



# Cornerstone Courier

Children's Bible Ministries of SWPA



## *From A Former Camper's Heart!* Jeff Dittmer, Exe. Director

Summer camp is quickly approaching! Plans and details are being worked through. We are asking God to supply our leadership staff for cabins and activities. The grounds are being prepped and a few new additional projects are in the works! The phone calls, the cleaning, the planning and yes, the dreaming of what could be is all worth the time and effort when you receive a financial gift with a note like this from a



former camper. "It has been nine years since I had my final year of CBM summer camp—I went from the age of kindergarten all the way through my senior year of high school. I also enjoyed my time as a junior counselor. I look back on my childhood

and think to myself, how I looked forward to coming to CBM camp every year. In those more trying years of being a teen, CBM reignited my fire for the Lord and everyone there was supportive and became a second family to me. My first year, I cried at the end of the week because I wanted to stay

and not go home yet. This ministry holds such a dear, special place in my heart and I cherish these memories I have. I am so grateful that I was blessed with this place and these people. I pray they continue to influence other kids' lives, like they did mine. Thanks for the memories, the fun, the laughs, and all the encouragement you gave me along my walk of faith and growth. I'm still growing, as we all are. Keep doing everything you do, because you do it so beautifully."

May we continue to rely upon you in the days ahead for your prayers, financial gifts and volunteer help to continue reaching boys, girls, young men and women with the Gospel?



## *Just by Chance!* Jeff Dittmer, Exe. Director

One Friday night Susan and I wanted a piece of pie, so we decided to stop at Eat'n Park. It was a busy night and at least a thirty-minute wait. As we were being seated, one of our Released Time kids, named Amelia, came into the restaurant. When she saw us, she brought her grandmother over to talk to us. Susan and I then proceeded to the hostess to be seated. Seeing that we were being seated at a four-person booth, we decided to ask them if they wanted to join us. They agreed and we ordered our food, talked about school, Released Time, and we got to know Grandma and Amelia in a new way. When the food came, I asked Amelia if she would ask the blessing. She said, "sure" and proceeded to give a very heartfelt prayer well beyond her

age as a fourth grader. As we were eating, a gentleman who was sitting near us came up to our table and thanked Amelia for her prayer and commented on how much it meant to him. I then said "See, God spoke to that man through you. I know he heard exactly what God wanted him to hear. It's pretty cool to see God working, but it's even cooler to be used by Him." Amelia smiled and agreed. I then asked if she remembered us talking about faith in class, and how faith was an action verb; not our actions, but the actions of the Holy Spirit living through us. "Often, we are God's hands and feet, but today Amelia, you were His voice!"

*"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*1 Thessalonians 1:3*