

Mountain-Valley News



CEF® office

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Thoughts from the director.

Recently I was asked to share a 2-3 minute testimony about CEF® at an event I was attending. The first thought that came to mind was, “How am I going to take 20 years of ministry and put it into 2-3 minutes?”

A look back over the years reminded me of a few facts:

- ✓ Seeds were planted in the soil of my heart when I was a little girl attending Good News Club® at the home of Pastor Randy and Lynn Ott.
- ✓ The Holy Spirit spoke to my heart while hearing the testimonies of the Teen Challenge Choir~ at that time giving my life fully to the Lord at the age of 26.
- ✓ In 1995 I volunteered with CEF at Good News Day Camp and then began to host and eventually teach a Good News Club in my home.
- ✓ In 1998 I began to work with CEF part time. Jonathan was 8 years old and Jacob was 6

I had only been a born-again believer for 6 years when I started with CEF. My sons and I grew in the Lord together. As I learned the Bible (Good News Club teachers study the Word) I shared with the boys what the Lord was showing me. Our sons, Jonathan and Jacob are a living testimony of God’s faithfulness to His Word. They grew up attending Good News Club, Good News Day Camp and 5-Day Club~ not because they had to, but because they wanted to. They met many missionaries who are still considered their friends and many of whom pray for them. Jonathan and Jacob have a burden for missionaries and for those still living in the darkness of their sin. Their dearest friends are those they have made through a CEF ministry.

Personally, I don’t know where I would be as a wife or mother without God bringing CEF into our lives. My testimony is God used the ministry of CEF to break me free from the bonds of sin setting me on “the ancient paths, where the good way is; (to) walk in it, and find rest for (my) soul.” Jeremiah 16:6

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FELLOWSHIP®

Reaching children worldwide™

**Gifts were given to Child Evangelism Fellowship
of Schuylkill County between
May 19 to August 25, 2017
to the Glory of God**



In Memory of:

Robert Bannan

By: Bettye Bannan

John (Jack)W. Brode

By: Rick and Sandy Clemson

Kim Haverstick

*By: John Haverstick
Ron and Shelley Hikes*

Paul F. Heiser and Sadie M. Heiser

By: Betty and Benny Sadusky

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By: Joan Mengel

Mary Beth Lantz

By: Linda Bollinger

My husband, Les Mengel

By: Joan Mengel

Les Mengel

By: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walton

Edna Staller

*By: Thomas and Carolyn Parnell
Glen and Diane Ebert*

Dot Sterner

By: Sandra Berk



My parent's Anniversary– June 18

By: Margaret Bernhard

In Honor of:

Pastors of Bethesda E. C., Reedsville

By: Joan Mengel



Summer Statistics

<u>Camp Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Decisions</u>	<u>Previous Decision through a CEF ministry</u>
Tamaqua	57	4	5
Auburn	63	8	2
Valley View	64	14	4
Minersville	22	0	0
Rock	30	6	0
Totals: 5 Camps	236	32	11

<u>5-Day Clubs Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Decisions</u>	
Schuylkill Haven	57	0	(Day Care)
Pottsville	16	0	(1st U.M. Church)
Totals: 2 clubs	73	0	

Schuylkill County Fair The Gospel was shared with the following groups:

Children 377 decisions 5
 Teens 26
 Adults 3

Summer total:

Number of children who heard the Gospel: 686

Number who responded to the Gospel: 37

2017 Budget Corner

Yearly Budget: \$103,312.50
 YTD Income as of Aug. 25: \$59,828.36.
 YTD Expenses as of Aug. 25: \$76,215.89
 Difference: [\$16,387.53]
 Monthly Budget: 8,609.37



July 2017

Lessons graded: 81
 Salvation decisions: 2

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Upcoming Events

Volunteer Training Classes

DATE: Tuesday, September 19
LOCATION: CEF Office, 711 Deep Creek Road, Hegins
TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m. *repeated* 6:30-8:30 p.m.

DATE: Thursday, September 21
LOCATION: Calvary UM Evangelical Church
824 Catawissa Road, Tamaqua (Lewistown Valley)
TIME: 9:30-8:30 a.m. *repeated* 6:30-8:30 p.m.

All classes will cover the same material and are open to all Good News Club volunteers and any children's workers. CEF has a lending library of materials to share. Classes will include devotions, training in materials, teaching on how to give an evangelistic invitation during a Bible lesson, challenge to pray for the children of North Korea with a PowerPoint presentation, fellowship, snacks, materials to borrow and materials for purchase, Christmas Across America and more!

Please contact Shelley, Linda, Connie or Jimmie Lu at
570-682-9790 or email: cefschpa@gmail.com with any questions.



Reach your community this Christmas season! Participate in an extraordinary program this season called Christmas Across America - a fun, evangelistic and innovative effort that provides the means to celebrate one of the most amazing events in all of history - the birth of Jesus! Hopefully you will get excited about the influence you can have in the lives of children as you seek to fulfill Jesus' command to "Go into all the world..." Pray and ask God what He would have you do to reach the children in your neighborhood with the Gospel.

Opportunity 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)

Contact Shelley Hikes 570-682-9790 or cefschpa@gmail.com if you have any questions.