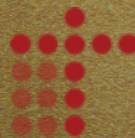




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*Anniversary*

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## OUR MISSION

The Mission of Cornerstone Church is to make disciples through prayer and the faithful teaching and preaching of the Word of God; to equip each member with the tools to win others to Christ, to love each other and to build our lives on the principles and firm foundation of Jesus Christ.

## VALUES

- C - Christ Centered
- O - Outreach to the Community
- R - Relevant Preaching /Teaching of the Word of God
- N - New Birth Experience (Born Spiritually)
- E - Exercising the Word of God by by Doing It
- R - Relationship to God and Each Other
- S - Spiritual Power of the Holy Spirit at work in us and church
- T - Trust in Jesus and Each Other
- O - Order as established by the Word of God
- N - Nourishing Environment
- E - Exaltation of the name of Jesus





# *Pastor Maxwell H. Ware*



## **Celebrating 25 Years of God's Faithfulness and Love Greetings Cornerstone Church Family and Friends,**

Praise the Lord! Look what the Lord has done! Twenty-Five years of service to the Lord Jesus Christ have gone by so quickly. God has been so faithful to us during these years. His mercies are new every morning. My prayer has always been that God would do a work at Cornerstone that would be so amazing that those who looked on what has been accomplish would say with us "that it had to be God".

" Starting with five families in the basement of my home, to the Amherst House, God has blessed us with a beautiful edifice that we occupy today, and with a thriving and growing congregation that love God and each other, I can truly say that I am Godly proud to be your Pastor and Brother. As I reflect on these years, I know that God has been with us all the way. He has brought us through the storms and the rain of life into the marvelous 'Son" shine of His great love. It is with a heart full of gratitude and joy as we achieve this significant milestone in the life of our church. It seems like only yesterday that a small group of faithful believers came together with a shared vision to create a place where people could gather, worship, and find community. Today, we celebrated not just an anniversary, but a testament to the faithfulness of God. "All our lives He has been Faithful."

Over the years, we have witnessed God's hand at work in our congregation and community. We have seen lives transformed, families strengthened, and individuals finding hope and purpose through the love of Christ. We have also weathered storms and faced challenges, but through it all, our faith and trust remain steadfast in the God who can do exceedingly above that we can hope or think. Our resolve to serve our community and share the love of Christ has only grown stronger. As we reflect on the past 25 years, we must also look ahead to what God has in store for us. The journey thus far has been remarkable, but the best is yet to come. Our prayer is that we continue to grow in love, unity, and service, reaching out to more people and making a difference in their lives!

Thank you for being part of our journey and church family. Your prayers, support, and involvement over the years have shaped Cornerstone Church into what it is today. As we celebrate this milestone, let us give thanks to God for all that He has done; and we look forward to the blessings He has in store for us.

May God continue to bless us as we journey together in faith, love, and service.

Yours in Christ,  
*Maxwell H. Ware*

Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Church



## *First Lady Sheila A. Ware*

"Magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt his name together! Psalm 34:3

**He has done marvelous things Cornerstone...25 years! Let's celebrate what God has done and will continue to do at Cornerstone and through His people! It has been my absolute pleasure to serve you these past ten years, and to stand beside my husband, in service unto God, let's continue to stay faithful unto Him!**

## *Pastor Maxwell H. Ware Bio*

Pastor Maxwell H. Ware is the Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Church, located in Columbia, Maryland. He committed his life totally to Christ at Wilson and Fair Church of God hearing Rev. Raymond Steele preach on living water. He went to the altar and received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Ware earned a Bachelors' Degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and an MBA from Adelphi University in Garden City, Long Island, New York.

He also attended Central Bible College. He served the local church in various capacities such as: Youth Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Building Fund Chairman, Treasurer, a Board of Trustee Member, Teacher in School of the Bible, and as an Associate Minister at Long Reach Church of God prior to establishing Cornerstone. He also served the national church on the Warner Press Company Board of Directors.

Presently he provides leadership in the CDP District of the Church of God as the Chair of the Elder Board. Pastor Ware served in the military for sixteen years during the Vietnam era and is a Major in the United State Army Retired Reserve. He worked in private industry for two fortunes five hundred companies in Commercial Real Estate Financing.

During the summer of 1998 he felt the strong calling to start a church. He and his wife Beverly received Bishop Robert S. Davis blessing and commissioning for the work in the south part of Columbia. In February 2010 his wife of 43 years suddenly transitioned home to be with the Lord. God gave him a word at that time for comfort: "my grace is sufficient for you and my strength is made perfect in your weakness."

Pastor Ware has five grown children, and eight grandchildren through that union. In 2014, God brought a new joy to Pastor Ware's life when he met and married Sheila Baratta. She now serves alongside him in Ministry.





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## Keynote Speaker

Rev. Audrey Boudreaux, Sr. Pastor  
New Hope Community Fellowship Church

*“For I know the PLANS I have for you says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a HOPE and a FUTURE” Jeremiah 29:11*

Reverend Audrey Boatwright Boudreaux, born in McGregor Texas, is the only girl and eldest of 5 siblings. Audrey recalls the impact that the Word of God had on her life during her childhood.

Audrey joined her parents at Long Reach Church of God in 1995 where Bishop Robert S. Davis was the pastor. She immediately went to work in various capacities in several ministries which included the Choir, Cell Ministry, Evangelism, and the Preaching ministry.

It was in 2012 after serving with Pastor Maxwell Ware at Cornerstone Community Church of God that both Pastor Ware and Missionary Audrey realized that her passion for the lost and her love for the people of God not only led her to Haiti but was leading her to shepherd the flock in Gambrills Maryland. PRAISE THE LORD 2012 - 2013 was a MONUMENTAL year for Audrey. Not only did she continue as a Missionary to Haiti, she was also chosen to be the Senior Pastor at New Hope Community Church, and she was joined in holy matrimony to Mr. Anthony Boudreaux. SURELY THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD MAKETH RICH!!!!

Audrey is currently an Elder for the Church of God - Chesapeake Delaware Potomac District (CDP). She is also an Author, a 2009 Graduate of Leadership Howard County, and a 2008 Recipient of the Minnie B. Davis, Woman of the Year Award, and a 2005 graduate of Minnesota School of Theology.





# Program

Chris Gallant, Master of Ceremony

Musical Prelude-----  
Welcome & Opening Prayer -----  
Blessing -----

## DINNER AND SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION

Church History -----  
Scripture Reading -----  
Musical Selection -----  
Comedian-----  
Remarks-----  
Introduce Keynote Speaker-----

## ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

Rev. Audrey Boudreaux

Closing Prayer-----

# Menu

## **Gourmet Bruschetta Display**

toasted crostini and pita chips, presented with guests' choices of the following toppings: traditional roma tomato bruschetta, egg plant caponata, olive tapenade, roasted garlic hummus

## **Served to the Guest Tables**

flatware, water glass napkin

## **Spinach & Pear Salad**

fresh baby spinach, chopped pears & candied walnuts nicely finished with a drizzle of our homemade pear vinaigrette dressing.

## **Assorted Rolls & Butter**

assorted rolls, freshly baked in baskets, and served with butter balls.

## **Lemon & Thyme Chicken with Capers & Artichokes**

lemon & thyme rubbed chicken breasts in a lemon caper sauce with artichokes hearts.

## **Potatoes Au Gratin**

potatoes mixed with cheese and butter then baked until golden brown & crispy

## **Asparagus Bundles**

char grilled asparagus, seasoned with rosemary & thyme, wrapped into bundles, tied with spring onion stems

Coffee Station, Citrus infused water, Iced Tea





## CORNERSTONE CHURCH HISTORY

In the summer of 1998, Pastor Maxwell Ware felt an urging of the Lord to begin a church. The call from The Lord was strong and scripturally based. It was revealed to him that his decision released his destiny. There is a standing command from the Lord "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel."

Bishop Robert S. Davis, Senior, Pastor, of Long Reach Church of God (where Bro. & Sis. Ware had been a member for 14 years), consented and commissioned them for this new work. Cornerstone Community Church of God was founded and held the first organizational meeting September 6, 1998, in the basement of the Ware's home. Later they began to meet at the Amherst House, located in the Village of King's Contrivance, Columbia, Md.

There were five families that began with Pastor and Sis. Ware, (1) Gerald and Mildred Boyd, (2) Ted and Bobbie Crew, (3) Steve and Rhonda Cromwell, (4) Calvin and Stephanie Cross, and (5) Brenda Pinkney. Each Sunday we invited visitors to the church, and many became members.

The Covenant Group (leadership team) was appointed and became an active and dynamic group, providing counsel and leadership within the church led by Chris Gallant serving as Chairperson.

In 1999 the Mighty Men of Cornerstone (MMOC) began meeting early each Saturday Morning in Fellowship at the Pastor's home. The MMOC took the lead organizing The Annual Labor Day Cookout.

Cornerstone sponsored a Marriage Enrichment Seminar conducted by Dr. Alvin Lewis and Dr. Juanita Lewis. Cornerstone messages were heard on the Radio over Heaven 600 AM. We had a weekly broadcast that aired on Sunday Evening at 6:30 pm. Intercessory prayer has always been an integral part of Cornerstone's Ministry. Breakthrough Prayer on Thursday Night.



## CORNERSTONE CHURCH HISTORY

We also began Power Up in 15 each weekday morning at 6:00 am for those who want to dial in on the prayer line for 15 minutes of prayer before beginning their day. Cornerstone intercedes for the people of God, the church worship services, and for world conditions.

Early in the ministry Cornerstone supported Minister Brenda Pinkney as a full-time Missionary to Haiti. Presently Cornerstone supports Pastor Audrey Boudreaux's ministry to Haiti and through her organization "Beyond all Boundaries." Cornerstone served the community with excellent childcare through Cornerstone early learning center.

We also had Rainbow Adult Day Care as a tenant for over seven years. We have shared the use of our building for worship with other faith communities such as Columbia Community Seven Day Adventist Church, Hope Presbyterian, Chin Bible Church, Burmese Bible Church, and Movement Church of God.

During life of the church, we have had some low points losing First Lady Beverly Ware suddenly. Although the church and Pastor Ware prayed fervently for her Healing, Sis Beverly transitioned into glory on February 3, 2010. However, Pastor Ware never lost his hope in God, and promised God he would redouble his efforts in ministry.

After a lonely period in his life, the God of all hope, brought a new joy and strength into his life. He married Sheila Joy Baratta on January 4, 2014. God promised Pastor Ware many more years of productive ministry, and First Lady Sheila Ware has come alongside to help him fulfill his assignment to "finish well." We still believe that God has set before us an open door that no one can shut (Rev.3:8).

God has been faithful and continues to show us favor as we have matured as a church that is growing, developing and moving into the fullness of its mission in the world. We believe that the faithful God that has begun a good work in us and will see it to completion (Phil. 1:6). Our prayer is that all those who see what Cornerstone Church has accomplished will agree that it had to be God and He is still doing great things! And we believe that

the Best is yet to Come!

*In Memoriam*



First Lady A. Beverly Ware



Rhonda Michelle Cromwell



Norma Matherson



Joe Randall



Pastor Ralph Lawton



Peaches



Alita Jones



Rev. Patricia Harrison



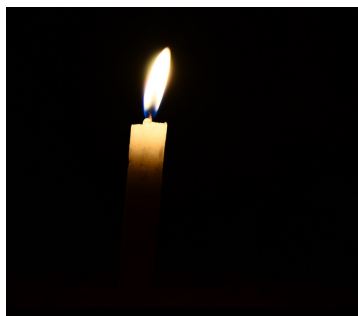
Calvin & Stephanie Cross



Rev. Emanuel Robertson



Howard Aaron James



Eranie Taylor

**I know my Redeemer lives.**

**I know my Redeemer lives.**

**All of creation testifies, this life within me cries,**

**I know my Redeemer lives.**



Rev. Woodard



**Congratulations**  
**Cornerstone Church**  
on your  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



*Know that God is smiling on this day as your church reaches another milestone. Nothing done in honor of His name will ever be in vain. Many blessings to you and your entire congregation.*

**The Orthodox Church of Saint Matthew**

# COVENANT GROUP



Bro. Chris Gallant



Dr. Mildred Boyd



Sis. Theresa Robertson



Min. Michael Cox



Dea. Judy Judkins



Pastor Maxwell H. Ware



First Lady Sheila Baratta Ware

## PASTORS & PREACHING MINISTERS

Rev. Gloria Adams

Min. Oquillian Smith

Min. Brenda Pinkney

Pastor David Watts

Min. Gary Nixon

Pastor Ken Woods

Pastor Doug Banks

Min. Michael Cox

Min. James Taylor

Rev. Judy Sheppard



## DEACONS

Pat Langston

Dorothy Peacock

Tim Ray

Wayne Wilkins

Larry & Yvonne Everett

Judy Judkins

Ricky Sheppard

Mildred Boyd

## MINISTRY LEADERS

**Facilities** | Ricky Sheppard

**Mighty Men of Cornerstone** | Larry Everett

**Women of Wisdom** | Gloria Adams

**Children** | Judy Sheppard & Yvonne Everett

**Outreach** | Pastor Judy Sheppard & Doug Banks

**Praise Team** | Dr. Darryl & Shellie Williams

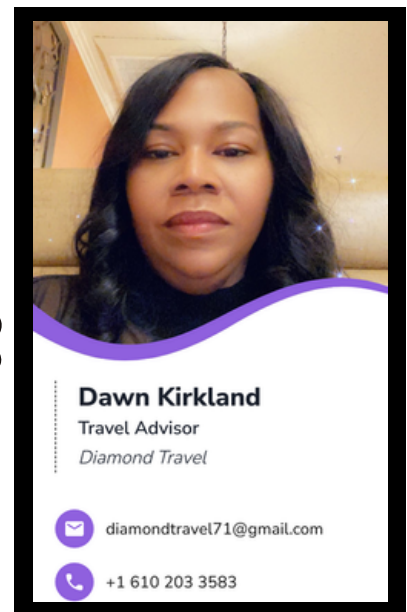
**Technology** | Theresa Robertson

**Church Network** | O'quillian Smith & David Robertson

**Masterlife** | Peggy Taylor

**Discipleship** | Pastor Gloria Adams

**Social Media** | Pastor David Watts





# Congratulations on 25 years!

We celebrate 25 years with the Cornerstone Church Family. A round of applause from the Cornerstone Technology Ministry!



## Congratulations on 25 years!

### *Rhema Dance Ministry*



Congratulations Cornerstone Church  
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Congratulations Pastor Max & Lady Sheila on the 25th anniversary of Cornerstone Church. I along with my beautiful mother Norma (deceased) joined this church in 2004, at the Amhearst House.

This church has become an integral part of my life! I love you and my church family. Looking forward to the next 25 years here.

God bless!  
Sincerely Carla Sherri



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# Happy 25th Anniversary Pastor Ware & Cornerstone Community Church



"We pray that the church will continue to grow and positively impact the community for decades to come."

HAPPY 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary!

And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15

We Congratulate and THANK YOU  
for 25 years of faithful ministry.

Tony & Audrey Boudreaux & New Hope  
Community Fellowship Church



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