



# 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

## Do You Pray?

Luke 18:10-14

You and God are the only two beings who can answer that question. You may attend worship services and take part in corporate prayer. You may or may not say Grace at meal times. You may pray with friends and loved ones. All these are observable by others. Do you seek a private place and time to meet with your Creator? Prayer is a vital part of a Christian's life and a natural result of being born again. While, like the Pharisee, not all those who pray are born again, however all those who are truly born again will come to prayer.

When an infant is born the first sign of life is a breath and a cry. It should be the same to a newly born Christian; an inhalation of Grace and a cry of Thanksgiving to the Lord. Hopefully, as growth and maturation take place, prayer will become as natural as breathing, walking and talking. But it takes time and dedication to do anything well. It does not require many eloquent words strung together just right but only that we approach the Throne of Grace in humility and with reverence. Many of the most powerful prayers in the Bible are short, simple pleas to God from broken people.

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

<sup>10</sup> "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Prayer:

Father God, give me the desire to come to you often in humble and heartfelt prayer, to develop a deeper relationship with you, The King of Ages, Immortal, Invisible, the only God. Amen.

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Did You Know???

- Christ died for you
- There are many people who have never heard of Christ Jesus
- Christianity is the largest and most widely spread faith in the world. (Pew Forum)
- You can make a difference!!

Pentecost is just a week away.

Did you know???

- Pentecost is the Old Testament Festival of Weeks, beginning with Passover
- Following the death and resurrection of Jesus, His Apostles remained in Jerusalem as he instructed them—awaiting the Holy Spirit as he promised.
- On Pentecost the Holy Spirit came on the Christ followers gathered at a house in Jerusalem.
- This was a signal to them to be witnesses to the ends of the Earth.

Today we are blessed with the same promise and opportunity.

Did you know???

- Christ’s Holy Spirit empowers all the people he has chosen
- You can be A Holy Spirit Filled Witness for Christ everyday, everywhere



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### Update on Cornerstone

The Ambassador Board of Cornerstone has been working on finding a new pastor or pastors for this church inside the walls of the SDSP. We had four men apply initially and two more later in the process. We continue in prayer for God’s leading in this process.

Since last October, Gord Dyk has been going into the prison as a layman to cover what the previous pastor was doing. The prison only allows one person for each clergy type office to enter and do this work. The Friday night services have been led by some of the elders of the council and we have asked ministers of the area churches to submit videos of their sermons. Pastor Cory Grimm, music coordinator for Cornerstone, along with others has been helping us with music videos for the praise and worship song. We thank all who have given of their gifts to help out Cornerstone during this time with no pastor.

We continue to ask for your prayers during this time of transition that the Lord will continue to lead us to the man or men He wants for this position.

Ambassador Board of the Cornerstone Prison Church

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