

THE TOP 5 THINGS TO THINK ABOUT THIS WEEK:

1. **Concert – Friday, Mar 23, 7pm: Rebecca St. James** will be in concert with her “Purity and Worship” tour at Great Mills High School. For details, [click here](#).
 - The related Annual Care Net Benefit Dinner (Thursday, Mar 22 at 6:30 pm, @ the Hollywood Firehouse Social Hall) has sold out! Thanks be to God. Let’s pray that the event will be fruitful and spur many to compassionate service to our community.
2. **Basic Biblical Apologetics Sunday School Class – Sundays, 9:30-10:30am @ Sanctuary:** This Sunday, March 25, Pastor Chipman will begin teaching a class on basic biblical apologetics, which is the study of defending one’s faith. The class will be largely in a discussion format, starting by building up a basic biblical foundation, then teaching a few approaches to defending it. This is the follow-on Sunday School class to XEE and our Missions Month sessions.
3. **Easter Egg Hunt – Apr 7, 10am-12 noon @ Church Office Yard:** The Cornerstone Youth Ministry is hosting an egg hunt on April 7 from 10 am-12 noon. It will be held in the church office yard. Along with the egg hunt, there will be other activities taking place for children of all ages. **We are reaching out to the Town Creek and surrounding communities** and the middle school youth will be leading many of the activities. We are asking that church **members donate a dozen filled plastic eggs** for this event. There will be a collection box for the eggs in the foyer. For questions or to volunteer to help with set up and clean up, please contact Heather MacQuilliam or Mike Chipman.
4. **Easter Sunday Morning Fellowship – Apr 8, 9:30-10:30am @ Foyer:** Although we will not be able to have our full Easter breakfast this year, we will gather for fellowship during the Sunday school hour **with a continental style breakfast**. Please sign up on our [website](#) by clicking the event on April 8th or [click here](#). Let us know if you will be attending (how many) and if you can bring something to share by checking an item on the registration form. It will be wonderful to gather as the Body of Christ as we celebrate His resurrection. If you have any questions, please contact Frank or Joan Heinsohn at 240-237-8542.
5. **Website improvements** – We are working hard to improve our website and utilizing it more efficiently, so we can free up resources for direct ministry. Please help us by using the on-line registration links, as well as the website calendar. [Click here to view the Cornerstone Church calendar on our website](#) and see **all** the events. Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

Notes:

- **Great Missions Month!** Thanks to the entire Missions Committee and all who helped make the past month a great time to hear and think about God's heart for the lost in the world. [Click here](#) to see a video about the 27 million slaves in the world and one small way to help that situation. **Please fill out this evaluation – it will only take a few minutes**, and will greatly assist us in our efforts to improve our ministries. [Click here for the Missions Month Evaluation](#).
- **Race and the Christian** - Wednesday night, **March 28**, John Piper and Tim Keller will team up in New York City for a conversation, moderated by Anthony Bradley, about the gospel and race. The event will be live-streamed from 7:00–9:00PM (EDT). We encourage you to gather with friends or a small group to watch it together and continue the conversation. [Details](#) here.
- **Fitting In** – The 2012 Women's Retreat begins in less than a month! Camp Wabanna is prepping for us to arrive **April 20th**. Registration is open online and Sunday's in the church foyer. Please sign up now and list your roommate choice(s). Double and triple occupancy rooms are available. The countdown is on! Please continue to pray for the weekend and our speaker, Sandy Yagel, that God's plans for our time together would be blessed. [Online registration: Click here](#).
- **Christmas in April (Saturday, April 28)**. It's that time of year again in St. Mary's County to team together with other community organizations and groups to help improve the quality of life for the low income, elderly, and disabled homeowners. If you want to put your home repair skills to use, or if you are interested in providing general help (yard work and clean up), this is the day for you. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old to participate. [Online registration: Click here](#). Or sign up on the worship registration. Call Wil Ridley, 301 863-9103, for more information.
- **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 in late March, with games beginning in May. The A-team will be managed by Shannon Nuhfer. If you have questions or if you are interested in playing or coaching, contact Shannon at 703-722-6623(h) or 301-904-0963(c).
- **Returning Family** – Paul and Jinhee Perez are returning to our area for the summer, and they are looking for an apartment (a one bedroom) to rent for 3 months (starting late May to about the middle of August). If you know of an apartment or a contact, please let me know.
- **Soup Kitchen Serving Team:** Last year over 16,700 meals were served at St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen, a 20% increase over previous years, and it is expected to be a greater number this year. Therefore, **we are creating a more robust structure for our volunteer force**. Multiple teams of at least 4 people need to be established, preferably 6 people each. Each team would consist of (1) team leader, (1) cook, and (2-4) helpers. These teams would serve on a rotating basis, but would commit to serving one meal at least (3) times during the year. **Indicate interest on the Worship Registration form. Further details are printed in the Connection, or contact Victor Dela Cuesta, 240-925-9599.**
 - On line registration! [Click here](#) to join the Soup Kitchen Team online.

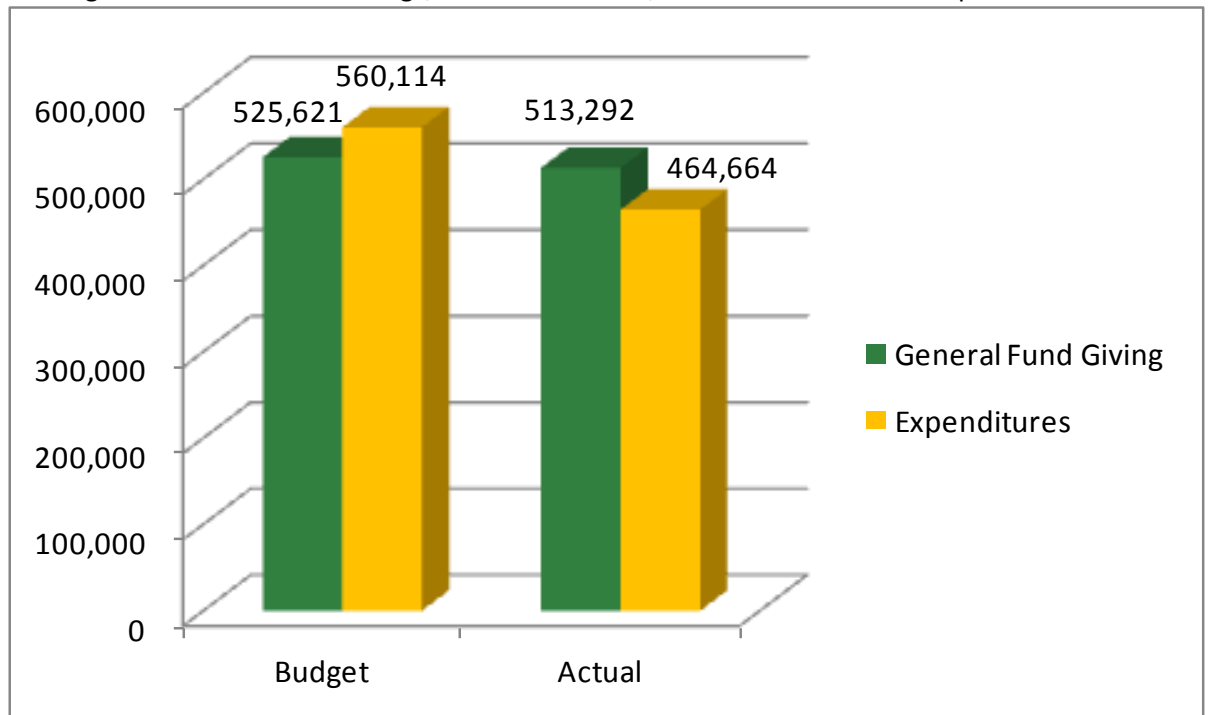
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS:

The floor of the Multi-Purpose Room has been poured! It looks great. Now they can put in the windows and continue work on that portion of the building. The new sewage system is operational, and the transfer from the old system to the new system happened without any problems. All of the brick base work has been completed. Plumbing, HVAC, and electrical work will continue, as well as wiring for the new computer network in that building. I even saw some siding arrive, but not sure about that. Praise God for his work...

CORNERSTONE QUICK-LOOK

A quick look at our community and world, and what God is doing in and through Cornerstone:

- General Fund Giving and Expenditures (July 2011 – Feb 2012): Note that if you compare Actual to Budgeted "General Fund Giving", we are about \$12,000 behind what we had planned:



ATTEMPTS TO DESCRIBE...

Your Love is Strong

By Jon Foreman – [click here](#) or [here](#) to listen while you read the lyrics.

Heavenly Father, you always amaze me.
Let your kingdom come in my world and in my life.
Give me the food I need to live through the day,
and forgive me as I forgive the people that wrong me.
Lead me far from temptation; deliver me from the evil one.

I look out the window; the birds are composing.
Not a note is out of tune or out of place.
I walk to the meadow and stare at the flowers
better dressed than any girl on her wedding day.

So why should I worry?
Why do I freak out?
God knows what I need.
You know what I need.

Your love is Strong.

The kingdom of the heavens is now advancing.
Invade my heart; invade this broken town.
The kingdom of the heavens is buried treasures
Would you sell yourself to buy the one you've found
Two things you told me that you are strong and you love me
Yes you love me

Your love is Strong.

Our God in heaven hallowed be thy name above all names,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us weary sinners,
Keep us far from our vices and deliver us from these prisons

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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 reaching 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
- Reaching 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.

CORNERSTONE ORGANIZATION

Our Office Staff

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| ➤ Senior Pastor | Walter Nilsson |
| ➤ Pastor Emeritus | Terry Baxley |
| ➤ Pastor for Youth and Family | Mike Chipman |
| ➤ Director of Ministry Development | Dave Perrin |
| ➤ Biblical Counselor | Tom Thompson |
| ➤ Treasurer | Paul Mitchel |
| ➤ Accountant | Joan Heinsohn |
| ➤ Secretary | Holly McAteer |
| ➤ Secretary | Vicky Travis |

Our Session

- Walter Nilsson, Session Moderator
- Pat Shields, Clerk of Session
- Rich Buckingham
- Carl Fahrner
- Doug Leepa
- Chad Reed
- Chris White

Our Deacons

- Scott Hoffman, Chairman
- Dave Eby
- Jonathan Griffith
- Tim Singley

SMALL GROUPS, Winter-Spring 2012

- Walt Nilsson, Church, **Sonship**. Sun., 6-8pm
- Barb Buckingham, Church, Wed., 9:30-11 am, **Ladies Bible Study in Colossians**
- Terry Baxley, where TBD, Wed. 6-7:30 pm, **Reformed Faith Study**
- Terry Baxley, Wildewood/various homes, Sun. eve's., **Book of Daniel**
- Chad Reed, Lex. Pk./St. James, Fri. 7-8:30 pm, "**Broken Down House**: Living Productively in a World Gone Bad" (Paul Tripp)
- Sandy Black/Frank Heinsohn, Park Hall (Letcher's), Fri. 7pm, **Pastoral Letters of Paul**
- Bill Smith, Lex. Pk./Esperanza (Smith's), Sun. 6-7:30 pm, Food/Fellow-ship/Bible Study/Outreach
- Gerry Murphy, Hollywood (Prucha's), Wed. 7-8:30 pm., **Before Abraham (John MacArthur)**
- Steve Brandt/Adam Scott, Hollywood, Tues. eve's., OCF, **1 Peter/2 Peter**
- Greg Landis, Great Mills (Landis'), Wed. 6:30-8 pm, **Portrait of a Struggle** (by Paul Tripp).
- Don Hill, St. George Island, Thurs. 6:30 pm, Discussion-oriented Bible Study geared to those with Roman Catholic backgrounds
- Mike Chipman, Church, Monthly, Sun. before Youth Group, **Youth Ministry Team**--how to better minister to our youth

MINISTRIES

Reaching Southern Maryland through Deeds:

Transformational Ministries Team (TMT) Tim Singley 301 863 4504

English as a Second Language (ESL)	Sarah Black	240 237 8400
St. Mary's Caring Soup Kitchen	Victor DelaCuesta	301 862 4386
Three Oaks Homeless Shelter	Walt Nilsson	301 862 5016
WARM	Tony Bowie	301 848 1088
Living Hope 2 Orphans (H2O)	Steve Brandt	301 475 8420
Foster Care/Adoptive Support	Dave Perrin	301 373 0207
HOPE of Southern MD	Dave Eby	301 994 9660
Christmas in April	Wil Ridley	301 863 9103
Pregnancy Care Center	Lee Mason	301 863 2606

Reaching Southern Maryland, Potomac Presbytery, and the World

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Reaching Southern Maryland through the Word:

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Multiplying Mature & Equipped Disciples

Small Group Ministries	Carl Fahrner	301 862 5235
Men's Discipleship Ministries	Rich Buckingham	301 994 1951
Women's Ministry Team (WMT)	Holly Nilsson	240 431 9235
Youth Ministry Team	Mike Chipman	301 862 5016
Children Ministry Team	Mike Chipman	301 862 5016
Children's Sunday School	Beth Baxley	301 737 1920

Growing a Loving Body

Visitor Hospitality	Heather Harris	240 237 8223
Team Connect	Frank and Joan Heinsohn	240 237 8542
Congregational Care / Meals:		
New Moms	Barb Buckingham	301 994 1951
Sick	Sue Dugan	301 373-5566
Prayer Chain	Sue Singley	301 863 4504

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
Nursery Coordinator	Emily Chipman	240 237 8097

Master Plan / Building Committee

Scott Hoffman 301 862 1603
Facilities Jonathan Griffith 240 925 9192

MISSIONARIES

These are the missionaries that we support as a church. Please pray for them, contact them, and let them know you are thinking about them.

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

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