



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

Winter, 2025

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

THE GIFT OF THE BIBLE

As we make our way through the Holiday Season, we are thankful for the work of God through distributing the Bible in both fun ways and lonely places.

Isaiah 55:10-11 says, ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Over this year we have given out more than 100 Bibles to men going through incarceration. The populations we serve are constantly changing and many times the men who move into the facilities we work in either come without a Bible or have their old one lost in the transfer. In our Unit C Bible study, we have worked at length with over a dozen men this year, deepening faith and growing their commitment to Christ. Just last week we had an individual with a huge smile hold up his now tattered Bible and thank us for the help and encouragement we had been to him over the last six months as he gets ready to go back home.

On the Hill we had our fall Bingo for Bibles event. Prison policy limits the value and style we can widely distribute. So once or twice a year we play bingo in the chow hall so we can give away a small number over very valuable leather study Bibles. Numerous times these have become a most prized possession during a man's incarceration and have been used by God in bringing guys across the line from searching to accepting salvation. We had over 80 guys play bingo with us on a November Sunday afternoon. Join us in praying that the Bibles will be used for study and growth in the lives of those who got them. Also, on the Hill we were able to work with the new warden to reverse a policy that made access to the restrictive housing unit (solitary confinement) essentially impossible. This allowed me the chance to replenish an inventory of Bibles for guys who are at their loneliest and sometimes worst moments.

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The new staff in that section will be working with us to ensure there will be a handful of Large Print Bible available going forward again. As we go through the Christmas season, we are thankful for the opportunity to share the gospel, for the way men are responding to God's Word, and for the partnerships that make this level of distributing God's Word possible.

Pastor Scott

Christmas cards...

It is difficult for many inmates to send Christmas cards so every year we try to help them. The **Cornerstone Ambassadors** recently handed out a 4-pack of Christmas cards to all the inmates. They can send these cards to family or friends. It was exciting to see the joy on their faces as we gave them a small token to help them out.

End of the Year Giving . . .

As 2025 comes to an end, we are grateful to all who have supported us financially in the past and we ask you to prayerfully consider a donation at the end of this year. Your check can be mailed to our treasurer at the address below or you can give online at our website under the support tab. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which allows your donation to be tax deductible.

Christmas Sacks: Each year the chaplains that serve inmates in our prisons and jails purchase goodies, pack sacks, and distribute a Christmas sack to every inmate in the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, the minimum-security unit in Yankton, and the inmates in the county jails in Sioux Falls and Yankton. Would you please consider making a financial gift to support this effort to provide each man with a little something for Christmas? Please send donations to Cornerstone Prison Church, %Dave Vande Kamp, Treasurer; 801 So. Gordon Drive; Sioux Falls, SD 57110. Please put "Christmas Sacks" in the memo line.

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The date has been set . . .

The annual Benefit Banquet will be
Monday, April 13, 2026.
Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley.
Please mark your calendar and join us!
We look forward to seeing you!
Check future newsletters for RSVP options.



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