



Message from the Director

BY KURT ZIMMERMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The school year is underway, and TNT Youth Ministry is blessed to serve the public schools in the Ephrata Area, Hempfield, and Warwick School Districts. In each of these school districts, TNT looks to find ways to partner with the local church to bring gospel-centered initiatives to reach the youth in that community. We are full of faith that God is at work in the youth in these communities.

Before-school Bible studies, mentoring, youth centers, and even Bible2School all kicked off in September. We are excited because the harvest is plentiful. There is an opportunity in each one of our communities to share Christ with the next generation and with these programs we believe that students will encounter Christ this school year.



In John chapter two Jesus performs his first miracle, turning water into wine. There is a lot we could take from this miracle, but I want to talk about the servants in this miracle. The servants obeyed the command to fill the jars with water, and to draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet. They can be perceived as small characters in this story, but they play a huge role. The servants saw Jesus up close and the work he was doing. I believe when we are serving in a ministry, we can witness what Jesus is doing up close.

We have an opportunity for you to see what God is doing in the lives of young people. From a student who has very little care for themselves, others, and God, to seeing them committing to follow Jesus. We invite you to see what God is doing through the work of TNT Youth Ministry. If you would like to get involved in any capacity, please connect with us. We would love to partner with you.



Staff Update

BY JACK CHRISTNER, WARWICK DISTRICT COORDINATOR

I grew up in a loving Christian home and was blessed to attend Lititz Christian School. My youth group that I attended those years were some of the best moments of my middle and high school life. It's where I met Steve Weaver and grew more in my understanding of God. I ended up volunteering in youth ministry right after graduation and came to the conclusion in 2022, that youth ministry was what God was calling me towards. Unsure but fully trusting God with next steps, he led me to Lancaster Bible College where I currently study youth ministry. Steve Weaver approached me about the Warwick District Coordinator position, the role he had worked in. With four years of volunteer youth ministry under my belt, and wise counsel above me, I am filled with excitement with what God will do in Warwick, TNT, and in me in these next few months and years.

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Alpha Newsletter Story

BY STEVE WEAVER, MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Small groups are the core of our youth center nights and the conversations that happen in those groups are so important. But we also recognize that there are nights where the students struggle to focus and having those conversations becomes more difficult. The goal of these conversations is to help students know who Jesus is and what He can do for their lives. It brings us so much joy when a student hears the truth of Jesus and responds by putting their faith in Him. Yet, we realized that when a student took this step, we didn't have a great plan on how to help them grow as a new believer. Faced with these realities, we knew we needed to create a space for students to have the meaningful conversations they needed to have and to learn how to live out their faith. This is why we created the Alpha Bible study.

Alpha meets for eight weeks at a time and there is one session in the fall and one in the spring. Students are invited to this group, and we look for students who are ready to have deeper conversations about a relationship with Jesus or who are a new believer. We gather at the youth center for one hour before the start of the youth center and a meal is provided for the students. Each week we use a video-based curriculum to talk through important aspects of the Christian faith and how to practically live those things out. At Lititz in the spring, we had ten students join us and we had great conversations each week.

Students were challenged to consider how they were living and if that was lining up with what Jesus was asking of them. Some leaders joined each week, and they were able to share what growth in these areas looked like in their lives. It was amazing to be a part of and coming out of that spring session, we had students asking how they could serve and lead, and when they could be baptized. God worked in amazing ways, and we are confident that Alpha is going to continue helping students know and love Jesus more!



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