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CEF® office

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The Truth is His-story!

During the counseling time at *Good News Club*® Lindell was talking to a few girls that were in fourth or fifth grade. The girls had lots and lots of questions about the Bible story and the Bible in general. As the conversation went on Lindell mentioned to the girls about Christmas being a celebration of the birth of Jesus. One of the girls said she had never heard that before. When asked what she thought Christmas was about she said, “being with family and presents.”

We have had children tell us they want to read the Bible, but they “don’t know how to use it.” Children are listening to Bible stories~ sitting on the edge of their seats in excitement and suspense waiting to hear how the story will end. Many of the children we teach have never heard of Jericho and how God brought the walls down, of Achen and God’s anger over his deception and disobedience, Gideon and God’s promise to be with him to bring victory over the enemy...

I can’t wait to tell them how God defeated the Midianites with 300 men, clay jars, torches and trumpets! (see Judges 7:1-25)

It is exciting to teach children who are anxious to learn God’s Word for the first time and yet at the same time there is a sadness because they have never heard the stories before. Pray that we would be bold in grabbing hold of the opportunities the Lord has given to us~ to share the story of “God with us.”

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).
Matthew 1:23(ESV)

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Since 1937

CEF
CHILD EVANGELISM
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Reaching children worldwide

**Gifts were given to Child Evangelism Fellowship
of Schuylkill County between
October 20 to November 21, 2016
to the Glory of God**

In Memory of:

Amanda Brandt

By: LeRoy and Linda Brandt

Sadie M. Heiser

By: Betty and Benny Sadusky

Bill Houtz

By: Laverne Houtz



In Honor of:

Joel and Sally Holubec

By: Les and Joan Mengel

**My friends and co-workers~ Shelley, Linda
and Jimmie Lu**

By: Connie Wright

Rick and Sandy Kupres

By: Grace Bible Church of Hawk Mountain



Monthly Party Club Statistics



<u>Club Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Decisions</u>
Pottsville	(Oct.) 12	(Nov.) 15	(Oct.) 7	(Nov.) 9	1
Mahanoy City	(Oct.) 21	(Nov.) 21	(Oct.) 15	(Nov.) 11	2

"God school! God School!"

That's what a little girl shouted when we knocked on her door to invite her to the monthly party club held at the First United Methodist Church, Pottsville. Pastor Dennis Snyder, Megan Snyder and I couldn't help but laugh and be encouraged by her enthusiasm. She loves everything about club and that sure makes teaching club a whole lotta fun!

Good News Club® Statistics

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Decisions</u>
3 Regular Clubs	52	0
2 Released Time Clubs	65	9
7 After-school Clubs (2 semester)	167	23
2 After-school Clubs (All-year)	110	0
14 Good News Clubs	394	32



October 2016

Lessons graded: 54
Salvation decisions: 0
New students: 4

*We praise God—
All bills are paid!*

Budget Corner

Yearly Budget: \$103,169.00
YTD Income: 90,544.69
YTD Expenses: 96,654.53,
Difference: [—6,109.84]
Monthly Budget 8,597.41

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The Meaning of Christmas

Included with this month's newsletter is a Christmas tract. Our prayer is that you will have an opportunity to share Jesus, The Meaning of Christmas, this season with someone who you have been witnessing to, someone who has never heard, or maybe someone who needs a reminder of why we celebrate Christmas.



Super Seminar

When: Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: CEF Office
711 Deep Creek Road, Hegins

Sessions:

Confidential For Your Heart Only

(Preparing Your Heart to Teach)

Life-Changing Bible Lessons

(Bible Lesson Preparation and Presentation)

Visualize or Fossilize

(Using Visual Aids Effectively)

Each session is designed to help enrich the children's worker's teaching abilities. Our purpose is to help evangelize children and edify little saints. *Sunday school teachers, junior church workers, Vacation Bible School volunteers and parents will benefit from the sessions.*

In order to be fully prepared to meet the needs of those in attendance, please contact the CEF office at 570-682-9790 or email cefschpa@gmail.com if you are planning to attend.

Christmas Project

★ **W**e praise God for how He cares for the ministry of CEF: how He uses His people to meet the needs of others. We are grateful for the finances that God has supplied ~ yes, the numbers show that we are behind in the budget, but God has seen to it that all bills are paid and next year's budget has only been increased by about \$150.
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★ Each year we have a Christmas Project, and for the past few years the project has been office equipment. The money that has come in over the years towards the Christmas Project made it possible for us to purchase a new computer and printer, and a laptop. The old desk top is slowly fading, so we are thankful for the opportunity to update and save our ministry information before the "crash" happens.
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★ So, this year again we are using the Christmas Project for updating the office equipment. One need in the future may be a new projector. We have begun to use the projector on a daily basis at Good News Day Camp, so there is a concern that the bulb will blow. Another need in the future could be a new copier~ ours is working wonderfully, we are just seeking to be prepared. Enclosed is a yellow slip of paper marking donations towards the Christmas Project.
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