- Due to many different factors, **all funds must be raised by Jun 2nd**.

Here are some things to keep in mind if you want to be a “Cornerstone missionary” on one of the teams:

- You must support fundraising, to include writing letters to multiple friends and family. This is part of the “missionary experience”.
- You must attend all training exercises unless providentially hindered. If you miss training, you must coordinate with the trip leader to make up the work.
- You must be willing to share your testimony and the Gospel with others.



Here is a brief description of each trip. More details to come:

- **Baltimore Inner-City short-term mission trip – “[Mercy & Grace for the City](#)”–Jul 2-7**
 - In support of a PCA church plant in North Baltimore City called [City Church](#), the team will be working with non-profit organizations that are helping the elderly, renewing city infrastructure, mentoring kids, and more. The exact tasks have not been decided yet, since they will be tailored specifically for the make-up and structure of the team.
 - This trip is to be similar to the trips made to Fairmont, WV in the past – close to home so travel costs are low and more people can afford to come AND **families** are encouraged to minister together (**minimum age of 10**). (~\$315/person)
 - Lodging will be in a **youth hostel**.
 - Trip size will be **10-20 people**.
 - The **goal** is to support the relationships that M&G for the City as developed with the non-profits and people of North Baltimore. Also, that team members will gain experience in learning about City culture and serving at the places of greatest need. You’ll be exposed to the real issues of the city and those who are working on the “front lines” in the City. Ample time will be given each day to debrief the experience and pray for God’s work in the City.
 - Here is a link for specific info about the trip – Typical Daily Schedule, etc. [Click here](#).
- **Guatemala short-term mission trip – “My Special Treasure” orphanage–Jun29-Jul 6**
 - This will be the 4th Cornerstone STM trip to My Special Treasure, and orphanage of about 12 girls which are sponsored by Cornerstone members.
 - Time will be spent with the girls building relationships and investing in them – teaching the girls English, and getting taught Spanish, playing basketball and soccer, singing together (in English and Spanish), praying together, cooking, touring Guatemala City, etc. Specific itinerary will be developed.
 - Lodging will be in a mission house / hotel – TBD.
 - Trip size will be no more than **8 people**.
 - The **goal** is continue building the relationship between the orphans and workers of My Special Treasure and the congregation of Cornerstone. Also, that the girls would be encouraged to grow spiritually, mentally, and physically.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING! JULY 29-AUGUST 2 9 a.m.-12 noon

In order to begin planning for this year's Vacation Bible School, we are asking that all those interested in volunteering for this fun and exciting ministry to [click here](#) to fill out the online form.



There are many different activities that make VBS happen, and we need all sorts of people doing all sorts of things. **Are you interested in any of the following activities?**

Teacher, Crafts, Recreation, Publicity, Snacks, Music, Storyteller, Class helper, Childcare, Registration, Decorations. [click here](#)

Are you willing to serve as a chairperson for a committee? [click here](#)
(for example, Snacks, Decorations, Recreation, Crafts, etc.)

Please Join the Prayer and Planning Team on Tuesday night, Feb. 26th, at 7 pm in the third grade Sunday school Class.

Contact Brenda Cavallaro at (301) 994-0598 or tbcavallaro@gmail.com or
Beth Baxley bbaxley1960@yahoo.com for more information..

GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINICS! June 24-28; July 8-12 (6-8pm)

This free clinic is especially created for girls that don't normally go to church, so if you have friends that are not comfortable in a church, this is a great chance to invite them! Questions? Contact Beth Baxley or Lee Ann Stone.

Click on your grade to register: **3rd-5th** **6th-8th**



Free Girls Basketball Clinic

June 24-28 from 6pm-8pm **July 8-12 from 6pm-8pm**
For girls who have completed 3rd-5th grade For girls who have completed 6th-8th grade

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

To register visit www.cornerstonepca.org
(Click on calendar then scroll to June 24 or July 8 for registration link)
For more info. e-mail bbaxley@cornerstonepca.org

Back-Yard Bible Club for under-privileged kids in Shangri-La, Lexington Park

This is still under development, but will be a BYBC for under-privileged kids in the Shangri-La neighborhood in Lexington Park – across from the library and fire station. 1 day a week for the first 4 weeks of July (before VBS).

Beth Baxley is leading this effort.

“Partnering” with low-income individuals taking a Faith & Finance Class

This is still under development. Working with DSS, TMT is coordinating classes on Financial Literacy for those on welfare. In the class, we would like to have “Allies” for each student – sort of a mentor, but more of a partner relationship. If you are interested in just being there and journeying with someone who is trying to break out of the cycle of poverty, contact Dave Perrin or Brian Baller.



3. THANKS FROM OUR PHILIPPINE TEAM

Here is a heartfelt “THANK YOU!” from our Philippine Medical Mission Team:

Dear Cornerstone Family,

WOW! Thank you so much for your generous giving toward the Philippines trip! God continues to meet our needs for this trip at every turn, and we are overwhelmed by his love!

As our time to leave draws near, please pray for the last minute details stateside and for the churches that are hosting the medical clinics as their leadership and members spend much time preparing for our visits.

It is a delight for us to serve on this team, and we look forward to sharing with all of you His good deeds!

In Him,
Sherri, Maci and Tracie

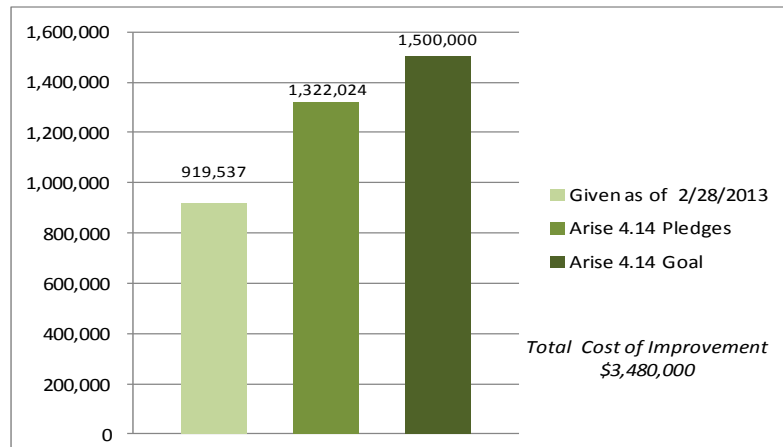
Ps. 9:1 "I will give **thanks** to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds."



4. ARISE 4.14 AND OVERALL FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below is a chart showing our progress in the Arise 4.14 Campaign. On Apr 14, 2013, we will be 2 years into our 3 year campaign. Our overall goal is \$1,500,000; \$1,322,024 was pledged two years ago, and \$919,537 of that has been given as of Feb 28, 2013.

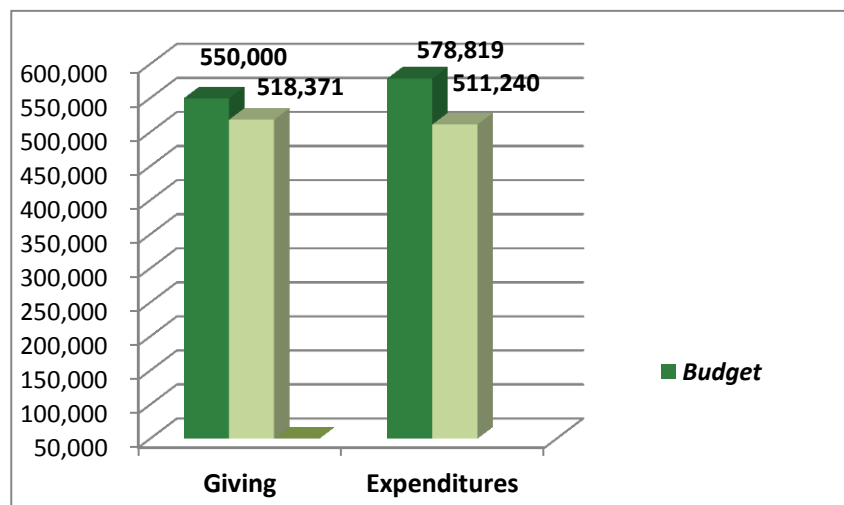
So we can say that 69.5% of the pledges have been received before 66% (two-thirds) of the campaign has been completed. Thanks for your faithfulness to your promises. We pray that God will continue to work through you in this way.



Below is a chart depicting our overall financial situation at the end of February. It shows budgeted Giving vs. actual Giving, and budgeted Expenses vs. actual Expenses for the time period July 2012 through February 2013.

What is the chart saying? Cornerstone's actual giving is \$ 31629 below our budgeted giving (the amount we estimated would be given). But you can also see that due to a delay in assuming our mortgage payment, our expenditures (what we have spent) are less than what has been given (by \$7131), so we are operating in "the black". In other words, if our expenditures had been what we expected (\$550,000), we would have been operating in a deficit. But since the building was not completed on time, we didn't start paying our regular mortgage payment and didn't have that additional expense this year.

We are grateful for your generosity and trust the Lord to provide and propel our ministry forward.



5. CORNERSTONE SOFTBALL

Softball season is around the corner again. Last year, Cornerstone fielded two teams – an A-league (competitive) and a B-league (semi-competitive) team. This year, we will field two teams if there are enough players, and players will be placed according to their experience/skill level. Practices will begin soon, with games beginning in May. If you have questions or if you are interested in playing, contact Shannon Nuhfer at shannon.nuhfer@gmail.com or 301-904-0963. [Register](#)



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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.

Announcements:

- **MOMS & TOTS PLAYTIME – MOVING OUTSIDE AND LATER. CHANCELLOR’S RUN PLAYGROUND, 10:30-11:30AM**

Moms of little ones, are you interested in an opportunity to get your kids (and yourself!) out and moving while also connecting with other moms with preschoolers and toddlers? For the months of April, May, and June, we will be meeting at **Chancellor's Run Playground** on **Friday mornings** from **10:30-11:30**. If it is raining, we will meet in the Ballroom (the new gym) at the church at the same time. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact [Christy Thomas](#) or the church office.



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- PATUXENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



Patuxent Presbyterian Church

invites you to

"REFRESH AT RIVER'S EDGE," a Women's Retreat

**Saturday, April 20, 2013
9 AM - 5 PM**

You are invited to join us for a day
apart with Valerie Bell, internationally
known author and speaker.

\$15 per person. Lunch is included.



**River's Edge Catering and
Conference Center,
46870 Tate Road, Bldg 2815,
Patuxent River, MD 20670
Phone: 301-342-3656**

**Valerie Bell is an award-winning
author and sought-after speaker who
shares her spiritual journey with
refreshing honesty, gentle humor, and
a hunger for God. She's an authentic,
engaging and motivating
communicator. Common responses to
Valerie's presentations include "She's
so real and human, I could really
relate." "Distinctly feminine, she
presents the gospel in soprano...a
voice I can connect with." "Such a
creative storyteller--I laughed and I
cried."**



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

There are 2 girls available for s sponsorship at MST. <http://www.hopechest.org/community/my-special-treasure/>

Their information is present on the website - click the links below to look at their specific info:

GT0103021 **Heidy** [Click here.](#)

GT0103019 **Maryori** 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 – **Heidy, Maryori, 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/>

- **CORNERSTONE DISASTER RESPONSE & COMMUNITY RESTORATION (DR & CR) TEAM**

Cornerstone's new **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: 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.



- **TMT FOCUS ON MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS**

Cornerstone's Transformational Ministry Team (TMT) is working to form a **Mentoring Team** – a **core of people who will focus on the mentoring of those in our society that are caught in material poverty**. This effort is due to an increased awareness that lives can only be transformed through the reconciliation of relationships, which can take a long time. Mentoring provides a way to enter

into a long term partnership that will allow time for relationships to be reconciled – relationships with the material world, but also relationships with God, self, and others.

It is our belief that **poverty can be defined as broken relationships**. This includes how we normally think of “poverty” = broken relationships with the material world. But it also includes the poverty of broken relationships with ourselves, with others, and most importantly with God. Therefore, **poverty encompasses more than just the materially poor – it encompasses all of us**.

But God did not leave the world, including us, to ourselves. He has been and continues to be at work “...to reconcile to himself all things.” [Col 1:15-20](#) / [2 Cor 5:18-20](#)

And **God calls us to join him in this ministry of reconciliation as His ambassadors**. [2 Cor 5:17-20](#)

Are you interested in helping with this mentoring reconciliation effort?

We need more than just mentors – we need some to develop training and support materials, we need some to be a support to the mentors, and of course we need mentors.

Anyone can join this team, since it needs people with many different skills and gifts.

Right now we are developing the training material so that our mentors are well trained and equipped. **If you have experience with training, teaching, social work, counseling, or administration**, and would like to help, please **contact [Dave Perrin](#)**.

Much of the philosophy that is mentioned here was developed with the help of the book, *When Helping Hurts*. If you are intrigued by this, you can pick up a copy of the book on the book shelf in the foyer of the sanctuary.

- **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.



Worship notes:

Hymns for 8am Service



Hymn # 274	"Thine Be the Glory"
Hymn # 188	"Jesus I am Resting, Resting"
Hymn #562	"All to Jesus I Surrender"
Hymn #113	"The Heavens Declare Thy Glory"

Songs for 10:45 Service

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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

"We Fall Down"

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin © 1998^{ll}

"All to Jesus I Surrender"

Trinity Hymnal #562 By: Judson VanDeVenter & Winfield Weeden^{lll}

"Hosanna"

Words and Music: Brooke Ligertwood © 2006^{lv}

"Thine Be the Glory"

Trinity Hymnal #274, By: Edmond Budry & George Frederick Handel, 1884^v

Hymn of the Month – Thine Be the Glory

Edmond L. Budry wrote "A Toi la Gloire," "Thine Be the Glory," in 1884, reportedly after the death of his first wife, Marie de Vayenborg. It was first published in Chants Evangeliques in Lausanne, Switzerland, 1885. It was translated into English in 1925 by Richard B. Hoyle, and appeared in Cantate Domino Hymnal, 1925, the hymnal of the World Student Christian Federation. Thine Be the Glory, Risen Conquering Son is a popular Easter Christian hymn set to the tune of the chorus from Handel's oratorio Judas Maccabaeus. "Conquering Son" is not a name used often for Jesus, but it is a fitting military title for the One whose resurrection Christians celebrate each Sunday, and not just on Easter day.

Excerpts taken from:

<http://songsandhymns.org/hymns/detail/thine-be-the-glory>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thine_Be_the_Glory



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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



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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 18-20, 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 / I Peter Small Group –

A discussion oriented Bible study of the Minor Prophets and then I Peter 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).



The Truth Project

In a recent study, the Barna Research Group revealed that only 9 percent of professing Christians have a biblical worldview. Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group that is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

Meets off of the sanctuary foyer in room #202. Led by Doug Leepa.

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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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“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	240 434-6115
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	Dave Eby	301 994 9660
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These are the missionaries that we support as a church. Please pray for them, contact them, and let them know you are thinking about them.

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Roberta Brown

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

Resources:

Prayer Chain:

Send prayer requests to prayer@cornerstonepca.org

Biblical Counseling:

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

Online Facility Request Form:

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

Online Directory:

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

Sermon Audio Files:

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

iTunes link podcast:

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

Website:

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

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