

# Mountain-Valley News



MAY 2017

## **"Thank You for Giving to the Lord"** by Ray Boltz

*I dreamed I went to heaven  
And you were there with me;  
We walked upon the streets of gold  
Beside the crystal sea.  
We heard the angels singing  
Then someone called your name.  
We turned and saw a young man running  
And he was smiling as he came.*

*And he said, "Friend you may not know me now."  
And then he said, "But wait,  
You used to teach my Sunday School  
When I was only eight.  
And every week you would say a prayer  
Before the class would start.  
And one day when you said that prayer,  
I asked Jesus in my heart."*

*Thank you for giving to the Lord.  
I am a life that was changed.  
Thank you for giving to the Lord.  
I am so glad you gave.*

The message of this song is so meaningful. In the almost twenty years that I have worked with CEF of Schuylkill County I have been blessed to work with many godly men and women who have led countless children to Lord Jesus. Two of these precious servants of God are Mrs. Kay Artz and Mrs. Sandra Kupres, both of whom have actively served the Lord through the CEF® ministry for forty-nine years!

*We tip our hats to you and servants of God  
who share the Message of Salvation to others.  
Thank you for giving to the Lord I am a  
live that was changed.*



*Shelley*

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**Gifts were given to Child Evangelism Fellowship  
of Schuylkill County between  
March 23 to April 21, 2017  
to the Glory of God**



**In Memory of:**

**My husband, Mike Gilbert**

*By: Minerva Gilbert*

**Our Dad, Mike Gilbert**

*By: Butch Gilbert*

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*"The Thirteen Layers"*

**Dot Sterner**

*By: Sandra Berk*



**In Honor of:**

**Connie Wright**

*By: Joan Mengel*



### April Monthly Party Club Statistics

<i>Club Location</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Decisions</i>
Pottsville	26	5	6
Mahanoy City	26	12	4
Ashland	13	2	0
3 monthly party clubs (YTD totals)	65	19	10



### *Good News Club*<sup>®</sup> Statistics (YTD Totals)

<i>Clubs</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Decisions</i>
4 Regular clubs	64	1
4 Released Time <i>GNC</i> <sup>®</sup>	127	27
9 After-school <i>GNC</i> <sup>®</sup>	369	106
17 Good News Clubs	560	134



#### March 2017

Lessons graded: 69  
 Salvation decisions: 0  
 New students: 1

#### 2017 Budget Corner

Yearly Budget: \$103,312.50  
 YTD Income as of April 21: \$25,012.  
 YTD Expenses as of April 21: \$34,393.89.  
 Difference: [\$10,455.]  
 Monthly Budget: 8,609.37

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## Mark Your Calendars!

June 26-30	Lewistown Valley Tabernacle, Tamaqua
July 3-7	Christmas Pines Campground, Auburn
July 10-14	Valley View Park, Valley View
July 17-21	Primrose Bible Church, Minersville Area
July 24-28	Manbeck's E. C. Church, Rock (Pine Grove Area)

## Have we got a project for you!

We have some unforeseen expenses for this summer.

**First:** For the past several years we have used *Keys for Kids* with the children at Good News Day Camp during our quiet time each day. Then the children may take their *Keys for Kids* home with them on Friday. Our hope is that for the next three months the children will continue to have a quiet time with the Lord; growing in their knowledge of the One True God. *Keys for Kids* has started a new ministry called *Keys for Camp*. We are excited about this because this will open the door for the children who attend Good News Day Camp to receive the *Keys for Kids* every three months throughout the next year, with a cover that has the CEF Good News Day Camp logo on the front and which includes contact information for the local CEF office and several of its ministries: Mailbox Club™, Good News Club® a letter from the local director and some fun camp pictures. We are praying for full weeks of camp which would increase our camp enrollment to 325 children. The cost for the *Keys for Kids* for the year is \$1,650. If you would like to give a donation towards this project please include a note specifying *Keys for Kids*.

**Second:** We are excited to have a new Good News Day Camp starting at Primrose Bible Church (outside Minersville) the week of July 17. In order to reach as many children as possible in the town of Minersville we are planning on a bulk mailing to each resident within the town limits and to have several bus pickups. The cost for the bus is \$100. per day (\$500. for the week) We are thanking God for the bus driver who is donating her time in order to keep the cost down. Also, will be the cost of the mailing which at this time is unknown (estimating at least \$100.) If you would like to donate towards the cost of the Minersville Camp, please include a note designating Minersville day camp.

**Third:** This one's not so glamorous as the first two but extremely necessary! Due to septic issues for the Youth Retreat we are again renting Port-a-Johns for the weekend with sink capabilities. The cost for the weekend is \$500. Again, if giving specifically towards this need mark Youth Retreat on a note sent in with the check.

*If you have any questions please call the CEF office and Shelley will be glad to speak with you.*

## Upcoming opportunities in Lancaster County

*Teaching Children Effectively (TCE™)* Level 1 is designed to offer a fresh approach to evangelizing and teaching children. Based on spiritual and educational principles, the course provides the methods and procedures to lead children to Christ and immediately equips the believer to begin and sustain a ministry where he lives. Student practicums are a vital part of the instructional procedure which makes *TCE* a refreshing way to train Christians in child evangelism.

TCE™ will be held at the CEF office in Lancaster the following dates:

Jumpstart weekend: Friday September 29 (6:00-9:00 p.m.) Saturday September 30 (9:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m.)

Tuesday mornings beginning October 10 through November 21 (9:00 a.m. to noon)

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