



First Quarter Newsletter

# YOUTH CENTER GROWTH

## New Discipleship Pathway

TNT Youth Ministry exists to transform student's lives through the power of Jesus Christ. We are developing a Discipleship Pathway. We want every student that we connect with to hear the message of Jesus Christ, plug into a small group, connect with a caring Christ follower and become part of a local church.

The ministry in Hempfield School District is growing. The district has received TNT with open arms and the youth center is growing. Attendance has tripled since the beginning of the school year, due in part to our on-campus presence. We are connecting with local churches and community leaders to be able to expand the ministry in this school district.



"For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" (Romans 10:13-15).

It is clear in Paul's letter to the Romans that people need to hear the message of Jesus Christ. Studies show that only 4% of Gen Z have a biblical worldview, and 51% of all teenagers feel hopeless. At TNT we believe we can reverse these numbers in our communities. God's word is unchanging. The message of Jesus Christ is relevant, and this generation is hungry to know where they can find the truth.

For the last 23 years, TNT has had the privilege of sharing the life changing power of Jesus Christ. If you have interest in helping the ministry reach the next generation, we would love to talk with you. Contact the office at (717) 381-1688 or [office@tntyouthministry.com](mailto:office@tntyouthministry.com) to schedule a time to meet and talk about specific ways to be involved.

**KURTIS ZIMMERMAN**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# WINTER BLAST

One of the things TNT most values is relationships. We desire to see students in relationship with caring adults who will share the truth of Jesus with them and challenge them to take a step closer to Jesus. We believe the winter retreat provides a unique space for relationships to grow and for students to take steps.



Our goal is to have 75 students join us at Winter Blast 24, March 1-3 at High Point Camp in Birdsboro, PA, where they will be challenged to take a step closer to Jesus. We ask that you join us in praying for students and leaders going to the retreat, and to consider financially supporting students who need financial assistance to get to the retreat!



A gift of \$175 will cover the cost for one student to go to the retreat. You can use the QR code to give online or mail a check to 510 Stevens Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522. Please write "trip scholarship" on the check memo.



We are excited to host this year's annual banquet at The Copper Horse, 335 Camp Rodgers Rd., Ephrata, on April 30, 2024. The meal will be provided by Big John Nolt's BBQ and catering. Doors open at 6 pm with hors d'oeuvres and silent auction. Dinner will be served at 6:45 pm.



Plan to join us for an evening of stories and learn how TNT Youth Ministry is impacting the communities around us. If you would like to sponsor this event, you can do so by using the QR code or going to our website [tntyouthministry.com](http://tntyouthministry.com) and completing the form under the banquet tab. Sponsorship forms will also be mailed in February. Look for invitations with registration details in March.

# WHY I SERVE

Working at TNT this year has been such a treasure and a privilege and I am going to miss it when summer hits. TNT may seem just like a hangout spot where personal relationships and Godly interactions don't really happen, but that is not true. I have loved being able to grow connections with my middle school girls and help point them in the way of Christ. My girls are so much fun and they bring a huge smile to my face every Monday! I have been able to grow close connections with a lot of them and it has been amazing seeing how they now open up to me and let me in on their personal life situations. Being in high school and still helping with the organization is honestly what makes it so wonderful. My girls think I'm still young and "relevant" to what is going on in school with teachers, friends, school work, and sports. It's one of the things that helps us get really close. We are able to relate on a more personal day to day level, talking about our school week and what peers or teachers think about us. The girls also LOVE asking me about high school and all the fun things we do like homecoming, tailgates, or prom. Working at TNT has opened my eyes to so many different things. These kids every Monday night, even though they don't know it, ignite a fire for Jesus within me. Because of them, I have started taking my interactions at school with random people that I normally wouldn't talk to, very personally, and I now have a genuine care behind what I'm saying. I know sometimes going to TNT may be a pain, or tiring, and I'd rather stay home and chill, but after every Monday night I never question whether I should have been there. The students genuinely look forward to seeing me and I look forward to seeing them. They are the reason I keep going, and I hope they will find out the God we serve as leaders can also be their God!

**AYDAN SCHAEFFER**

LITITZ YOUTH CENTER VOLUNTEER



TNT has been a wonderful experience for me. When Steve Weaver asked if I could volunteer with the kids every Monday night, I was very excited. I hang out with the ninth-grade girls and they are such an amazing group to be around. I love to get to know them and catch up with them every Monday. Since I am a senior, I think it helps that I am still in school with them. I get to see them around school a lot and have little conversations about their days. It really helps us build stronger connections and deepen their relationships with Christ. I think it is also great for them to see me in school because they can see the way that I live through Christ. I do not do the same things they do, hang out with the same types of people as they do, or say the same things they do. I think that helps them realize that there is something different about me that they would want in their lives well. But it also helps me relate to them on other school things. I love that my girls come to TNT on a regular basis and want to learn. I love that they love being there. TNT has helped me realize that there are many people out in the world that don't know the Lord. There are many teenagers who know of him, but don't want to change their ways of living. I am here to help some of those kids come to the Lord.

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## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- We are looking for someone to transport students from the Lititz Youth Center on Monday evening from 8-9:30 pm. If you are available to help with this, please contact Steve Weaver at (717) 342-7175 or [steve@tntyouthministry.com](mailto:steve@tntyouthministry.com). We are thankful to have filled the slot from 5:30-7.
- There are volunteer openings at the Ephrata Youth Center and Ephrata elementary on campus student mentoring. Contact the office to schedule a meeting with one of our staff members to find out if this is a good fit for you.
- If you love to bake, we have students at youth centers who would enjoy eating homemade baked goods. Contact the office at (717) 381-1688 or [office@tntyouthministry.com](mailto:office@tntyouthministry.com) to arrange a time to drop off baked goods.
- Scan the QR code to donate an item from our Amazon wish list.



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