



The Top 5 things to think about this week:

1 MEN: LAST CHANCE FOR...!
Men don't like to retreat – they attack! Sign up now for the Men's "Attack" Weekend, **Oct 19-21**, where men will be attacking food, sports, and God's Word. Only a 90 min drive away – a great time to gain new perspectives on life. **Registration ends TODAY, Oct 14!**
[Details...](#)

2 WANT TO USE THE BALLROOM OR A CLASSROOM?
There is a new process in place now for using the great facility that God has given us. This includes reserving your space, checking out a new key, signing in, and a **clean-up checklist**. Read the details as we try to be good stewards of God's gifts.
[Details...](#)

3 COAT DRIVE FOR PARK HALL ELEMENTARY
Our **Coat Drive for Park Hall Elementary School** is running. Gently used children's coats as well as newly purchased coats will be collected in the church foyer from **now thru Oct 21**.
[Details...](#)

4 CARE NET OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP:
The Care Net Pregnancy Center is hosting multiple ways for you to get involved over the next month: Peer Counselor Training, **FREE Ultrasounds**, and the **Father-Daughter Ball**. Join the dance of redemption.
[Details...](#)

5 BEAUTIFY W/ BULBS AND BOY SCOUTS
Donate for flower bulbs **before Oct 28**, and the Boy Scouts will plant them! Write a check to Cornerstone with **"BSA-Bulbs" in the memo line**.
[Details...](#)

Events & Activities:

- Oct 7-21 Coat Drive for Park Hall Elementary School | [Details](#)
- Oct 14 The Big Gathering, 5:30-7:30pm @ Cornerstone Campus | [Details](#)
- Oct 14 Unpacking Atheism webinar, 7pm @ PaxPres | [Details](#)
- Oct 16-Nov 1 Care Net Peer Counseling Training | [Details](#)
- Oct 19-21 Men's Attack Weekend (aka "Men's Retreat"), Camp Wabanna | [Details](#) | [Sign Up](#)
- Oct 23-25 Free Ultrasound Clinic Appointments | [Details](#)
- Oct 27 Missions Committee Quarterly Meeting
- Oct 28 Orphan Sunday | [Details](#)
- Oct 31 Reformation Day Party @ Cornerstone Campus
- Nov 3 Bridal Shower for Kaitlin Shields, 2pm | [Details](#) | [RSVP](#)
- Nov 3 Father Daughter Purity Ball, 6-9pm @ NAS Pax River's Edge Conf Center | [Details](#)
- Nov 4 Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov 9 Youth Progressive Dinner
- Nov 16-18 Youth Fall Retreat (Middle School)
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving
- Nov 30 Advent Family Night Celebration @ Cornerstone
- Dec 9 Watoto Children's Choir Concert @ Cornerstone | [Details](#) | [Sign Up to Host Children](#)
- Jan 18-21 Youth Winter Retreat (High School)



Sign Up For:

Coffee Barista Team | [Sign-Up](#)

Small Groups | [Interested?](#)

Shoulder 2 Shoulder Women's Mentoring: [Sign-Up](#)

Soup Kitchen Serving Team: Victor Dela Cuesta, 240-925-9599. | [Details](#) | [Sign-Up](#)

Ministry Teams: | [Sign-Up](#)

[Website Sign-Ups](#)

Recurring Activities:

Sundays: **Futsal Pick-up Games, 4-5:30pm @ The Ballroom**

"The Big Gathering" (Age 0-101), 5:30-7:30pm, @ Cornerstone

Youth Group (Grades 6-12), 5:30-7:30pm, @ Youth Room

Tuesdays: Boy Scouts, 7pm, @ Youth Room

Fridays: Biblical Counseling, by appt, Tom & Mary Thompson, [Email](#) or (443) 994-2778

Moms and Tots Active Play (Toddlers-5), 9:30-10:30am @ Ballroom – starts Nov 9!

Adult Basketball Pick-up Games, 7-9pm @ The Ballroom

3rd Thursdays: Missions Prayer Time, **7pm**, @ Church Office

"Aslan is on the Move":

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Deadline for Applications for Guatemala Mission Trip: Oct 15

New Weekly Ballroom Activities

- **Adult basketball (Friday 7-9pm) – Beth Baxley / Jack Wiley**
- **Futsal (Sunday 4-5:30pm) – Drew Savarese**
- **Moms & Tots playtime (Friday 9:30 to 10:30am, starts Nov 9) – Jen Neubert**

New Keys for the Cornerstone buildings coming soon...

Forming Coffee Barista Team

Bridal Shower for Kaitlin Shields

Youth Events coming soon...

Worship Notes:

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MEN !!! SIGN UP NOW to attend the FALL MEN'S ATTACK WEEKEND, Oct. 19-21.

("Real Men" don't retreat – they attack!)



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Who: Men of Cornerstone & friends, ages 16 & up.

When: Fri., Oct. 19 to Sun., Oct. 21.

Arrive Fri. by 7 pm to get settled in your room. Program starts at 7:30.

(Supper on your own on way there)

Depart around noon on Sunday.

[Click HERE to REGISTER!](#)

(Lunch on your own on way back)

Where: Camp Wabanna, Edgewater, MD (just south of Annapolis).

How: Carpool. If you need help with transportation, or if you are willing to transport others, see or call Rich Prevatt at 301-863-2606.

Cost: \$140 - This includes 2 nights' lodging and 4 meals. Partial scholarship assistance is available as needed. Call Spencer Crispell at 301-475-0418 to inquire about financial help.

Deadline? Registration and money should be received by Sunday, 14 Oct. 2012.

Bring: Bed linens & blanket/sleeping bag, pillows, towels, toiletries, soap, flashlight, sports gear, comfortable warm clothing, Bible, pen, notebook.

Activities:

- Large group Seminars
- Small group Discussions
- Ultimate Frisbee/football
- Floor hockey
- Ping pong / foosball
- Relaxing time to bond with a great group of men!

Our Speaker: Chris Garriott

Theme:

We live in a culture that self-promotes and self-glorifies itself on every front. We're obsessed with showing off our Facebook status or latest tweet about our various conquests; always careful, of course, to put our best foot forward. And if real life is not going well, we can always brag about our fantasy football win! When we turn to the Bible we see the exact opposite. We are called to get our eyes off of self and instead "glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

Join us for a time of reflection on what it means to glorify God in all of life.

Questions? Call Jay Thomas (240-434-6115) or Spencer Crispell (301-475-0418(h), or 240-577-8530(c)).



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2. WANT TO USE THE BALLROOM OR A CLASSROOM? There is a new process:

In order to be good stewards of the great facility that God has given us, and to make this facility as accessible as possible with accountability, we are putting the following process into place if you want to use the facility.



1. **Facility Request:** First, fill out a [Facility Request](#). This is available online now, with tools to let you check if the rooms you want are available, and a map of the facility with room numbers. Fill out the online form, and Vicky or I (Dave Perrin) will respond with an email to let you know that you have the room reserved. (Remember that the office is open Monday – Thursday each week.)
 - The online form is available **via the website** – look for the “resources” menu option on the home page, then “Facility Request”... (check it out now – [click here](#))
2. **Key Checkout:** To get into the building, you will probably need a key. We are finalizing that process right now since we are getting new locks/keys for all doors (including Sanctuary), but be sure to coordinate this.
3. **Opening:** There are instructions to assist with lights, heating/AC, etc. Also note if you notice damage or a mess so that you are not held responsible.
4. **CLEANING & Closing:** There will be a checklist to complete each time the facility is used, and you will need to sign this when you have finished. This will also give us a record of who is using the facility.
 - These checklists are kept on 3 clipboards – one for each major area of the facility: Ballroom, Sanctuary building, and new building Classrooms. These are hung in the Janitor’s closet for the respective building – i.e. the clipboards for the Ballroom and new building Classrooms are in the Janitor’s closet next to the kitchen, and the clipboard for the Sanctuary building is in the Janitor’s closet next to the women’s restroom in the Sanctuary building.
 - Return chairs and equipment (and the clipboards) to the location that you found them, if you have moved them.
5. **Key Return:** The key should be returned ASAP after the event, unless the key has been assigned for a longer period of time (recurring event, etc).

I know that these steps are common for most facilities, and similar to our unwritten process that we’ve used. But we are formalizing them as the facility has grown and more people will want to use it. We will strive to remain flexible for spontaneous events that pop up – we want the facility to be used for as much ministry as possible. At the same time we want to keep it clean for the next group using it, so be sure to complete and sign the Cleaning & Closing checklist when you are done!



3. PROVIDE WARMTH FOR A COLD CHILD - Park Hall Elementary School Coat Drive continues this Sunday – ends Oct 21:

Cornerstone Church established a partnership with Park Hall Elementary School last year. We have established a presence in the school to include classroom volunteers and mentors. We also helped the school to provide food and school supplies to the neediest children at this Title One School.

During the month of October we will be conducting a Coat Drive with the goal of supplying a warm winter coat for many children who would otherwise not have one. **We primarily need sizes 8 –18 in both boys and girls coats.** Gently used children's coats as well as newly purchased coats will be collected in the church foyer beginning Oct 7th and continuing through Oct. 21. The school staff will distribute the coats to specific families during their Community Bus Trip on Oct. 26th. Please join our efforts to keep the kids warm during this upcoming winter.

Please contact [Sherri Wolf](#) 301-863-7266 with any questions.

4. CARE NET OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP SOON...

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is an excellent ministry in our local area that Cornerstone supports and many of our members serve directly there. Here are some opportunities that you can take to support and/or serve there, too.

- **Father Daughter Purity Ball:** Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is extending an invitation to your fathers and daughters to attend our annual Father Daughter Purity Ball on **Saturday, November 3, 2012.** This is an evening of dining, dancing and decision, as both fathers and daughters will be challenged to make a pledge to live pure lives before God. Reservations are required. Seating is limited. All reservations must be received by close of business on Monday, Oct 29. Call 301-737-4604 or email realchoices@carenetsomd.org.
- **Peer Counselor Training:** Care Net offers Peer Counseling to guide women and men seeking answers about their pregnancy and parenting. Peer Counselors are needed. Training takes about 18 hours – 6 sessions, 3 hours each:
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays – Oct 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, and Nov 1
 - To sign up or ask questions: 410-326-6866 or 301-737-4604.
- **FREE Ultrasound Clinic Appointments:** Calling all pregnant women!
 - Oct 23, 24, and 25
 - Call now to make your appointment: 301-737-4604 x15

5. BEAUTIFY WITH BULBS AND BOY SCOUTS

Anyone who would like to help beautify the new church grounds may donate flowers through our Boy Scout Troop 2819 flower bulb sale. The Scouts will do the dirty work! The troop will plant the flower bulbs this Fall, with the help of the landscaping committee. Your generosity will be appreciated during the Spring bloom! You may write a check to Cornerstone with "BSA-bulbs" in the memo line and place in the offering, or contact Aaron Rouland if you want to choose specific flower types. Also, those who wish to purchase bulbs for their own use may do so online at http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=13029. 50% of all flower prices directly support Troop 2819.

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...

Sign-Up for:

- **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. [Click here to join the Soup Kitchen Team online](#) or contact Victor Dela Cuesta, 240-925-9599.
- **Forming Coffee Barista Team! CALLING ALL COFFEE LOVERS!** The new Bunn Coffee Brewer is working and the new Air-pots are here! Now it is time to call in all the coffee lovers to help with the Sunday morning Coffee Blessing. Those of us who enjoy coffee or tea during SS are blessed with our new kitchen and the capabilities it holds. If you would like to serve in the capacity of providing this blessing, please sign up with the Body Builders (formerly Team Connect) to either help set up or clean up. Training will be provided. [Click here](#) to sign up online. Joan Heinsohn is currently the POC.



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"Aslan is on the move...":

This section describes how God is working in and through Cornerstone. Aslan is the Jesus figure in C.S. Lewis' classic books, The Chronicles of Narnia. When Aslan would start working to transform and redeem things in Narnia, the citizens of Narnia would whisper with reverence and joyful expectation, "Aslan is on the move..." Let's whisper this, too.

MINISTRY UPDATES:

- **LIVING HOPE-2-ORPHANS – upcoming opportunities:**

There are many exciting opportunities in which to engage over the next several months for Cornerstone in the Living Hope 2 Orphans (H2O) ministry. Please prayerfully consider you calling as God commands in James 1:27. Additionally as we work through Isaiah over the next several weeks in Walt's Sermon series we all will hear more of God's heart for justice for the oppressed and the beauty of His provision often brought forth by the faithfulness of His Church.
1. **GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP** sign up and application, **DEADLINE for applications is October 15th !!!** We are taking a small team back to Guatemala to visit MST on **January 16th – January 21st.** This is the long weekend in January and we are excited that Frank Heinsohn will lead a team to love and serve the Girls at MST. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Size of the team is limited to 6 people for this trip. Please email Steve Brandt at pilotof5@earthlink.net or call at 719-491-0761 if you would like to apply for this trip. [Click here](#) to download the Mission Trip Application.
 2. **October 28th** we will celebrate **Orphan Sunday** as Tom Davis, CEO of HopeChest, will visit and preach during both services and lead our Sunday School hour. Please plan on being



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here to get a view into the big picture of God's heart for the orphan and practically of orphan care around the world.

3. **Watoto Children's Choir** is coming back Sunday, **December 9th**. See www.watoto.com. We will need help advertising, spreading the word and hosting the children. We will need 8 homes in which the children and their chaperones can stay Sunday and Monday night. Please [sign up HERE](#) if you would like to be blessed by these children in your home!
4. Lastly, if you are **interested in joining the Living Hope-2-Orphans ministry** please contact [Steve Brandt](mailto:pilotof5@earthlink.net) at pilotof5@earthlink.net or call at 719-491-0761.



- **“THE BIG GATHERING”! – an Evening of Discipleship, Fellowship, and Ministry at Cornerstone:**

"The Big Gathering" takes place at **5:30-7:30pm on Sunday evenings**.

Here is the structure for each age group:

- **Ages 0-3:** Child Care / Nursery (5:30-7:30pm)
 - This child care will be provided at a reduced cost.
 - This is only available for those in a small group or “Big Gathering” ministry.
 - If you plan to use the **childcare**, please [register online](#).
- **Ages 4-5:** Kinder Choir (5:30-6:30pm) and Game Time (6:30-7:30pm)
 - Kinder Choir:
 - Lindsey Pellet and Desiree Colvin will be leading this. Let them know if you would like to help out.
 - This is open to anyone in the community.
 - Game Time:
 - Snacks and Games. If you would like to participate in this ministry, contact Beth Baxley or Dave Perrin.
 - **This is only available for those in a small group or “Big Gathering” ministry.**
 - If you plan for a child to participate in Game Time, please [register online](#).
- **Grades 1-5:** Kids Choir (5:30-6:30pm) then Kids Club (6:30-7:30pm)
 - Kids Choir:
 - Keri Reed and Sherri Wolf will be leading this. Let them know if you would like to help out.
 - This is open to anyone in the community.
 - Kids Club:
 - Snacks and Games. If you would like to participate in this ministry, contact Beth Baxley or Dave Perrin.
 - **This is only available for those in a small group or “Big Gathering” ministry.**
 - If you plan for a child to participate in Kids Club, please [register online](#).
- **Middle School and High School:** Unified Youth Group (5:30-7:30pm)
 - Here is the approximate schedule:
 - 5:30-6:00 Activities: Multiple options
 - Options created considering the different ages, athletic ability levels, and desires
 - 6:00-6:20 Drinks/Snacks - Socialize
 - 6:20-6:40 Group Teaching Time
 - 6:40-7:15 Small Group Discussion & Prayer – 4 SG's minimum:
 - MS Boys, MS Girls, HS Boys, and HS Girls



▪ 7:15-7:30 Close Meeting/ Play/ Socialize

- **Adults:** Multiple Small Groups and Discipleship Options available (5:30-7:30pm)
 - [Click here](#) for the full list of small groups on Sunday evenings.

- We hope that this provides more opportunity for you and your family to get involved in discipleship, fellowship, and serving.



MISSIONARY UPDATES:

- **Japan Update – Overall Japan Information:**

1. Japan needs the gospel desperately. Japan is now the number #1, largest unreached people group in the world (according to the Joshua Project), #1 in “hikikomori syndrome” (those who shut down emotionally and refuse to leave their room or their house), #1 in sexless marriages (for young couples, up to couples in their forties), and #1 in declining population due to critically low birthrate. Depression is rampant, and we are #2 in suicide rates among the industrialized countries. Pray for a new and powerful working of the Spirit. Pray for more harvest laborers, missionary and Japanese.
2. Rev. Daisuke Kimura has been chosen as the first PCJ church planter to move to the north to plant a church and eventually a presbytery in the disaster hit region. Please pray for God’s leading and provision in this huge new undertaking. Pray for more Japanese church planters for this project. Pray for our MTW Japan partnership with them, and for career as well as short-term missionaries to partner with Daisuke.
3. Continue to pray for our recovery mercy ministry and outreach in Ishinomaki City devastated by the tsunami (a pre tsunami city of 160,000 people). We are working in two areas there. Pray also for church growth in neighboring Sendai City (population 1.4 million, a major city of the northern region).
4. Tokyo / Chiba Team Members – (This is just for Roberta, our missionary in Japan. If you want to see the entire newsletter from MTW Japan, contact the Cornerstone Missions Committee.)
 - a. Roberta Brown (English Outreach Ministry, Oyumino Church, long term)
 1. Praise God that I have been allowed to return to Japan under a probable 3 year term (instead of 4) and will arrive on 10/3. Pray for the logistics of settling in.
 2. Pray that I may re-establish relationships and continually have a focus on deepening them for the glory of Christ’s name.

- **My Special Treasure update** - We are excited about the future for our relationship with MST and to that end we desire to increase our level of relational and financial support through the following plan. Please prayerfully consider join us in this work through Sponsorship. Look for the MST Sponsorship Board in the next weeks. Any questions can be directed to Steve Brandt, pilotof5@earthlink.net.



Announcements:

- **Deadline for Guatemala Mission Trip is Monday, Oct 15.** Don't forget!
- **New Weekly Ballroom Activities:** OUR BALLROOM IS GETTING A WORKOUT! It is getting used more and more. Read about the new weekly activities below.



- **Friday Night Adult Basketball: Starting on Oct. 12th from 7-9 pm**, Cornerstone's "Ballroom" will be open for adult basketball. 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 **Jack Wiley or Beth Baxley** for additional information.
- **Futsal Pick-up Games:** Starting Oct 14 from 4-5:30pm, Cornerstone's Ballroom will be open for competitive Futsal, which is a form of indoor soccer. Contact Drew Savarese if you have questions.
- **Moms & Tots playtime: Starting on Nov 9!!** Moms of little ones, are you interested in an opportunity to get your kids (and yourself!) out and active through the coming cold weather? Or maybe you're just looking for a time of fun and connection with other moms with children. You are welcome to join us in the Ballroom (the new gym) on **Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30** for Active Play. This informal, interactive time will be focused on moms with their preschoolers and toddlers who would like to participate together in having fun, expending energy, and getting the little ones ready for an afternoon nap! Activities could range from learning basic sports ideas, to one-on-one catch with a Nerf ball, to a game of Duck-Duck-Goose. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact **Jen Neubert at rneubert@juno.com or 808.220.2218.**
- **New Keys for the Cornerstone buildings coming soon:** With the addition of the new building, we are getting **new locks installed on ALL doors, to include those on the Sanctuary building.** I wanted to inform all those who regularly access the church building so that you are not left out in the cold... literally. Be looking for news about this soon, since the process for gaining access to the church will be changing slightly. Our intent is to make it nearly as easy as it is now, but get much more accountability. (The new keys will NOT be copy-able.)
- **Forming Coffee Barista Team! CALLING ALL COFFEE LOVERS!** The new Bunn Coffee Brewer is working and the new Air-pots are here! Now it is time to call in all the coffee lovers to help with the Sunday morning Coffee Blessing. Those of us who enjoy coffee or tea during SS are blessed with our new kitchen and the capabilities it holds. If you would like to serve in the capacity of providing this blessing, please sign up with the Body Builders (formerly Team Connect) to either help set up or clean up. Training will be provided. [Click here](#) to sign up online. Joan Heinsohn is currently the POC.



- **Bridal Shower Tea for Kaitlin Shields – Nov 3, 2-4pm @ Cornerstone Hospitality Room (119):**
Come share the joy with Kaitlin by attending a Bridal shower given in her honor of the upcoming marriage to Phillippe Morrisette. Kaitlin & Phillippe are registered at Amazon.com. [Click here](#) to go to their registry.

If you prefer to combine resources and purchase one of the more costly items, please mail a check to Sue Singley @ 45841 Boatner Drive, Great Mills, MD 20634 by October 24. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

- **Youth Events coming soon: Family Corn Maze Outing, Reformation Day Party, MS Retreat...**
- **Join the fun and impact the future:** Each Sunday evening, from 5:30-7:30pm, there is a great opportunity to serve others and have fun with kids. We especially need:
 - **Adult males to join youth small groups.** These small groups will have at least 2 adults as a team to facilitate small group discussion. Dagan provides the outline for discussion – you would just work with your adult partners to help the youth talk about the teaching subject and apply it to their lives. God could use you to have a big impact on someone’s life!
 - **Anyone to play games with 4&5 year olds, or 1st-5th graders.** We will be using the new Ballroom (gym) to play a wide variety of games. Just come and join in the fun!

Worship notes:

Hymn of the Month: “My Jesus I Love Thee”

This beloved hymn, “My Jesus I Love Thee,” which so profoundly expresses the believer’s love and gratitude to Christ, was written by a very young man, named William Ralph Featherston (at times spelled Featherstone). William was born on July 23, 1846 in Montreal, Canada. He was the son of John and Mary Featherston. Ralph's family were all members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Montreal. It has been told that young Featherston penned the words to this lovely hymn at the time of his conversion experience, when he was sixteen years of age. Though information about William Featherston is scarce it is believed that after it was written he sent the text to his aunt Mrs. E. Featherston Wilson living in Los Angeles, she quickly asked for its publication. The original copy of this much loved poem, in the author’s boyish handwriting, is still a cherished treasure in the family. Strangely, however, the hymn text appeared anonymously with a different tune in an English hymnal, The London Hymn Book, published in 1864.

Excerpts from: http://biblestudycharts.com/HH_My_Jesus_I_Love_Thee.html .

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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 redeeming Southern Maryland and the world for Christ.

Mission

We accomplish our vision by:

- Worshipping the triune God
- Growing a loving body
- Multiplying mature and equipped disciples
- Redeeming Southern Maryland and world for Jesus Christ
- Leading others in Christ's kingdom

Core Values

As a church of Jesus Christ, we are a:

- **Gospel-centered.** The gospel, as revealed in God's Word, is the center of who we are and all that we do. It is the truth that through faith in Jesus Christ alone, all of our guilt, shame and unrighteousness is removed and replaced with all of Jesus' beauty and righteousness. Growth in the Christian life occurs the same way that it began: through believing the gospel.
- **Prayer-inspired.** Prayer is essential to the life of a Christian and to the life of a church. Through prayer we commune with God, express our need and dependence upon, align ourselves with God's work, and become empowered by God's Spirit.
- **Kingdom-driven.** God's kingdom has entered history in the person of Jesus Christ to renew the whole world and reconcile all things to himself. The church is God's principle instrument of making the fullness of his coming kingdom a present reality.
- **Incarnate.** God incarnated himself in the person of Jesus so that the world could be reconciled to God and one another. As a church we model the incarnation in manifesting the love and truth of Jesus Christ to Southern Maryland and wherever we serve.
- **Authentic community.** This is a community where Jesus Christ is experienced in his presence and power, where lives are transformed by the gospel through mutual ministry. In gospel-centered community, people come to know and experience his presence in a way that cannot happen individually. This is a community where it is safe to be broken without fear of condemnation, where there is gospel inspired transparency and accountability, and where there is a fertile context for the Holy Spirit to transform lives.

Our Denomination

Cornerstone is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America, an evangelical and Reformed denomination committed to the Lordship of Christ and the proclamation of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Our Firm Foundation

Our beliefs are founded on the authoritative Word of God and are expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. These ancient truths, articulated in the 16th century Reformation, continue to transform lives today.



OUR OFFICE STAFF

- Senior Pastor Walter Nilsson
- Pastor Emeritus Terry Baxley
- Director of Youth Dagan Mayfield
- Director of Ministry Development Dave Perrin
- 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 - Fall 2012

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 19-21, 2012

Cornerstone Missions Conference: TBD, usually in the Spring.

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.

Hands On: Philippians!

Come discover the joy that God brings through Jesus Christ. Through this study of Philippians, you will learn to study God's Word *as* you study God's Word. This format is simple enough for someone who has never opened the Bible and deep enough for those who have studied the Bible their whole lives.

Meets off of the sanctuary foyer in room #202. Led by Esrael Seyum.

Islam

Islam controls about 25% of world population... With careful comparison to Scripture, we are gaining an overview of Muhammad, Islam's teaching and practice, and Muslim culture. We will understand why the god of Islam (Allah) is not I AM/ Lord / Yahweh/ El Shaddai (God Almighty) revealed in the Bible. And we will prepare to take the Gospel to Muslims in America and around the world, understanding that many are born into Muslim life and that leaving Islam to become a Christian can mean death.

Meets just off of the lobby, next to the coffee bar, in rooms #118 & 119. Led by Rich Prevatt.

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 #203. Led by Adam Scott and Chris White.

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Small Group Studies

Sunday Evenings 5:30-7:30PM at Cornerstone.

Youth and children's ministries provided concurrently.

Uprooting Anger

Everyone experiences anger, but few of us handle it in a Christ-centered way or know how to help others biblically. We need something better than our own moral efforts and resolutions if we really want to rid our hearts of deep-rooted anger. In this biblically-based, practical guide to anger management, we will focus on changing the underlying motivations and beliefs of the heart that drive angry behavior. By uprooting these heart problems, we will learn to handle anger and see the fruit of thorough and lasting change.

Meets off of the sanctuary foyer in room #202. Led by Carl and Pam Fahrner (301-862-5235).

GriefShare

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and small group for people who are grieving the death of a loved one. Journey with others through grief as the Lord works to turn your mourning into joy.

Meets off of the sanctuary foyer in room #203. Led by Pr. Walt Nilsson (301-862-5016) and Rich Buckingham (301-994-1951).

Minor Prophets Small Group –

A discussion oriented Bible study of the Minor Prophets with practical application to our lives along with prayer for one another, food and fellowship. *Meets just off of the lobby in room #119. Led by Pr. Terry Baxley (301-737-1920).*

Military Support Small Group

Provided in partnership with Officers' Christian Fellowship, we will strive to **unite Christian officers for biblical fellowship and outreach, and to equip and encourage them to minister effectively in the military society.** *We consider authentic biblical fellowship essential for individual growth and the advancement of God's Kingdom within the military. If you are connected to the military, past or present, consider joining us.*

Meets across the hall from the Ballroom in room #117. Contact Steve Brandt (719-491-0761) or Christa Dittmar (301-690-2483).

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Small Group Studies

Throughout the week

A Praying Life

We will learn how to connect the broken pieces of your life and allow prayer—even poorly delivered—to fill the gaps with meaning and substance. This down-to-earth approach and the practical nature of this study invite you into a deeper relationship with God and stronger communication with Him.

Meets **Wednesday** nights at 7PM at the Prucha's home. Contact Gerry Murphy (410-326-1232) for more information.

Women's Study: The Promised One

Join us as we grow together by supporting one another and studying how the book of Genesis points forward to Jesus. This study provides a fresh look at the book of Genesis, leading readers in discovering how its stories, symbols, people, and promises point to Christ.

Meets **Wednesdays** starting September 19th from 9:30-11:00AM just off of the lobby in room #120. Childcare is provided. Contact Holly Nilsson (240-431-9235) for more information.

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.

Young Adult Ministry in Southern MD - "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.

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MINISTRIES

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English as a Second Language (ESL)	Sarah Black	240 237 8400
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Three Oaks Homeless Shelter	Walt Nilsson	301 862 5016
WARM	Tony Bowie	301 848 1088
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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

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Youth Ministry Team	Dagan Mayfield	301 862 5016
Children Ministry Team	Beth Baxley	301 737 1920
Nursery Ministry Team	Elizabeth Buckingham	240 317 5749

Growing a Loving Body

Visitor Hospitality	Heather Harris	240 237 8223
Fellowship Ministry Team	Frank and Joan Heinsohn	240 237 8542
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New Moms	Barb Buckingham	301 994 1951
Sick	Sue Dugan	301 373-5566
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Prayer Chain	Sue Singley	301 863 4504

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Greeter Ministry	Gretchen Thomas	240 434 6165

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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:

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

Website:

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