

Title: Mission, Vision and Core Values

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Mission

To provide a safe and fun environment where youth can form trusting relationships, respond to the Gospel, and find wholeness in life through Christ.

Vision

To continue the work of Jesus Christ by meeting the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of youth in partnership with local churches and the community.

Core Values

- We Love Youth
- Jesus Changes Lives
- Transformation Involves Partnership
- God Delights in the Joy of His People
- All Things Belong To God

We Love Youth

In our love for youth, we desire to serve and guide them as they form habits, worldviews, and relationships that will shape the future of our community. It is our hope that we help create responsible adults equipped and empowered with life skills, a living faith, dignity, and a sense of belonging. (Eph. 4:12-13, Mark 12:28-34)

Jesus Changes Lives

We believe that Jesus transforms lives, gives hope, bestows destiny, and provides a strong foundation for life. (John 14:6, 2 Cor. 5:17, Jeremiah 29:11, Matt. 7:24)

Transformation Involves Partnership

Cornerstone is an extension of the Church with the purpose to facilitate relationships among Christians, local youth and the community in a “common ground” setting outside the church walls. In order to serve God and neighbor, Cornerstone must be intentional in developing relationships with local churches, businesses, and other organizations that are working to make the greater Elizabethtown area a more wholesome, vibrant community. (Ps 133, Matt 5:16, Matt. 28:18-20)

God Delights in the Joy of His People

Through all activities, we desire youth to have experiences that affirm, despite difficulties, that God is good and “His love endures forever.” We believe it is important to engage youth in creative and healthy ways of having fun. (John 15:11, Psalms 136, Genesis 1:31)

All Things Belong to God

We are called to be stewards of all God has given us (youth, staff, material resources, time, etc.). We recognize that all God created is good and can be used for His purposes. (Col 1:16, Ps 24:1, Genesis 1:31)