



## Cornerstone Prison Church

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

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EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

Recently I had one opportunity to visit with an inmate who had been a regular attender at the Friday night services of Cornerstone. He had been transitioned out to Unit "C" some time ago. I was waiting in the lobby for Gord while he conducted the service on a Friday night.

He shared with me the struggle he is having with family relationships especially with his daughter. He stated that some of them are his responsibility and no matter how often he tries to make suggestions to her, he feels like his words go unheard. The reality is that this type of statement is all too common on the outside world as well as on the inside of a prison.

Many of us have relationships that have been damaged by words or actions we have said or done. We want to make right what has been done, but not everyone wants to have that relationship rebuilt. We are so scared of change that we find we hold on to the hurt and being unwilling to ask for forgiveness or unwilling to grant forgiveness.

Ephesians 4:32 says it well: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you." Our relationships with others is based on our relationship with Christ. We ask Christ for forgiveness of our sins each day, so we in turn need to ask others for forgiveness for the wrongs we have done to them or they to us.

Accepting forgiveness and granting forgiveness are both an important part of the life with Christ.

# Prayer Requests

Thank you for lifting these prayer requests with us.

## Giving Thanks!

- For the desire God has placed within each one of us to search for, worship and get to know our Lord and Creator.
- For the many people and organizations who have supported us in the past - prayerfully, relationally and financially.
- For the many, many outside visitors who worship with us and volunteers who have been servant examples to us in the past and praying we may open up soon and be able to worship together again.

## General Requests:

- Cornerstone is a family of healing and peace. Pray that we are effective in living as servants of Christ.
- Cornerstone is a place of nurture and growth. Pray that we grow in the truth of God and in the depth of his mercy.
- God's leading through the hiring process for the position or possibly positions of Pastor at Cornerstone.

## Forgive

The measure of a person as we travel along, is not their size or maybe how strong.  
For the ability and power to forgive, will be tallied above and while we live,  
I have as I stumbled on life's way, must have offended many, sometimes in one day.  
These faults were many and hurtful I'm sure, and some would say my asking for forgiveness  
was not the cure.

But let us put the shoe on the other foot awhile, for haven't we all needed slack and a  
truthful smile.

I am not asking you to forget what's been done, but to place yourself as the unforgiven one.  
If we are Christians as we profess to be, we should remember the Lord does this for  
you and me.

Sometimes the things that seem the hardest to do, are not tough at all when caring is true.  
So now let us get on with living and doing things right, before it is too late to utter the words  
in this life. JU

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## Please join us

Our Annual Benefit Banquet will be post-poned until later this year so that you may come to be introduced to the new pastor or pastors who will be serving at Cornerstone.

More information will follow in further issues of these newsletters.

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