



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

Spring 2025

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

This month is the 20th Anniversary of Cornerstone being a church in the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

I can hardly imagine the changes that have happened over the entire twenty years as I have been the pastor for roughly 1/5 of that time and have experienced so many changes in just the recent four years. Many changes have brought challenges in a place that is already challenging, but through it all God has been faithful. He has provided all that we need to continue to share the gospel. He continues to guide men in growing faith and show his faithfulness in many testimonies and answered prayers.

One of the passages that captures the pastoral heart and reminds us to lean into God's faithfulness is the opening of 1 Thessalonians 3. There Paul begins requesting prayer from the folks he is writing to and seems like he cannot help himself but also pray for them.

1 Thessalonians 3:1- 5 Says:

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

That pivot of praying for and inviting prayer from his readers centered on the faithfulness of God is something that I often feel. I very much appreciate the support and the prayers of many individual partners in ministry and supporting Churches. At the same time, I pray that your churches may have opportunities to see the love of God and experience Christ preserving you the way we see Christian perseverance often at Cornerstone.

Please join us in thanking God for his faithfulness the last 20 years, inviting His rich blessing on Cornerstone's future and know that we are thankful for your partnership. Know that we are praying that you will see and feel the faithfulness of God in your churches and individual faith journeys.

- Pastor Scott

Pictures from our Annual Benefit Banquet held April 7, 2025 at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley, IA.

On behalf of the Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation, we would like to say THANK YOU!! for attending and supporting prison ministry!!



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Faith Fellowship Weekend

June 21-22

Please consider this opportunity to engage with the men inside the walls through talks, and round table discussion. They are blessed by you taking time for them.

The theme for the weekend is "Faithfulness of the Father" and the scripture text is from Lamentations 3:22&23.

The deadline to sign up is Thursday, May 29, 2025

Email Jean to get signed up to help all or part of the weekend.

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