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Janelle Ganson began last year as the full-time leader of STARS. This ministry meets Mondays and Tuesdays after school and involves a program geared toward the struggles junior high girls face in remaining sexually pure. The program is centered around the college leaders from Cedarville having meaningful interaction with junior high girls. This interaction focuses on encouraging the girls to find their value in God. This message is reinforced every year when a panel of male Cedarville students first answer any questions the girls have, then present each girl with a rose and a letter encouraging them to remain pure for their future husbands. According to Janelle, this panel is powerful because many girls in STARS come from broken homes where they don't receive much male affirmation.

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I was also able to talk to Jessica, leader of the STARS ministry to Central Middle School in Xenia. Jessica is a psychology major who hopes to one day be a counselor. According to Jessica, one of her favorite times during each STARS session is the small group time, when she is able to really sit down and talk to girls with whom she now has deep relationships. Last year she was

able to help lead two of the girls in her small group to Christ, so this year has been an amazing chance for her to be able to disciple these girls and watch them begin to experience hunger for God. Jessica also really

enjoys being able to go bowling with her group every year. According to Jessica, the junior high girls always think it's so cool that college girls would actually spend time with them on a Friday night.

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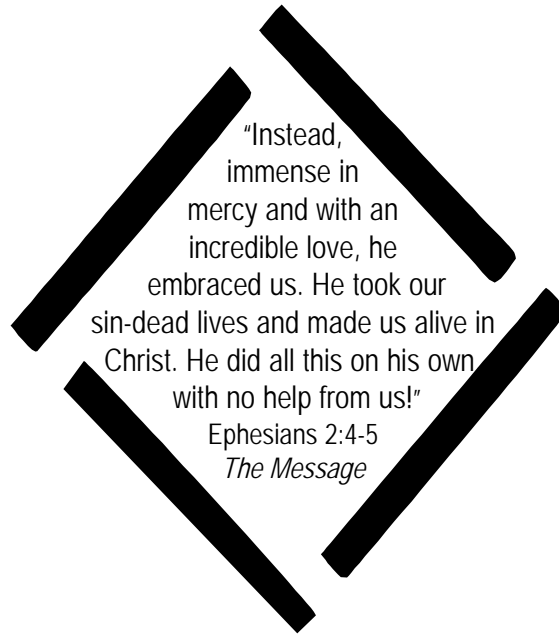
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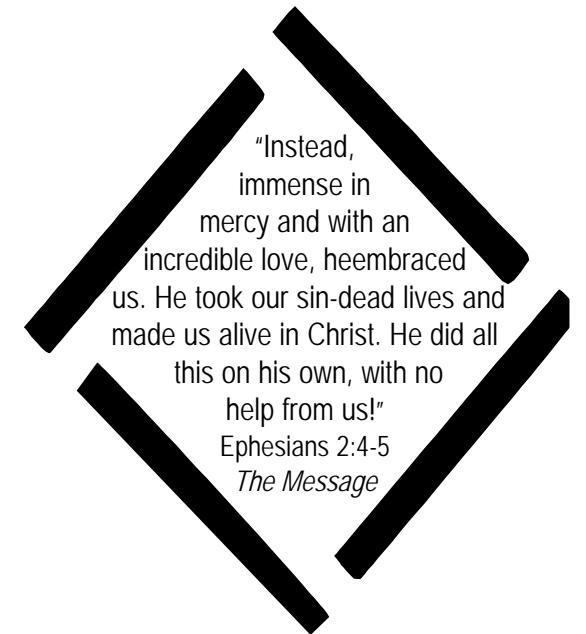
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