

INCREAsE

He must increase, but I must decrease.

~ John 3:30



Greetings from the Director

I pray that this writing finds you well and feeling blessed. With summer over we at Increase are ready to take on fall. Looking back and reflecting on so many encounters with the living God who is still on the throne. We experienced another beautiful Creation Festival with students hearing God-centered talks on topics that are very relevant to their world. Which opens up moments where they then came to us with questions that we can dig into the Bible together to find answers that come right from the living word. There was music that also provoked them to honor and glorify our Creator. This summer we attended a picnic /swim day at Action Impact Youth Center with other youth centers. We also went camping for a weekend. Through all of this we have seen first hand Christ changing lives.

Would you please continue to pray for the youth. They are back in school now and it is very much a battle in their world. Pray that they may recall the God moments from this summer when trouble comes knocking. Pray that they would feel His love wrapping them up and carrying them through. The fall will be full with regular Increase weekly meetings. We will also be going to Up-rise music festival, Lampeter fair, having our annual breakfast banquet, enjoying the L-S football games and fifth quarter, and going to a Renew weekend.

I pray that you are seeing God's hand at work in your life as well. As you continue to experience these changing times my prayer is that you have increased your prayer time and time in the living word. This is the only solid Hope. When Jesus said that He was the rock on which we are to stand He knew what was ahead and is yet to come. He knew that all the ground around us would be sinking. And so He made some statements long ago that are very relevant for today. He truly is the only Hope.

Thank you, Ron

8th Annual Breakfast Banquet & Silent Auction: Saturday, October 1st

We are looking forward to our 8th banquet this fall!

We will gather at Lampeter Church of the Brethren (1900 Lampeter Road, Lancaster PA 17602) with doors opening at 7am to begin your silent auction bidding on fun, unique, and (we may be really biased) awesome items! For example, and to pique your interest, we will have original artwork, a refinished end table, an ice cream event at your home or venue, themed baskets, and much, much, more! IF you have an item you would like to add to the auction, to "increase" the competition, please contact Ron at 717-575-8353!

Consider saving the date and joining us for a delicious meal, fellowship, youth testimony, worship, and prayer. Tickets are free for guests, but you can reserve a table for eight for \$100 or become an event sponsor for \$500. We encourage you to please invite others to hear about this ministry in your community.



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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 Summer 2022 Youth Article: Faith

My name is Faith and I attend Lampeter-Strasburg High School. I'm in 11th grade. I'm involved in Concert Band as a percussionist. I'm interested in being a pastor when I'm older and one of my hobbies is writing a musical based on me and the people that I surround myself with.

My dad, Matthew Berry, works as a certified financial planner. My mom, Jackie, works as an assistant in the same office! My sister, Sarai, is 19 years old and is currently working at Lancaster Barnstormers in the concessions stands. Her dream is to work in a bakery. My sister, Kathryn, is 17 years old and she works at Village Greens Miniature Golf and Shoppe. My brother, Josh, is 12 years old and he helps one of our neighbors by doing yard work for them. My family attends St. John Orthodox Church in York, PA.

I've been attending INCREASE since August 2021. My best friend invited me to come to a cookout INCREASE was having at a youth's home.

My INCREASE experience has changed how I look at the Bible and questions that people that I know ask me about certain topics. I look forward to the different and fun activities with Ron and Karen like going Mini Golfing or camping at Camp Swatara.

Attending INCREASE has changed how I look at things and how God made me in the way that He did and that I am special and everyone that I meet is also special even though they don't know it.

My favorite Bible Verse is Psalm 42: 1, 2

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?



See you at the
Annual Breakfast
Banquet & Silent
Auction



Wow ! what a Summer.



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.

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