



## The Top 5 3 things to think about this week:

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### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

On **Thurs., May 2**, we will be observing the National Day of Prayer with 3 opportunities for dedicated corporate prayer here at the church in the Hospitality Room: **7-8:30 am, 12:30-2 pm, and 7-8:30 pm.** Attend as able. No need to sign up in advance—just come! [Details...](#)

**2**

### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING TEA

On **Sat., May 4, 10am-noon** in the Hospitality Suite, women and girls of **all ages** are invited to a tea: Please **bring a derby hat and your favorite tea cup - contact Rachel Harmon if you need help finding one: 443 786-1804.** Donate flowers for \$10 each and dedicate it to a special mother/mentor. Please [click here to go online and sign up.](#) [Details...](#)

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### OUR CHURCH IS BEING HONORED...

... for work in the community, especially with the homeless, at the [Three Oaks Homeless Center's annual "Cabaret" on May 10.](#) Pastor Nilsson is also being honored for his work on their Board of Directors, including the role of President. Please join us at this charity event. Call Jackie Hanley at 301 752-3992 for tickets, or the church office for info. [Details...](#)

## Events & Activities:

- Apr 26 Ministry Team Leader Potluck & Yearly Review, 5:30-8pm @ Youth Room
- Apr 27 Christmas in April, 7:30am-all day
- Apr 27 Cornerstone Softball Team Practice, 10am @ Chancellor's Run Field 2
- Apr 28 Arise 4.14 Luncheon
- May 2 National Day of Prayer, 7am, 12:30pm, 7pm @ Hospitality Suite**
- May 4 **Daughters of the King Tea**, 10 am – noon @ Hospitality Suite | [Register](#)
- May 10 **Three Oaks Homeless Center's 8<sup>th</sup> "Come to the Cabaret"**, 6pm @ Olde Breton Inn
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 12 Start of Baby Bottle Blitz for CareNet Pregnancy Care Center
- May 19 Final Big Gathering before the Summer Break
- May 29, 30 High School Graduations (Leonardtown, Great Mills)
- 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](#)
- Jul 2-7 Baltimore Inner-City short term mission trip | [Details](#)**
- 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
- Mondays:** **Volleyball Pick-up Games, 6-8pm @ The Ballroom**
- 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), 10:30-11:30am @ Chancellor's Run Park
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](#)



Website Sign-Ups

## Announcements

### Women's MT:

Women's Exercise Class at Cornerstone? Take the [survey...](#)

Daughters of the King Tea – May 4, 10 am – noon @ Hospitality Suite | [Register](#)

Cornerstone and Pastor Nilsson to Be Honored at Homeless Shelter's Fundraiser

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

Cornerstone Softball Team **Game Schedule**

Charity Cornhole Tournament to benefit Military Community Youth Ministries

What are you doing this Summer? Ministry Opportunities at Cornerstone this summer...

TMT FOCUS ON MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS

## Worship Notes:

Upcoming Sermon Schedule, Hymn of the Month, Hymns for 8am Service, Songs for 10:45 Service

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### 1. NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER @ CORNERSTONE – MAY 2



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***Did you know?*** The **National Day of Prayer** tradition predates the founding of the USA, as evidenced by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and, in 1988, that law was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May. On **Thurs., May 2**, we will be observing the National Day of Prayer with 3 opportunities for dedicated corporate prayer here at the church in the Hospitality Rm. (rms. 119 & 120): **7-8:30 am, 12:30-2 pm, and 7-8:30 pm**. There will be someone here to facilitate/lead each of the prayer times. Feel free to attend whichever session, and for whatever amount of time your schedule allows. Each session will begin with a brief discussion of how best to pray for our Nation in these challenging times. No need to sign up in advance—just come!


[Click here](#) to watch the National Day of Prayer video.

### 2. DAUGHTERS OF THE KING TEA – MAY 4

Join the women and girls of Cornerstone for a ladies' tea to honor mothers and mentors in our congregation on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** in Room 119. Please **bring a derby hat and your favorite tea cup** - contact [Rachel Harmon](#) if you need help finding one: **443 786-1804**. Donate flowers for \$10 each and dedicate it to a special mother/mentor. Come enjoy tasty treats and lively conversation! Floral decorations can be donated to this event in honor of a special woman in your life, and will be available for you after the event to enjoy at home, or to give to that special woman you are honoring. Have a favorite type of tea and a special tea pot?? Then sign up to be a table hostess and share your version with those at your table! All females of Cornerstone are welcome. Please [click here to go online and sign up](#) to participate, donate floral decorations, and/or volunteer to be a table hostess. Looking forward to seeing you all and to spend time with you special ladies!

### 3. CORNERSTONE AND PASTOR NILSSON TO BE HONORED AT THREE OAKS HOMELESS CENTER'S FUNDRAISER – MAY 10

OUR CHURCH IS BEING HONORED...



... for work in the community, especially with the homeless, at the Three Oaks Homeless Center's annual "Cabaret" on May 10. Pastor Nilsson is also being honored for his work on their Board of Directors, including the role of President – over 5 years, with a term and a half as President. Please join us at this charity event to show appreciation for Three Oaks Center, and also for Pastor Nilsson and all at Cornerstone who have worked with the homeless over the past years. This includes everything we do in support of the WARM program. This is one more chance to interact with our

community and allow God to work through you – for the redemption of this world and the restoration of His Kingdom!

Call Jackie Hanley at 301 752-3992 for tickets, or the church office for info. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jackie Hanley at 301 752-3992 or the church office. | [Info](#)

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THREE OAKS CENTER  
INVITE YOU AND YOUR GUEST(S) TO ATTEND THE

8TH ANNUAL  
*"Come to the Cabaret"*

*Honoring:*  
*Reverend J. Walter H. Nilsson*  
*Cornerstone Presbyterian Church*

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013  
6:00 P.M. COCKTAILS / 7:00 P.M. DINNER  
OLDE BRETON INN  
LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

-MUSIC AND DANCING TO FOLLOW-  
ENTERTAINMENT BY  
GRETCHEN RICHIE'S JAZZ CABARET

\$75.00 PER PERSON  
BLACK TIE OPTIONAL



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## Sign-Up for:

- **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](mailto:shannon.nuhfer@gmail.com) or 301-904-0963. [Register](#)



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Saturday practices at Chancellor Run Park:

- April 20th - 10:00 AM - Field 2
  - April 27th - 10:00 AM - Field 2
- **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:

- **WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM – LADIES' EXERCISE AND FELLOWSHIP – THURSDAY EVENINGS THIS SUMMER: MAY 30TH - AUGUST 29TH**

Ladies, would you be interested in a fun exercise workout in our new Ballroom? Gretchen Thomas has graciously offered to lead you to fitness! **Please complete the interest survey by [clicking here](#)** so we can find a good fit for the group. Hope you'll consider joining in for this time of exercise and fun! If you have questions feel free to contact Joan Heinsohn at [jheinsohn@cornerstonepca.org](mailto:jheinsohn@cornerstonepca.org) or 843-412-8007.

- **YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE**

The summer schedule for Cornerstone's Youth Ministry **will start during the second week of June**. Small groups, extra activities, lots of ice cream, growth, and fun! Dagan is working with the Youth Ministry Team to develop the schedule details!

Here is a note from Pastor Dagan Mayfield, our Youth Pastor:

Dear youth and families,

I have enjoyed my first year of ministry here at Cornerstone and look forward to the work God will continue to do! We will begin our summer schedule during the second week of June. Call or email me if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Dagan Mayfield



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- **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.

- **CORNERSTONE CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM GAME SCHEDULE:**



Date	Time	Field
Thursday, May 09, 2013	6:15 PM	2
Tuesday, May 14, 2013	8:15 PM	4
Tuesday, May 21, 2013	8:15 AM	4
Thursday, May 30, 2013	8:15 PM	4
Tuesday, June 04, 2013	8:15 PM	4
Saturday, June 11, 2011	8:15 PM	4
Tuesday, June 18, 2013	8:15 PM	4
Thursday, June 27, 2013	8:15 PM	2
Tuesday, July 16, 2013	8:15 PM	Bye
Thursday, July 25, 2013	8:15 PM	3
Thursday, August 01, 2013	6:15 PM	2
Thursday, August 08, 2013	6:15 PM	2
Thursday August 15, 2013	6:15 PM	2

- **CHARITY CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT MILITARY COMMUNITY YOUTH MINISTRIES**

Charity  
Cornhole Tournament *and Cook-Out*



to benefit...



and Kevin & Kelley Burgess

Saturday, May 4

NRC Solomon's  
(medium beach pavilion)

11am - 3pm

Competitors \$10

Spectators \$5



\*\*Must RSVP/Register at

[kellyburgess@gmail.com](mailto:kellyburgess@gmail.com) or (703)217-9830

## • 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](#)



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### Short Term Missions Trips – 2 of them!

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.

- Both teams have been selected.
- Due to many different factors, **all funds must be raised by Jun 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

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](#).



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- **Guatemala short-term mission trip – “My Special Treasure” orphanage–Jun29-Jul 6**
  - This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - The team has been selected: Stu Oberg, Steve Brandt, Josh Dittmar, Christa Dittmar, Sofie Dittmar, Joan Heinsohn
  - 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.

**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](mailto:tbcavallaro@gmail.com) or Beth Baxley [bbaxley1960@yahoo.com](mailto: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: **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**    **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**



**Free Girls Basketball Clinic**

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

**July 8-12 from 6pm-8pm** For girls who have completed 6th-8th grade

**Cornerstone Presbyterian Church**

To register visit [www.cornerstonepca.org](http://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](mailto: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. Please [click here](#) for more information or to sign up.

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



Do you want to help someone in our local community move out of the cycle of poverty? Are you willing to be part of something that will do more than put a Band-Aid over the brokenness in someone’s life?

God calls each of us to serve those in need as an expression of love, in response to His love: “By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.” – I John 3:16-18

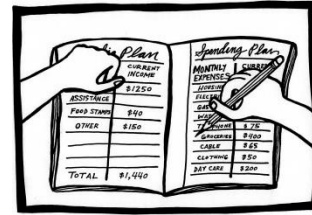
Cornerstone’s Transformational Ministry Team (TMT) will soon start offering a “Faith & Finances” course that combines financial literacy teaching & activities with mentoring & relationship building to address many aspects of poverty. Faith & Finances provides encouragement and accountability to people with low to moderate incomes as they seek to manage money wisely. Join our learning community as we explore how to overcome financial obstacles, get free from debt, and save for the future. [Click here](#) to read a story of how Faith & Finances is transforming lives in a church right now.





We are looking for:

- **Allies (Mentors)**
- **Cooks & Childcare**
- Participants
- Donors



**Our biggest need right now is for Allies (Mentors), and we would also like to have meals and childcare available.**

See the Allies' job description below – sort of a mentor, but more of a partner relationship.

Contact [Dave Perrin](#) or [Brian Baller](#) if you or someone you know may be interested in helping in any way.

### **Job Description: FAITH & FINANCES ALLY (MENTOR)**

#### **Job Summary:**

Allies promote and sustain individuals in the *Faith & Finances* program. Allies are mutual learners on the journey with participants. A team of allies (2-3) is placed with a participant to provide encouragement, advocacy, and supportive friendship as he/she strives to become economically self-sufficient.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Attend and participate in *Faith & Finances* financial education course as a mutual learner with participant (at least one of the Allies per person will need to attend);
- Maintain contact with participant at least twice a month during and after financial education course to provide encouragement and accountability in reaching goals;
- Commit to building a relationship with participant and meet monthly for at least 12 months;
- Pray, eat, share, and spend time with participant regularly, including assistance with savings goals: reviewing budgets, discussing asset purchases, enrolling in educational courses, etc.;
- Avoid any direct financial relationship with participants without first contacting the advisory team; and
- Commit to being a *Faith & Finances Ally* for **one year**.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Follower of Jesus who maintains a vision for His kingdom and reconciliation of all things, including personal finances and assets;
- Passion to see low-income people grow spiritually and economically;
- Motivated heart of a learner, servant, and encourager;
- Experience in applying biblical principles of finance to personal life; and
- Two years' experience managing personal finances and building assets.

If you are interested in becoming a *Faith & Finances Ally*, please contact: Dave Perrin at 301-373-0207 or [dperrin@cornerstonepca.org](mailto:dperrin@cornerstonepca.org)

Show me the money. 



- **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.

## Worship notes:

### Upcoming Sermon Schedule



April 28	1 Kings 21:17-29 "Enough!"
May 5	2 Kings 1:1-18
May 12	2 Kings 2:1-12
May 19	2 Kings 2:12-15

### Hymn of the Month – Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn in 1739, in celebration of the first service of London's first Wesleyan Chapel. This chapel was known as the Foundry Meeting House, as it was a deserted foundry. Charles Wesley purchased the building to house his growing number of converts.

The "Alleluia" which we sing at the end of each line was not part of the original hymn, it was added later by some unknown editor, to better fit the tune. "Alleluia," or "Hallelujah" is a common expression of praise, "Praise ye the Lord," from the early Christian Church. Early Christians would greet each other Easter morning, "Alleluia, the Lord is risen!" Jerome, who died in 420, was an important leader of the early church, who translated the Bible into Latin. He wrote that the very ceilings of houses of worship were often shaken with the reverberating "Hallelujahs" when believers sang their praises to God. This was the first time that the phrase, "Rock the House" was used. 😊

Excerpts taken from: <http://songsandhymns.org/hymns/detail/christ-the-lord-is-risen-today>

### Hymns for the 8:00am Service

Hymn # 164	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Hymn # 286	"Worship Christ, the Risen King!"
Hymn #277	"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
Hymn #580	"Lead On, O King Eternal"

### Songs for 10:45am Service

#### **"Across the Lands"**

By: Keith Getty | Stuart Townend © 2002<sup>l</sup>

#### **"Be Thou My Vision"**

Trinity Hymnal #642 Words: Ancient Irish Poem ca. 8<sup>th</sup> cent, Public Domain.  
Arr. by Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne © 1912<sup>ll</sup>

#### **"Give Us Clean Hands"**

By: Charlie Hall © 2000<sup>ll</sup>

#### **"Once And For All"**

By: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram & Matt Maher, 2013<sup>lv</sup>

#### **"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

Trinity Hymnal #277 By: Charles Wesley © Public Domain 1739<sup>l</sup>



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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
- 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.



### **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 / 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.

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# MINISTRIES



## “Redeem” – Redeeming Southern Maryland through Deeds:

<b>Transformational Ministries Team (TMT)</b>	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
Missions Committee	Sandy and Sarah Black	240 237 8400
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Gideons	Pat Shields	301 994 0746
InterVarsity	Esrael Seyum	<a href="mailto:egseyum@gmail.com">egseyum@gmail.com</a>

## “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!)

My Special Treasure orphanage <http://www.hopechest.org/community/my-special-treasure/>

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## 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:

<itpc://sermon.net/cornerstonepcasomd/rss/>

Website:

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