

A Powerful Ministry for Teens

In 2003 four Spencerville area residents, led by Rev. Ron Shifley, dreamed of developing a place where area teens could spend Friday nights in a safe and fun environment with a Christian atmosphere.

That dream developed into The Catacombs, a Christian teen night club ministry that opened it's doors in December 2003.

Catacombs featured various recreational activities including air hockey, ping-pong, pool table, PlayStation 2 game wall, an internet café, and a dance floor with deejay.



Teens enjoy playing pool at Catacombs

Catacombs also featured a number of special events and hosted live concerts by Broken Yoke and Right Side Cast.

In addition to being a fun place for teens to hang out with friends, Catacombs also provided a safe place where teens received pastoral counseling dealing with divorce, peer pressure and other family issues.

*Catacombs received regional media attention and was featured in the **Journal-News, Lima News** and on **WLIO NBC TV-35**.*

At its peak, over 100 teens would attend Catacombs on a Friday night coming from Spencerville, Delphos, Bath, Shawnee and Lima school districts.

Catacombs closed its doors in March 2008 shortly after Pastor Ron ended his pastorate at the sponsoring church, but that is not the end of the story...



The Cat-a-combs n. 1. The underground cemeteries of Rome used as a refuge by early Christians. **2.** a safe and fun hang-out for junior and senior high youth. **3.** a cool Christian teen night club ministry launching December 2010.

Launching a community wide ministry for area teens

The Catacombs is an outreach ministry of



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A New Beginning...



Won't You Help Launch Catacombs For The Next Generation of Area Teens?

Catacombs Donation Form

The need for a ministry like Catacombs is just as great today as when it first opened in 2003. Within the past year, Spencerville area pastors have been discussing how to tackle a number of challenges facing teens within our community. The



Front entrance to proposed facility for Catacombs

revival of a ministry like Catacombs might just be part of the needed solution.

Catacombs would help keep Spencerville teens off the streets on Friday nights, potentially aid in curbing underage drinking, sexual activity and teen vandalism, while offering teens a safe and fun location to mingle with peers, discover positive Christian role models, and receive short term pastoral counseling as needed.

A Catacombs Planning Team was formed in February 2010, re-uniting three of the ministry's original co-founders, with the intention of re-launching the ministry in Spencerville by December 2010.

The new Catacombs will be housed in a proposed downtown facility and feature a live house band, a dance floor with deejay, free Wi-Fi internet access, a pool table, air hockey, ping-pong, a video game center, refreshments, a Facebook community, concerts and other special events for junior and senior high youth (grades 6 to 12).

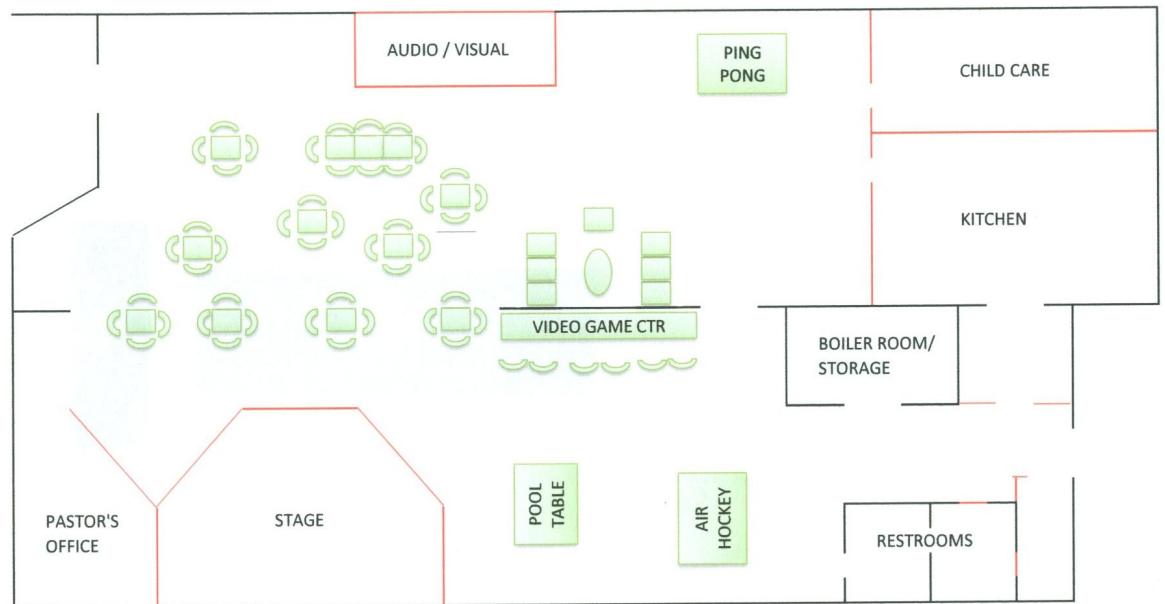
More Than Just Catacombs

The Catacombs Planning Team is seeking to purchase and renovate a proposed storefront property, located at 117 N. Broadway, Spencerville, to house Catacombs on Friday nights, serve as a worship center on Sunday mornings, house a public coffee house ministry weekdays and provide space for additional community-wide programming throughout the week.

We Need Your Help

To purchase and renovate the proposed facility for Catacombs and more the planning team is seeking to raise approximately \$70,000.00, with a \$7,500 down payment due by May 15 to initiate a land contract agreement with the building's owner.

Proposed Floor Plan for Catacombs



	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/> One time donation for Catacombs	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Support for Catacombs in 2010	\$ _____
	Subtotal: _____
	Total: _____
Name _____	
Address _____	
Phone _____	
Email Address _____	
Method of Payment	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Me

Checks may be made payable to "Catacombs" and mailed to Rev. Ron Shifley, 304 S. Pearl Street, Spencerville, OH 45887.