

# CORNERSTONE CONNECT

## *Looking At What's Ahead*

Get Ready To "Slow Down & Look Up"

In Isaiah 30, God's people are trying to figure out what's ahead for them. The Prophet Isaiah tells them:

*"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. <sup>16</sup> You said, 'No, we will flee on horses.' Therefore you will flee [because of your enemies] . . . Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!" (Isaiah 30:15-16, 18)*

In this passage Isaiah warns the people to slow down and wait on God for the answers they need. Yet, just like us, instead of slowing down and waiting on God's answers, they rush ahead and come up with their own answers.

I believe God is saying the same thing to us and our community, *"Slow down and look up at Me instead of rushing ahead and trying to make your own solutions to problems I already have a far better answer for."*

In the month ahead, you'll be hearing new ways we can slow down, seek God, and find His answers together.

## **OUR VALUES**

*WE GROW DISCIPLES WHO*

**WE HONOR ALWAYS  
AS WE KEEP IT REAL  
TO KEEP GROWING  
AND STAY CONNECTED  
WHILE WE CONNECT ONE MORE**

## **OUR MISSION**

*WE GROW DISCIPLES WHO*

**LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER  
LEAD OTHERS TO JESUS**

## **OUR PRIORITIES**

*WE GROW DISCIPLES THROUGH OUR*

**DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY  
SMALL GROUPS  
SPIRIT-LED SERVICES  
BILINGUAL MINISTRIES  
MINISTRY TEAMS  
NEXT GENERATION**



## SPANISH MINISTRY

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Que este Verano en el Espíritu sea una oportunidad para crecer en la fe, vivir en el amor y fortalecer la vida familiar bajo la guía del Espíritu Santo.

**8/20 Entrenamiento de Liderato ME | 7:00pm | SC**

**8/23 Dia Familiar/Min. de Mujeres Hisp. | 12:00am |  
Twin Lakes State Park**

**(Mie) La Sinopsis de la Biblia c/interp. | 7:00pm**



## SMALL GROUPS

Pastor Kenny Mason  
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Thinking about leading a small group this fall? Leader Training is required for all new groups and first-time leaders. Don't miss it!

**(Su) 9/14 SG Leader Training | 11:00 AM | Room 111**

### ***Weekly Summer Small Groups***

**(Th) The Creators Forum | 6:30 PM | Room 111**

Got a story to tell? Join our writers' small group every 2nd & 4th Thursday and start writing with purpose!

**(F) Pickleball | 6:30 PM | Cornerstone Parking Lot**

Open to all skill levels for great connection and movement!



## CORNERSTONE KIDS

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Our PreK kids are blasting off on a space adventure to discover God's big love—"To the Moon and Back"! Meanwhile, our elementary kids are diving into "Our Origin Story with God", learning how God gives us purpose and identity.

### **(Su) 8/17 Move Up Sunday**

This is the time of year when the kids will move to their new classes for the year!

### **(W) 8/27 Glow Back to School | 6:45 PM**

Join us for our Glow Back to School Party!



## VERTICAL YOUTH

Pastor Edgar Ruiz  
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This month, we'll be taking what God did this Summer and pouring it back into your campus. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:45pm and Sundays at 9:15am to learn what it means to be a Campus Missionary.

### **(S) 8/2 VA Beach Trip | 10:00 AM**

Join us for a time of fun and fellowship at VA Beach

### **(Su) 8/3 Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families Lunch | Sanctuary**

Do you have a rising 6th grade student? Join us for a lunch to get to know you and for you to get to know us.

### **(W) 8/20 Back To School Service | 6:30 PM**

This is our MOVE UP SERVICE for Rising 6th graders.



## PARENT MINISTRY

Director Sara Franco

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Let's finish strong with our Summer in the Spirit as families and keep meeting together and sharing life as the family of God! Here are some ways you can do that:

**(T) 8/5 Mom/Kids Walk | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | Maymont!**

See Parent Cue for details!

**(Th) 8/14 Faith & Family Night | 6:30 PM | Squirrels Stadium**

As always, stay connected to Next Gen events on the Parent Cue app!

# 2025 **THE BIBLE RECAP** cornerstone group

Jump in and join us as we continue our journey through the Bible in 2025! Here are the dates we start different books on our journey through the entire Bible this month:

August 4<sup>th</sup> - Nahum

August 6<sup>th</sup> - Zephaniah

August 7<sup>th</sup> - Jeremiah

August 20<sup>th</sup> - Habakkuk

August 25<sup>th</sup> - Lamentations

August 27<sup>th</sup> - Ezekial

**Scan the QR code to join our Bible Recap Facebook Group** with the daily reflection videos.





## YOUNG ADULTS

Pastor Kenny Mason

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This August, let's keep experiencing Summer in the Spirit together! YA Sunday Social is a space to connect and build community! Join us **every 4th Sunday in Room 111** for brunch and fellowship.

### **YA (Ages 18-24)**

#### **(Su) YA Sunday Social | August 24th | 12:30 | Room 111**

Join us to connect, build friendships, and grow together over a light brunch.

#### **(W) YA Night | 7PM | Room 111**

Join us weekly as we dive into the book "Benefit of Doubt" this summer.

### **YA PLUS (Ages 25-30)**

#### **(F) Carytown Hangout | August 15th | 5PM | Carytown**

Let's Fellowship with each other over food and dessert at Carytown.



## SENIOR MINISTRY

Donna Angone

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We can't wait to spend time in fellowship this month! We hope to see you at either or both of our events!

#### **(W) 8/6 First Wednesday Prayer | 12:00 PM | Room 111**

#### **(M) 8/11 Movie Matinee | 2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

#### **(W) 8/20 Senior Luncheon | 11:30 AM | Fellowship Hall**

# TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP

**— TODAY —**

WELCOME LUNCH

SMALL GROUPS

MEMBERSHIP DINNER

MINISTRY TEAMS

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



## FINANCES

Tracy Hartman

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Do you want to learn some practical tips on how to bring God's order and blessing to your finances? Consider attending our next Financial Peace University class. It will be held Wednesdays 6:45PM-8:00PM at Cornerstone September 17-November 12. If you are interested, email [thartman@cornerstone.ag](mailto:thartman@cornerstone.ag)

Are you traveling this summer and want to ensure that your summer travels do not impede your giving, scan the QR code to set up recurring giving online.



“My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:19





## BUILDING & TECHNOLOGY

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### Use Caution With Beverages!

Please be sure that any beverages in the sanctuary or classrooms have lids or are in enclosed containers. If there is a spill, please notify a staff member so we can clean it up before it dries. Let's be good stewards of the building God has given us. Thank you for your help!



## MISSIONS

Pastor Shawn Franco  
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As we move into the fall season, I want to encourage you to mark your calendars for **Chester Fest on Saturday, September 27th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Chester Village Green.**

This annual outreach event is a great opportunity for us to live out our mission right here in our community. Our Evangelism Team will be hosting a booth, inviting our community to slow down and look up.

If you would like to be part of this outreach, contact Pastor Kenny at [Kenny.mason@cornerstone.ag](mailto:Kenny.mason@cornerstone.ag) and get connected with our Evangelism Team!

Let's continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community!

## MINISTRY TOURS

Every 4th Sunday | 9:15 AM | Room 111

We would love for YOU to join us on the next Ministry Tour on **Sunday, August 24**. This is a great opportunity to see and hear the heart of each ministry at Cornerstone as you are seeking a place to serve in His Kingdom!



## SUMMER HANGOUTS

Summer 2025



This summer, let's do life together, one hangout at a time! We're inviting you to host a casual summer hangout with your Cornerstone friends and family. Whether it's a backyard BBQ, beach day, park picnic, or game night, the idea is simple: spend time together and make memories.

Don't forget to snap a photo, tag us on social media, and use #SummerHangouts so we can celebrate all the summer fun together!

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

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Join us for Men's Movie Night—food, fun, and fellowship. It's more than a movie; it's about building brotherhood and reminding each other we're not alone.

**(Sa) 8/22 Movie Night | 7PM | Cornerstone**

### ***Men's Small Groups***

**(W) Morning Bible Study | 6:00 AM | Off-Campus**

Join us as we study God's Word, verse-by-verse.

**(Tu) Play the Man | 7:00 PM | Room 210**

Be inspired to embrace your God-given roles and purpose with clarity and courage.

## **LABOR DAY OUTDOOR SERVICE**

11801 Center St. Chester, VA 23831

Join us for our Annual Outdoor Service!

**We'll be gathering at 10:00 AM on the Chester Village Green for a special time of worship, community, and the Word as we celebrate all God has done!**

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and pop-up tents, as we gather to lift up the name of Jesus together in the heart of our community.

# SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Every Saturday, Jun. 7<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> | 5:00-9:00pm

We invite you to join us in the sanctuary **every Saturday evening through August 16th between 5:00-9:00 PM** for a powerful time of prayer and seeking God together as a church family.

Each week will be led by one of our pastors, elders, or ministry leaders, bringing a unique and intentional rhythm to every gathering. This will be a time to seek the Lord for what He desires to do not only on Sunday mornings but also in the greater story He's writing for Cornerstone in the weeks and months ahead.

Whether you can stay for the whole evening or just part of it, we encourage you to come with open hearts, ready to press into God's presence and to pray with expectancy.

Let's come together as one church family, trusting that God will move in powerful ways as we seek Him first.

## WELCOME LUNCH

Sunday, August 3



## GET CONNECTED

Connection Card

