



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

October, 2022

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

BOWING DOWN IN PRAYER

In our August newsletter, we shared a little regarding policy changes and staffing shortages at the Prison. Since then, there have regularly been additional modifications on a variety of things that impact morale among the prison population and adaptations to chapel functions. One of the men recently shared that current unrest and experiences remind him of a particularly dark time in the prison history that hasn't been paralleled for nearly 30 years. We have had to modify plans and accept additional policies being imposed for future involvement that make parts of our weekly norm very shaky right now. That said, we are thankful that while policies may change and practices may be modified, the Word of the Lord remains the same. We are doing what we can to remain faithful to the call, confident that God is faithful. We know God continues his important work of giving spiritual freedom to those who are incarcerated.

We hold on to these words, found in the middle of a Psalm of praise:

Psalm 146:6-8

"He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous."

We invite all who are partners of Cornerstone to join us in a spiritual posture of bowing down to pray that God would uphold the most important work he continues to do. While we may not know what every part of the ministry will look like, as we have not yet reached a state of knowing we are in a new normal, we are confident that God will hold his church. We know that God is not wasting the tension, that the struggles some of our men face in this time have not caught him by surprise, and that he is working through it all for our good and for his glory.

Pastor Scott Van Voorst

Prayer Requests...

- Pray that Chapel time would be prioritized by the administration during this time of many changes.
- Pray that God would work in the hearts of the many men who have recently started coming in a time when they are increasingly locked down. Pray that God would lift them up and help them hear the message of spiritual freedom he offers.
- Pray that God would be strengthening currently serving volunteers and preparing the hearts of future volunteers.

Upcoming Visitors:

- Oct 14 - Testimony—Carol VS
Oct 21 - Northwestern College
Oct 28 - Open-Pastor Mark Groen will be preaching
Nov. 4 - Lebanon CRC, Sioux Center (Pastor Drenten will be preaching)
Nov. 11 - Faith CRC, Sioux Center
Nov. 18 - Dordt University
Nov. 25 - Open
Dec. 2 - Open
Dec. 9 - Open
Dec. 16 - Dordt University
Dec. 23 - Open



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



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