

CORNERSTONE

Youth Center

WINTER 2026

Your Support At Work

Cornerstone plays a pivotal role in the community by providing safe and fun after-school programs for Middle and High School students. By attending our banquet, you will have the opportunity to support our mission to provide an environment where youth can build healthy relationships, be introduced to the gospel, and experience wholeness in life transformation, and possibly come away with some great items from our Silent and Live auctions!



The banquet will feature a Silent Auction, Live Auction of student-produced artwork, dinner catered by SpikeFish Catering, a keynote message from Seth Joyner, Philadelphia Eagles Hall of Famer, a video presentation by Illuminate Media that will highlight a success story of one of our Cornerstone alumni, and the presentation of our Jerry Engle Volunteer Award and Laurie Shepler Student Award.

This year, we are kicking off a "Burn the Mortgage" campaign. In order to continue to provide all the programs and activities that Cornerstone offers, and to grow the ministry, we are looking to pay the mortgage in order to free up much needed resources.

As we look forward to our Spring Banquet, we're inviting our supporters and friends to join us in sustaining this mission. Sponsorships make the event possible and help us continue providing programs that shape character, build confidence, and share the love of Christ in practical and meaningful ways.

Your partnership makes more of a difference than you know because when students feel seen and supported, **everything changes!**

Cornerstone Spring Banquet

Thursday, March 26th, 2026
The Star Barn

Guest Speaker:
Seth Joyner



Partner with us today!

Never the Same

Winter Retreat 2026 may have been shortened by a snowstorm, but it wasn't short on impact. This

year's theme was **"Never the Same"**- pointing students to a God who brings **real change to real lives**. Throughout the weekend, students heard the powerful truth that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace. In **one powerful moment**, a student shared that he didn't believe there was a place for him in heaven **because of his past**. A leader gently but confidently responded, "No- you're wrong. There **is** a place for you in heaven, because heaven is filled with sinners who have been redeemed by God's grace. And that same grace is available to you."

Moments like this are why Cornerstone exists: to replace the lies of sin and shame with the hope, love, and truth of Jesus Christ. Because of God's grace- and the faithful support of our donors and community partners- We truly believe that young man-and many others- will **never be the same**.

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

-2 Corinthians 5:17

-Jonathan Weatherholtz

Did You Know?

Consistent support-like monthly giving- helps ensure stable programming, trusted mentors, and a safe place for students to grow all year long.



"There is a place for you in heaven."

2025

A Year in Numbers



209 attended
5,060 meals shared
550 tutoring hours
825 Hours of Mentorship & Programming provided
38 Volunteers invested time & care
275 cups of coffee fueling the team
10 accepted Jesus in their heart
Countless prayers lifted for students & families

Why Mentorship Matters

Last year, we launched a mentorship program at Cornerstone Youth Center with a simple but powerful vision: to take certain students under our wings and prepare them to become mentors themselves. Through a six-week mentorship process, our student mentors were poured into, challenged, and encouraged—and the growth we witnessed was incredible. As they were guided by trusted adults, they learned what healthy leadership looks like and what it truly means to care for someone beyond themselves.

Mentorship matters because it gives youth the chance to be **seen, heard, and deeply valued**, while also calling them to something more. Our student mentors didn't just gain skills; they gained confidence, compassion, and a sense of responsibility. By being mentored and then stepping into the role of mentoring a middle school student, they learned how to "pay it forward." This ripple effect of care and leadership is shaping our youth—and it's exactly why mentorship is so vital to the heart of Cornerstone.

-Jenn Gibson



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- Location: Star Barn
1 Hollinger Lane,
Elizabethtown, PA
- Silent Auction: 5:30-6:30pm
- Dinner Begins: 6:30pm
- Guest Speaker: Seth Joyner
Eagles Hall of Famer

Thursday, March 26th, 2026
Seating is limited!



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