

# God in the Whirlwind



## God speaks through sun and storm alike.

Christians often speak of the “storms of life” metaphorically; however, I am not. In the beginning of April, there was a low level tornado that traveled through the south portion of The Barn facility. While no one was injured, we were left with fences toppled on the ground, shingles thrown from the parsonage roof, and skatepark ramps littered across the neighboring corn fields.

As I surveyed the damage, I prepared myself for an abundance of work and expense to restore our property and programs. Yet, while we were still counting what was lost, the community was stepping in to help. Our neighbors brought equipment to clear debris. Community members, including current students, came and cleaned up the property. Our insurance, as well as some donations, paid to replace what was lost with newer and improved items.

We at The Barn are spreading God’s Word to the youth in our community, but it is in the community’s support of The Barn that I hear God speak to me. Your continued volunteering, giving, and prayer propels us to more Kingdom work. **We are the Great Commission** for the youth in Miami County.

-Cameron, Director

## From the Year



Thanks to a grant from Heartsong Inc., we updated our basketball court, including sleek new rims.



Volunteers repainted the indoor and outdoor basketball court lines.



An anonymous donor provided a nine-square game for the youth center. Students have been spiking on us ever since!



We received a grant from the Miami County Foundation to finish putting metal siding on the youth center!



We went bananas over the costumes at our Fall Harvest party.

Students enjoyed games, ate desserts and decorated The Barn at our Christmas parties.





## Thanksgiving 5k

It was a chilly morning for our annual 5k, but the running kept us warm! This year we had approximately 180 people in attendance with most running, walking or cycling! We featured a new t-shirt design, drank coffee generously donated from Local Coffee and Cream, and collected food items for the Community Food Trucks. As always, we are blown away by the love and support the community gives us every Thanksgiving and throughout the year!

## Missions at The Barn

In July, the youth group at Living Word Baptist Church in Forest, Virginia, sent a missions team to The Barn. Over the few days they were here, students and leaders from the church painted, cleaned, fixed, and improved many areas of The Barn. They also built a new, permanent fire pit from materials they donated and provided. Thank you to Youth Pastor Evan Harris and the Living Word team for their support!



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for a service project?  
Contact us and we will set it up!**

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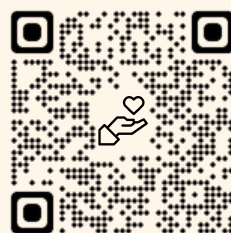
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## Ways to help:

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Volunteer  
Give**

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