

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22 NIV

The theme for our ministry fair this year was "Building Together on Christ, the Cornerstone." What a beautiful expression of how the body of Christ fits together and how we need one another. A cool thing about stone, it is both most beautiful and most useful when it is part of a greater structure, a greater purpose. A block of stone might look interesting or even impressive by itself. It may have a nice color or cool grain but it becomes a truly admired and appreciated work of art only after it has been shaped and fitted into place with other blocks of like purpose.

We are much like that block of stone. Each of us alone may be pretty to look at but seem out of place if not joined together in the greater structure. When we are fitted together as God's holy temple, our true beauty and strength is revealed. Alone we are but rocks, together we are being built as a dwelling place for God Most High. With Christ as our cornerstone, our individual gifts and talents are elevated to heavenly significance and shine brightest within the greater whole.

This is exactly what we've seen in our high school ministry. Each member of our team brings something unique and important to the table. As a result, the ministry is stronger, healthier, and more fun. The voice of God comes through louder and clearer when all of His mouthpieces are united together. Our leadership team divies up responsibilities each Wednesday so that our students are engaged by different people and in different ways. Our small groups continue to be an important place for connection because we have leaders that have committed themselves to building nurturing relationships. In short, we have much to be thankful for in high school ministry because God has taken a team of individuals and fashioned them into something holy and beautiful through His purpose.

In the coming weeks, we are excited to have leaders and students alike rising up to take on even more ministry roles. We have leaders presenting on important and requested topics as well as students coming forward to share messages God has placed on their hearts. This is the goal, to see the body of Christ working together to minister to one another. Thank God for the purpose and the love that we share in Him!

Upcoming Events

- 04/25/18 Byron Allmandinger presenting on human trafficking
- 05/02/18 Bekah Qualben will share a message
- 05/04/18 Lock-In "May the 4th be With You"
- 05/09/18 Message TBD
- 05/16/18 Senior Night! Grill Out and BBQ - The Edge 2017-2018 Concludes
- 06/06/18 Fan the Flame begins out at the FirePit!

High Schoolers, don't forget to sign up for the Lock-in! Register online from the St. Mark's High School web page: www.faith-life.org/youth/high-school

Parents! We need just 3 hours of your time to help at the lock-in. Please sign up from the High School web page too! www.faith-life.org/youth/high-school