



EMPOWER Motto:

"As a child of God, I pledge to uphold the values of integrity, respect, purity, and discipline. I will strive to serve others, and be a positive example. I will always choose to do what is right and avoid what I know is not. With God's help, I will become all He has created me to be."

Empowering the Next Generation

For more than 25 years, Cornerstone Youth Center has been a source of hope and transformation for young people in our community. Since 1998, our mission has remained the same: to disciple young men and women to become Godly leaders in their schools, families, and neighborhoods. Building on that mission, we are excited to bring back the EMPOWER Youth Leadership Initiative for its third year! Empower is a six-week program designed to develop leadership potential in at-risk youth and prepare them to become positive, purpose-driven influencers.

The Empower program will focus on five key areas of growth: character and integrity, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, financial responsibility, and community engagement. With a goal of serving up to 15 students each year, this program is designed to create lasting impact not only in individual lives but create ripple effects of positive growth throughout the community. We are confident that we can make a tangible difference in their lives and provide them with the tools and guidance they need to overcome obstacles, embrace their potential, and emerge as leaders capable of effecting positive change in their own lives and the lives of others.

- Jim Bush
Executive Director





Advancing the Mission With New Board Leadership

Meet Mason Brown

When my wife, Dara, and I started our service at Trinity Full Gospel Chapel in January of 2020 we sought out a way to minister to the youth of Elizabethtown. Cornerstone does just that. We quickly became “Tuesday people.” Each week we were eager to spend time with the teens: practicing our hook shot and falling off of skateboards (neither of which I am very good at). Depending on the day, I wear many different hats: child of God, husband to Dara, son of Larry, music teacher, carpenter when needed, dodgeball enthusiast, exceptionally mediocre pool player. However, the teens are most impressed by the fact that I’m a real human who’s taken time out of his day to be present with them.

Through Cornerstone’s efforts I’ve seen families changed. Youth attend, are cared about, fed, loved on, told about Jesus and His desire to be in relationship with them and then grow to want more. Teens are told that God has a specific purpose for their life and they’re encouraged to get to know Him and discover what that is. As they discover who God has made them to be, become disciples of Jesus, reengage with their family and friends, get plugged into local churches, I see a hopeful future for our community. There’s a generation rising that has a solid foundation for their life. Cornerstone has functioned as a safe haven for some. For others, it has become a fun place to make new friends. Still others have experienced Cornerstone as a bridge from what they thought was a meaningless reality to a purposeful life and future in the Kingdom of God. What an honor it is to be a part of Cornerstone.

-Mason Brown
Chairman of the Board



Did You Know?

Your support does more than fund programs- it creates opportunities that change lives.

Your partnership is helping shape stronger families, brighter futures, and lasting community impact- one young life at a time.

Support the mission!



Where are We Wednesdays

Where Are We Wednesday has quickly become one of the most meaningful parts of our Summer Trip Program. Each week, we get to take students out of their normal routines and into something new—whether that's exploring the outdoors, trying an activity for the first time, or simply enjoying a day away together. There's something special about watching them open up in these moments—laughing, encouraging one another, and building friendships in a different setting. These trips aren't just about where we go, but about the memories being made, the confidence being built, and the opportunity for each student to experience a summer they'll never forget.

Stay connected with us and discover
where we go each week!



-Jennifer Gibson

Girls Program Coordinator
& Communications



We Help Because He Cares

1 John 4:19 — “We love because he first loved us.” (NLT)

Cornerstone's High School Discipleship Groups had the opportunity to serve together at Blessings of Hope, a food redistribution ministry providing resources to those in need.

Before beginning, we paused for a moment to remember why we were doing what we were doing.

We want every one of our discipleship students to understand that our motivation for service is not responsibility— it's response.

As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to join Christ in His ongoing mission here on earth. Because “as He is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17), we don't serve to earn anything—we serve because we've already received everything.

Out of the love He has poured into our hearts, we get to serve Him by serving others.

-Jonathan Weatherholtz
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries



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Because of your partnership we can continue our mission and provide a safe environment where youth can feel loved and grow in Christ.

With your support, we are one step closer to reaching our goal of

paying off the mortgage of our facility!



Liam Shriner
Laurie Shepler Student Award Winner



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A night to remember!

Thank you