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The Purpose of Change

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When people talk about seasons, they like to keep it simple with four seasons. People have their favorites, some like spring and the blossoms and cooler weather, while the beach bums can't wait for summer to sit by the ocean. The colors of autumn grace many a social media page, and honestly, I don't hear too many people talking about winter as their favorite. At least, not the short days or the cold weather, but cozy indoor evenings with a good book is always welcome. However, in Pennsylvania, it seems like we have 12 seasons. The transition periods seem to add additional layers of weather conditions to daily life. March is known as "Mud month" as the rain turns farmlands to mush and livestock slogs through the mess. There's "Fool's Spring" which usually happens between winter and spring, a nice week of high temperatures is followed by a week of Winter Wonderland. But through all these changes, I have to consider how much I appreciate nice weather. And do I appreciate it more when there is awful weather?

I wonder if life is like that. Do the valleys of life allow us to appreciate the mountaintops more? Do the bad times help us remember the good times, and are the good times for getting through the hard times? Circumstances often change the way that I feel; sad times undoubtedly make me sad, and happy

times always make me smile. I wonder if God wants it that way. If the Psalms are any indication, God is no stranger to hearing us out. When the psalmists pour out their hearts to God, they are then free to remember who God is and what He has done. We should never be mastered by anything, let alone our emotions, for Jesus is our beloved master. But if God didn't want us to have emotions or for things to change then we wouldn't feel anything and all would remain the same.

So why do things change, and should I just be stoic and stone faced through all of life's happenings? I don't think so. Bearing my heart to God does not change the way I feel, and honestly, doesn't change what's happening in life. But it helps me place my emotions into God's gentle hands, my situation into His caring hands, and helps me remember who God is. My emotions are a gauge, but grace is the guide back to God. I think that's the purpose of change - opportunity to remember that God is in charge, and an opportunity to trust God. And when that's my perspective, well it won't really matter what season it is, because God is always just as faithful as He has always been.

~Dillon

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Gifts were given to CEF between February 20—March 21, 2024

In Memory of...

My dad, Elwood Eyler

By: Linda & Keith McCarthy

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Nagle



In Honor Of...

The Staff and Volunteers

By: Patricia Kuchinos

Helen Warmkessel

By: Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Schappell

Dillon Wertman

By: Joan Mengel



Join us in praying for Schuylkill County.

Weekly Time of Prayer

Weekly prayer time.

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Stay for the whole hour, come for 15 minutes, 30 minutes~ whatever fits in your schedule.

Let's join together in praying for the children in Schuylkill County.



This is what a few of the children are saying about Good News Club:

Since I've come here (GNC) I started believing in God.



I never knew Jesus died on the cross until I came here (GNC).

I want to teach Good News Club when I grow up!



I've heard this story (Esther), but you're telling me things about it I never heard before.

2023-2024 Statistics

Club	Enrollment	Professions
Blue Mt. East	44	0
Blue Mt. West	58	0
Hegins Hubley	9	1
Mahantongo Elem.	18	0
Pottsville	36	0
Sch. Haven	36	7
Shenandoah Valley	20	0
Tamaqua Elem.	34	7
West Penn K-2	28	0
West Penn 3-4	17	0
Pine Grove	33	4
St. John's Reformed	17	0
Total Clubs 12	350	19

Enrollment is the number of children who have heard the Gospel through GNC since the fall~ it is not the attendance number. We praise God that average attendance is higher than it has been in several years!



Saturday
May 18, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Bethesda E. C. Church
155 Reedsville Road
Schuylkill Haven PA 17972.

CEF is serving as the host of this event~ but it is not a prayer meeting for CEF.

We desire to go before the Throne of Grace on behalf of our children, schools, those in government leadership, our churches and pastors, all outreach ministries, etc.

God tells us in His Word, *“Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”*

~Matthew 18:19-20

2024



- June 24-28 Lewistown Valley Tabernacle
614 Valley Road, Tamaqua
- July 8-12 Valley View Park
524 Gap St., Valley View
- July 15-19 Manbeck's E. C. Church (Pine Grove)
110 Wild Cherry Road, Sch Haven
- July 22-26 Christmas Pines Campground
450 Red Church Road, Auburn
- July 29-Aug. 2 Bethany E. C. Church
15 N. 13th Street, Ashland

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00

Volunteers are needed to serve! Community service hours may be earned for participating high school students. Could you help in the afternoon with crafts or making sno-cones~ That would be wonderful!

Consider providing transportation for a child/children in your neighborhood to attend. Please contact the CEF office 570-544-8042 for more information.

Craft items needed: scraps of heavy or corrugated cardboard from the backs of calendars, writing tablets, etc., 4" ceramic tiles, paper towels, toilet paper, and 8oz. Styrofoam cups.

Linda and I have been making phone calls to previous Good News Day Camp volunteers. What a blessing! We heard statements like this:

"It's already on my calendar."

"My daughter and I are looking forward to it."

"Yes! The boys want to help!"

One volunteer I spoke with told me how she asked her boss to go in to work late the week of day camp because it means that much to her to help.

There is so much more to day camp than the teaching (which of course is valuable!). We have a pastor who has been helping at Good News Club and Good News Day Camp for over 20 years. He has said, *"I may be the only Christian man the boys in club see."*

Will you consider giving a week of your vacation this summer to serve the Lord on the local mission field~ your home county~ by working at day camp?

You may be the only Christian a child on your team has ever seen.

Budget Corner

2024 Budget
\$169,687.80

Monthly budget
\$14,140.65

YTD March 21, 2024

Income \$32,139.

Expenses \$44,024.

\$ [—11,885.]

Online donations are accepted through Tithely.com



Stats

January 2024

*Lessons graded: 60

*New students: 10

*Certificates earned: 9

*Professions of faith: 1

Pray for more children to sign up for the lessons.



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