



Faith

Board of Directors

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Vision Statement

Our vision is to increase positive Christ-centered relationships for youth, increase understanding between youth and their community, and increase opportunity for youth to hear, encounter and have a life changing revelation of Christ's sacrifice while participating in a youth center where youth can be themselves.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to reach the youth of the Lampeter-Strasburg area, and beyond, with the life changing peace, hope, and love of Christ through the power of His Holy Spirit.

INCREASE

He must increase, but I must decrease.

~ John 3:30

Winter 2018

From the Executive Director

What a blessing to serve a God who has conquered the enemy! I pray this writing finds you rejoicing in the new year ahead and reflecting on a blessed Christmas celebration!

Thank you for your prayers these past months. Increase Youth Ministry has been going very well, meeting weekly with broken and hurting teens. Recapping, in short, we have gone to Camp Andrews several times, enjoying volleyball, basketball, table games, etc. We have had some very deep Bible discussions on topics like the return of Jesus and living a life preparing for His return. The youth have a lot of questions that we are able to find answers for in the Bible. A lot of the nights we run out of time which is encouraging, because we know they are really seeking answers. Please pray specifically on Thursday nights for this time that the Holy Spirit intervenes and speaks directly to their hearts.

We have also gone to "Truth or Terror", an alternative event to Halloween, "Stand Firm" Renew Weekend, and bowling. All of this has given us lots of opportunity to build relationships sharing the love of God with the youth.

We know that it is the faithful prayers of our supporters that keep all this going, so if you are that person we say thank you. If you have not taken up the commitment of praying for this ministry faithfully, I would like to encourage you to start with whatever time you feel called to. We thank you in advance.

May Our Creator Redeemer Be Glorified!

Ron Peters

HELP US GROW!

There are some items that have become important to the ministry. We are in need of a person to fill the position of treasurer. If you have a gift for finances and feel that God may be calling you into supporting INCREASE Youth Ministry in this capacity we would love to speak with you.

We are also seeking a person to serve as Board Chairperson and others as general Board Members. If you have the gift of leadership and feel God may be calling you to become open to the Holy Spirit by leading Increase Youth Ministry we want to speak with you as well.

Many of you are aware we are in need of a permanent building for the youth to call their own. The ministry is now two years old and we believe this is the next step for growth. It would be great to have several people with a passion to accomplish this task.

Please contact us if you are interested in helping make this goal a reality.





Zook's Chicken Pie Sale...

Fundraising, and YOU!

We are eagerly selling Zook's Pies and apple dumplings! Are you hungry for something warm and filling??? Would you like to partner with INCREASE and help sell pies that are so yummy they sell themselves??? Contact Ron at 717-575-8353 if you would like a Zook's Chicken Pies (beef pies, and apple dumplings) order form to take into work, church, a Bible study, Sunday School class, or to share with family, friends, and neighbors.

Ordering "officially" begins Saturday, Feb. 24th, but we'll take orders before then! Payment (cash or checks made out to "INCREASE") is due with orders. Forms and payment are due by Friday, March 9th to Ron (717-575-8353) or can be mailed to INCREASE, 334 Hilltop Road, Strasburg PA 17579.

You pick up pies on Wednesday, March 28th between 6-7pm at the Jaycee Park Barn (218 Miller Street). All items are packed for you, frozen, and ready for you to deliver! Consider joining IN!

This fundraising event and our Fall Breakfast Banquet are currently our only 2 fundraisers. We rely on these two big, successful events, and our faithful monthly supporters, to finance the ministry of INCREASE, knowing that it is truly the work of the Holy Spirit supplying all our needs! If you have a passion to partner with the ministry of INCREASE in the area of fundraising please contact us!

INCREASE meets weekly and ALL youth 6th to 12th grade are invited to join us. There is no cost to our regularly scheduled nights. We meet every Thursday night beginning at 5:30pm. Your generous support will go a long way in helping us fulfill our mission.

Mail your donation to:

Increase, 334 Hilltop Road, Strasburg PA 17579

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INCREASE Youthful Insights

We recently asked INCREASE youth to share their thoughts and opinions on a few topics. Here is a little look inside how youth today are thinking, expressing, and viewing the world around them. Take time to develop your own response, or ask a teen you know.

1. What does it mean to be "transformed"?
 - To be changed
 - When your way of thinking changes to reflect the Lord
 - To be made into something new (included illustration of chrysalis into butterfly)
 - Follow from one thought or practice to another
2. Taylor Swift - would you be her friend? Why? Why not?
 - Not until I get to know her
 - I don't know her personality so I can't say, but from the outside I don't like her behavior, so no.
 - Yes-I want to be a friend to everyone. We are meant to show Christ-like love to everyone.
3. At what age should a child get a smartphone?
 - When they and their parents understand risks, how to be responsible, and how social media can effect us
 - Around 12-14 depending on maturity level and if they can handle it
4. Your pick for Super Bowl 52:
 - I don't watch football
 - Atlanta Falcons!
 - The better team. Everyone's a winner through Jesus!

Feet on the Street Ministries Stand Firm Weekend

