



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

December, 2018

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

Christmas is a special time of year because it gives us opportunity to ponder some truths about our Faith in ways we may not do the rest of the year. One is in the following passage...

Luke 2:8-11 (ESV) And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

The glory of the Lord is all around us. It shines in all of creation. When we stop to look for it we might notice God's glory shining in a way that seemed normal only moments earlier. When the angel appeared, the shepherd's became aware of the glory shining and they were filled with fear. The passage suggests that the shining was sudden, but I have seen sunrises, sunsets, mountains, valleys and plains, individuals and families that have revealed God's glory in ways that were not frightening.

The fright may have been due to the surprise. It may have been connected to the intensity. Maybe just seeing an angel had something to do with it. Our challenge today is to live expecting to see God's glory every day. This takes intent. An equal challenge that is directly tied to the first is to live so that we reveal God's glory as the angel did. We don't create it, but we can surprise people by our way of living for Christ that allows them to notice the glory that is already shining.



Planning Ahead;

Annual Banquet—Monday, April 8, 2019

Faith Fellowship Weekend—January 25,26 &27

Christmas Thanks!

Everyone at Cornerstone is very grateful for all the ways we have been supported this year. Your visits, prayers, encouraging words and financial contributions are all a part of the ministry growth.

Without God and You, we could not serve the Kingdom inside the Walls of the SDSP.

"Thank You & Merry Christmas"

Valley Male Chorus

We were blessed to enjoy the music of the **Valley Male Chorus** on November 16.

The inmates enjoyed the voices of the chorus, which filled the chapel.

Thank you to the men in the chorus for taking time out of their busy schedules to join us. It was a wonderful evening filled with fellowship, singing and worship!

Ordination

Friday, November 30 was a celebration at Cornerstone!

We ordained **new Council members!**

Inmates who will serve as elder and deacon and an outside member who will serve on the inside Council as an elder.

Praise God for leaders!

Share a Prayer Page...

We have added a Share a Prayer Page to the Cornerstone website. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the form under "Support," "Pray with us" and "Share a prayer form." You will be given a box to fill in your prayer request. You may designate who you would like to pray for your request. The Cornerstone Prayer team meets weekly to lift up prayers on behalf of others.

Check it out!

Christmas cards...

It is difficult for many inmates to send Christmas cards so every year we try to help them. On December 4 the **Cornerstone Ambassadors** handed out a 5-pack of Christmas cards to all the inmates. They can send these cards to family or friends. It was exciting to see the joy on their faces as we gave them a small token to help them out.

Make plans to visit us soon!

As we look forward to 2019, the calendar is starting to fill up. If you would like to attend a Friday night worship service at Cornerstone Prison Church, please contact us at least 2 weeks in advance!

Our website is: www.cornerstonepcsd.org

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We would love to have you join us!

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The date has been set

The annual Benefit Banquet will be Monday,
April 8, 2019.

Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock
Valley.

Please mark your calendar and join us!
We look forward to seeing you!



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