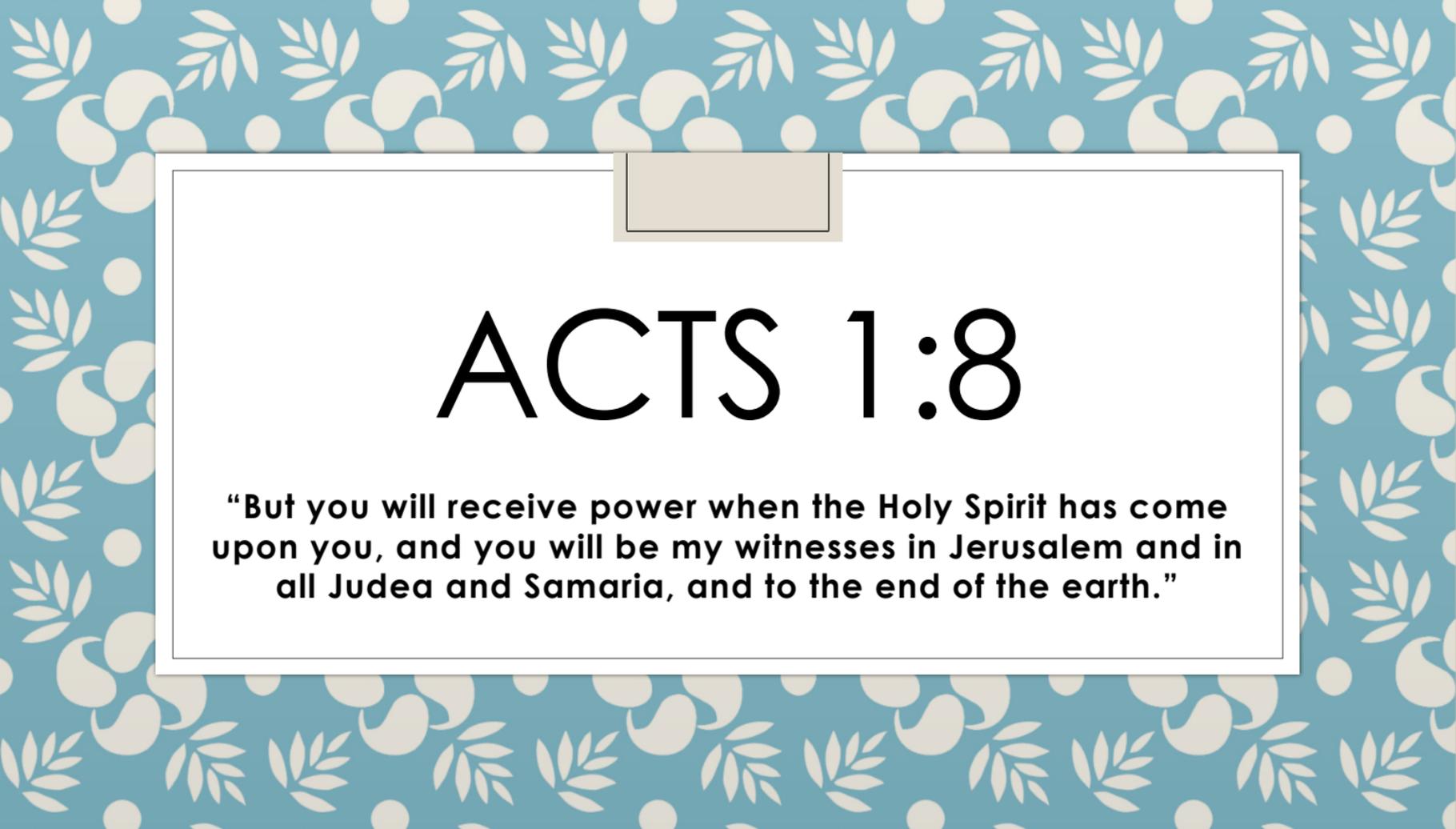




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2021 Ministry Report



ACTS 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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2021: A Year in Review

2021 was a year of moving forward together. Pastor Billy concluded his Acts sermon series: God's mission, God's power, and God's people, reminding us that Jesus is still at work in His church today.



We returned briefly to the book of Acts at the end of this year for the Acts 1:8 challenge: praying for 3 unbelieving friends with whom we hope to share the hope of the gospel. We desire to see all of our members delighting to share their faith where they live, work, and play.



2021: A Year in Review

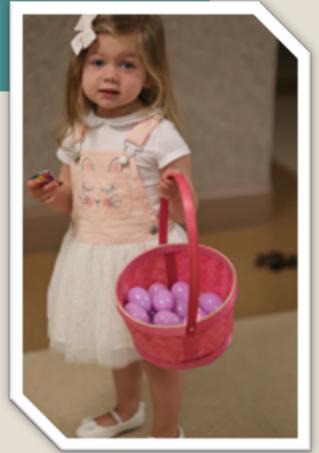


In April, we launched our new 5-year vision with the Transformed sermon series:
How the love of God changes us.

Our worship service began opening with people from various ministries of the church reciting our new vision statement:
To see the love of God transform people into mature disciples of Jesus Christ who love God above all else and who sacrificially love others.

2021: A Year in Review

Two Easter egg hunts in April brought in over 120 children, including children from ESL, Mighty Writers, and Monte de Sion, a Spanish-speaking congregation who began sharing our building in January!



2021: A Year in Review

We were also thankful to have Monte de Sion's help with our annual spring cleanup.



A summer sermon series on the Lord's Prayer taught us about the importance of prayer.

2021: A Year in Review



On September 19th, we had a Back to Church Sunday celebration which gathered our highest attendance of the year up to that point, with the participation of Monte de Sion.

A delicious lunch of fried chicken, spiral ham, mac-n-cheese, and potluck desserts and fruit was enjoyed both inside and outside.

A corn hole tournament, inflatables, and Holly Prescott's amazing balloon talents followed.



2021: A Year in Review



That Sunday also kicked off the Romans 12 sermon series: In View of God's Mercy.

For the remainder of the fall, we focused on the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity who dwells within us and causes rivers of living water to flow through our hearts.



2021: A Year in Review



2021 was also a year of moving forward with realignment of our staff and new hires.

Kate Riera, our very first Women's Ministry Director, was hired to stabilize leadership in one of our most successful ministries.

As the church reopened and childcare needs expanded, Hannah Detweiler came on board to help coordinate this.



2021: A Year in Review

Laura Hubbard transitioned into a dedicated Administrative Assistant for Family Ministries, and Gretchen Strumbeck, Cornerstone's first Administrative Assistant, returned to the office, freeing up Business Administrator Danica Jarrell to focus more time on Facility Use and overseeing Building Maintenance.



Our maintenance staff also changed with Bruce Kaufman coming on board as our Maintenance Tech and Julia Reynolds as a Gardener and Custodian.

2021: A Year in Review



We have also been blessed with many visitors in 2021 and the Welcoming Ministry was revamped this year. A newly redecorated Coffee Cave opened in the fall and Keurig machines were introduced in the Education Wing.

We desire to see people of all life stages and backgrounds being welcomed, listened to, and enriching our worship and other areas of ministry.

The elders and deacons have been thinking more strategically about leadership development as we desire to see our members equipped and actively serving in a manner that fits their unique calling.



2021: A Year in Review

2021 was also a year of moving forward with our Global Ministry partners. God moved within our congregation to help Isaac Shaw meet a great need for COVID oxygenators in India through a special offering of over \$25,000.



Another special offering was taken for a much needed well in Gulu, Uganda, where our very own Robin Thomas first shared the Gospel and over time has established a vibrant ministry there.

Two new missionary families are being added in 2022.

2021: A Year in Review



We hope as you look through this report, you will celebrate what the Lord has been doing in our midst, view plans for the upcoming year, pray through the prayer requests, and if you are not currently plugged in, find a place to grow and serve!

Pastor Billy and Pastor Dave



Life Groups

Ministry Leader: Pastor Dave Phillips
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Description of the ministry:

Life Groups are family-friendly small groups of 8-25 people who meet regularly to CONNECT in a nurturing relationship with one another, GROW in a transforming relationship with Jesus and other believers, and SERVE others with the unique gifts He distributes to His family. Life Groups are geographically based and longer-term than other small groups. Most of these groups meet formally every other week as a large group but share life together with the goal of becoming a spiritual family. Groups meet across the tri-state area and a couple groups meet virtually.



Leaders and their roles:

Fifteen different Life Groups met over the course of 2021 with the following leaders:

- Kurt and Anne Marie Niehaus
- Keith Green and Rick Witmeyer
- Dave and Ginny Phillips
- Kevin and Jen Smith & Seth and Jill Watts
- Greg and Sandy Baker
- George and Gail Pauley
- Billy and Laura Haines
- Richard and Beth Rush
- Dan and Sue Smith
- Chris Thomas and Tom MacAulay
- Andy and Jeab Webber
- José and Kate Riera
- Marsh and Eileen Williams
- Rob and Amy Gregory

Review of the year:

Over the course of the year, many life groups transitioned from virtual meetings to meeting in person again. Many of the groups used Pastor Billy's blog and sermon discussion questions to guide their groups. Others studied different books of the Bible or books focused on Christian living application. Testimonies have been encouraged this past year, both how people met Christ and how the Lord is working through us to love our neighbors. Several groups participated in service projects such as Good Neighbors, Urban Promise, Thomas Charities, and helping members in their group.

Prayer requests:

- That those who attend would find at least one meaningful, transparent relationship and carry one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2).
- That we would be a safe place where the brokenness in our lives can be revealed to others without fear of judgment or gossip.
- That we would become outstanding at inviting, knowing, loving, and following up with new people coming to church.

Contact:

Go to cornerstonepca.com/life-groups/ to see meeting times and locations of groups.



Adult Sunday School

Ministry Leader: Pastor Dave Phillips
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Description of the ministry:

Adult Sunday School classes fall under our Discipleship Ministries, which aim to see increasing numbers of our members and regular attenders growing in faith and obedience so that we would become more like the Master, Jesus Christ, loving God above all else and sacrificially loving others. As part of our 5-year vision, the Discipleship Focus Team is in the midst of planning a 3-year adult Sunday School curriculum offering classes centering around our 3 strategy areas: Worship (Bible book studies and theology), Grow (Christian living application), and Serve (a faith that is shared).

Leaders and their roles:

Fall Session:

Greg Baker and Seth Watts (Parenting)

George Pauley and team (Cornerstone's Mission, Vision, and the Spiritual Disciplines)

Dave Phillips and Dan Smith Sr. (Biblical-Theological Intro to the New Testament - The Epistles)

Billy Haines (Newcomer Gathering)

Review of the year:

Due to COVID-19, we had no classes in 2021 until the fall. As part of our vision to equip parents to disciple their children and pray with them daily, we offered a Parenting class based on Paul Tripp's book, *Parenting — 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family*. Testimonies from seasoned parents were a highlight. Our Newcomer Gathering with Pastor Billy transitioned into a membership class that was well attended.

Plans for the upcoming year:

This coming winter we are planning men's and women's classes on Christian living application, as well as a wrap-up winter session overview of the New Testament fall class. Our new 3-year planning for Adult Sunday School will allow both the congregation and staff to plan in advance for the ways in which they can be involved. This structure will allow everyone to be aware of what is coming, and to see over the span of years how our adult classes tie into the greater Cornerstone strategy of Worship, Grow, and Serve.



Prayer requests:

- Pray for our teachers as they prepare, that the Holy Spirit would give them insight into His Word and that they would lead by example.
- Pray that each attendee will grow closer to Christ and be better equipped to love God and their neighbors.
- Pray that we would think biblically about the relevant issues of our day and not be conformed to this world but transformed by the renewal of our minds.
- Pray that our classes would welcome people of all life stages and all backgrounds.

Men's Ministry

Ministry Leader: Pastor Dave Phillips
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Description of the ministry:

Men's Ministry at Cornerstone exists to disciple every man in our congregation from adolescence up and to move them into a closer walk with God and a deeper relationship with other men that they might fulfill the Bible's vision of manhood.



Leaders and their roles:

Men's Committee:
Bob Mercer
Dave Phillips
Gary Seydell
Craig Weaver

To connect with a small group, contact
Pastor Dave.

Review of the year:

- Ten “Heart of a Leader in Crisis” small groups were formed based on materials from the Wellspring Group, helping around 40 men learn important biblical leadership skills, particularly while facing the challenges of 2021. While it was designed as a 6-week group experience, many of the groups have continued for fellowship and prayer. One young dad commented, “This is the deepest small group I’ve been a part of.”
- Fall Retreat Weekend (80 men). Four other churches joined us at Black Rock Retreat in September where speaker and author Dr. Gary Yagel shared on the theme of “Forging Bonds of Brotherhood.” We heard testimonies from Crossroads PCA in Middletown, DE and Fair Hill Church in Elkton, MD, as well as our own Chris Thomas. Gary Seydell and Craig Weaver led us in song along with Pastor Dave Dorst from CenterPoint PCA. Ultimate frisbee, laser tag, and volleyball rounded things out. Extended times for small groups allowed us to get to know one another on a deeper level. As one participant said, “Small groups were a special time - very helpful to have that intentional time to deepen relationships among brothers within one's church community.” One attender summed up the retreat: “...a wonderful opportunity to build fellowship and pursue strong relationships that can edify our relationship with our Lord and our walks.”

Plans for the upcoming year:

- A winter men’s Sunday School class, “Best of 33: The Series” is being planned. This class will address the topics: a man and his design, story, traps, work, marriage, and fatherhood.
- We have already booked Black Rock Retreat for September 23-25, 2022. Mark your calendars!

Prayer requests:

- That every man at Cornerstone finds a mature believer in their life with whom they are sharing their journey.
- That more men’s small groups would form.
- For our men to reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously, and invest eternally.

Women's Ministry

Ministry Leader: Kate Riera
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Description of the ministry:

As a women's ministry, we seek to equip and encourage women to reflect the character of God in all arenas of life, including the church.



Review of the year:

- Women's Bible study groups met in the morning, afternoon, or evening throughout the first half of 2021 both in person and on Zoom.
- The PCA annual Women's Leadership Training conference was offered virtually this year enabling approximately 30 women from Cornerstone to attend. We held Zoom and in-person events to view and discuss the training material together in the early spring.
- A new small group, called "After the Boxes are Unpacked," was held for 8 weeks. It focused on women who recently moved and was an opportunity to reach out to the community and newer women to the church.
- An in-person Summer Bible study on the women in Jesus' genealogy met in June and July in conjunction with the PCA Women's Ministry. Also in July, a women's fellowship night was held to enable women to connect again in person after so long apart. Around 30 women attended each Bible Study and the Fellowship Event.
- Fall Bible study returned for 8 weeks on Thursday mornings, studying Galatians, and included options for childcare. Art class and study hall were offered for home-schooled students during that time. Evening Bible study on John met during Wednesday night activities in the fall, also for 8 weeks.
- In October we completed a service project of collecting items for college care packages and then packing them with handwritten notes and scripture cards. These were mailed or given to 50 college students associated with Cornerstone, including many who attend from the University of DE.
- Titus 2 Connect groups met monthly throughout the year. Several groups finished their first three-year term and decided to continue to meet for a fourth year. There were 7-8 groups meeting this past year with around 45 women participating.
- The Women's Ministry Prayer Team (12 women) met bi-monthly to pray for each woman of Cornerstone over the course of a calendar year, making sure to add any new members and regular attenders to the rotation of those being prayed for.
- The Women's Ministry Team (11 women) met bi-monthly throughout the year to plan, prepare, and pray for the guidance of Women's Ministry activities and initiatives.
- A new fall event, "Praise, Prayer, and Pie" night brought 20 women together to join in focused praise and prayer for our country, missionaries, community, and church.
- For the Christmas Season 42 women met together for a Christmas Fellowship event which included singing carols, hearing from a few speakers, crafts, and treats. We also served the women in the church with God's love through our Christmas Blessings.

Plans for the upcoming year:

- We are excited to be planning for a weekend Women's Retreat on March 11-13, 2022, at Black Rock Retreat Center. PCA recommended speaker, Melynda Boyce, will be sharing from Colossians.
- We plan to send two women to the annual Women's Leadership Training run nationally by the PCA Women's Ministry.
- Women's morning and evening Bible studies will continue throughout the year with spring and fall studies as well as shorter summer studies.
- There will be a women's Sunday School class during the Winter Sunday school session.
- We are planning for additional events such as seasonal women's fellowship opportunities every few months throughout the year including outdoor hikes and service opportunities.
- Titus 2 groups will continue to meet monthly with new groups opening in March, and other targeted small group opportunities will also be available such as groups for those who have recently moved.

Prayer requests:

- For the Lord to continue to sustain us in ministry to women during these transitional and still stressful times of living through the COVID pandemic.
- That our Women's Ministry would be a safe place for hurting women to share burdens and find hope.
- For God to strengthen our relationships with Him and with each other as sisters in Christ.
- That God would affirm and enable gifted women to lead well.
- That all Cornerstone women would understand and embrace the beauty and freedom of God's divine design for us as His daughters.

Leaders and their roles:

Women's Ministry Team:

Nancy Brower, Sara Hagerty, Jamie Irwin, Michelle Llorens, Erika Macartney, Stacie Maucher, Becky Mercer, Ginny Phillips, Kate Riera, Jill Watts, and Jane Anne Wilson.

Many Cornerstone women serve as facilitators for our Women's Bible Studies, Titus 2 Connect and other small groups, on the Women's Prayer Team, and in other capacities in Women's Ministry.



Shepherding Associates

Ministry Leaders: Jamie Irwin
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Description of the ministry:

Shepherding Associates work with Elders (including Pastors) and Deacons to bring spiritual care to women in difficulty. Shepherding Associates have completed a full year of training and are skilled listeners with the ability to ask good questions and apply biblical principles to life experience. They are recognized as demonstrating the spiritual gifts of mercy, wisdom, and discernment. A woman might engage the assistance of a Shepherding Associate by her own request or through the recommendation of pastoral staff, ministry leaders, or a friend.

Review of the year:

- Shepherding associates have ministered to 7 women throughout the year in a formal capacity.
- Shepherding associates have met for quarterly training to discuss topics related to ministering to women in difficulty.

Leaders and their roles:

Jamie Irwin: Shepherding Associate Facilitator

Shepherding Committee: Pastor Dave Phillips (Chair), Elders Seth Watts and Marsh Williams, Linda Comyns, Jamie Irwin, and Jane Anne Wilson

Prayer requests:

- That our shepherding associates' ministry would be a safe place for hurting women to share their burdens and find hope.
- For God to strengthen our relationship with Him as we seek to listen well, speak the truth in love, and continually point our sisters-in-Christ to the One in whom hope is found.

Cornerstone Cares

Ministry Leader: Nancy Brower
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Description of the ministry:

Cornerstone Cares is a support group which provides a scheduled meeting time twice a month for caregivers of loved ones with physical, mental, or emotional situations or needs.

Attendees are given opportunity to pray, listen, and speak about their own feelings and experiences in caregiving (past or present) in a receptive, respectful environment without judgment and with confidentiality.

This type of sharing often helps caregivers in long term situations to unburden fears and doubt and gain fresh insights and encouragement from others.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month in the church library from 6:00-7:30pm unless otherwise noted in the church bulletin.

Leaders and their roles:

Presently, Nancy Brower facilitates discussion by focusing participants on God's promises in the Psalms with prayer, then affording each one an opportunity to share their story, both the bitter and the sweet.

Occasionally the facilitator presents topics relevant to certain aspects of caregiving as members present the desire or indicate a need for it.

Review of the year:

Our first meeting was on September 22, 2021, so the group is quite young! We have had a total of 3 meetings so far ranging from 2 to 5 attendees and their participation has been amazingly open and often encouraging to one another.

Plans for the upcoming year:

My hope is to continue what has begun with an eye toward eventually sharing facilitator responsibilities with any who are interested and equipped to guide our precious caregivers through their challenging journeys.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for an atmosphere of Christian love and acceptance, an optimal environment for caregivers to come, lay down their burdens, and be cared for by others in similar circumstances.
- Pray that God will bring the hurting, the tired, and those with valuable caregiving experience together to form a resourceful and supportive group.

Revolution and UTX

Ministry Leader: Tim Malone
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Description of the ministry:

Revolution is our high school ministry at Cornerstone. Our hope is to know individuals on a personal basis as we seek to teach them about the good news of Jesus Christ, and to encourage them to live out that good news. We have many opportunities to build relationships with Jesus, other teens, and caring adults. Some of our opportunities include regular meetings, small groups, mission trips, retreats, and fun events. Our regular meetings are on the first and third Sundays of each month from 6:30-8:30pm. Sunday school meets each Sunday from 9:00-9:45am.

Under the Cross (UTX) is Cornerstone's middle school ministry for 6th-8th graders. Our goal is to connect students with Jesus and with one another through activities, Bible teachings, small group discussions, and special events. Our motto is "Be Known and Know Him" and we provide ample opportunities to do both. We meet on the first and third Fridays of each month from 7:00-9:00pm. Sunday school meets each Sunday from 9:00-9:45am. Rob and Amy Gregory are the teachers of this class which includes donuts, game time, teaching time, and small group discussion.

Leaders and their roles:

Director: Tim Malone

Revolution Leaders: Scott Clark, Karen Fenster, Julie Malone, Kayla Weaver, Ethan Reyle, Elizabeth Patrick, Tamara Tilton, Bobby Hagerty, Sara Hagerty, and Jimmy Comyns.

UTX Leaders: Cayla Coar, Bryan Vasecka, Andy Webber, Matt Blair, Mitchell Smith, Amy Gregory, Rob Gregory, Will Irwin, Ryan Steinmetz, Julia Watts, Mei Smith, Kelly Wittman, Dan Smith Jr. (Smitty), and Daveon Wheeler.

Summer Interns: Elizabeth Patrick, Matt Scheidt, Bryson Morgan, and Amanda Quesenberry.

UTX Review of the year:

The year 2021 in student ministry was much more normal than our 2020. By God's grace we were able to run our program throughout the year with only minor limitations. Our winter schedule mainly consisted of meetings and small groups led by Amy Gregory and Tim. The girls defeated the guys in our winter competition and are patiently awaiting their reward. Springtime included a special night of bumper balls soccer! Summer is always special for UTX. Our middle school interns Bryson Morgan and Amanda Quesenberry provided a variety of events as well as leading UTX small groups. The highlight of our summer was Victory Jam – a retreat for middle school students at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference. It is an amazing week of fun and God and good conversations! The summer ended with our trip to Guppy Gulch and our special night of our 8th grade good-bye. We welcomed the new 6th graders in September and kicked it off with a night of laser tag and a bonfire. Our highlight in the fall is always our Reality Factor retreat, and this year was even more exciting as this was the first one for both our 6th and 7th graders. Even the cold, wet weather didn't stop us from having a good time! This fall also saw a return to UTX Sunday school and donuts, taught again this year by the fabulous duo of Rob and Amy Gregory. In addition, Andy Webber and Amy Gregory led our boys' and girls' small groups on Wednesday evenings this fall. Along with the Gregorys and Andy, Kelly Wittman, Dan Smith Jr. (Smitty) and Daveon Wheeler are a part of our amazing UTX leadership team. We also have many high school students serving as UTX leaders. Last year included Nicki Wittman, Anna Beth Mercer, Cayla Coar, and Amie Malone for the girls. This year we have added Julia Watts and Mei Smith, and Cayla has returned for another year. Our guy leaders include Bryan Vaseka, Mitchell Smith, Matt Blair, Will Irwin, and Ryan Steinmetz. These student leaders add energy and excitement to UTX! My personal highlight is being a part of all of this – getting to know our middle school students, enjoying our high school students leading in this ministry, and partnering with the adult volunteers to live and teach the gospel! It is a blessing and a privilege!





Revolution Review of the year:

The year 2021 in student ministry was much more normal than our 2020. By God's grace we were able to run our program throughout the year with only minor limitations (this sentence may sound familiar!). We did have to cancel our winter retreat in February, but this retreat was rescheduled to an upper classman retreat in April which focused on the theme of growing your faith after high school. We were able to resume our small group meetings in the spring. These included a guy's group on Rethinking Sexuality led by Ethan Reyle, a girl's group on Never Enough led by Tamara Tilton and Rachel Neale, and a coed group on 1 Peter led by Tim and Julie Malone. Our highlight event of the spring was an all-nighter led by our student leaders. Summer began with another adjustment. This was the year for our overseas mission trip, but it had to be postponed. However, we were able to serve at Joni and Friends, a camp for families who have a special needs child or adult. Summer was also full of activities led by our high school interns, Matt Scheidt and Elizabeth Patrick. The highlight of our summer was Big Beach Weekend – a retreat for high school students at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference. We said goodbye to our seniors in August and then kicked off the fall with a retreat for our Student Leadership Team which involves 16 of our students from 10th-12th grade. Our fall has included regular meetings and a small group opportunity using the *See Jesus* curriculum. We have also been diving into the topic of Christian Sexuality on Sunday mornings, addressing both the cultural and biblical views on this topic.

We have many dedicated volunteers who make this ministry great. Serving with us in 2021 were Tamara Tilton, Karen Fenster, Rachel Neale, Kayla Weaver, Sara Hagerty, Julie Malone, Scott Clark, Ethan Reyle, Mark Fenster, Jimmy Comyns, and Bobby Hagerty. My personal highlight of the year is not a single event or meeting, but just being a part of students' lives as they grow and mature in their faith and character. It is truly a blessing and a privilege!

Prayer requests:

- Pray our students would know the love of Jesus and would grow in their faith so that they would want to honor him with the choices they make every day.
- Pray for our leaders as they come alongside the students that they would have great wisdom and compassion as they point students to Jesus.



Children's Church

Ministry Leader: Jen Smith
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Description of the ministry:

The goal of Children's Church is to help our covenant children mature in their understanding of and participation in our Sunday morning worship service. This goal is partially accomplished by teaching the scriptures in an age-appropriate manner with increasing understanding as children move from the 3's & 4's to K-2nd grade to 3rd grade classes. Children worship with their parents until the start of the sermon. At that time, parents have the option to dismiss their children to one of the three classes where they hear a lesson on the same Scripture passage/topic being preached by Pastor Billy.

Leaders and their roles:

There are roughly twenty-two adults and fifteen teens who lead these classes on a rotating basis. Three adults and three teen helpers are needed each week for Children's Church to be fully staffed.

Review of the year:

Due to lower numbers and COVID restrictions, there was only one Children's Church class offered from January through August. This class was for three-year-olds through third grade. Quite an age range! Children followed along with the Acts and Lord's Prayer sermon series. We also spent time talking about the Lent Discipleship Challenge verses, Romans 8:28-39.

When we started back this fall, our numbers were greatly increasing, and thus, there are now three classes: 3's & 4's, kindergarten through second grade, and third grade. Children in the 3's and 4's class hear a review of their Sunday School lesson and are learning the first three Kids' Catechism questions. Children in kindergarten through third grade are learning about the Holy Spirit and memorizing catechism questions six through nine.

All classes will be hearing Christmas lessons during the Advent season.

One of the goals of Children's Church is to give families the opportunity to discuss the Scriptures together. Parents and children are hearing the same passage each Sunday, so there can be ease in sharing what each person learned.



Plans for the upcoming year:

Beginning in January the focus of Children's Church will be learning catechism questions and answers. The third graders will spend a few weeks in the spring talking about the overall structure and flow of our worship services. They will be graduating from Children's Church and staying in the entire service beginning in June.

Prayer requests:

- For the Lord to draw the children to Himself through the teaching of His Word. For the Word to continue to take deep root in their hearts and souls.
- We are always looking for more rotating teachers to teach the "coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord..." Psalm 78:4. Teaching in Children's Church is a beautiful way to worship the Lord on a Sunday morning.

Children's Sunday School

Ministry Leader: Jen Smith
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Description of the ministry:

Children's Sunday School is the formal teaching aspect within Children's Ministry for children three years old through fifth grade. The goal is to teach our covenant children foundational truths about God and the Bible. We want our children to understand the redemptive story of Scripture.

Leaders and their roles:

We did not offer Sunday School until September 2021. Our current teachers are:

- 3-year-olds through kindergarten– Sue Smith, Don Morgan, and Rachel White
- 1st through 3rd Grades – Michelle Llorens and Wendy Small
- 4th & 5th Grades – Lois McGhee and Richard Rush

Review of the year:

Sunday School is back! It has been so encouraging to see full classrooms of children! Three-year-olds through third graders are continuing to use Great Commission Publication materials. They are the main publisher for our denomination. The materials are reformed and biblically solid.

Richard and Lois are leading the fourth and fifth graders through *Understanding the Faith* by Stephen Smallman. This is an excellent age-appropriate workbook for teaching the truths of our faith based on the Westminster Shorter Catechism. In addition, students who take the class will talk about church membership and the sacraments. Completion of the book gives students the opportunity to become a member.



Plans for the upcoming year:

We will continue with our normal schedule through May 2022 and then will take a break for the summer. Sunday School will resume again in September 2022.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for our children to grow in the knowledge and love of our Savior.
- Pray for our teachers to have energy, enthusiasm, and wisdom as they teach.
- Pray for good connections between the children and teachers.

Boys' LIFE

Ministry Leader: Rob Gregory
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Description of the ministry:

The purpose of Boys' LIFE is to build strong relationships between men, boys, and Christ. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." This is a children and men's ministry that meets Wednesdays from fall through spring. There is a time of prayer and fellowship for the men (mentors and fathers of the boys), Bible study, small group discussion, Scripture memorization, snack time, and games.

Leaders and their roles:

Rob Gregory – Director
Brad Reynolds – Communications Director, Small Group Leader
Andy Wendle – Supplies Director, Small Group Leader



Review of the year:

In response to circumstances from the pandemic, Boys' LIFE restarted Wednesday, March 3 and continued weekly until May 5 from 4:30-6:00pm. The early start time was successful the previous fall, so we continued that in the spring, but we also decided to meet inside as well as outside. We continued the new curriculum that was produced the previous year which focused on the attributes of God. On average we had about 12 boys (grades 1-5) and 7 men (caregivers and volunteers). There were 18 different boys who participated throughout the spring including one who did not attend church.

In an effort to save some Wednesday nights for family time, we decided that we would meet 8 times in fall 2021. We also decided to meet from 6:00-7:30pm. An average of 14 boys (grades 1-5) and 6 men (caregivers and volunteers) participated. Twenty-one different boys participated, including three children of ESL students.

We ended the year on November 3 with an Operation Christmas Child packing party with Girls' LIFE.

Plans for the Upcoming Year:

Boys' LIFE will continue February 2 through April 6. Please pray for more men to lead other events during the offseason. We hope to have an open gym on a Saturday morning, a bike ride, or a hiking trip.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that the Lord would grow in the hearts of all who attend.
- Pray that strong relationships would form with Jesus at the center.
- Pray that men would grow in accepting responsibility, rejecting passivity, leading courageously, and investing eternally.
- Pray for more men to lead this ministry.

Girls' LIFE and Kinder LIFE

Ministry Leader: Jen Smith
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Description of the ministry:

Girls' LIFE is an exciting ministry for first through fifth grade girls. The goal of Girls' LIFE is to encourage the elementary-aged girls of Cornerstone to live out their faith with each other and through mentoring relationships with older women. We seek to accomplish this goal through large group teaching times, small group discussions, games, and crafts.

Kinder LIFE is a co-ed, kindergarten class designed to help our youngest Wednesday night participants learn about Jesus. Children hear biblical truths, create a craft, have play time, and share a snack.

Leaders and their roles:

Kinder LIFE (began in September 2021) – Mary Maurer and Cindy Wool

1st & 2nd Grades – Sue Smith and Roberta Watts Smolka

3rd Grade – Barb Boyes and Jen Smith

4th Grades – Laura Haines and Lois McGhee

5th Grade – Juliana Smith and Kayla Weaver (Heather Johnston helped in spring 2021)

Amy Spangler shares from God's Word each week and also helps to coordinate songs.





Review of the year:

We have been blessed with an amazing year together!

- During the winter/spring semester, there were twenty-nine girls registered and we learned about the parables of Jesus.
- We were so excited to be able to take a one-day retreat to Camp Tel Hai. We had a blast paddle boating, kayaking, playing gaga ball, making smores, and just being together.
- The Neales graciously opened their pool for us in August.
- We currently have thirty-five girls registered this fall. Amy has been teaching on Romans 12 and the girls memorized Romans 12:1-2.
- We had an Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on November 3rd. After taking off a year, we are excited the boys joined the girls for this fun service event.
- Kinder LIFE (formerly known as Scooters) was reinstated this fall. We wanted a kindergarten ministry for our covenant children and children who attended Cornerstone Preschool during the 2020-21 school year. Three preschool children come regularly.

Plans for the upcoming year:

- *Beginning on February 2nd, we will continue with Wednesday night meetings for ten weeks until April 6th. We will have large group teaching time, small group discussions, and lots of fun!*
- *An overnight spring retreat is on the calendar for April 22-24, 2022.*
- *Once-a-month summer events will be planned to build relationships and community.*

Prayer requests:

- Pray for the relationships amongst the girls, and between the girls and their leaders, to remain strong.
- Pray for any girls who are not yet believers, for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts.
- Pray for our spring retreat - specifically for the planning, safety, relationships, and for good weather.

Vacation Bible School

Ministry Leader: Jen Smith
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Description of the ministry:

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a week-long, summer event designed to teach children about Jesus in an age-appropriate manner. The goals of VBS are:

1. To help children who already know Jesus grow deeper in their faith.
2. To introduce Jesus to those children who are unchurched.
3. To provide an opportunity for our covenant children to invite their friends to hear the Gospel.
4. For families in the community to connect with CPC families.
5. For our church family to partner together in this outreach event.



Leaders and their roles:

There were 111 volunteers ranging from sixth graders through retirees. We are blessed to have such an amazing church family who is excited to share the love of Jesus with children in our community.

The VBS Planning Committee members: Jen Smith, Danica Jarrell, Will Dubinsky, Cindy Wool, and Ameer Wendle.

Review of the year:

- We were so excited to be able to have a normal VBS! After having to do VBS virtually in 2020, this summer was extra special. We were blessed to have 167 children (birth through fifth grade) attend Champions VBS. Since the Olympics were occurring this summer, we tied our theme around this sporting event and the kids enjoyed Olympic-themed crafts and snacks.
- One change is that we invited children who are three and four years old to attend this year. Carolyn Quesenberry and myself made a concerted effort to include those children who had attended Cornerstone Preschool and those who would be coming in 2021. It was a huge success! These classes were so packed that we had to start a waiting list.
- All children heard the Gospel through the Wordless Book. The basics of the Gospel were clearly explained. At the end of the week, children in first through fifth grades each received an age-appropriate devotional. Bibles were given to any child who needed one.
- We collected school supplies and hygiene items for families in Mighty Writers.

Prayer requests:

- Please pray for the Planning Committee to have creativity in picking a theme and wisdom about which curriculum to use.
- Please pray for genuine connections between those who do not attend our church and our church family.
- Please ask the Holy Spirit to, even now, be preparing the hearts of the unbelieving children who will attend. That many would come to put their trust in Jesus.

Plans for the upcoming year:

We will begin planning for 2022 in March. Dates are set for July 11-15, 2022.

We might have to increase the number of preschool classes to accommodate the growing preschool.



Cornerstone Preschool

Ministry Leader: Carolyn Quesenberry
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Description of the ministry:

Our goal is to love and serve our community by providing an excellent preschool educational program founded on biblical principles. It is our mission to prepare early learners by challenging their developing minds and nurturing their spirits.

Leaders and their roles:

Current Staff:

Children's Ministry Director: Jen Smith
Preschool Director: Carolyn Quesenberry
4-year-old teacher: Rebecca Blevins
4-year-old teacher: Wendy Small
4-year-old aide: Linda Comyns
3-year-old teacher: Jan Stephens
3-year-old aide: Melissa Scheidt

Review of the year:

Cornerstone Preschool wrapped up our first year of preschool in June of 2021. We had one Pre-K class of 9 students for the 2020-2021 school year. It was a delightful year serving our community during the COVID pandemic. We are humbled to have tripled in size for this current 2021-2022 school year! We have 3 classes with a total of 28 students. We also hired 4 new staff. We meet 3 mornings a week (T/W/TH) from 8:30-11:30am with an option to stay for Lunch Bunch until 12:30pm and another option to stay until 2:30pm. Highlights of the school year thus far include an outdoor costume parade for parents, an outdoor Thanksgiving program, Mother's Morning Out, a Parent Date Night, and watching children meet milestones in the classroom. It has been a pleasure watching our students learn how to use their words to advocate for themselves, increase their gross motor skills such as pumping to swing, write their names, learn their letters and sounds, and hide God's truths in their hearts. Our theme verse for the year is Galatians 5:13b; "...through love serve one another." Stop by and see our bulletin board in the preschool wing as we captured some pictures of our students serving one another. God's Word is woven into all facets of the day.

Plans for the upcoming year:

Our plans for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year include adding a 2-year-old class and possibly another 4-year-old class.

- 2-year-old class: 8:30-11:30am T/Th
- 3-year-old class: 8:30-11:30am T/W/Th
- 4-year-old class: 8:30-11:30am, with options to stay until 12:30pm for Lunch Bunch or for the extended day until 2:30pm T/W/Th



Prayer requests:

- Pray that we would continue to build relationships with families within our community and ultimately shine for Jesus.
- Pray for continued health for students and staff in the midst of the COVID pandemic.
- Pray for the upcoming enrollment season (spring 2022), that families in our community will consider Cornerstone's Preschool and that we would grow to serve our community.
- Pray for new staff for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Pray that our preschool would be an avenue to share Jesus with our community.

Nursery

Ministry Leader: Hannah Detweiler
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Description of the ministry:

The purpose of this ministry is to provide a safe, nurturing environment where parents feel comfortable leaving their children. This gives parents an opportunity to enjoy their time as they grow in their own individual walks with Christ, while we shine the light of Jesus into the lives of their young children.

Leaders and their roles:

As we begin to get back into a normal schedule as of September 2021, we have a rotating schedule of 7 teams, each with a supervisor/ team lead. The leads are Amee Wendle, Julie Malone, Heidi Weaver, Ginny Phillips, Laura Hubbard, Jill Watts, and Hannah Detweiler. Thanks to Shari Miller and our teens Patty Hubbard, Abby Watts, and Noah Watts who have graciously continued to serve weekly during our Women's Bible Study and ESL classes.

Review of the year:

Reimagining the volunteer workers for nursery during the pandemic was a challenge that the church met head on. New babies and new families with nursery age children created even more of a need. Passing the baton of coordinator was a bittersweet moment for me (Laura). However, knowing and loving Hannah has made the transition such a joy.

Since I (Hannah) started this position in August, I have enjoyed getting to know the ins and outs of the nursery. With the help of our willing volunteers, we've made it through our fall Women's Bible Study and have been able to restart childcare during Sunday School along with the Worship Service. New volunteers have begun to serve this fall and I am so very grateful for all the help we are receiving.

Special message from Hannah:

I am so grateful for the love and support that I have received while stepping into this new role. I appreciate each and every volunteer that has helped us snuggle, play, and care for these wonderful littles. It has been such a pleasure and easy transition because of the hard work and commitments that each one of our teen and adult volunteers has put forth. Thank you all so very much!

Prayer requests:

- Pray for open hearts to come forth and volunteer with our little ones.
- Pray for our community to gather together to create a powerful love that shines the light of Jesus to those around us.
- Pray for parents, as this is an unknown and difficult transition back into a new normal with COVID-19.
- Pray for wisdom as I figure out the future of our Nursery at Cornerstone.



Praise Team

Description of the ministry:

The music ministry prepares music for the congregation to sing together at the worship service on Sunday mornings and special services. We meet each Thursday night for rehearsal and early each Sunday morning before the church service. Besides making music and laughing a lot, we also seek to care for each other and the church body through fellowship and prayer.

Leaders and their roles:

Music Director: Roberta Smolka

Rotating Worship Leaders:

Roberta Smolka,
Anita Samis,
Steve Sottung,
Uriah Stock,
and Craig Weaver

Alternate Worship Leaders:

Rob Tilton,
Gary Seydell,
and Rich Scott



Ministry Leaders: Roberta Smolka
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Craig Weaver
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Review of the year:

There are about thirty people on the praise team whom God has gifted with skills in singing and playing various instruments. This year we sought to be in step with the Lord and the vision of the church, to be reflectors of God's glory, and to bring the best that Cornerstone has to offer in music each Sunday morning with great joy. Our desire was to make every Sunday something very special for the Lord. It was a joy to be able to use all the musicians on the team as we transitioned back to having a larger group on stage.

We have some new musicians on the team, and we are grateful for their gifts and service: Jamie DiMaio (vocal), Elena Piotti (vocal/acoustic guitar), Rick Dodson (bass), Micah Watts (piano), and Ethan Llorens (piano). The tech team also continues to grow and develop under the leadership of Jaimie Macartney and John Harris. Jaimie and John have gone above and beyond again and again for the sake of bringing the Word of God to the church body.

The rotating worship leaders continued the process of reading the book together *The Christ Centered Worship Leader* by Bryan Chapel. We met several times for discussion, and it was a time of fellowship, growth, and learning together. We also went through the vision alignment process together and gained new insight and clarity of our goals as a team. Our hope is that God will use this to better equip us to lead music on Sunday mornings.

Through the beauty of music married with biblical text, we encouraged the church body to submit themselves to the Lordship of Christ. We sought to be intentional through our liturgy each week in reminding our brothers and sisters of who God has revealed Himself to be, to confess our great need of Him, to remind us of who we are in Christ as forgiven sons and daughters, respond in thanksgiving, and be sent back out into the world. We also prayed for those that do not yet know Christ, that through the music we make and the words we sing God would reveal Himself to them. God helped us strive for excellence in preparation and leading worship to the best of our abilities. We sought to make all our music as beautiful as we could for God's glory and for the edification and encouragement of the church body. Our great hope is that we encouraged God's church to sing "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in [our] hearts to God."



Prayer requests:

- Please pray that God's Spirit would be poured out on every note we play and every word we sing.
- Pray that our singing would encourage and cause others to sing.
- Pray we would follow God's leading and be unified within the team.
- Pray for new recruits that God might be bringing to the praise team and tech team.
- Pray for strength and wisdom for Roberta, that she would rest in what God is doing for His kingdom through this ministry.
- Pray for strength and wisdom for Jaimie and John, that their efforts would be blessed and that they would feel encouraged.

Lighting and Audio

Ministry Leader: Jaimie Macartney
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Description of the ministry:

The sound and lighting team at CPC provides support for the Sunday services and special events. There are seven active members that rotate. Every week there is a rehearsal on Thursday evening as well as an early Sunday morning set-up to prepare for the worship teams' rehearsal before the worship service begins.

Leaders and their roles:

Jaimie Macartney – Lighting and Audio Team Leader

Chris Neale – Sound Technician

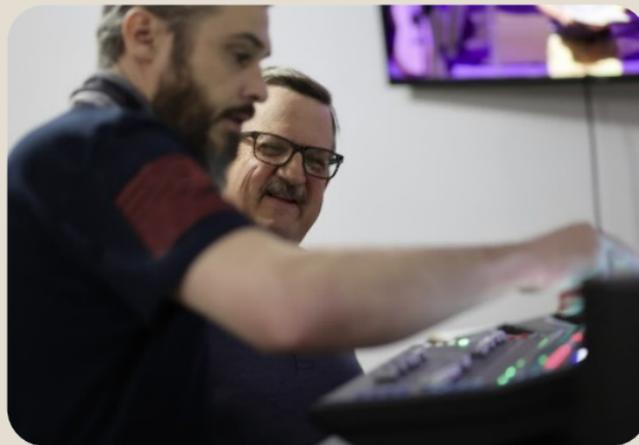
Will Irwin – Sound Technician

Brian Coleman – Sound Technician

Keith Dengler – Sound Technician

Barbara Miriello – Sound Technician

Andrew DiMaio – Sound Technician



Review of the year:

This past year has been one of growth for the tech ministry. We have been able to recruit and train 4 additional team members, while making improvements to the sound quality both live and on livestream.



Plans for the upcoming year:

- Continued recruiting.
- Continued training.
- Adding new lighting to the stage.
- Sound and acoustical improvement for the sanctuary.

Prayer requests:

- Praise that we have had the privilege of incorporating this technology so that our church could praise and hear the word of Christ together as one body.
- Pray for our new volunteers, and for more to come. We have 6 volunteers with a desire for at least 4 more.

Production

Ministry Leader: John Harris
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Description of the ministry:

This ministry provides slides, song lyrics, and video support for in-person and livestreamed church events such as the worship service, VBS, women's meetings, and men's meetings. The purpose is to enhance the communication and the message behind the scenes aiming for a distraction-free worship experience.

Leaders and their roles:

John Harris and Alison Strumbeck – Team Leaders

Erika Weaver, Ben Haines, Alexa Harris, Gavin Jarrell, Noah Watts, Elaina Hagerty, Abby Byers, and Dave Schnelle – Media Specialists

Special note from John:

- Serving the Lord in this capacity continues to be a joy and a pleasure.
- Thank you to each member of our team for all the time sacrificed each week during worship services, and extensive preparation activities.
- Special thank you to Alison for making sure slides and graphics are ready to go each week, meticulously ensuring we have grammar, spelling, and other material correct for the content presented.
- Thank you to all those we collaborate with especially including those on the sound and worship teams. Big thank you to Roberta for your leadership, guidance, and coaching, and to Jaimie for your tireless work at any hour of the day to make sure things are in order, sounding and looking great!
- We keep Bruce Miller's favorite verse in mind throughout all we do:

Philippians 2:3-4 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.



Review of the year:

- The Lord blessed us with 5 great new team members to help deliver the slide content on screens and video content and other media on the YouTube livestream. We were blessed to have Gavin Jarrell, Noah Watts, Elaina Hagerty, Abby Byers, and Dave Schnelle join us in serving in the Bruce Miller Media Room. The 'rookies' have been amazing at being able to learn so quickly and improving each week, especially considering that 4 of these new team members are young teenagers.
- Roberta had the great suggestion of joining together to pray before each service on stage. This has been a blessing to keep our focus on Jesus instead of the many little worries on our minds as we serve.
- We continued to enhance usage of applications and hardware used, responding to new technical needs as they arise.
- Provided support for VBS and for funeral services held at church.
- Uploaded sermon audio and video link to the church website and sermon video to YouTube.

Prayer requests:

- Praise for this team, their passion to serve, and their many extra hours of preparation required to deliver all these new technologies, and to meet just about every need or request that has come up.
- Praise for Cornerstone's financial support of this ministry as we continue to grow and change.
- Praise that so many little technical challenges go unseen as the team has been able to remediate issues on-the-fly and during pre-service testing.
- Prayer for improved simplicity as we continue to make changes to be able to serve with a large team of volunteers.
- Prayer needed for the team's continued availability, passion, and energy to deliver improved servant leadership supporting Cornerstone's vision and values.

Plans for the upcoming year:

- **Training:** Improve our training documentation and videos for our media specialists to reference.
- **Simplification:** Simplify the operational processes wherever we can, utilizing incremental changes to software and hardware.
- **R&D:** Explore and research opportunities to improve camera positioning and video quality down the road and evaluate possible replacement for software technologies utilized.

Diaconate

Ministry Leader: Keith Green
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Description of the ministry:

1 Timothy 3:13 (ESV): For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Deacons are the "support team" of the church. While elders teach biblical theology and see to the spiritual needs of the congregation, deacons take care of the practical issues. The church needs deacons to provide spiritual, logistical and material support so that the elders can focus on the Word of God and prayer.

Deacons devote themselves to both the spiritual and material needs of the church. While in the process, they are reminded of the blessings their service provides them as they grow in their relationship with Christ. It is not what we do but, how we do it that makes all the difference for the glory of our God.

Leaders and their roles:

Officers of the Deacons and of the Church corporation: Keith Green (Chair), Craig Wellman (Secretary), and Ryan Byers (Treasurer)

Active Deacons: Joe Irwin and Bobby Hagerty

Inactive Deacon leading Mercy Ministry: Tom MacAulay

Active Diaconal Associates: Bill Boyes, Linda Comyns, Betty Dudzinsky, David Eisenhauer, Al Llorens, Mark Rusinko, and Anne Wellman

Plans for the upcoming year:

To grow the Diaconate, please consider God's call for you to serve!

'Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.' Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

For more information:

Please contact any Deacon or Diaconal Associate.

'Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.' Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)

Prayer requests:

- Please guard our hearts so that we serve because we seek to honor our Father in Heaven.
- Please pray that men will accept, if called by our Lord, to serve as Deacons.
- Please pray we continue to address the felt needs of our church congregation and community members effectively.

Mercy Ministry, Meals & Rides

Ministry Leader: Tom MacAulay
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Description of the ministry:

Mercy Ministry comes alongside those who express a felt need. For congregants, we often address financial needs (housing, food, utilities, auto repairs, and medical expenses) as well as having one of us support the person as a fellow brother or sister in Christ. For the community, we supported local organizations such as Good Neighbors and Family Promise and followed up with people calling Cornerstone asking for financial assistance. Since we prioritize community commitments that reflect our desire to make disciples and seek to grow primarily from people coming to faith in Jesus rather than coming from another church, please do not hesitate to contact our team for additional help or financial resources as you seek to love your unbelieving neighbors and share the gospel with them.

Description of the ministry:

The Meals Ministry, through a team of volunteers, provides meals to individuals and families in times of need (some examples include recovery from surgery, illness, birth of a baby, death in family). We love God and others by exercising our gifts of mercy, hospitality, compassion, and outreach.

Description of the ministry:

The Rides Ministry, through a team of volunteers, provides rides to appointments, treatments, errands, and events. Our male and female volunteers minister to our elderly, our sick, and those who cannot drive for whatever reason. The rides ministry is relational and practical because as we drive people, we get to know them and encourage them.

Leaders and their roles:

Linda Comyns
Dave Eisenhauer
Keith Green
Tom MacAulay
Alex Mull
Kelly Wittman (Meals-2021)
Dave Phillips (Rides)

Review of the year:

Our congregation has been very generous donating to Mercy Ministries and wanting to help those impacted by COVID-19. While not many people in Cornerstone requested financial help, we did receive quite a few requests from outside the congregation that we were able to assist in the areas of housing, food and health care expenses, auto repairs, and counseling. We assisted about 25 people with critical needs, with over half of those being outside of our congregation. We have continued partnering with Love in the Circle of Christ (formally Love Inc. of DE.) to help with some applications and intake of cold calls from Delaware and Maryland. This Delaware ministry, with over 20 years of experience, acts as a clearing house for churches to meet Mercy Ministry needs within the community. This has led to a more comprehensive approach of ministering to people asking for help by connecting them with churches or Christian resources that can meet specific needs in the tri-state area.

In October, a group of 11 from Cornerstone, youth and adults, served a member of our local community in need of a new roof through Good Neighbors home repair ministry. She expressed her appreciation. This home had extensive water damage and was a group effort with a few other local churches. We hope to schedule multiple projects per year as part of Cornerstone's Serve strategy.

The Meals Ministry provided 31 meals to 6 families in 2021. Providing meals to these families is such a blessing to them. Many families have expressed their appreciation for the meals and for the encouragement they received from those delivering the meals. We thank Kelly Wittman for more than 10 years of service as our meals ministry coordinator and wish her well as she transitions to working full-time.

The Rides Ministry had 4 volunteers who provided rides to 3 households in the church. Most rides are to nearby appointments for treatment, therapy, or doctors' visits. Recipients of this ministry often express their appreciation for the encouragement they received, and the volunteers are mutually encouraged.

Prayer requests:

- Please pray for members of our congregation who want to grow spiritually by serving in the ministries of rides and meals that provide comfort and support to those in need within our congregation and outreach in the community.
- That those suffering through a trial will find hope in Christ as we come alongside them.

"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God."

Personal reflection of team members:

“It has been such a blessing to work with the Mercy Ministries committee the last 2 years. What a blessing it is to meet and be able to care for those God has led to us and to be able to help them. God has begun to grow in my heart and continues to grow a compassion for those who are in need or have fallen on tough times. He continues to point out to me as I interact with those in need that but for the grace of God go I. I am only a vessel being used by God to show His great love and mercy to those who are in vulnerable times of their life. I am grateful for each person/family I have been able to meet through this ministry and how I have gotten to witness how God has worked through each circumstance. To God be the glory!”

“I personally have been encouraged to see God working through Cornerstone members ministering to people in the community - developing relationships, sharing the love of Jesus, and then coming to our team to ask for additional help or financial resources. Evangelism is most effective through relationships.”

Plans for the upcoming year:

Our vision is to have greater impact in our community by having personal, authentic, loving relationships with our neighbors, coworkers, and community. Cornerstone can have greater impact as a body of believers by being the eyes and ears, and the hands and feet, of Jesus to our community. We would like to bring the resources of the church to Life Groups and members who are ministering to neighbors, coworkers, family, and friends.

Contact information for team members:

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Keith Green at kagpov@verizon.net
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MEALS: Gretchen Strumbeck at gretchen@cornerstonepca.com

RIDES: Dave Phillips at pastordavid.cpc@gmail.com

Facility Maintenance Ministry

Ministry Leader: Keith Green
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Description of the ministry:

The Deacons, Diaconal Associates, and members of the Workhorses support the staff members who have responsibility for facility maintenance. We identify needs, develop proposals for funding, help prioritize, and do some of the hands-on work.

Review of the year:

Building Maintenance: Some projects, delayed by the 2020 pandemic, have been completed, such as replacement of the kitchen HVAC unit, and removal of water fountains for the Worship Center Lobby improvement project. This year, with the assistance of the Workhorses, several rooms in the education wing received a much-needed paint job. We also hired a professional painter to do the lobby and upstairs of the education wing. The painting was followed by a major effort - stripping and waxing the flooring on the first and second floor and finally replacing ceiling tiles and re-hanging many white boards and shelves in our Education Wing.

Improvement Projects: The year will end with the installation of a mini-split HVAC system in the Loft for the Video, Audio and meeting rooms. This will support the improvements made during 2020 including the addition of dual projectors, screens, and upgraded video and audio equipment. These are but some of the items that the Deaconate has been involved with this year.

Plans for the upcoming year:

While this year's improvement projects were underway, we have been planning to improve the sound isolation in the Video and Audio rooms to support the great work those teams do.

We have investigated replacement of the Worship Center carpet with flooring that is more durable and appealing and plan to proceed in 2022. We are also looking into a large digital sign on 896 and a pole barn to replace our two worn out storage sheds. It would hold our grounds maintenance equipment such as mowers, program equipment for VBS and youth groups, loaner chairs, and our church van.

Workhorses

Ministry Leader: Anne Wellman
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Description of the ministry:

The Cornerstone Workhorses are a group of men and women who like to help from time to time with odd jobs that crop up around the church (painting, furniture refinishing, decorating for the holidays, planting, mulching, etc.) Workhorses participate only on the type of projects they feel they can handle physically. This group would rather work with their hands than sit in meetings so there are no meetings, but we do enjoy donuts or lunch together when we're working on a project. We are also called on sometimes to help when a member is incapacitated or is moving out of their home and needs help with packing, minor repairs, etc. We eagerly welcome any who want to join the fun. It is a relaxed way to get to know one another better!

Leaders and their roles:

Anne Wellman calls or emails the Workhorses when a need for help arises, and those who are available show up ***if it is a job they can handle physically***. You can specify what type of work you are able to do.

Workhorses: Brian Coleman, Joe Dudzinsky, Bruce Kaufman, Brian Brady, Ed McGhee, Don Morgan, Howard Morrison, Keith Green, Jay Gallagher, Jeab Webber, and Anne Wellman.

Review of the year:

Due to the Covid pandemic, illnesses, and a fracture our working days/hours decreased from previous years.

- February and March we did intermittent painting of upstairs classrooms.
- Spring clean-up inside the church and outside also included help from many church members of all ages.
- August was a few days of moving classroom furniture for floor rewaxing and hanging up wall equipment.
- December we did Christmas decorating.

Plans for the upcoming year:

Adding more Workhorses to our stable since we are mainly an older group.

Prayer requests:

- Pray to identify more people who would like to be included in the Cornerstone Workhorse Stable!
- Learn ways we can show Christ's love by helping one another and keeping His church facility functioning well.



Decorating

Ministry Leader: Amy Steinmetz
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Description of the ministry:

This ministry really has two separate missions: seasonal (temporary) decor (Christmas being the largest), as well as updating permanent decor throughout the building.

Leaders and their roles:

Amy Steinmetz, coordinates decor plans and schedules volunteers.

Review of the year:

- Transformed the empty LCA faculty room into a 'Coffee Cave' with a soft seating meeting area and coffee station.
- Began updating the Adult Sunday School rooms with a few decorations and coffee stations.
- Hired a painter for upstairs hallway in the education wing.
- Hired a painter for the accent wall in the lobby.
- Created a "Welcome" area in the lobby to facilitate greeting and connecting with newcomers.
- Decorated for Christmas.

Plans for the upcoming year:

- Complete the 'Coffee Cave' with a coffee table and some additional high-top tables and chairs.
- Complete the Adult Sunday School rooms.
- Begin updating the two large Girls' LIFE/4th/5th grade Sunday School rooms with Jen Smith.
- Update the lobby with new signage: Welcome and Connect.
- Possibly begin to update the loft area.
- Buy new Christmas decorations (new trees especially since there were 2 broken).



How you have seen God work through the ministry this year:

As this is only my first year in this role, I'm still learning how to coordinate projects and communicate well so that others understand my vision. I have seen God work in this ministry - He has provided the right furniture at the right price at the right time, as well as plenty of volunteers. I am so thankful especially for Danica who has been my sounding board this entire year! I am also very thankful to those that show up and volunteer and are willing to help in any capacity - you've been such a blessing!

Prayer requests:

- That our facilities will always make people, whether members or visitors, feel welcome as an extension of our mission to Love God and Love Others.
- That God would bring along another woman or two who could serve with me in this ministry.
- That God would use me in this role to glorify Him.

Missions Committee

Ministry Leaders: Bill Boyes
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Kathy Pierce
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Description of the ministry:

PURPOSE STATEMENT: The Missions Committee of Cornerstone exists to glorify God by sending the gospel of Jesus Christ to the peoples of the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. We seek to educate, mobilize, and strategize for the cause of world missions, and on behalf of our 13 currently supported missionaries. In order to educate and collaborate with our congregation, we present weekly updates with the Missionary of the Month. We also encourage missionaries to make personal visits to Cornerstone and offer mission trips to our congregation and our youth ministry to experience the field life of a missionary.



Leaders and their roles:

Bill Boyes & Kathy Pierce (co-chairs)
Cindy Wool (secretary)

Committee Members:

Pat Chamberlain
Keith Green
Louise Little
Holly Prescott
Steve Schappert (new member)
Morgan Smith (new youth member)
Dave Spangler (elder representative)
Ed Small
Jim Watts

Review of the year:

We have all experienced the effects of a world- wide COVID and that hasn't been any different for each of our Cornerstone missionaries. The pandemic has changed much of what they are able to do but God, through his Holy Spirit, has opened opportunities via Zoom and other creative ways to reach people all over the world. We here at Cornerstone count it a privilege and a blessing to partner with missionaries and nationals from around the globe in advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Along with other churches in our denomination (PCA), we have experienced the moving of God's Spirit through established partnerships led by nationals. We have been both blessed and encouraged to come alongside Isaac Shaw as he leads the ministry at Delhi Bible Institute in India, and Pastor Ayub with the Presbyterian Church in Bangladesh. Both of these partnerships have felt the impact that Cornerstone has made through prayer support, personal visits to and from the US, and financial support. One such example was how God moved within our congregation to help Isaac Shaw meet a great need for COVID oxygenators through a special offering of over \$25,000 – Praise God! Another special offering was taken for a much needed well in Gulu, Uganda, where our very own Robin Thomas first shared the Gospel and over time has established a vibrant ministry there. Watching a video in worship one Sunday of the dancing, singing, hand clapping and exuberance by the villagers as clean, fresh water gushed out of a well pipe for the first time was sight most of us at Cornerstone will always remember as a result of that special offering.

One our priorities as a committee is seeking the unreached with the Gospel of Jesus in Europe, Africa and Asia. In September our worship team bass player, Bruce Tarbell, obeyed God's missionary calling by leaving Cornerstone to serve on staff as a teacher at a Christian International school in Budapest, Hungary. He wants to share about Jesus both in and out of the classroom.

Despite the challenges of COVID, we have been extremely blessed by enhancing our team activities this year, including a luncheon with Mission to the World Northeast Hub director Greg Hills; honoring Elizabeth Eno as she retired from Wycliffe; hosting a luncheon with Jim & Karen Weaver and family; commissioning Bruce Tarbell for missionary service in Hungary; interviewing 2 Reformed University Fellowship International (RUF-I) leaders at Delaware State University; interviewing 2 new missionary candidates; helping Morgan Smith to raise financial support to go to Latvia with MTW (only to be denied entry into Latvia due to COVID) and then having her join our Missions Team to arm her with more knowledge of Missions; filling out a Missions Strategic Plan questionnaire and reviewing our purpose statement and plan; adding 2 new committee members; and receiving from and responding to constant updates from our missionaries.

Prayer requests:

- Pray for the missionary of the month - for encouragement, safety, and the Spirit's presence. Pray that God would give each a long, fulfilling, and fruitful ministry.
- Pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ will remain the primary focus of each missionary.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would move in the hearts of those who are in unreached areas where some of our missionaries are sharing the gospel.
- Pray that Cornerstone would continue to be known as a 'sending' church and that God would continue to raise up missionaries from within our congregation.
- Pray that God would give short-term mission trip opportunities for members of our congregation to partner with our missionaries.
- Pray that God would give the missions committee His wisdom and eyes/ears to follow His direction as we seek new and creative ways to establish meaningful and lasting relationships between our supported missionaries and the congregation.
- Pray for our new missionaries, Spencer and Carmen Ewing and their 3 children, as they join the MTW Asian Crescent Team.
- Pray for our new missionaries, Graham and Emily Guo and their 2 kids, as they join Rick and Wendy Gray on the UD campus in reaching the 5,000 international students through RUF-I with the gospel.



English as a Second Language (ESL)

Ministry Leader: Pastor Dave Phillips
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Description of the ministry:

The ESL ministry is an outreach program of the church to serve and teach adults in the local community who would like to learn or improve their English. There are currently three levels of classes available: beginner, lower intermediate, and upper intermediate. We hold our classes during the programs on Wednesday nights.

Leaders and their roles:

Director: Pastor Dave Phillips

Teachers and Teaching Assistants: Connie Arnold, JoLynn Bitler, Linda Comyns, Ellen Nelson, Michelle Parr, Dave Phillips, Ginny Phillips, Kathy Pierce, MariaJosé Riera, Beth Rush, Richard Rush, Victoria Abdel-Salam, and Eileen Williams

Childcare: Shari Miller and Patricia Hubbard



Review of the year:

Fall Session – 22 students representing 6 countries registered this fall. Four families have enrolled children in our Wednesday night kids' programs. Students and their families joined us for Community Night with magician Christian Graham. We concluded 2021 with a family Christmas party with carols, games, and students reading parts of the Christmas story. An ESL student was the connection point that brought Monte de Sion Spanish-speaking church into our building in February.



Plans for the upcoming year:

Classes will resume in February. Students will be presented with a gospel presentation about Easter. Students from Spanish-speaking countries are invited to Monte de Sion church.

Prayer requests:

- For the seeds of the gospel to take root in students' hearts.
- For effective relationships to be formed between teachers/volunteers and students.
- For Cornerstone to be known in our local communities as a place of welcome and support, particularly for those in need.
- For successful English language learning and advancement for our students and their families.

Operation Christmas Child

Ministry Leader: Shirley Montgomery
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Description of the ministry:

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. The mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These simple gifts are sent to children around the world who are affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

Leaders and their roles:

Shirley Montgomery distributes information to encourage the congregation to prepare shoeboxes. A team of volunteers helps to transport them to the collection center to be loaded into cartons.

Review of the year:

- Cornerstone's participation in Operation Christmas Child happens in November each year. Lovingly packed shoeboxes are gathered at church and then they are transported to collection centers where they are packed in cartons and sent on to regional distribution centers.
- We delivered 157 boxes this year!

Plans for the upcoming year:

Each donated box means that a child was given the gospel story in their own language. But every year shoeboxes are taken to different communities. The need is great and there aren't enough shoeboxes for any child to receive a shoebox more than one time. Every year the goal is to have more shoeboxes so that every child will receive the greatest gift of Jesus.

Prayer requests:

Operation Christmas Child happens at the beginning of the holiday season, ending just before Thanksgiving. This is a grass roots opportunity for every single one of us to change the life of a child. That is a powerful outcome.

Please pray for increased involvement so that this outreach becomes a priority in our busy lives.

Pray for the children who not only receive a gift but also receive the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Kitchen Ministry

Ministry Leader: Betty Dudzinsky
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Description of the ministry:

The Kitchen Ministry provides food for special events, funerals, and whatever needs may arise at Cornerstone. The ministry also provides supplies and support for the Refreshments Crew.

Leaders and their roles:

Betty Dudzinsky leads this ministry, planning and providing meals, and purchasing items for church events, funerals, and the needs of other ministries.

Review of the year:

We had a wonderful, churchwide Back to Church Sunday on September 19. A delicious picnic-style luncheon was served to over 300 people, including members of Monte de Sion Church. We provided supplies of beverages and snacks for the Refreshments Crew on Sunday mornings. There was also the addition of 3 coffee stations for the adult Sunday School classes.

God has provided us with a special group of volunteers who are ready to help whenever needed.

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Cor. 10:31



Plans for the upcoming year:

We will continue to serve the needs of our congregation as they arise and provide opportunities for people to serve the Lord through this ministry.

Prayer requests:

Prayer for volunteer support in this ministry.

Welcoming Ministry

Ministry Leader: Ginny Phillips
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Description of the ministry:

The Welcoming Ministry includes the Greeters, the Welcome Table, the Attendance Taker, and the Refreshments Crew. We both expect and accept new visitors and we want to help everyone connect and foster friendships in the church. We have information ready to hand to visitors at the Welcome Table and have key people identified by green lanyards who can answer questions. We offer a warm welcome to all who walk in our doors and a warm cup of coffee before they go. A verbal greeting encourages everyone to feel included in the church family and a record of attendance helps the church to check in with anyone who has been missing in a while. Our goal is to foster a feeling of belonging which can lead to a more meaningful worship experience at Cornerstone.

Leaders and their roles:

Ginny Phillips coordinates the Welcoming Ministry and steps in to fill gaps as needed. She schedules the Welcome Table hosts and Refreshments Teams.

Shirley Montgomery schedules the greeters who stand at the front doors with a smile.

Jill Hill keeps track of kitchen procedures and the number of refreshments needed. She is also recruiting people to join the refreshments crew.

Danica Jarrell manages the attendance roster and has raised up a few others who are good with names to help her! We encourage you to say your last name as you pass her in the lobby on Sunday morning to make her job easier.



Review of the year:

There have been many changes and new initiatives for these teams as we have navigated COVID and received a large influx of visitors in recent months. We have found that taking attendance as people walk in is much more accurate than passing the attendance pad down the row. Our location for distributing coffee is constantly in flux. It worked well to encourage fellowship outside while the weather was nice. Now we are bringing coffee and snacks right into the gym after the worship service. We are thankful for the small group of greeters who served frequently earlier in the year during the fluctuations of the pandemic. By October, there was a full contingent of greeters so that a regular rotation every two months could be reinstated. Welcome Table hosts keep a special eye out for those who are first time visitors and ask them to complete a Connection Card. They also return to the lobby as the service ends so visitors can feel welcomed.

Plans for the upcoming year:

Even as our church body grows and we enfold newcomers, it is meaningful to be able to call each other by name. There are precious few of us who can do that from memory, so we are thankful for the return of nametags on Sunday mornings. This will help us to grow not only in numbers but in connection and belonging. There is a role for all personalities in the Welcoming Ministry – from veterans to newcomers, from the outgoing ones who love to meet new people to the behind-the-scenes folks with servant hearts who come early to make coffee. We invite you to join the Welcoming Ministry to be on the front lines of sharing the love of Christ with the church family.

Prayer requests:

As Christians in a closely knit congregation, we need to indulge in some introspection occasionally. Could a visitor enter and leave Cornerstone without making a connection with someone? Sadly, that does happen. We would benefit from our church family being intentional about looking for newcomers and giving a sincere welcome; pray for people to come to Cornerstone to find the love of God and pray for all of us to live out that love in befriending all who enter here. In a world of increasing isolation, we want to be a community of genuine biblical love.

Usher Ministry

Ministry Leader: Michael McCudden
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Description of the ministry:

Ushers set up for Sunday morning services (as well as special services), assist attendees in finding seats, etc. Also, they are vigilant throughout the service looking for any unusual or unsafe activity or behavior. Ushers report to the Deacon in Charge.

Review of the year:

Core objective: To be of service to God and the worship community at Cornerstone.

Our desire to be of service includes the following opportunities:

- Provide a distraction-free environment that enables attendees to have the best worship experience possible.
- Set up and take down chairs for services.
- Greet and assist regular attendees and (especially) newcomers.
- Make sure all are welcome and comfortable.
- Be responsive to needs as directed by the Deacon in Charge.
- Be observant and maintain a safe and orderly environment.



Leaders and their roles:

Team leaders:

Dave Green, Gene Herr, Tom MacAulay, and Michael McCudden

Team Leaders are responsible to field staff on their Sunday.

Prayer request:

Prayers of thanks for all who volunteer to serve the church and God in this way.

Library

Ministry Leader: Connie Arnold
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Description of the ministry:

This ministry provides books, DVD's, CD's, videos, a children's library, past sermons, current sermons, and a Bible table. The library, located across from the kitchen, is available to everyone.

Leaders and their roles:

Connie Arnold - Head Librarian

Review of the year:

Because of the pandemic the library was closed for most of the year.

We added some shelving for increased CD and DVD collections.

The children's library was used extensively.

We had many positive comments from church members.



Plans for the upcoming year:

- Increase the CD and DVD collections.
- Catalog new books.
- Decrease stock of older books and fiction.

Prayer requests:

Discernment for adding to the CD and DVD collections.

Help with advancing in the technology department.

Additional help to keep the library clean and organized.

Men's Basketball

Ministry Leaders: Bob Davis Jr.
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Tim Quesenberry
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Description of the ministry:

Cornerstone is one of about ten churches that participate in the Southern Chester County Christian Basketball League (SCCCBL). We are planning to have one to two teams in the league for 2022. This is a unique opportunity for the men, sixteen and over, to bond and encourage each other on and off the basketball court. A formal co-team devotion and time of prayer is associated with each game. Plus, informal times of scrimmaging and fellowship prove to be just as important to build connections and to ultimately spur one another on to live for Christ.

Leaders and their roles:

Bob Davis Jr. - SCCCBL League Representative

Tim Quesenberry - Coach

Second Coach: pending/open

Review of the year:

- Due to Covid, we only had one team, consisting of fourteen guys.
- Ages ranged from sixteen to fifty-five.
- Rosters were opened to Cornerstone members and regular attendees.
- Per league rules, each team may have one non-churched player as an outreach ministry.
- We had Saturday morning pickup basketball, open to Cornerstone and the community.

Plans for the upcoming year:

- We plan to have one to two basketball teams in the upcoming basketball league (Jan - Mar), if a second coach is confirmed.
- We would love to open the gym for pickup basketball one night per week to be open to the community, but we need volunteers to support this effort.

Prayer requests:

- For new leaders to open the gym, mentor guys, and to coach.
- That mentoring opportunities would be fruitful for the glory of God.
- That the Cornerstone team would be a light and testimony to others on and off the court.
- That our love for Christ and for one another would grow as friendships build.
- That non-churched men would be further exposed to Christ and the Cornerstone church body.

Men's Softball

Ministry Leader: Bob Davis Jr.
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Description of the ministry:

Cornerstone is one of about twelve churches that participate in the Southern Chester County Christian Softball League (SCCCSL). It provides a unique opportunity for men of all ages that attend Cornerstone to bond and encourage each other on and off the softball field. Although the league is primarily a men's league, women can also participate. A formal co-team devotion and time of prayer is associated with each game, but informal times of fellowship, fun, and sharing are just as important to encourage others to live for Christ.

Leaders and their roles:

Bob Davis Jr. - Manager and SCCCCL Vice President
Tim Quesenberry - Assistant Manager



Review of the year:

- There was one team that represented Cornerstone in the league during the 2021 season.
- 15 players associated with Cornerstone were on the active roster.
- An average of twelve players participated in each game.
- The ages of the players participating ranged from seventeen to fifty-five.
- We had a few new faces on the team. It is amazing to see how God brings new people into our lives to minister and be ministered to.

Plans for the upcoming year:

Cornerstone will again be participating in the upcoming SCCCSL softball season.

Prayer requests:

- That the Cornerstone team would be a light and testimony to others on and off the field.
- That mentoring opportunities would be fruitful for the glory of God.
- That our love for Christ and for one another would grow.