



AROUND THE CORNER

Newsletter of Cornerstone Ministry Centre

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

Time to Wait

Even the most diligent, dedicated individuals can grow weary at times. When this happens, we can lose our focus and sight of why we do what we do. With this in mind, we have done something that may seem somewhat counter-intuitive: we have added another service.

Once a month, we open our doors for a Sunday evening service. This has been a wonderful time dedicated to prayer and worship - "waiting". 20-30 individuals come into the sanctuary. Some stay at their seats. Others find a corner in the room. The worship team leads. Occasionally there is a pause in the worship as someone leads out in prayer, but mostly, this is a time where people come and focus on what is going on between them and God.

This has been an important development in the work at CMC. We believe that God will honour us as we are doing our part to stay connected to him.



Pastors Gary & Roxanne Andrews

Katie & Matthew



Pastor Rob & Tyra Winsor

Ayden, Abrielle, Mycah & Moriah

Update

After a long Winter, the crocuses have blossomed and some have even reported the arrival of tulips. I suppose that means Spring has sprung!

This year has seen the largest numbers we have had at Supper Bowl through the Winter. Since December we have had at least one week each month with more than 100 patrons. We are so grateful for the large team of volunteers from the 6 churches who faithfully provide the food each week. These teams have continued to adapt, grow and provide more than enough food each week. More than that, they each do it with joy!

In addition to the Strong Harbour Strings program (featured in our previous newsletter) we have added a Circus Arts program. This program is open for pre-teen and early teens. It provides after-school activity that develops team-work, trust and builds confidence. This means that CMC offers after school programming for the neighbourhood 4 days each week.

The other ministries and programs have continued to run with regularity and effectiveness. Whether it be Narcotics Anonymous, Coffee House or our Sunday Worship services, our goal is that Christ may be evident and exalted.

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.
Galatians 6:9

Small Groups at CMC

We have learned that small groups are a great way to connect and grow. Whether it be Life's Healing Choices or a study in the book of Ephesians, our goal is to see everyone grow deeper in their relationship with their Creator and to be better equipped to live victorious, contagious lives of faith.

On April 25th, CMC began a six part video & Bible study series called '40 Days in the Word' by Rick Warren. The group has been enjoying learning methods of Bible study. We have just concluded the same series at HMP, where seven inmates participated. It's been a powerful experience!

About three years ago a group of young adults began to meet over BBQs and socials to get to know each other. Eventually, they began to meet regularly explore the Word together. There were questions they wanted to explore. The study continues on today. Additionally, the small group has recently taken on an ministry opportunity by staffing our Supper Bowl ministry one Saturday of each month.

Another small group has been meeting in a home every week to go through the new Alpha course. What a wonderful time we have had! We are being challenged to think and discuss in ways many haven't before. It has proven to be not only powerful in content but an amazing tool for bringing us together in a greater sense of unity and community.



Mike "Bull" Roberts Hitting Home

"What do you think when you look at me? What do you see?" The 6 children who were

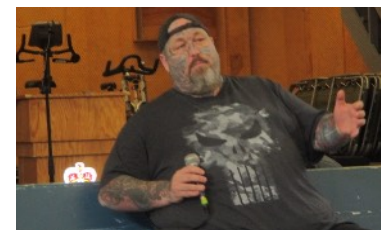
brave enough to come to the

front and sit in front of Mike "Bull" Roberts responded with wide-eyed silence. Eventually, the ice was broken and some answers came, "tattoos", "are you a wrestler?", etc.

"What do you think God sees when He looks at me?"

The room went silent again. What a simple, profound question.

A few moments later, Mike had the opportunity to share his life story with the more than 90 adults left in the room. Through the testimony, the raw account of a life spent so far from God, the question continued to hang in the room. There was a narrative being woven that is far more gripping and compelling than the best-selling story of a career criminal who "got his act together".



Mike was given the privilege to speak to over 60 inmates at HMP.

"God sees me redeemed. He sees me as beautiful. He sees me whole. When He looks at me I have no scars I have no pain."

This is how our Creator, Saviour, and friend sees each one of us.

He has the power to redeem. He

has promised to finish the work. In the meantime, we are encouraged as we keep working to reflect His perfection.

Thank you Mike for encouraging us to see as God sees.

In his low-key, relaxed way, Mike held the audience captivated.

