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We welcome you to get to know our church family!

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PYM₂ Youth Ministry



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Ryan Rasmussen, Pastor

Ryan and Michelle married June 16th 2001, and are amazed at how God has blessed them over the years! Ryan earned a Masters of Divinity at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary in 2002. Ryan and Michelle were missionaries in Nairobi, Kenya before Ryan was an associate pastor at FPC in Goldsboro. He was a senior pastor in Anderson, IN before helping to plant Cornerstone. Ryan and Michelle have four children: Joe, Lynn, Nathan, and Elissa.



DJ Coles, Youth & Outreach Pastor

DJ graduated from Wayne Community College, UNC Chapel Hill (BSPH '95), ECU (Lateral Entry Teaching Degree '97), and is finishing his Master's at Claremont Lincoln U. (M.P.A. '22). He served as Protestant Youth Pastor and Worship Director at SJAFB for 22 years before coming to Cornerstone. DJ is the Founder & CEO of The 4 Day Movement. He's blessed to be married to his beautiful wife, Ruth, and honored to be the dad to Kaela & Christian.



Isaac Bruton, Worship Leader

Isaac earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music from Campbell University, a Master's in Music Education, and a Master's in School Administration from ECU. He's led worship for 23 years, and taught chorus for 11 years in middle and high school. Isaac also plays piano for the annual production of Child of the Promise. His desire is to glorify God in worship as hearts are drawn into the presence of the Holy Spirit. Isaac and Anna married on August 5th, 2000, and have three boys: Andrew, Spencer, and Elliot.



Ruth Coles, Social Media Director

Ruth provides Social Media Services for Cornerstone. She earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Visual Communications from Mount Olive College with a minor in Graphic Design in 1998. She has applied her knowledge and God-given skills as she works beside her husband in the PYM² ministry, and in their non-profit, The 4Day Movement. Honoring God with her talent is important to Ruth. She married her soulmate and best friend, Pastor DJ Coles, on July 19, 1997, and enjoys being a mom to Kaela and "Buddy."

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CORNERSTONE CHURCH

"...you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone."

~ **Ephesians 2:19-20**

Our Mission:

*To be a loving family of faith who joyfully responds to God's grace
by the power of the Holy Spirit:*

God is glorified with all that we are and have.

Our purpose in Life

Relationships are treasured as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our commitment to Fellowship

Assist friends and neighbors as we do God's work in the world.

Our commitment to Missions

Christ and the power of his resurrection are proclaimed.

Our commitment to Worship

Equip disciples of Christ to make disciples of others.

Our commitment to Evangelism and

Our commitment to Christian Education



Our Vision

Our Purpose in Life

Paul prays for the church in Ephesus, “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **to him be glory in the church** and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.” (Eph. 3:20-21, NRSV) Like Paul, we pray that Cornerstone Church would bring God glory. We intend to demonstrate how great God is in every area of our lives as a church, as families, and as individuals. Our purpose is to, “glorify God and enjoy Him forever.”

Our Commitment to Fellowship

Jesus prayed, “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (Jn.17:20-21) Now, we pray that our relationships with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ will serve as a witness to bring many other people to believe in the Savior. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base is an integral part of Goldsboro, and many of our members have a rich history of ministering to and with military personnel from the base. So, we will continue to be active in building relationships with them, and providing them a, “home away from home.” Of course, we’re eager to welcome anyone, military or civilian, as our honored guests with the hope that they will find a home at Cornerstone Church.

Our Commitment to Missions

We are attentive to John’s appeal, “...let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” (1 Jn.3:18 , NIV) Therefore, Cornerstone Church has a passion for missions. In response to the blessings God has given us, we seek to be a blessing to others through personal acts of kindness as well as initiating and participating in ministries that improve the quality of life in Wayne County. However, our passion to embody the love of Christ extends well beyond the local area. We also seek to develop friendships with peoples in other parts of the world, and to partner with them in the work of God’s Kingdom. As in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, we recognize people who are in need – whether we perceive them to be like us or not, or they live nearby or far away – as our neighbors whom we are called to help. We pray God will use us to make a positive impact on our own community as well as distant places for the glory of His name.

Our Commitment to Worship

Jesus said, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” (Mt. 4:10) So, we joyfully worship God as we sing His praises, spend time with God in prayer, and dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to His purposes. We read and proclaim the scriptures, which declare who God is and who we are called to be in response to His grace given to us. We trust God to use the faithful proclamation of the Gospel to call the lost to believe in Jesus, and compel Christ’s followers to joyfully live in obedience to His commands.

We follow Jesus' command to baptize new believers as we welcome them into the family of faith. We also observe Holy Communion together, celebrating that we are forgiven in Christ and drawn closer to God and each other through the working of the Holy Spirit.

Our Commitment to Evangelism

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt. 28:18-20) We pray the Holy Spirit will use the relationships we form, our compassion for those in need, and the Gospel proclaimed in worship to bring many people to faith in Christ. However, we also equip believers to lead others into a saving faith in Jesus through their personal witness. Our friends, family, and neighbors who are still, "in the world" desperately need to know the love of being adopted into God's family, the peace of being forgiven of all sin, the certain hope of going to heaven, and the joy of living the life for which they were made! As a person is coming to faith we have a great responsibility to disciple them. That's why we intentionally model a distinctly Christian life in contrast with a secular world. We walk with our brothers and sisters as they begin to live out their faith, help answer tough questions, and encourage them to persevere through times of trial or doubt. We pray that new believers will be excited about their life in Christ as we equip them to share the Gospel and to make disciples of others!

Our Commitment to Christian Education

Jesus was quoting the scriptures when he declared, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Mt. 4:4) As followers of Christ, we are dedicated to living by the word of God. We place a high priority on teaching our children how to live as followers of Jesus through example as well as instruction. We are equally committed to offering sound biblical teaching in the Reformed tradition for adults. We offer clear explanations of basic beliefs to our guests who may be exploring the faith, as well as in-depth Bible studies for maturing believers. Opportunities abound to grow spiritually through the sermons, Sunday morning classes, small group studies, and training to share the faith with others!

*In the words of William Carey our ambition is to,
"Attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God."*

*Our family of faith is prayerfully committed to living by the Great Commandment:
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength
and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)*

Our History

In 2013, a group of like-minded Christians began to explore the possibility of founding a Presbyterian church in Goldsboro, North Carolina. On September 30th an organizational meeting was held at the home of Allan and Nancy Harvin. Reverend Bucky Hunsicker of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church attended, and answered questions regarding establishment of a church. On November 10th a worship service was held at the Family Y Daycare Center with the Reverend Ryan Rasmussen leading worship.

On November 14, 2013 the decision was made to found a “mission” church affiliated with the EPC. 48 charter members voted on “Cornerstone” as the name of this new church. A Leadership Council was elected, consisting of Barbara Chenier, Allan Harvin (Moderator), Bob Ingle, Randall Jernigan, Greg Nichols, Dwight Perdue, Bill Watson, and Pastor Ryan Rasmussen. After Ryan was called as pastor the church began regular worship services on January 19, 2014 at the Family Y Day Care Center.

On January 17, 2016, Cornerstone became a “particular” church in the EPC. The Leadership Council became the first Session, with the Ruling Elders being Barbara Chenier, Allan Harvin, Chris Hopper, Randall Jernigan, Greg Nichols, and Dwight Perdue, and Ryan Rasmussen serving as Teaching Elder.

Another exciting development was searching for a permanent location for Cornerstone. On December 2, 2016 Cornerstone purchased a 10 acre tract on Barden Scott Lane, adjacent to the US-70 Bypass, and continued praying through the process of building a permanent “church home.” However, after developing a preliminary plan, it was determined the cost of building a new structure was prohibitive.

Nevertheless, God continued to bless us. An affordable church building became available at 401 North Oak Forest Road and was purchased on April 11, 2018. Two days later, on April 13, a neighboring facility burned to the ground. Flames passed over the roof of our new church, but caused no structural damage to our building. However, due to smoke damage Cornerstone received an insurance settlement, which was beneficial to remodeling the interior of our facility. During the remodeling process, we had regular prayer meetings, and we consecrated the sanctuary by writing scripture on the bare floors and walls. Finally, Cornerstone held our first service in our new facility on October 21, 2018. At that time, we planted an oak sapling in the yard. We trust it will grow into a great tree, symbolizing the growth God will grant His church on Oak Forest Road. Already, we’re celebrating God’s provision through the generosity of His people, as our mortgage was paid for in less than three years!

God even used the Covid pandemic to serve His purposes, as it prompted us to begin livestreaming the worship services. Over the last couple of years, the quality of the A/V production has improved dramatically. It has become a great tool to include more people in worship, and to reach more people with the Gospel.

Now, we praise God as we’re flourishing with new members, and also grateful for our gifted staff who leads our congregation. We pray for the strength and wisdom to worship and serve our Lord more faithfully, and are excited for our future!



Our Leadership

Ruling Elders of Cornerstone Church

Class of 2014

Bob Ingle

Bill Watson

Class of 2020

Jan Metzler

Allan Harvin

Class of 2015

Randall Jernigan

Dwight Perdue

Class of 2021

Joshua McCullen

Dan Wise

Class of 2016

Allan Harvin

Greg Nichols

Class of 2022

Sherry Duke

Barbara Verhaeghe

Class of 2017

Barbara Chenier

Chris Hopper

Class of 2023

Pam Ponzi

Alan Hamilton

Class of 2018

Kit Immel

Bob Meyer

Class of 2024

Mark Chenier

Greg Nichols

Class of 2019

Randall Jernigan

Dwight Perdue

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