



# 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

*September, 2018*

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

## WHAT CORNERSTONE PRISON CHURCH MEANS TO ME.

BY JR

My name is Josh, I committed my life to Christ two years ago, and as a young Christian and new to the church, Cornerstone Prison Church became my first Christian home. On my part there was fear, there was anxiety, there was a little doubt, there were questions, there was thought of what's gonna happen? How will I be treated? What do I do? Will I do it right? To those fears and questions came comfort and answers.

Shortly after, I started to attend worship and I started doing service work by folding bulletins and greeting. I was asked to do my first talk at a July 2017 Faith Fellowship Weekend, it was on 1 John 2:9-11, "Walking in the Light". Leading up to my talk, I wondered how will I do? I have never been good at speaking, let alone in front of 50-60 people. The church's prayer team and pastor prayed me up before my talk, 40 minutes later my talk was concluded. Filled with the Holy Spirit from the prayers I completed my first message and testimony.

As I grew fear still gripped me about joining the church. I was baptized on March 9, 2018 and did my public profession of faith on May 18, 2018. Cornerstone and myself have grown together, we have learned from each other, had differences, have had misunderstandings, but through the love shown to us through Jesus Christ, we have loved each other. God opens the doors that he wants us to go through and he puts us in places we need to be when we need to be there. We strive to not only better ourselves but more importantly each other.

Although at times it can seem hectic, that's when we get refined the most by persevering through it. As iron sharpens iron, and relationships continue to grow, we strive to make known to this prison community that our church is built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Fear is a liar, but our Lord Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, the life, and we rely on him and not our fears.

## Did you know...

People involved with Cornerstone ministry have the opportunity to write a devotional and share what God has placed on their hearts.

If you would like to submit a devotional please email it to [office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org). It is printed in the bulletin and put on our worship tab on the website.

Please consider this wonderful way to share God's story.

## [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org)...

Check out our website!

You will find opportunities and information about Cornerstone.

Our goal is to stay connected with you.

Prayer Requests: The annual Cornerstone Council elections will be coming up soon. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the members to elect the men that He wants in the council of His church. Pray also for Pastor Doug and the current council that they are given wisdom for leading the Cornerstone Prison Church.



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### Upcoming Visitors:

Sept 14 - 1st Ref. Edgerton & St. Paul Lutheran, Hull  
Sept 21 - Dordt College  
Sept 28 - 1st CRC, Hull  
Oct 5 - Northwestern College  
Oct 12 - Faith CRC, Sioux Center  
Oct 19 - Immanuel CRC, Orange City  
Oct 26 - Dordt College & Shalom CRC  
Nov. 2 - First Reformed, Edgerton  
Nov. 9 - Sibley CRC & Arise, SF  
Nov. 16 - Valley Male Chorus  
Nov. 23 - Open  
Nov. 30 - Dordt College

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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### No donation is too small...

Cornerstone Prison Church is asking for donations of yarn. The inmates at the South Dakota State Penitentiary have the opportunity to knit hats for children in need.

The prison does not provide the yarn, so we ask churches and individuals to help with this important ministry. Please contact Jean to coordinate a drop-off location if needed.

Give your gifts to Cornerstone Prison Church

Enclosed is a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ gift for Cornerstone Prison church

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Please make checks payable to *Cornerstone Prison Church*.

Donations are tax deductible.

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Cornerstone Prison Church, c/o David Vande Kamp, Treasurer,  
801 S. Gordon Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57110.