



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

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EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

A Testimony to God's Goodness...

Psalm 100:5 "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

This year our Thanksgiving Worship service is going to focus on Psalm 100. The verse above is the last verse in that Psalm and has special meaning for me this year.

There is no doubt in my mind that the goodness and love of God continue to be experienced inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary. This also applies to God's faithfulness continuing through all generations. Let me share a little of what I am referring to, faithfulness first.

A year ago I met a man who is in his 30's. "Ken" grew up in a family of believers and has been caught playing both piano and organ in his home church. He is intelligent and can hold a conversation with almost anyone. Ken thought that there were some wild seeds that needed sowing and as a young man, he got right to it, following in his brother's footsteps.

When we met, Ken was confused about his faith and tried out many of the faith systems available inside the walls. Occasionally we would connect and have a good talk about what was going on. It was generally about more confusion.

Recently he shared with me (and his mother by phone) that "he was back." All through his journey his parents have been honest with him and at the same time very encouraging. At this time, it looks like God's faithfulness has continued to all genera-

tions. Ken has recommitted his life to Christ and is approaching his commitment in the form of relationship to God, made possible in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As I sit alone in my office this morning, the smile on my face is growing even as I write this. I share this so that you are able to get a glimpse of the mighty things God is doing within The Walls.

Pastor Doug and I can both tell from recent personal experiences that God is doing things that are much bigger than either of us. Hearts are being changed, old walls are being knocked down and the bricks are being used to create healthier paths.

A year and a half ago, the leadership of Cornerstone made a decision in faith and Pastor Doug was invited to our staff. We are grateful to God for Doug and we also thank Doug for all his hard work. In this decision we knew that this would increase our financial need considerably and yet we felt at peace with this prayer-filled decision.

Today, we are still at peace with the decision. I am sharing this with you, hoping you will prayerfully consider how you can join with many other churches and individuals to keep Cornerstone Prison Church funded into the years to come.

*Still Smiling,
- Pastor Rick*

Bibles & Blue Jeans...

One of Cornerstone's supporting churches put out a challenge to their congregation.

The Challenge: \$400 for large print Bibles for Cornerstone and 100 pairs of Blue Jeans for Kingdom Boundaries.

The challenge was accepted and met!

Praise the Lord!

Thank you for your support!

It's About Turkeys...

Cornerstone Prison Church was challenged to help the Salvation Army with their annual Thanksgiving Meal basket ministry to families in need.

In each basket are the items needed for a Thanksgiving meal along with a \$15.00 gift certificate to purchase a turkey for their meal. The offering given to Cornerstone for the month of October was given to the Salvation Army. The men of Cornerstone raised enough money for 32 families to have turkey this year.

What a blessing!

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Cornerstone Prison Church meets every Friday evening for worship. The guys are excited to connect with 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

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801 S. Gordon Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57110.