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***"Precious in the sight of  
the Lord is the death of  
His faithful servants."***

**Psalm 116:15**

***"It is easier to build strong children than to  
repair broken men." Frederick Douglass***



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# Cornerstone Courier

Children's Bible Ministries of Southwestern PA



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***Rain and Sunshine—the Ups and Downs of Life!*** Jerry Traister, Interim Area Director



The ups and downs in ministry specifically here at Camp Cornerstone are very real! Matthew 5:45 b "... For He makes His sun rise on the evil, and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."

In Released Time, several classes have been canceled due to inclement weather. This has been a downer! But, Praise the Lord Released Time is back and is running a full schedule, And the gospel is being given out to over 700 young people on a regular basis!

Since late in December the "Glory House", owned by CBM, and occupied by the Yeck family, have been experiencing some big troubles with a leaking roof and major septic system problems! As a result of this it has been a real downer for the Yeck family. It meant using the showers at the camp for the last several months and going out in the freezing weather to use a porta potty. The bottom line is after the Township did their investigation they reported that a grade system plus a large filtering tank will need to be installed. That has been another downer! Praise the Lord for Dale, one of our volunteers, who may be volunteering his time and equipment to install the new system. This project will call for several thousand dollars' worth of sand and gravel. We will also need to buy all new pipes and a new tank for the Glory House.

We have scheduled a work week for May 12-16 to replace the shingled roof with a metal one. We would welcome your prayers and your financial gifts to help with both of these major projects. The rain does fall on the just and the unjust!

Speaking of rain, it is finding its way into our main building again! We have major leaks in our shed roofs on two sides of the main building, that is another downer. We

understand that we will need to re-roof one of the shed roofs. It is a 40 by 100, which will be another major task. Pray that God will give us guidance. Praise the Lord for an organization called, Construction Workers Christian Fellowship they are showing keen interest in sending professional volunteer roofers to come and assist us in solving this problem.

There is still the challenge of finding an Area Director and many more summer staff. Your prayers are welcomed.

The clouds of life continued to come, but if we look close enough, we may find a silver lining. The April showers are welcomed by some and dreaded by others. We know in a few weeks those showers will bring May flowers!

God delights to give us His mercy and wisdom as we deal with the ups and downs of life. We know very well that the rain does fall on that just and the unjust. May God help each of us to know our role in bringing honor and glory to Him. Thank you for laboring with us through your prayers and your financial gifts toward this ministry. We seek His glory and the good of boys and girls in Greene, Fayette and Washington Counties.



Carmichaels RT Class

***Win a Child...Win a Life!***



## Cornerstone Happenings

Christine Peters, Facility Coordinator

Spring is right around the corner and I couldn't be happier. I love watching the earth come alive with all the colors and fragrances.

With Spring on its way so is camp! We have the Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt and two work weeks along with getting ready for camp. If you can give an hour or a day to volunteer for these events or just come to camp, plant flowers, or help us with other projects your time would be greatly appreciated. I would count it a great blessing to have help in the kitchen this summer feeding the boys and girls that God sends our way. If you are able to serve give us a call. God will richly bless you.



Elementary Saturday Happening

Teen Retreat



## Two Work Weeks coming in May!

Lew Mowery, Maintenance Coordinator

**TWO WORK WEEKS for 2025!**  
**MAY 12th -16th &**  
**MAY 19th - 23rd**  
**Monday—Friday,**  
**8:30 AM – 5:00 PM DAILY**

The first week we need help installing a new metal roof onto the Glory House. We are looking for 5-6 skilled laborers for this job. May 19-23 we have a full agenda planned with plenty of ways to serve, fellowship, and enjoy good food (3 meals

served daily). We have plenty of work for men, women, youth, and seniors – both skilled and unskilled. If you are available and interested in serving at one or both weeks, please let us know by May 5th. This is such an awesome opportunity to serve.

**Some of the projects to help prepare the grounds for summer camp are:**

- ♦ Staining & painting projects
- ♦ Hanging swings & placing the picnic tables



- ♦ Cleaning dorm rooms
- ♦ CARPENTRY Projects/building shelves in the storage areas
- ♦ LANDSCAPING & Flower beds
- ♦ Help to continue building the retaining wall in the prayer garden
- ♦ HELP with installing the second half of the DISK GOLF COURSE

If you think this sounds like fun or even interesting, we'd love to see you here. To help us plan better, please sign up by May 5th.

Questions? Call us: 724-966-9157

## Summer Camp is Around the Corner!

Matthew 5:13-14



**To Your World!** We are excited to be having 6 weeks of summer camp! Those who attend will learn what it means to be salt and light to the world. Pray for our speakers and missionaries as they share the Word of God each week to challenge the children to be "Salt and Light" to their family and friends. Pray that God will send us Cabin Leaders who love working with children and desire to see them grow in their walk with the Lord. Pray for the many volunteers that are needed to run the activities and electives that teach the boys and girls various skills and how to

Jerry Traister, Summer Camp Director

get along with others. Pray that God will supply the scholarship funds to be able to help campers attend and enjoy their week of camp.

Yes, there will be delicious food and exciting new electives, a rebuilt water slide, fun games and adventures!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who is stepping up and is willing to help to make camp a success. Let's keep praying for God's guidance as we strive to reach out to every child who will grace our camp this year.



Teen Retreat



Saturday Happening Fun

## Released Time Update

David Yeck, Released Time Coordinator

I've been asked, "What do the kids get out of Bible Released Time?" or maybe, "what value is Bible Released Time when you have such a limited time with the kids (12-18 times in a year)?" I have a Middle School class that is a prime example of why it is so important to what we do. I did a series with Middle School students on love. Loving ourselves, loving others and knowing God's love. One girl, who's a little rough around the edges, admits to having anger issues and violent outburst, asked "Does God really love me?" "YES" was not

enough, to which was followed by, "but really!" The following lesson was on the gifts of the Spirit from Galatians 5: Love, Joy Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, and Self-Control. Yes, it's what comes out of us as we grow in our relationship with Jesus, but I wanted to point out that these are the characteristics of God and who He is and what He gives to us. He is patient or Long Suffering as some versions say, when dealing with us and has great and perfect love, joy and peace that He has for us. Explaining that God does not look down with anger, resentment, disappointment, or disgust, but rather with love and a hope that they will come to know His love for them and wanting the best for them. Through tears of my own, and a few of the kids, 18 Middle School students raised their hand to ask Jesus into their hearts. Please keep praying for these kids to know God's love for them and that they will continue to follow after Him.



Trinity East RT Class



## New Camp Elective & The Importance of the Mailbox Club Lessons

Sand Casting 101

Hey campers are you interested in learning a new craft? This summer both Elementary camps will include lessons in plaster casting with sand. This fun craft will take several lessons and will include a description of various relief sculptures. If you have in mind a small mould (3 inches by 5 inches) you might want to slip it in your camp duffel bag and join the class! Examples might include a seashell, a cross, a sun, an animal, etc. We will be ready with containers, sand, and paints. You should be ready to learn something new while having fun creating a sand casting plaque.

See you at Camp Cornerstone!

NaNa Says!

It was exciting for me to talk to a grandmother of six grand children who have been or currently are participating in the Mailbox Club Lessons. NaNa reports that about ten years ago her older grandson was going through a very difficult family situation. She began praying and searching for something that might help her grandson when she learned about the CBM Mailbox Club Lessons. Since that time she has assisted five others in her family. These lessons are Biblically correct and for every four lessons the children receive a \$25 discount coupon toward summer camp.

She discussed how informative these lessons can be. Although she had taught Sunday School and studied the Scriptures she has learned some facts by being her grandchildren's assistant. Many thanks to NaNa for encouraging all of us!

Maybe the CBM Mailbox Club Lessons can be an answer to you or your grandchildren's prayers. Feel free to ask us what to do to get them started and on their way to earning a discount toward a week at Camp Cornerstone this summer.

**Praise God for...**

- The privilege to minister to boys and girls through RT and summer camp
- Faithful volunteers
- Faithful prayer and financial supporters



**Pray for...**

- Good church homes for RT students who began a relationship with our Savior
- Open doors for grants to allow us to improve the camp grounds
- Volunteers to help with camp this summer
- Camper Scholarships
- Finances to complete the needed projects and day to day needs of the camp
- Wisdom to make good ministry decisions on the part of Board, staff, and the selection of a new Area Director.