



“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.” Acts 1:8

What is ACT 1.8?

It is a call of God’s Spirit to make disciplemakers.

Act 1.8 is a call to *envision* God’s purpose for Cornerstone. It is a call to *invest* eternally in God’s kingdom. It is a call to *engage* God’s people as disciplemakers in Southern Maryland and to the ends of the earth. It is a call to **act** in response to God’s grace.

25 years ago, 69 people established Cornerstone Presbyterian Church to reach Southern Maryland and the world for Christ.

In 2011, Cornerstone’s members re-committed themselves to reaching the next generation and our community by building a new facility. Our vision was to disciple our children and redeem our community. Since that time, Cornerstone has grown by more than 30% and has become an integral part of our local community. It’s members now serve across the globe. Cornerstone continues to fulfil its mission through God’s people who called Cornerstone their church home then and now.

In the last six years we have:

- Celebrated more than 30 adults and 30 youth who joined Cornerstone through a first time profession of faith;
- Instilled the gospel in the next generation, serving more than 700 children in our children’s Sunday School classes;
- Demonstrated God’s love to our neighborhood, local sports leagues, and community organizations seven days a week by sharing our church facilities;
- Sent three members to seminary to become pastors and three others into vocational ministry;
- Funded five church plants;
- Sustained 10 missionaries working across the globe;
- Grown together as an authentic community;
- Established Money\$hip, LifeSavers, and Work-life programs to assist our neighbors;
- Challenged one another to grow as disciples.

***What motivated us then still motivates us today...
Cornerstone is positioned to impact the world like few others.***

Consider these facts:

63% - Those in St. Mary’s County with no religious affiliation. *If the gospel is going to significantly advance in our community, the disciples of Jesus must make disciples.*

35,582 - The number of people who lived within the Lexington Park Development District (LPDD) according to the 2010 U.S. Census.
That area is a 10-minute driving radius from Cornerstone.

69% - The percentage that the population of the LPDD is expected to grow between 2010 and 2030.
That's 60K people in 17 years - 40K of those people are expected by 2020!

33% - The upper percentile in which St. Mary's County places among the wealthiest counties in the U.S. St. Mary's is also the 14th wealthiest county in Maryland, currently ranked as the richest state in America.
God has provided our community with greater financial resources than many others.

50% - The average percentage of our congregation that moves away every 3 years.
Our task is to fully equip disciples so that when they will leave here, they will be more effective for the Kingdom of God than when they came to Cornerstone. God brings families to Cornerstone to be equipped for fruitful ministry across the U.S. and to the ends of the earth!

700 - The number of new college graduates hired by NAVAIR each year.
These graduates are looking to establish a meaningful life and need the hope of the gospel. God brings professionals to Cornerstone to be equipped for fruitful ministry across the U.S. and to the ends of the earth!

1,674 – The number of students enrolled at St. Mary's College of Maryland - 90% are Maryland residents, 10% come from 23 other states and 10 foreign nations.

11,307 – The number of credit students enrolled at College of Southern Maryland.

Cornerstone's partnership with the local InterVarsity Christian Fellowship has become a national model. God brings students to Cornerstone to be equipped for fruitful ministry across the U.S. and to the ends of the earth!

Answering the Call - What is God Calling Us to Do?

Envision God's Mission for Cornerstone

God can do far more through us collectively than individually. It is no accident that God has brought us to Southern Maryland! Your individual story is part of a much greater story that He is working through history and around the globe. He has brought you here to grow as a disciple. That means to make disciples here and wherever the Lord takes you. Envision what God will do when His people unite to make disciplemakers!

Invest in God's Kingdom

We are trusting God to bring real returns on our investments in changed lives for eternity across the street, across the tracks, across the country, and to the ends of the earth.

Engage by Making Disciplemakers

We must be more than a church that has great worship services, dynamic children's and youth ministries, and active community engagement. We must be a church where disciples of Christ make disciples of Christ!

