

TIGER PAUSE

YOUTH MINISTRY

Redeeming Lives - Building Leaders - Transforming Communities

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Are you going to watch the show, or are you going to be the show? That is the question for 2023, and that was the question for the church of Thessalonica. They had to make a decision if they were going to watch the world and accommodate its views with tales of triumph, hope over despair, love over everything, or if affliction would lead them on the path of submission, humility, obedience, and willingness before a watching world. Because “work of faith,” “labor of love,” and “steadfastness of hope” make a great title or tagline for a movie, but it’s hard to sell tickets to watching a man live a quiet life, working with his hands, and minding his own business.

I don’t think it would surprise anyone to know that in my downtime I like to watch movies, and during Christmas I tend to do some binge watching. *Fiddler on the Roof* reminds me of sacred traditions, *Kung Fu* to walk on the rice paper in peace, and *Muhammed Ali* that “Hating people because of their color is wrong. And it doesn’t matter which color does the hating. It’s just plain wrong.”

Now all truth is God’s truth and I don’t think I would get much objection there. But how do we get the whole truth? As believers in Christ in a world with Jews, Buddhists, or Muslims—we can’t both be right. Jews believe Jesus was a teacher and a prophet, but not the Messiah. Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, and we can’t both be right. Buddhists believe in multiple incarnations, but Christians in only one and we can’t both be right. Muslims picture the scales of justice, where if you do enough good you’ll get to heaven. The picture for Christians is the cross which says you can do nothing of yourself to get to heaven. We can’t both be right.

Now as time passes and the “isms” are upon us—universalism, secularism, humanism, nationalism, and socialism—the lot goes on proclaiming they have the truth and are the truth, but language can be deceptive. And where is the Christian church in America? Silent. Yevgeny Yavtushenko said, “When the truth is replaced by silence, the silence is a lie.” We have been silent about the importance of the ten commandments, and Matthew 5:18 says “For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.” We have been silent about the narrow gate, and Matthew 7:13-14 says, “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” We have been silent about being born again, and John 3:3 says, “Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” And we have been silent against the attacks on the infallible, inerrant Word of God, and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

I sense that 2023 may be a season of affliction for the people of God, so at Tiger Pause we are resolved to maintain our vision, mission, and values by taking our marching orders from 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22, which says:

“Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil”

Let us resolve, like Mike + the Mechanics, to say what we need to say “In the Living Years.” We must speak God’s Word, lest we end up like the Christian Charles Spurgeon talks about when he says: “Why is it that some Christians,



although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in the divine life? Because they neglect their closets, and do not thoughtfully meditate on God's word. They love the wheat, but they do not grind it; they would have the corn, but they will not go forth into the fields to gather it; the fruit hangs upon the tree, but they will not pluck it; the water flows at their feet, but they will not stoop to drink it."

The following is an annual report, but it is more like a covenant between Tiger Pause and you. You pray for our strength, wisdom, and safety, and hold us accountable to the things we ought to do. Together we can be like that song from Tears for Fears: "Shout, shout, let it all out. These are the things I can do without. Come on, I'm talking to you. Come on."

Semper Fi,

Matt Nance

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

At Tiger Pause Youth Ministry we are celebrating 35 years of working tirelessly to cultivate a community where youth and their families thrive. By working as ambassadors we build bridges over socioeconomic barriers, equip and empower individuals within our disadvantaged neighborhoods, and develop lasting relationships that enable us to truly engage the community. We maintain our commitment to transforming the Beaver Falls community through holistic and restorative educational programs and vocational opportunities that shine with the liberating power and hope of the gospel, and we act as advocates for the needy, producing positive changes in our city. Through dedicated work and collaborative efforts, we seek to create bright futures for the disadvantaged youth of our community. To maximize our efforts, we work with many local agencies, churches, and community groups, with the common goal of building up our community and connecting distressed citizens to the services they need to thrive. We couldn't do what we do without our dedicated staff who keep our programs running smoothly. Enjoy hearing the voices of our program leaders in the updates below.

PROGRAMS

After-School Program

Written by Elaine Roboski, After-School Program Director

The beginning of 2022 continued many changes that took place during the 2021 school year. With the end of the Remote Learning Center, which provided a space for students to learn virtually during the pandemic, the reinstallment of our in-person After-School Program took place. In partnership with the Beaver Falls School District and Geneva College, our 2022 program was equipped to help our students in a new, holistic, and exciting way.

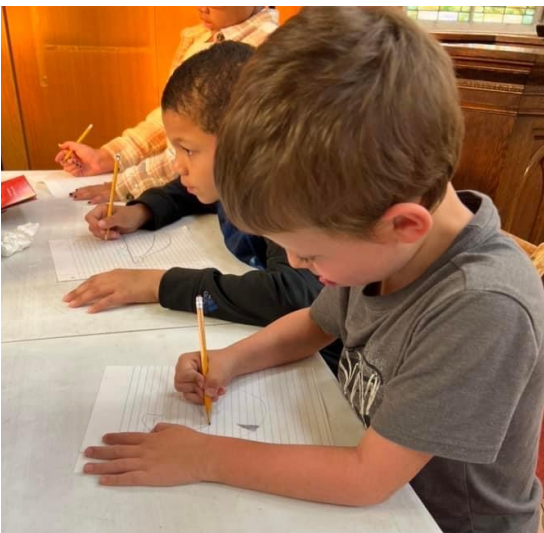
All year, students received tutoring, homework help, dinner, and academic enrichment opportunities. Undergraduates from Geneva College, who are trained to act as personal tutors, provided the one-on-one instruction and care that our elementary and middle school students need. Additionally, three teachers from the Beaver Falls School District assisted with the academic portion of our program and had the opportunity to build relationships with their students outside of the classroom. With the hard work of everyone involved, we have seen our students improve in their academic performance and grow in character. Our recently-added gym class portion of the program was quite a hit among the students. While participating in large group games and physical activity, the students developed higher levels of self-esteem, practiced critical thinking, and had fun! Not only did gym class



provide a great incentive to complete homework, but it created an opportunity to teach lessons outside of the academic world. This school year, the students have learned a new fruit of the Spirit each week (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control) and discussed how they could personally emulate this quality of good character in gym class and beyond. During Bible study, the kids journeyed through Old Testament stories with Ms. Erica and sang praise and worship songs with Mrs. Tench. They enthusiastically participated in discussion about these Bible stories, the Lord, and what His Word says about us.

A note on our food program: We all eat, and it would be a sad waste of opportunity to eat poorly. For that reason, Tiger Pause strives to serve the youth in our program nutritious, healthy, and tasty meals. During the school year, every student who participates in a Tiger Pause program is served dinner each evening. In the summer, our campers are served lunch daily. Over the course of the entire year, we have served at least 5,000 meals across our multiple program sites. From salads to sandwiches to casseroles to soups and more, our food program is doing everything we can to expand the palates of our students, meet their nutritional needs, and leave them with a satisfied and full stomach.

Our program has opened its doors to a growing number of students in the community. As a result of our partnership with the Beaver Falls School District, teachers are able to refer students who they believe would benefit greatly from the academic assistance and structured, friendly environment we offer. One of our three After-School sites, located in



Midland, has seen a startling growth in enrollment from one student at the beginning of the fall to nine students at the beginning of the new year. In fact, all of our After-School sites have experienced high levels of attendance. The continued improvement of our facilities at Reach Church and our church on 4th Avenue have also allowed greater capacity and more effective learning environments. In total, we have had the opportunity to serve approximately 75 students through the After-School Program this school year.

As the Fall semester progressed, our program moved into a period of transition. Erica Vucelich, who has directed the program for approximately 10 years, has graciously passed the baton to me. Her lasting impact on the community and the love the students have for her could not easily be put into words. As I begin to direct the After-School Program, I hope to do it with as much passion, humility, and wisdom as she has.

I have been blessed this past year to watch the After-School Program help students grow academically, physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. As we head into 2023, I hope to see our program continue to flourish, improve, and expand. I am humbled and honored to be called by the Lord to participate in His good work through Tiger Pause. I am excited to watch our students continue to advance, our staff become better and better equipped to serve, and our God direct and provide for the ministry.

Summer Camp

Written by Elaine Roboski, Summer Camp Director

The Summer Camp theme for 2022 was “I Am.” Each week, campers learned about one of Jesus' eight “I Am” statements. Our camp Bible teachers helped kids discover that Jesus is the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection and the Life, the Only Way to the Father, the Vine, and our One and Only Lord and Savior. Campers memorized weekly memory verses, and a number of them received an award at our end-of-camp concert for knowing all seven memory verses word for word.

Not only did our summer camp see much spiritual growth in the kids, but it also provided opportunity for academic growth. Four days a week, the campers practiced reading and math with teachers



from the Beaver Falls School District in the mornings. By utilizing enrichment activities, educational games, and group projects (for example, a full-blown lemonade stand war between the 4th and 5th grade boys and girls), the kids were challenged intellectually while also having fun.

Throughout summer camp, the kids had loads of opportunities to participate in many new experiences and have fun. On Monday afternoons, we dribbled around on the basketball courts, played big group games, and splashed in the sprinklers at the splash pad. On Tuesdays, we enjoyed God's creation as we hiked through local parks such as Brady's Run and McConnells Mill. We spent Wednesdays swimming in the Ellwood City Pool and playing on the playground at Ewing Park. On Thursdays, we learned praise songs and worshiped the Lord with Mrs. Tench, which prepared us for the concert held at the end of camp. Thursdays also focused on community service. Our campers made blankets to send to Ukraine, wrote cards for our local first responders, and more. Lastly, Fridays were our camp favorite—field trip days. Tiger Pause traveled to the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, the Fort Pitt Museum, Target Outfitters, Ready Yourself Youth Ranch, Promise Camp, Kennywood, Idewild, and more. This summer, campers had the opportunity to try archery, horseback riding, fishing, axe throwing, rock climbing, roller coasters, water slides, and so much more.

Over the course of camp, it wasn't only the kids who experienced a lot of growth. The staff theme this summer was consistency. Through various guest speakers, mornings of worship, and group discussions, we learned about the consistency of the Lord and His Word. As a staff, we supported each other, pushed each other, and kept Christ at the center of all we did. While we may have taught a lot to the kids, they taught even more to us.

As we begin to plan for Summer Camp 2023, my prayer is that the Lord guides and directs us as we consider how to reach more children with the Gospel. Proverbs 16:9 says, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps." Praise God for all His work this past summer and for all He plans to do in the future!

Sports Ministry

Written by David Smith, Director of Transforming Communities

At Tiger Pause, Monday night isn't just for football. During the school year we open up Reach Church and Gandy's Gym on Mondays around 5:15 PM and invite youth to familiarize themselves with all sorts of tournament-style activities, competing and playing games such as dodgeball, kickball, gaga ball, and even soccer (which our brothers call football, lol). We consistently see groups over 50, with the capacity to grow as our staff and volunteers continue to stretch themselves both in patience and physical ability. Everyone is served a meal and we end with a Bible lesson because if you push them hard enough they do eventually want to sit still, if only to breathe.

We have also been doing clinics featuring sports that don't get a lot of attention but can be great character builders such as wrestling. Young men learned that if you can control your opponents hands (hold on Jacob), head (mind your own business), and hips (don't walk, stand, sit) you can be an overcomer, understanding you wrestle not against flesh and blood, but princes and powers.



We have also kept the time-honored tradition, started by Judge Mancini, of feeding the Beaver Falls High School football team before Friday night games. This year's message was what it takes to be a man: Prepare, Perspective, Protect, Provide, and Promote. The young men are always very thankful as well as the coaching staff. More importantly, we kept the Jug beating the bricks off of New Brighton.

Lastly, we have started a new group for men of all ages meeting Monday through Friday at 6:00 AM at Reach Church. This group is modeled after a nationwide initiative called "F3"—Faith, Family, and Fitness. This program is open to any man who wants to grow with other men as a disciple of the Lord.

Mentoring Program

Written by John Paul Roboski, Mentoring Coordinator

The Tiger Pause Educational Mentoring Program strives to provide young men and women in Beaver County with a relationship that will assist in their development as emerging adults. Through a partnership with the Beaver County Children and Youth Services, youth ages 14 to 21 are paired with college-age mentors in the community. Primarily focused on achieving success through spiritual growth and academic advancement, mentors seek to be a consistent relationship built on trust, care, and guidance. The Mentoring Program provides the youth with support in areas that include assistance in passing a class, acquiring their GED, seeking scholarships, career exploration, preparing for college entrance exams, college enrollment, and further educational-related goals.

The program is built around educational goals and outcomes, but the main objective is to demonstrate Christ's love by establishing lasting relationships with the participating youth. Each mentor engages their God-given strengths, skills, and abilities to provide encouragement, advice, assistance, and accountability along the road to success with their mentee. The mentor program offers a unique opportunity to reflect Christ and offer spiritual support, candid conversation and a listening ear for a young member of the community working to obtain academic improvement.

Due to a myriad of challenges that accompany changes in leadership, COVID, and program adjustments, this year has required new considerations and adjustments. Heading into 2023, the Tiger Pause Mentoring Program is endeavoring to expand and reach more participants than ever before in Beaver County.

Eye of the Tiger Work Program (EOT)

Written by Nahún Martinez, EOT Program Director

The Eye of the Tiger Work Program employs young men and women from the Beaver Falls area and beyond. The main purpose of this program is to provide young people with life and work skills that will open doors of opportunity for them to be successful in the marketplace. We do this in a mentoring relationship, which also allows us to influence them in other aspects of their lives such as spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and socioeconomically. Our goal is not just to train good workers or to develop good and effective employees. We strive to produce men and women of character that would serve the Lord, be good citizens, raise healthy families, and would be a blessing to their community.

In 2022 we had over 95 people working in the different avenues of our program. Young men and women performed a variety of jobs such as clean-outs, demolition, home remodel, kitchen remodel, full bathroom renovations, painting, landscaping, carpentry, electrical work, HVAC, plumbing, and more. The Beez Cafe is operating and going well, the furniture store is thriving, and we also moved people locally and across the country.



One of the goals of the work program is to provide ways for our young men and women to earn an income for themselves, and also to make extra income for the ministry, which we use to help subsidize other programs that we offer free of charge. Altogether, in 2022 we made over \$513,000 in revenue. 10% of all our unrestricted funds are always sown into other ministries, locally and abroad. This past year we were able to help build a Children and Youth Center for a church in a rural community in El Salvador. On December 17th, 2022, we dedicated the building to the glory of God and the blessing of the people of El Tinteral. When operating, this building will serve over 175 kids and youth with after-school programs, a hot meal, and the Word of God.

We thank God for His grace, His mercies, and His goodness and kindness that we enjoyed in 2022. We are so thankful for Huntington Bank supporting our EOT Program through the EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) Program. We experienced His provision in all the areas of our lives and we trust that we will continue to thrive and expand our territory in this new year, to let more people know through word and deed about our great God. We are thankful to the staff, employees, volunteers, instructors, donors, and more who with God's help have made all of this work possible...to HIM be the glory!

The following reflection is written by a young man who just graduated from college and is leading some of our high school youth.

EOT Reflection

John Paul Roboski

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” - Colossians 3:23

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It's been the most random work I've ever been thrown into: one day you're cleaning out a cesspool of an apartment and the next day you're breaking up concrete as a human jackhammer for a new sidewalk. I've worked in food service, hospitality, security, customer service, forestry, as a literacy camp counselor, custodian, landscaper and journalist. There are jobs that you get satisfaction and enjoyment, and of course there are jobs you get frustrated and sick of pretty quick. I've found over the years when I focus on getting my check to get back to what I want to do, the labor becomes toil. How futile every shift becomes when there is no intentionality. How meaningless the work feels with no reflection. How empty the interactions become when they don't go beyond artificial greetings and surface level conversation.

Since starting my position on the EOT work crew, I've been blessed to engage in a unique role, opportunity to grow, and a rich community. The days are richer with the morning devotional and prayer, and I anticipate each week the Friday morning Bible study. The Lord has blessed me with deep fellowship and countless opportunities to be humbled and challenged. My weaknesses, insecurities, sin and areas of lacking are exposed through tiring tasks, difficult situations and rough characters. Unholy smells and horribly dirty homes to clean out serve as daily reminders to thank God and praise Him despite any circumstance.

ALL things are redeemed through Christ. Even as I clean out the most hellish, nasty, decrepit eviction apartment, I work with purpose and peace knowing it isn't about the money, for all things are from the Lord, and it certainly isn't for clout....If the Saviour of the world was born in a manger and executed on a cross, the least I can do is lay down my wants, plans, and pride to answer the call of the Lord through the work of EOT.

This has been and is a truly special time in my life. I am beyond blessed to work in a place where the Lord is the focus and furthering His Kingdom is the goal. It's a gift to work knowing that all the labor of the EOT work program is in some way paving the path for the youth of Beaver Falls to have a place of safety, fun, and an opportunity to know the Lord. Our world is broken and without God, struggling in vain to find hope, purpose and meaning. To work towards helping the young souls of Beaver Falls to know the Lord is a humbling gift and an exceptional opportunity.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

“Redeeming lives. Building leaders. Transforming communities.” That’s our mission here at Tiger Pause. In order to transform the community we have to be present and engaged in consistent and meaningful ways in the community. Our businesses and properties allow us to do just that and more, and we are continually amazed by God’s rich blessing on these endeavors.

Beez Cafe

Written by Dr. Bryan Crawl, Director of Ministry

The Beez Cafe continues to serve as a beacon of God’s love in the community of Beaver Falls. The Cafe offers a meeting place where people from every walk of life may share coffee and a wholesome conversation in a Christ-centered environment. Last year, the Cafe hosted “Coffee with a Cop,” an event where the community could engage police officers over community concerns in a friendly setting while enjoying a cup of coffee. This event was well attended and included Beaver Falls mayor, Dr. Kenya Johns. The Cafe will host another “Coffee with a Cop” event sometime this spring.

The Cafe continues to serve as a safe and calm environment for case workers to meet with clients and where people

who need it receive a word of encouragement and prayer from a ministry that has an established record of community concern through Christ. Many from the community come in for prayer and pastoral care they know they can receive when our doors are open. The Café also serves a free lunch to the young men and women of the “Eye of the Tiger” work crew and along with the meal comes the camaraderie of the Tiger Pause experience and a word or two of wisdom from Dr. Bryan. Our goal at the Beez is to continue to provide an atmosphere where the love of God reigns supreme and can be felt by all who enter through our door. As Mark 12:31 says, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Chilly Willy Cheesesteaks

Written by Will Vason, aka Chilly Willy

Chilly Willy Cheesesteaks has truly been blessed beyond our wildest dreams! Over the last year we have had the privilege of serving the best cheesesteak in Western PA to thousands of new customers from all over the country. Because of our desire to make an impact for the Kingdom, we’ve decided to franchise this awesome, God-given opportunity. Please keep us in your prayers—this is surely a leap of faith! We want to thank Mr. Matt, Tiger Pause, and the Beaver Falls community for the support and love demonstrated over these three and a half short years.



Wiiz’s Wonders Furniture Bank

Written by Ms. Evelyn Gower, Furniture Bank Coordinator

Some common remarks I heard this year at the Furniture Bank were:

“All the furniture I own comes from Tiger Pause.”

“My family and friends can’t believe the beautiful furniture I got.”

“The guys who picked up my donation were so polite and professional.”

“I’ve got some furniture I don’t need; it’s like new. I want to donate it to Tiger Pause because I know you’re a great organization.”

I have been blessed to see God’s hand so many times. Once I was beginning to make a sign that said “Big Sale on Dressers,” when a grandfather walked in and said that he needed three dressers for his grandsons who were going to be living with him. A man who needed furniture and some encouragement got both when he worked with the EOT guys for furniture credit. A tired woman sat in a chair that I had put outside. A man walking by stopped and bought the chair for her.

People of all ages have come into the store at quiet moments to tell me their struggles. Recently I thought about one such person and wondered what had happened to her. The next day she came into the store, full of joy, drug free, and committed to a new life. I’m having fun working with a lively team and serving an awesome God.

New Brighton House

We have continued to update this building, including renovations to the kitchen and remodeling the basement to house a historic train display of churches in Beaver County. The train display will highlight the eras 1700 to 1860, 1861 to 1970, and 1970 to present. The trains were donated from Dr. Bob Madder and we believe that the display will rival the one at the Carnegie Science Center, as we highlight the good done by churches in Beaver County. We hosted our third annual Live Nativity at the New Brighton house on December 22nd, complete with live animals and homemade hot chocolate. Stay tuned for more details on the fourth annual Live Nativity in December 2023 at the New Brighton house!

Seth’s Showers Community Splash Pad

Being able to cool off at our Splash Pad on hot summer days has been a blessing to many in our community. Because

Beaver Falls does not have a public pool, we are happy to offer relief from the heat to children and their families. The Splash Pad is free of charge and operates any day that the temperature is over 80 degrees. We demolished the old Dairy Queen building next to the Splash Pad last January and have continued working to beautify this lot, as we plan to begin expanding into a water park featuring an Ark, for all creatures great and small.

HOME MISSION

In 2022 we were also able to resume our important work of going on overseas missions trips, with a group helping build a Children and Youth Center for a church in a rural community in El Salvador. On December 17th, 2022 various Tiger Pause staff were present as we dedicated the building to the glory of God and the blessing of the people of El Tinteral. This past year we also continued our important “home mission” work, dedicating many hours helping other like-minded ministries continue to shine the light of Jesus. Some of these local ministries included: Standing in the Gap Ministries, Comunidad Cristiana Hispana (First Hispanic Church in Beaver County), Men of Faith, and Victorious Living Ministries.

The Redemption Center

Over the past few years, our partnership with Standing in the Gap has grown and together we are working to restore the old Rite Aid building on 7th Avenue in downtown Beaver Falls. Along with Saint Monica’s, we have hosted multiple volunteer days where we had 100+ volunteers, thousands of man-hours, and a new \$100,000 roof, to reveal a redeeming purpose in a building that is over 56,000 square feet. We have installed two new 400 Amp service panels on the first and second floors. Many thanks to the volunteer group and funding from Eaton Corp that helped us continue the momentum in 2022. So far it has served as a storage facility for displaced families, a training ground for youth entering the construction trades, and the catalyst for expanding/incubating business entrepreneurs that will develop this community while preserving the historical landscape that made our city proud.



Local building codes require buildings that house retail furniture stores to have an approved sprinkler system installed in the area containing furniture. The installation of the sprinkler system requires the coordinated efforts of several vendors. Joe Goff, a retired plant manager, has volunteered to coordinate the water and sprinkler systems, as Paul Cooper, retired business owner of Tookan and now lead maintenance man, has taken over the electrical, interior finish, creation and implementation of green innovations that will make maintaining the building more cost efficient for years to come.

Total Fire Protection performed preliminary engineering and recommended a six-inch water line for our system. We have worked with the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority and with their help, we improved Beaver Falls infrastructure by engineering and installing a six-inch water line that was connected to a sixteen-inch water main located on 12th street. The six-inch water line was then run through the alley behind our building and terminated several feet from the building’s foundation.

The next step is to have the water line that was installed by the city extended from the alley behind our building, underground, through the wall and terminated properly for the sprinkler system. We have obtained competitive bids and issued a purchase order to True Plumbing. We are waiting for True Plumbing to complete this work. After the water line is completed, the building will be ready to have the sprinkler system installed.

This will make the floor that accesses the main street become the new home of the Tiger Pause Furniture Bank, allowing us to expand our services in picking up and collecting suitable living furniture to offer at a discount (or in

exchange for community service hours) to families in need. The rest of the building will be dedicated to businesses or services that share our burden for the trafficked and homeless populations around us. They must commit to using a portion of their revenue to help support local organizations ministering to those who have been victims of trafficking and/or suffered homelessness. A final exciting development to note is our purchase of the lot across the street—out of repository—to be used for parking.

Comunidad Cristiana Hispana

(Hispanic Christian Community, First Hispanic congregation in Beaver County)

Written by Nahún Martinez, Founder and Lead Pastor

On January 26th, we will be celebrating our third anniversary as a church. We thank our God for His blessings and provision during all these days. Like David said in his 23rd Psalm, “His goodness and mercy have followed [us]” during the past year. We believe He will continue to be with us, all the days of our lives as He promised. Matt 28:20 says, “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

We have been blessed one more year with a place for the church to gather, provided by Tiger Pause Youth Ministry. We have a consistent group of about 25-30 believers that meet every Sunday at 4 PM to sing of the goodness of God, grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to have fellowship with one another.

We now have nine countries represented in our church. We have people attending mainly from Beaver County but also from other neighboring counties, and we continue to strengthen the foundation of the church. This new year, our theme is discipleship and personal growth.

As one of the pillars of our congregation, we believe in being a missional church, meaning that we believe in the holistic and global mission of the church, which is “to make disciples of all nations.” Since day one, we have committed 10% of all of our funds to go directly into missions, locally and abroad. The Lord has blessed tremendously this effort. This past year we were able to support missionaries and missions in The United States, El Salvador, Colombia, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Zambia, and another country in North Africa.

We want to express our gratitude to other churches, ministries and individuals that support the work of our congregation amongst the Hispanic Community. Whether it be by prayer, giving, participating in our meetings or any other way that you support us, we want you to know that you are making a difference in the kingdom of God and we pray that the Lord may continue to greatly bless you so you can continue to be a blessing to others. To HIM be glory in the Church!

VOLUNTEERS

In 2022 we were blessed with many volunteers who worked at our Summer Camp and our After-School Program. Geneva College student volunteers assist the children with homework, serve meals, and help with lessons and recreational activities. Volunteers from local churches and the community served us in a variety of ways, including working at the Furniture Bank and the Beez Café, and helping with demolition, remodeling and cleaning. In 2022 we were especially thankful for the volunteer groups that assisted us with work on The Redemption Center. We couldn't do what we do without our volunteers! We are blessed by our partnerships with various agencies and organizations in the greater Beaver Falls community and our generous donors that enable us to remain effective while broadening our outreach.

FROM THE OFFICE

Office Update

Written by Lisa Gouldsbarry, Office Manager

Being the Office Manager at Tiger Pause is an all-encompassing role which is one of the things I really enjoy about my job. Bookkeeping, payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable, human resources, invoices, mission trip travel plans... the list gets longer every year, which is why we decided it was time to hire an office assistant to lend a hand with the

myriad of tasks. The successful candidate was Ms. Briana Hutchins, which was a great fit since she has been a familiar face around Tiger Pause for quite some time. As a student, she attended our programs and eventually became a part of the Summer Camp, After-School and EOT Work Program staff. She has proven a valuable asset to our Tiger Pause family, and we are thankful to have her in the office and as the director of our Midcrest Afterschool Site, where she supervises tutors in providing students with help doing their homework, a nutritious meal, and sharing the love of Jesus.

Keeping up with technology is an ongoing effort, and this year we were able to secure accounts with both Google and Microsoft for nonprofits. Google provides everything we need for day-to-day operations so that we won't run out of storage, and Microsoft provides the programs we need to get it all done. It is quite the blessing. In addition, we updated two of the office computers so that we no longer have any dinosaurs.

It has been a pleasure to meet with the Tiger Pause ladies for a weekly Bible study. We recently finished a study of James and are now delving into a study of recognizing God's will. In August we took a roadtrip to a lakehouse in Ohio for a retreat. Long-time family friends offered their house for our retreat. We had a great time studying God's Word, eating, hiking, and laughing.

Our office staff worked alongside the Taylor family to once again host the Taylor Family Christmas Concert. Ticketing was online this year which was a great success. We appreciate all of you who came out for the show. We are looking forward to a new year of possibilities for improvement in the office. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

Social Media

Written by Briana Hutchins, Office Assistant

Tiger Pause uses social media to keep parents and the community updated on our programs. We post about After-School, Sports Ministry, Summer Camp, volunteer opportunities, events, and more. Tiger Pause has an amazing presence on Facebook and is currently trying to make its way onto Instagram. Social media often causes negative emotions for people who use it, so we seek to use God's word to bring light into everyone's day. Please check out our Facebook page "Tiger Pause Youth Ministry" and be on the lookout for our Instagram page!

LOOKING AHEAD

With so much going on we want to take a pause and celebrate 35 years of ministry May 4th at 6:00 PM at the Beaver Train Station. We will have a time to "...thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!" Psalm 107:8. Reservations can be made by calling the office at 724-843-2384 ext 4. Plan on coming for a night of music, ministry, and memories past and present.



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