



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

July 2023

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

FREEDOM FROM SIN

At Cornerstone Prison Church we recently had the opportunity to witness the baptism of two believers. These men were able to come before their brothers in Christ to share how the gospel has made a difference in their lives. They had the opportunity to dig into some of the basics of Christianity, to wrestle with the parts of the faith that sometimes trip people up. They were able to articulate that faith has made a difference and that they have a completely different outlook on life than they had apart from Christ. It is truly an amazing celebration when those we have journeyed with accept Christ and take that step further to say, not only do I accept him, but I want to publicly celebrate my entrance into his family. This wouldn't be possible unless God worked first, drawing men to himself, taking the effort done in and through the church and applying it to individual hearts. It wouldn't be possible unless the message of Jesus' death and resurrection made people willing to admit their sins left them as good as dead and Jesus' resurrection meant they now have a newness of life.

Romans 6:4-7 says:

⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin."

Helping others find freedom from sin and all of its symptoms is a great joy whether your setting is a church classroom, a coffee shop, or a prison chapel. When men come to know in their hearts a freedom that means they have greater freedom than they have ever enjoyed even while they remain incarcerated, it is a great gift of God worthy of celebrating.

- Pastor Scott

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 3 weeks notice to get the paperwork completed; then come and be blessed.
E: office@cornerstonepcsd.org

Faith Fellowship Weekend August 26-27

Please consider this opportunity to minister to the men inside the walls. They are blessed by you taking time for them.

The theme for the weekend is "Perseverance in Prayer" and the scripture text is from Philippians 4:4-7. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, August 3, 2023. Email Jean to get signed up to help all or part of the weekend.
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Praise...

We were blessed to celebrate the baptism of two men during the Cornerstone worship service June 2. Please pray for these men as they stand up to proclaim they belong to Jesus Christ and want to serve Him. Pray for others that they may be led to do the same in the future.



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Prayer Requests...

- Summer is a difficult time for the poor. We pray that they will be able to stay fed, children cared for and bills paid so that they can invest some time in family.
- Many who are traveling this summer for vacations and mission trips that they will remain safe.
- As the population inside the walls continues to age, their health needs continue to increase. We pray for healing and timely care.
- Pray for the Cornerstone Council that their leadership may be healthy and received well by the men inside. Also, that the Lord will provide as we begin the nomination process this Fall.
- Praise the Lord for men standing up and professing their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!

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