



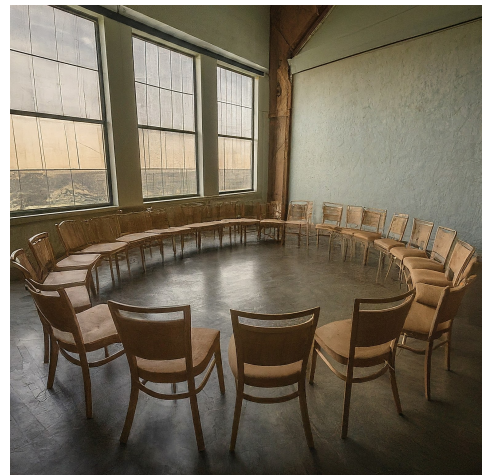
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# Cornerstone Ministry Centre Update

April, 2024

Greetings and welcome! To both returning assemblies and new assemblies that have committed to supporting Cornerstone Ministry Centre (CMC) in 2024, we are thankful to have you in our corner this year as we continue to serve in the downtown of St. John's.

It has been such a privilege to pastor CMC these past four years. Despite the pandemic challenges, we've witnessed both triumphs and challenges as we minister in our neighbourhood. While Cornerstone has an incredible reach into our community (more on that later) we recognize that the gap between the people we meet at CoffeeHouse and Supperbowl, and the church family that worships on Sunday, is large. So, starting in 2024 we launched a mental health support group that is staffed by members of our church. The heart behind this endeavour is to minister to a pressing need in our culture and serve as a bridge to help those we meet explore faith and feel invited into our church family.



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On Sunday's we've seen a slight increase in our average attendance as a result of some new faces and back in the fall of 2023 we baptized 9, 3 adults and 6 students. As a church we've been emphasizing the necessity of small group community as a discipline and rhythm in our lives. Not as another program or ministry to run, but

as a natural reflex of our walk with Jesus. We're excited for where this will lead us and what this means for the life of the church.

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## Outreach Ministry Update

By Kelsey Arnold

It almost seems hard to believe that we are one-third of the way through 2024! Yet, here at Cornerstone, all of the changes we are growing through make it feel true!

At Cornerstone we place a significant focus on our community, and throughout the beginning portion of this year, our community has grown in numbers, connections, and concerns. As of now, at the beginning of April, we have seen more new faces in the past 4 months than we have in years, as well as new connections throughout our people and community. It's been a blessing to be able to have our doors and hearts open to those in need around us and it is only possible through help like yours! During all of these, we have implemented training for safety and health with things such as Narcan kits, safe shape boxes, and conversations around mental health and reactions.

In these 4 months, we've brought new tables for our Supperbowl program as space was needed, and we've been given a new kettle by volunteers like you who see the difference a hot drink makes on a cold evening. We have felt your prayers of support and have noticed each message of kindness and thoughts. Thank you for helping to serve downtown St. John's from wherever you find yourself today.

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