

CORNERSTONE Youth Center

Spring Edition

2022



LIVE music welcomed benefit guests as they placed bids on the silent auction items.

LIVE and In Person



(Above) Transitioning from an amazing dinner to the EBIC Auditorium, Executive Director Laurie Shepler welcomed our community to an Evening of Hope.

After two years without a live, in person benefit banquet, we were thrilled to open the doors of the Elizabethtown BIC Church to welcome 250 friends of Cornerstone to dinner! The evening also included a silent auction and, most importantly, stories of the joys and hope that continues to move Cornerstone into our 24th year! Some have remarked that speaker David Nasser was the best speaker yet as he shared his story with a mix of truth and humor. He encouraged those in attendance that they “are the church between the Sundays” for the youth that we serve.



The Silent Auction portion of the event raised nearly \$6000. We are so appreciative of our top bidders!



David Nasser (Left) engaged and encouraged all in attendance, with his personal story of hope!



The evening also featured our Board of Directors interacting with our guests, reinforcing the ministry to our youth.



Jonathan introduced some of our Rock Slingers and their thoughts on the addition of this new program to Cornerstone (Above).

We welcomed Chief Ed (Below) to share of the partnership between our youth and local police.



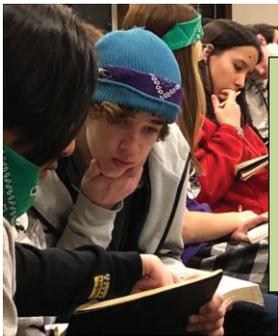
The Cornerstone Benefit brings our faithful supporters together over a shared love of the youth in our community.

Benefit PC: Jon Gockley

Full Speed Ahead

We survived! Though it may have been a weekend with little sleep, Winter Retreat left us refreshed, with good memories, and a clear direction for our roads ahead. Even though the weekend was full of tons of good information, this does not leave us free from roadblocks as we get back in the swing of normal life.

Our last group session of the weekend was called “first steps”, where the youth were given five good habits to form in order to have success in their walk with the Lord. Since Winter Retreat we have seen amazing things happening with the youth. Several parents have expressed how their children were so excited to tell them about their weekend away.



The youth experienced quiet, thoughtful moments mixed with outdoor fun & games.



One parent said, “It is amazing how my daughter is acting since she got home from Winter Retreat. She’s being respectful, and helping out more around the house!” One of the greatest we received from a parent is, “My daughter came home from Winter Retreat and said, ‘Mom you’re going to think this is crazy, but I just want to follow Jesus with my life!’” Also, a group of students decided to start meeting for bible study. Praise the Lord!

We are so grateful that even after the height of Winter Retreat has passed, we get to continue full speed ahead with the relationships that have been formed with the youth of Cornerstone.



(Left) Cabins at Refreshing Mountain are comfy and cozy!



Jonathan Weatherholtz
Coordinator of Youth & Ministry

A Volunteer’s Story: Noah Burger

Meet Noah Burger! At Cornerstone, Noah serves both as a volunteer during program hours and as the vice chairman of the Board of Directors. Also known as Mr. Burger, he has spent the last four years working as an 8th grade English teacher at the E-town Middle School. Although he gets to spend all day with the youth at school, Noah had a desire to get to know the kids on a more personal level and interact with them in a way that allowed him to encourage them while sharing his faith. Noah is a great listener and is always willing to sit and talk about life with the kids or offer help with homework and tutoring.



Growing up attending several local churches with his family, Noah learned what it means to have a relationship with Jesus and the hope that comes along with that while still a student himself.

His desire is that every youth would develop their own meaningful relationship with Jesus.

A talented musician and vocalist, Noah can be found teaching kids to play guitar in the music room. He also enjoys leading worship for different events throughout the local faith community. Noah is part of the *Activ8 Etown* church plant that currently meets at Cornerstone and looks forward to connecting with youth and their families in that setting as well. He also enjoys reading, hiking, writing, drinking coffee, and spending time with his family. Cornerstone Youth Center is blessed and strengthened by Noah’s commitment and support of our mission and vision!

- Michelle Bush, Cornerstone’s Board Chair



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E-town Train Station

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you to ...

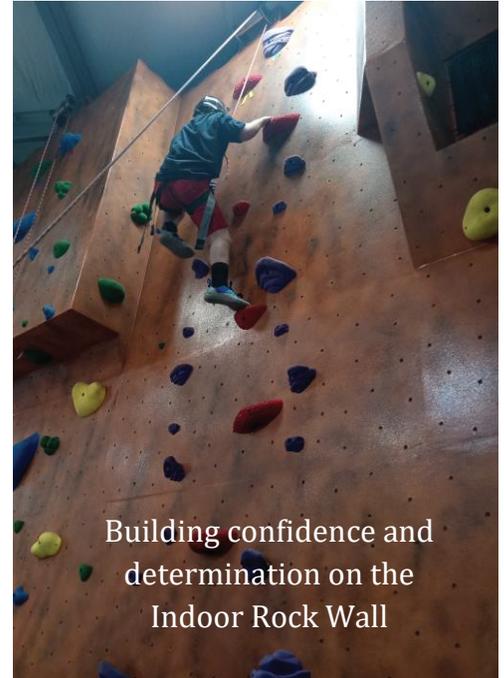
An Indoor Yard Sale

Sat., May 28 and Mon., May 30
8-2 p.m. (both days)

We welcome you to shop
and contribute generously!

A word about donations to the Sale

Donations to the Sale will be welcomed on
Thursday, May 26 (7-9 p.m.) and Friday, May 27 (10 - 7 p.m.).
Cornerstone reserves the option to not accept items
that are typically undesired by potential buyers.
If you have a question or a picture of an item in question,
please send to laurie@cornerstoneetown.org or call 717-689-6042



Building confidence and
determination on the
Indoor Rock Wall



Building trusting
relationships with our youth

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your estate planning. Designating a portion of your
estate as a gift helps ensure the future outreach of this
needed community-wide ministry to youth.

2022 Youth Hours (May – July)

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday (Grades 7-12)

3-6 p.m. (food, fun, friends, and homework help)

Wednesday - Rockslingers (Grades 5-6)

4-6 p.m. (rock climbing, skateboarding, homework help ...)

Friday (Grades 7-12)

7-10 p.m. (food, fun, friends AND the indoor climbing wall)

Sunday (Grades 7-12 AND Adults)

6-8 p.m. – Skateboarding ONLY

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 10-6 p.m.

(Friday and Saturday, by appointment only)

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Staff

Laurie Shepler, Executive Director

Jonathan Weatherholtz, Coordinator of Youth & Ministry

“I absolutely love the center. I put him to bed at night and he is reading his Bible, sharing what he reads with his friends!! How priceless you all are! This is a kid who, despite reading together every night when he was little, does not enjoy reading. So, I'm just in awe when I see this.”

- A parent of a Rock Slinger



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Thank you, Sight & Sound, for this gift! followed by lunch at Golden Corral! at Sight & Sound Theater's DAVID, enjoyed their first day of Easter Break



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