



# NEWSLETTER

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## DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

BY KURT ZIMMERMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

My heart has always been to see students in our communities fall in love with Jesus Christ. We believe Jesus is the only one who can bring healing, hope, and transformation in a student's life. We also believe God is drawing students to himself, and TNT is part of this amazing work of seeing young lives transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A few years ago, at our annual winter retreat, we witnessed ten students put their faith in Jesus Christ. I prayed this would happen, yet I don't think I had the faith to believe that it would. I can remember thinking what do we do now? How do we help these students continue on their journey with Christ? How can we connect these students to church?

This retreat helped our staff realize the need for helping students take steps toward a relationship with Jesus. We began to ask, "How could we assist students who had made the step to follow Jesus but didn't come from a Christian home or attend a church? How would these students continue to grow in their understanding of who Jesus is and what it means to follow him?"



**“How can we connect students to church?”**

Out of these questions, we developed the discipleship pathway to more effectively help students on their spiritual journey. For some students this might be meeting up with their leader for a Bible study, or begin going to church, being baptized, or start attending a Bible study for new believers.

Since incorporating the discipleship pathway, TNT Youth Ministry has seen many students taking steps toward Christ. As we look to the year ahead, we are more excited than ever before to see how God will move among the next generation.



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Transforming lives through the power  
of Jesus Christ



## STAFF UPDATE



BY MALACHI SAUNDERS, HEMPFIELD DISTRICT COORDINATOR

My name is Malachi Saunders and I am an adopted son of the Most High God through the death and resurrection of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I rejoice at the thought of partnering with TNT to see the youth transformed by His power.

I grew up in the Montgomery County area and attended Lancaster Bible College, graduating with a degree in Intercultural Studies in 2024. I began volunteering with TNT in 2021 and started working as the Hempfield District Coordinator in December of 2024. My passions include disciple-making, serving the church, and seeing the least reached, reached with the good news of the gospel. You can usually find me making coffee, playing basketball, skateboarding or hanging out with my friends. God has provided this role as Hempfield District Coordinator as an incredible opportunity to grow and be a part of His kingdom coming to Hempfield as it is in heaven.

## SAVE THE DATE



**You are invited to attend the TNT annual fundraiser banquet!**

- **When:** Tuesday, April 29 at 5:45 PM
- **Where:** Lancaster Evangelical Free Church, 419 Pierson Rd., Lititz, PA 17543
- **What to expect:** Doors will open at 5:45 for hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction followed by dinner and a program at 6:30. SEI Catering will be providing the meal.

We look forward to sharing how the ministry is encouraging students to take steps in their faith journey and are being transformed by the power of Jesus Christ.

### Sponsorship Opportunity

If you are interested in sponsoring a table at this year's banquet you can go the website [tntyouthministry.com](http://tntyouthministry.com) and complete the sponsorship form or contact Missy at (717) 381-1688.

Invitations with instructions on how to register to attend the banquet will be mailed in March. Seating will be limited so you will want to register early. Visit our website [tntyouthministry.com/banquet](http://tntyouthministry.com/banquet) to stay up to date with all banquet information.

# BIBLE2SCHOOL UPDATE

ARLEN STOLTZFUS - PASTOR AT NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP

Imagine this: It's 11:30 am on a weekday and you have the privilege of picking up 2nd graders from their school and bringing them to church for an hour-long Bible lesson. What an amazing opportunity, right in the middle of the school day! Through Bible2School and the Released Time program, which allows students to participate in religious instruction during their school day with parental permission, we've had a blast leading kids from Fulton Elementary School through lessons about God's love. Each week, we use songs, crafts, acting, and more to bring Old Testament stories to life. Some kids are hearing these stories for the first time, which makes it so special. For Christmas, we gave each child a Storybook Bible to take home. One boy exclaimed on the ride back, "I'm gonna start reading it as soon as I get home from school!"

**"I'm gonna start reading [my Bible] as soon as I get home from school!"**



There has been lots of prayer for a Released Time program to once again be offered for all the elementary schools in Ephrata. Through a partnership with Bible2School and TNT Youth Ministry, we've started small but would love to see it grow. Our hope is to see Bible2School expand to more grades and more schools in Ephrata, providing an opportunity to plant seeds of God's love in more kids' lives. We are thankful to be a part of what God is doing in our community!





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## Retreat Scholarship Opportunity

This year we are holding two retreats for students. The first is for students in 6th-10th grade on February 28-March 2 at High Point Camp in Geigertown. The second retreat is for 11th and 12th grade students April 4-6 at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference in Harvey Cedars, NJ.

We desire to see 100 students and 35 volunteers join us over these two weekends. **A gift of \$175 will cover the cost for one student to be able to attend the retreat.**

If you would like to provide a scholarship for the retreat, **you can donate online by going to the website**, clicking on the donate tab, and choosing trip scholarship from the drop-down menu. If you would prefer to donate by check, write "trip scholarship" on the memo line and **mail checks to 510 Stevens Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522.**

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