

WELCOME TO CORNERSTONE!

Thank you for joining us this morning. Cornerstone exists to be a community of grace and truth, making disciples of Jesus among all people. We are gospel people with gospel purpose.





WE ARE PEOPLE OF THE GOSPEL

We are people who were once far off,
who were without God and without hope,
but who now have been brought near by the blood of Christ,
who have been reconciled to God through the cross,
and who have been made members of God's family,
the church, a community of grace and truth,
built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as our Cornerstone.

OUR PURPOSE IS THE GOSPEL

We have not only been rescued by the gospel,
we have also been entrusted with the gospel.
We have become Jesus's ambassadors to the world,
proclaiming the promise of reconciliation with God
by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.
We are called to make disciples of Jesus among all people,
always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed,
to the praise of his glorious grace.

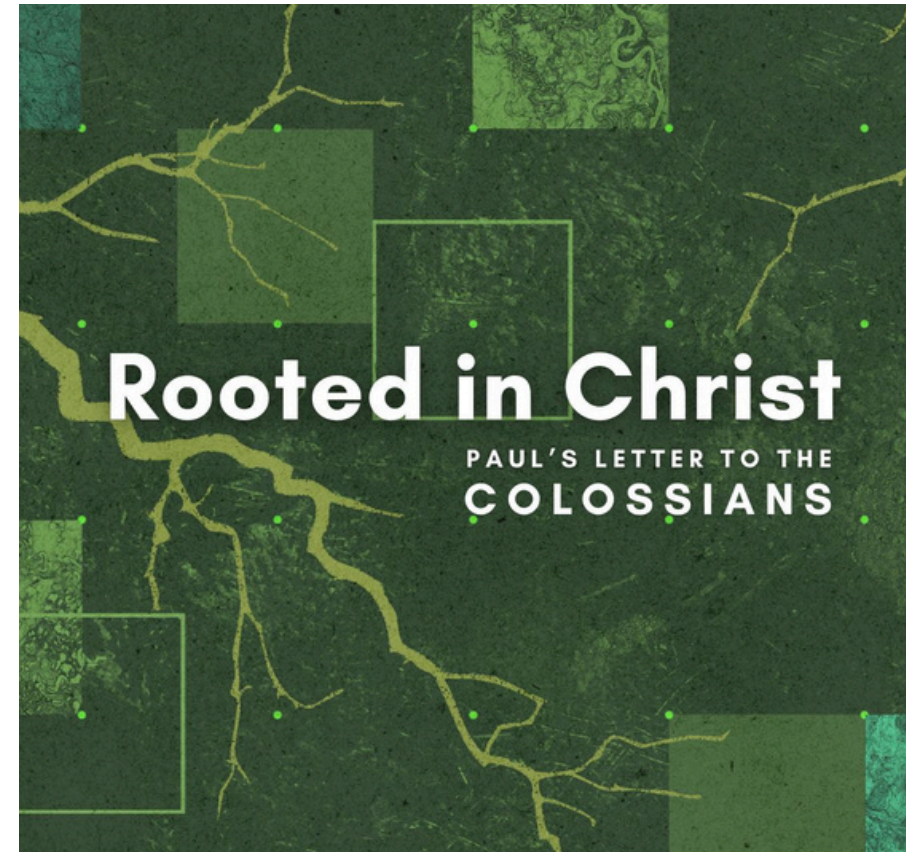
CONNECT WITH US

-  Visit us on the web: cornerstoneefree.org
-  Send us an email: churchoffice@cornerstoneefree.org
-  Fill out a Connect Card and drop it in the box in the narthex
-  Join us on Sundays for Sunday School (9:30am) and worship (10:45am)



Cornerstone

AN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH



A COMMUNITY OF GRACE AND TRUTH MAKING
DISCIPLES OF JESUS AMONG ALL PEOPLE

Gathered for Worship
on May 17, 2026

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

All email addresses are @cornerstoneefree.org

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SERMON NOTES

May 17, 2026

Colossians 1:21-23

I. THE NEED FOR RECONCILIATION WITH GOD (21)

II. THE MEANS OF RECONCILIATION WITH GOD (22A)

III. THE GOAL OF RECONCILIATION WITH GOD (22B)

IV. THE CONDITION OF RECONCILIATION WITH GOD (23)

UPCOMING SERMONS

May 24 - Colossians 1:24-29

May 31 - Colossians 2:1-5

June 7 - Colossians 2:6-15

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, through the blood of Jesus, in full assurance of faith, and offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.
(Hebrews 4:16; 10:19, 22; 12:29)

- GLORIFYING OUR **GOD** Call to Worship: Psalm 118:19-22 (p.479)
"Better is One Day"
#121 "Before the Throne Of God Above"
- CONFESSING OUR **GUILT** Scripture: Romans 8:1-13 (p. 887-88)
Prayer of Confession
Pastor John Biegel
- REJOICING IN **GRACE** Assurance of Grace: Romans 5:10 (p. 886)
"All My Hope"
"Build My Life"
Congregational Prayer
Pastor Ryan North
- RESPONDING IN **GRATITUDE** Offering: "How Beautiful"
Voices of Praise
Prayer for Missions: Dennis and Lydia Bowen
Joellen Binder
#299 "Show Us Christ"
(K-3rd Grade dismissed for Kids' Worship)
Scripture: Colossians 1:21-23 (p. 924)
Sermon: Colossians 1:21-23
Pastor John Biegel
"Always"
Benediction

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that our hope for change in this world—socially, culturally, politically—would be exceeded by our hope for coming of Jesus and the new creation (2 Peter 3:13; Colossians 3:4)

CHURCH LEADERS

Pastor: John Biegel
Elder: Daniel Schuttinga
Deacon for Discipleship: Steve McIlvaine
Titus 2: Nicole Britton

CHURCH FAMILIES

Feurtado, Julie
Frakes, Patrick & Kathy
Francisco, Michael & Christina

MISSION

Dennis and Lydia Bowen

Pray for the war to end in Ukraine and for God to bring healing to those who are attending the Trauma Healing seminars.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Community Groups, Fellowship Events, Women's Testimony Brunch, Men's Breakfast, Youth Group, Bolder Force, African Fellowship
Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

CHILDCARE SCHEDULE

	<i>This Week May 17</i>	<i>Next Week May 24</i>
Nursery 9:30	Marc & Denisa Meekma	Nicole Britton & Mary Bell
Nursery 10:30	Luke & Natalia Elliott	Steve & Sarah McIlvaine
Preschool Worship 10:30	Jeff & Susan Palomino	Julianna Mays & Julie Feurtado
Kids' Worship 10:30	John & Nicole Connell and Isaac Schuttinga	The Arnolds & Clara Francisco

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

YOUTH CHALLENGE CONFERENCE FUNDRAISER

Today after the service

Stop by the patio after church for a bake sale to support the Youth as they go to Challenge Conference this summer! There will be home baked goods for sale that will go towards the fundraising goal of \$5,000. This helps the students get to the conference and have a place to stay while there. You will be able to pay in cash, write a check, or pay online through a QR code.

YOUNG LIFE PRAYER WALK

Today at 2 PM to 3 PM, Justice High School

Join Young Life friends in praying for students, faculty, and Young Life ministry at Justice High School from 2 to 3 PM. We'll meet in front of the school (3301 Peace Valley Lane).

LEARN & SERVE TOGETHER!

Friday, May 29

You are invited to learn and serve with Mission:NOVA at 5401 7th Road South Arlington, VA 22204. Mission:NOVA provides a wide range of physical, educational, and spiritual assistance to our neighbors in south Arlington. Two sessions: Session I from 9 AM to Noon to help with food truck unloading and food bag preparation and Session II from 11:30 AM to 3 PM food distribution, clean-up and client engagement (¿Habras español?). You will have an opportunity to tour, serve and support Mission:NOVA during both sessions. Please RSVP by May 24 at outreach@cornerstonefree.org and indicate session availability (light volunteer lunch available at 11:30 AM).

GRAD NIGHT

Sunday, June 7 at 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us as we celebrate and encourage our graduating seniors! This evening is a meaningful way for our church family to honor their achievements, pray over them, and bless them as they prepare for the next season of life. Dinner will be provided by the students attending challenge conference as a fundraiser for the trip. We are asking for donations on Grad Night to cover the cost of food and to help students attend the conference.

PERFORMANCE BY KIGALI INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Saturday, June 6 at 7 PM

Come and invite your friends to learn about God's work at the Kigali International Community School in Rwanda through testimonies, music, and traditional Rwandan dance.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR HOST HOMES!

Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6

A group of about 30 music and traditional dance students from Kigali International Community School (KICS) in Rwanda is visiting our area. KICS is a US-accredited, Christian school serving students from Rwanda and all over the world. The students are mostly aged 13-17 (going into grades 8-12). All the students currently reside in Kigali, but come from a variety of places including Rwanda, Kenya, Ghana, India, US and Canada. All the students speak great English. There are a few adults joining them as well.

What: The students are here to experience the United States as they travel to Washington, DC, New York City, and Philadelphia. They are sharing about God's work at their school in Rwanda through testimonies, music, and traditional Rwandan dance. They will give a performance at the church on Saturday, June 6 and be with us for the worship service on Sunday morning.

What do hosts need to provide?

- A private space to sleep. (i.e. a room with a door). Students will come in same-gender groups of at least two. They may share a room if there is a double or larger bed. Adults can be housed individually.
- Smoke-free home
- Simple breakfast each morning
- Packed lunch on Saturday
- Pick up and drop off at the church each morning and evening (exact times TBD)
- A spirit of Christian hospitality!



If you can host, please sign up to host using the QR code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/y4s69kkx>. You will be contacted by the band director, Dr. Brian Reichenbach, with more information.