



# Cornerstone Prison Church Newsletter

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious **cornerstone**,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame."

1 Peter 2:4-6

*August, 2018*

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

## When Jesus Calls by DJN

Hi, my name is Dan and I'd like to share just a brief portion of my life and how the Lord God Almighty got my attention. I am 43 years old and it seems like I was a teen just a few years ago. I guess that is what a life of drinking, drugs and partying does to a person, it makes you forget, whatever your covering up and everything else that matter. I grew up knowing of God and of Jesus but I didn't truly know Him.

In September of 1996, my father, brother and I were in a Dodge Dakota pickup pulling a 22' bass boat coming home from a fishing trip. We got hit head-on by a drunk driver. The other driver and my brother were killed instantly. My dad had a broken hip and a messed up knee. I had a dislocated hip and a severed aorta. I should have bled out at the scene, yet, I believe I had a guardian angel. That angel has been with me my entire life. Over the next 20 years, I used drugs, pain pills, alcohol, and lots marijuana to suppress my pain.

I got arrested for possession of a stolen fire arm and burglaries. I had 11 state charges and 6 federal charges. Here I was miles from home and all alone. Every night, my cell mate kept reading his Bible endlessly. So after awhile, I had to ask him why he kept reading and highlighting verses in his Bible. He asked me if I knew Jesus, I said yes, he asked what I knew about Jesus. I couldn't answer him. He told me about salvation and how I could accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I prayed for guidance because I did not understand what I was reading. What happened next was amazing. I started by looking up the book of Daniel and my birthdate. Then, I looked up Matthew, which was my brothers name and his birthdate. Through those verses Jesus spoke to me directly. From that point on, I have had so many encounters with God, in fact, it's been over two years and I have several a week.

God has had me working full time and I love serving Him with all my heart. I just wish I would have stopped and listened to His voice 30 years ago. I always knew of Jesus but, I didn't know that someday He would be my best friend and I could converse with Him daily. I hope to be out in the next six months and I will work for Jesus forever. He is my new boss, not me.

This is an excerpt for the published devotional, Pathway to Pentecost, from the men inside the Cornerstone Prison Church.

Read: Matthew 25:1-13, & Psalm 23:5

In today's fast paced environment of technology and invention, we often take things for granted that weren't so easily maintain before. For instance, light was produced by burning olive oil in bible times. This olive oil was produced by pressing olives and only the first few drops were considered pure enough to be used in the temple/tabernacle. This same oil was also used for anointing and represented the presence of the Holy Spirit on that person.

As we see in the "Parable of the Ten Virgins," five virgins had filled their lamps and were ready, anointed and overflowing. Five returned from buying oil because their lamps were going out. Don't let your lamp go out because you did not strive to keep your lamp filled. Be filled always with the Holy Spirit and in doing so, let your light shine before men that others may see Him in you. R.J.



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Our goal is to stay connected with you.

Online giving is available at [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org), then click on the support tab, financial support and give online. It's safe and secure.

### Upcoming Visitors:

- Aug 17 - 1st Ref., Edgerton
- Aug 24 - Concert - Milo & Nancy VD
- Aug 31 - Chandler CRC
- Sept 7 - Hope CRC, Hull
- Sept 14 - 1st Ref. Edgerton & St. Paul Lutheran, Hull
- Sept 21 - Dordt College
- Sept 28 - 1st CRC, Hull
- Oct 5 - open
- Oct 12 - Faith CRC, Sioux Center
- Oct 19 - Immanuel CRC, Orange City
- Oct 26 - Dordt College

Cornerstone Prison Church meets every Friday evening for worship. The guys are excited to meet new people.

Please join us!

Contact Jean to schedule a date that works for you.

We need to have at least 2 weeks notice to get the paperwork completed; then come and be blessed.

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### No donation is too small...

Cornerstone Prison Church is asking for donations of yarn. The inmates at the South Dakota State Penitentiary have the opportunity to knit hats for children in need.

The prison does not provide the yarn, so we ask churches and individuals to help with this important ministry. Please contact Jean to coordinate a drop-off location if needed.

### Give your gifts to Cornerstone Prison Church

Enclosed is a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ gift for Cornerstone Prison church

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