



Winter Blast Follow-Up

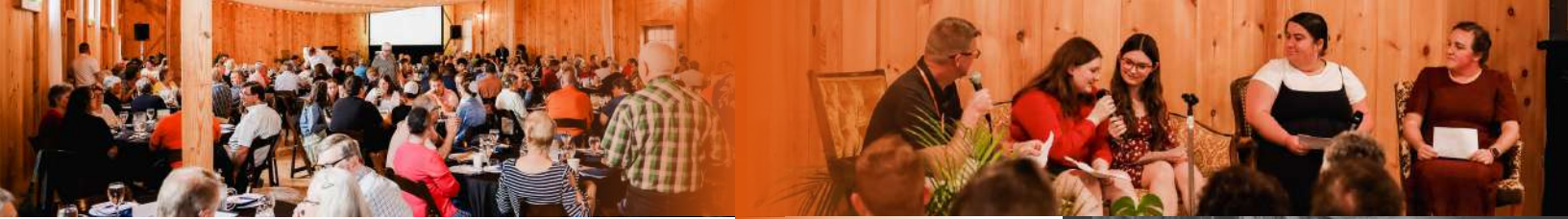
BY STEVE WEAVER, MINISTRY DIRECTOR

The Saturday evening session was finally here. We had been building up to this moment for a long time. We wanted to accomplish two things with this session: share the gospel clearly and challenge each student to take the next step closer to Jesus. The speaker used a beautiful picture of a courtroom to share what Jesus did for us and then invited me up to lead us into a time of reflection. I explained what this time would look like, explained the next steps that students could commit to, explained the role of their leader who was standing around the room, and then invited them to spend some time considering how God was tugging on their hearts and to respond to that tugging. I stepped off the stage and joined the other leaders. I remember praying and asking God to move at least one student to respond. After a short pause that felt like an eternity, a Hempfield student popped up and walked to his leader. Then another student stood up and went to their leader. Then another. Then another. Soon, every student was with their leader opening up Scripture, talking through what they were thinking and feeling, and praying together. God had answered our prayers in a huge way!

Since the retreat, we have worked to write down every next step a student committed to and figure out how to help their leaders follow up with them. We've seen some amazing things come out of this. At the retreat, ten students put their faith in Jesus and we have had a few more take this step since then. Across all three youth centers, we have seen more consistency with students showing up and have had higher numbers than before the retreat. We have seen leaders taking students to church with them each Sunday and taking time to read Scripture together. We have seen a greater openness in students when sharing with their leaders and a quicker response to reach out to their leader for help.



We have seen more than twenty students join us for the new Alpha Bible study that happens before youth centers. Our goal of discipleship at TNT is to see students begin a relationship with Jesus and become lovers of the church. We are so encouraged by what happened at Winter Blast this year and feel we are on our way to helping students move towards long-term growth as followers of Jesus!



Banquet Updates

BY KURT ZIMMERMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On April 30th we held the 2024 fundraising banquet at The Copper Horse in Ephrata. The venue was filled with 280 guests. Our theme for the night was kingdom advancement based on Romans 10:13-15.

“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!”

It was incredible to celebrate what God is doing to advance the kingdom of heaven through the work of TNT Youth Ministry. We believe the ministry is called to bring the transforming power of Jesus Christ to our communities. Thanks to the generosity of our guests, over \$47,000 was raised. Ten people committed to joining our prayer partners and interceding on behalf of the ministry. God is good!

Bible2School

TNT is excited to announce that we will partner with New Life Fellowship to provide a Bible2School opportunity to Fulton Elementary School students in Ephrata beginning this fall. Bible2School is a release time program that allows students to receive Biblical instruction during the school day. New Life Fellowship is located only five minutes from Fulton Elementary School making this a perfect hosting site. TNT desires to reach more students with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe this will open doors to training students in Christian households and introduce Jesus Christ to those not connected to the local church.

If you would like to get involved, please **contact Becca Keretzman** at **856-899-3290** or **becca@tntyouthministry.com**.



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- ROMANS 10:15B -

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How Winter Blast Changed My Life

BY REILLY, LITITZ YOUTH CENTER STUDENT

My name is Reilly and I'm 14 years old. The winter blast retreat changed my life. Before the retreat I didn't care about the actions I took or how they would affect others. I would do whatever I wanted without thinking about the consequences. During the retreat I really got closer to my leaders and started to talk to them a lot more. We had talked about going to church more often and reading the Bible with some leaders.



COLIN, REILLY, AND DAVE

After snorting Splenda and vomiting afterwards, I really thought about my decision. During small groups that day my small group leader, Colin, and I had a long talk about giving my life to Jesus. After a long prayer session, I gave my life to Jesus, and I've stuck to that decision. I have been a better person since then, had a better time in life, and made better friends and relationships. After we came home from the retreat, I started going to the Alpha Bible study and attending church on the weekends. I even stopped snorting Splenda.

Jesus Meets Us Where We Are

BY COLIN KNEPPER, LITITZ YOUTH CENTER VOLUNTEER

Over the past few months, I had the opportunity to come alongside Reilly and spend time with him at the Lititz Youth Center. I was able to watch and observe as God transformed his life over that period from a crazy kid with no direction for his life, to a crazy kid who now loves Jesus and is passionate about pursuing him. At the winter retreat, Reilly felt like he wanted to say yes to Jesus however he felt like he wasn't good enough yet and he needed to fix some things in his life. Dave, another Lititz Youth Center volunteer, and I had the opportunity to explain to him that there are always going to be things in our lives that we can do better and that we want to overcome. However, Jesus meets us where we are at in life regardless of the situation. Jesus wants to be our savior and he wants to have a relationship with us. Praise the Lord that Reilly came to know Christ that day and we know that this is just the beginning of God using us to impact his kingdom. I am so thankful that God chose to use me in Reilly's life. I get to watch firsthand as Reilly and the other students learn about God's authentic love for them and I pray that they may feel God's love through me.

"I gave my life to Jesus, and I've stuck to that decision"

- Reilly, Youth Center Student -



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TNT Youth Ministry Volunteer

If you have a heart for the next generation, would you consider becoming a youth center volunteer or mentoring a student? Summer is a great time to on-board as a volunteer so that you can begin volunteering at the beginning of the school year. Interested volunteers contact **Becca Keretzman** at **856-899-3290** or **becca@tntyouthministry.com**.



Prayer Partner

If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner and receiving our monthly prayer letter contact the office at **717-381-1688** or **office@tntyouthministry.com**.

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