



# 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

June 2016

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

## Thanks from Mike...

I recently had the opportunity to be re-introduced to one of the guys inside – I will call him “Mike”. Our initial meeting was a few months earlier, at the request of one of the Correctional Officers. It was late in the evening and the officer wanted someone, anyone from the chapel, to sit and talk with Mike. He was recently incarcerated and going through some very difficult struggles that are a real part of being “inside.” Due to transfers and other prison realities, we only talked that one evening, until just a couple weeks ago.

Mike was relocated again and our paths crossed one more time. This meeting was very different. In fact, I did not recognize Mike. He had a different haircut. He had a different outlook. He had a smile on his face. He was no longer in distress. In fact, he came up and thanked me for sitting with him that evening.

I had to hesitate because I did not know who I was talking to. He could tell I was searching through the files in my mind with little success. He introduced himself and explained he was the guy that was in distress the night the officer called me. After telling me about some changes in his physical appearance, he gave me a very firm handshake and a heartfelt “Thank You” for listening that evening.

Hearing words like these are thought provoking in a number of ways.

First, it reminds me that all the planning in the world is not going to put me in the right place at the right time, every time. Planning is not a bad thing, but the importance of availability is huge. When the Prophet Isaiah was called by God in a vision, the voice of the Lord said, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” Isaiah’s response was, “Here I am. Send me.” (See Isaiah 6:1-8)

The call from the officer was at the end of a long day. It was almost 8 pm and I wanted to go home. Another man, another emotional situation, another hour or two. None of these were on my list of things I wanted to do. But I am learning that God’s calls are not always convenient. So, it was that night.

The other thought provoking thing about this reconnection was the “Thank You.” While it was delivered to me, I feel it is for God first of all, then also for all who support God’s ministry at Cornerstone. So to all who participate in Cornerstone in one way or another, I pass on Mike’s thank you and I will include the words of Ephesians 5:20 (NIV), “Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Blessings & Peace, Thanks & Encouragement in the Lord.

*Pastor Rick*

## Upcoming visitors...

June 17 - First CRC, Hull  
June 24 - First Ref.,  
Sioux Center  
July 1 - Chandler CRC  
July 8 - New Life Ref.,  
Sioux Center  
July 15 - First CRC, Edgerton  
July 22 - Pipestone CRC  
July 29 - Arise, Sioux Falls

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Check out our website!  
You will find opportunities and  
information about Cornerstone.  
Our goal is to stay  
connected with you.

Check out the ministry video.

Here is a link

<https://youtu.be/5Z9JMz1Apfk>

## Cornerstone Staff...



L to R: Cory, Terese, Doug, Rick

If you or someone you know would like to  
check out the latest updates at Cornerstone?

Get on the newsletter email list by sending

a request to

[office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org)

## We can come to you...

Pastor Rick and Pastor Doug are willing to provide  
Pulpit Supply and a Cornerstone Prison Church update  
on a Sunday morning or evening.

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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 Terese 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.*

*Our email address: [office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org)*

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