

Help Support Campers Like Shelby



"I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU. INSPIRATION HILLS HAS PROVIDED A SAFE HAVEN FOR ME TO EXPRESS MY LOVE FOR JESUS. YOUR CAMP HAS PROVIDED FUN AND FAITH FOR ME FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS AND I CANNOT WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR ME AT IH."

BY GIVING TO THE

50% Fund



Did you know that we rely on donations to cover nearly HALF of our yearly expenses? The average expenses for one camper to attend a week of summer camp (food, lodging, staff, etc.) is \$830. However, to keep camp registration affordable for families, we cut that cost in half and charge \$415 on average. Summer Camp costs roughly \$768,000 dollars a year with parents only being required to pay 50% to come to camp. Therefore, our goal is to raise \$384,000 each year for the 50% Fund in order to cover the remaining 50% of summer camp expenses.

We are calling on you to help keep Summer Camp affordable. Would you please prayerfully consider making a one-time gift of \$415 to support one camper, \$830 to support two campers, or even \$1,245 to support three campers? This will allow us to continue to keep costs low and reach as many campers as possible with the Gospel.

This year, we already have over 1,100 campers registered to experience the life changing ministry of Summer Camp, and your gift, of any size, makes a direct impact allowing individuals to come to know and grow in Christ. Our goal is for more campers like Shelby to come back to camp year after year. Thank you for doing your part in making that possible.

OUR ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP BUDGET IS COVERED BY...



Blessings to you,



Chris Jelken



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From the Director

As I reflect over the past year, I am humbled by the reality that God's timing and design is always right spot on! Here's why! I stand amazed at the gift from God of Talitha Koum, the Healing Campus. It has been six years since the Lord placed in my heart the vision for some type of healing campus for families impacted by domestic

violence and in April 2023 Whispers of LHJ purchased a beautiful 7+ acre property on the outskirts of Sioux Center, IA. After taking possession in August we have been busy cleaning, painting, and getting the 13,000 square foot facility ready so families will have a safe, stable home that will provide whole-person healing from trauma. We give thanks to God for providing this perfectly designed property. Please stop in for a tour and say, "Hello!"



I am humbled by the many relationships, old & new, with families, volunteers, area businesses, city, county, and state officials that have been developing. A highlight is the Fall "Cover the Cruiser Impact Night" event as Pizza Ranch, Sioux County Sheriff's Office, and Whispers of LHJ united to take a stand against domestic violence. It was



heartwarming to see families serving families as they all came to support and commit to take that stand with us! It was a rich way to foster positive relationships between Sioux County, families, Whispers, and the general public. One little boy said to a deputy, "You're one of the good guys!"

I am humbled by God's continued invitation to join Him in the mission of serving families who have become survivors of domestic violence. Each day we have the privilege of planting hope, cultivating community, and harvesting healing. It's a compelling invitation and God commands us to do it together. You are vital for this mission to continue, and the Spirit has gifted each of you with gifts designed specifically to edify His Church. So, if the Spirit has gifted you as a prayer warrior, Pray! If the Spirit has blessed you with the gift of service, then serve! If the Spirit has blessed you with the gift to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is to give, then give generously. (Romans 12:7-8 NIV) The sharing of your gifts bless not only the families we serve, but also brings glory to God. As I close out this note I humbly ask you to continue to remember Whispers of Love, Hope Joy financially. Without you we are unable to continue to do the mission God has called Whispers to as we serve families impacted by domestic abuse. Donations may be made through our website: whispersoflhj.com or by personal check. We are a faith-based non-profit that stands independent from any other agency.

All gifts are tax deductible and a receipt for your 2024 donations will be sent out in January 2025.

With a joy filled heart,

Pastor Deb



This QR code will take you to Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy's Everyday Giving Page.

A Life Restored

As a survivor of domestic abuse, finding solace and strength in prayer has been a challenging journey. I couldn't think of a time when I felt defeated and I connected with God. This change one evening recently. I found myself in a hard place. I knew my thinking was off. I knew I was triggered. I felt so defeated. God orchestrated it where I was able to go and be in a room at Talitha. As I was in the room I could hear people in the main area. I found comfort in hearing their voices. I ended up on my face before God. I cried hard. I couldn't find words to pray but I remember saying "I don't know what to do". Somehow I began to noticed a change. My thinking became clearer, I sensed His presence and I began to have words to pray. I was able to shift from feeling defeated to being victorious. God and I connected. I cherish the moments of connection I had that evening. I have ended up on my face in prayer a few other times since then in defeat with the same results connection and strength to move forward. God is healing the hurts of the past and teaching me how to connect with him in both the joys and sorrows. I am so grateful to Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy for providing this safe place for me as God and I work through this season of time.

Hope Food Pantry



The property is also home to the Hope Food Pantry who serves an average of 130 families/week with free food, clothing and houseware items. After a major reconstruction of the building Hope Food Pantry began serving November 2023

Ribbon Cutting for Talitha Koum



NEW ADDRESS
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Sioux Center Iowa 51250

Prayer Request:

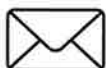
- KR as the due date for giving birth to her daughter approaches. She continues to live in a sober living home. May she continue to actively engage with the rehab program for drug addiction. This is her 4th rehab program.
- CM as she manages full time work, being a single parent to an active 2 y/o toddler while also assisting her mother through some critical health challenges.
- D & J as they navigate car issues and are currently borrowing a friends vehicle.
- For continued healing from trauma in families that we serve.

Prayer Praises:

- SR - she has just received her 8 y/o son back home is granted primary custody. This is huge! She has been sober for approximately 18 months and has been accepted into the Peer Recovery Coach training program. All glory to God.
- Praise and thanks for the groups who have volunteered to paint, clean, and continue prepping Talitha Koum, the healing campus to begin receiving its first families by June 2024.
- We lift our praises and express thanks to God for inviting Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy to join Him on mission in NW Iowa for families who are impacted by domestic abuse.

Wish List

- Paper Products - toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels
- Diapers of all sizes
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shampoo - please not Sauve
- Hairbrushes
- Body soap



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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

April 2024

EXPANDING THE KINGDOM FROM THE INSIDE-OUT

Locked Down, but Lifted Up

The passage tied to our church name and featured in the top right corner of every newsletter comes from 1 Peter 2. Later in that same chapter you can also read: 19 For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

While these verses were applied to how believers can be a royal priesthood in this life while they were slaves in an ancient civil system, it has direct application to the lives of the men who make up Cornerstone Prison Church. Peter's concern was that Christians face suffering well, recognizing a connection to Christ's suffering for our sake and that how we suffer can point the world to Christ. While none of us want to suffer, we do experience suffering in this time. Recently there was a disturbance at the prison. Tensions had run high, after many beneficial opportunities had been reduced over months. Then there was an additional change that radically reduced communication between the men and their families. In the wake of the disturbance all the men in the prison were locked down. It has become fairly common that when a few men act up they all get locked down. This means chapel services end up being cancelled. It was a stark contrast this year, having the joy of Easter and a great evening at our annual banquet while the men of Cornerstone were locked down and the chapel was closed without knowing when services would resume. For a couple of weeks, the men were locked down, but that wasn't the whole story because many followers of Christ were lifting them up in prayer.

As we continue to navigate difficult times, we greatly appreciate the prayers and support of the broader church. I especially encourage you to continue to lift up the men at the times they suffer for the negative actions of others around them. Pray that the way they navigate these difficult times would bring glory to God and give others glimpse of the freedom available in Jesus Christ. Pray that by the work of the Holy Spirit they would feel that even when locked down they are in fact being lifted up.

Pastor Scott

Cornerstone Prison Church Benefit Banquet was held on Monday, April 1 and was a wonderful evening. Harmony of Hope performed a short concert. Trinity CRC in Rock Valley was bursting with praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We heard from two former inmates and Pastor Scott shared about the activities going on at Cornerstone and this year will be a year of "New Creation" based on the scripture from 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Of course, the food was delicious and catered by Red Rock Café from Rock Valley. A special thanks to all who attended the annual banquet and for the continued financial support that was raised. Thanks be to God!!
If you couldn't make it this year, make a point to join us next year!



Didn't get to the Banquet?
Want to donate?
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Join us for a Friday afternoon worship service at Cornerstone. We have spots open for you to visit starting in July. Contact Jean to schedule a date that works for you. We need to have at least 3 weeks notice to get the paperwork completed; then come and be blessed. Our email address: office@cornerstonepcsd.org

Give your gifts to Cornerstone Prison Church

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