



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

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EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

SINNERS IN GOD'S CHURCH

"To live above with saints we love, wouldn't that be glory? To live below with saints we know, well that's a different story." This is an Irish rhyme I recently read in a devotional I use every morning. As we at Cornerstone look to a new shepherd coming in to lead us, Pastor Scott Van Voorst, we as a church are all beset with problems relating to belief and behavior. But we all sin because we are sinners and we all fail as sinners to forgive the offender, despite his genuine repentance. We hope and pray this new leader will come to love Cornerstone and never give up on us.

Many of us have experienced difficult times in our churches and may even be the cause of "excessive sorrow" as Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 2:7-8. "Now instead you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him." We have all known of people in the church who

have become wearied, hurt and even used by unreasonable demands of those who even well intentioned see what we have done as accusatory. It is tempting to just withdraw and not attend services, bible study or just interaction with brothers/sisters in Christ who have hurt us. Yet this is not the Christ-centered model Paul gives us.

As a response to God's word let us reconnect with God's people. If you know of someone who has turned their backs on the church and its people, encourage them to return.

"If you find a perfect church don't join it, as you will only spoil it." Another quote from this devotional. Be part of the solution, rather than part of the problem as the saying goes.

We need to thank our pastors and fellow Christians who faithfully walk beside us when we sin against each other. Forgive as you have been forgiven and come back to your brothers/sisters in Christ.



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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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Prayer Requests...

- Pray for Pastor Scott Van Voorst as he takes on the duties of pastor at Cornerstone Prison Church beginning September 3, 2021.
- Prayers for Pastor Cory Grimm as he has decided to decline our call to be the second pastor and as he continues in his work as our worship coordinator.
- 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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