

Mountain-Valley News



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It's all about balance...

Sometimes life gets out of balance. It happens. Not intentionally or with the wrong motives. Sometimes there is a need that is so urgent everything else gets put on the “back burner” until later when we have time to get to it.

Sometimes I think that’s what happened in missions. The need is so urgent in foreign countries, the burden so great~ GNC teachers walking hours to get to a club. GNC teachers having to choose between feeding their child or riding the bus to a club so the Gospel can be shared with the children who otherwise would never hear the Good News. These stories are true, painful to hear and increase our burden for the lost...over there.

The need is so urgent “over there” that the local mission field has been placed on the “back burner.”

There are many children who have never heard about Jesus in Schuylkill County. I know this sounds unbelievable in a country with so many resources at our disposal, but it is true nonetheless. And because it is so accessible, we take it for granted that the children are hearing the Gospel message. But this is not the case.

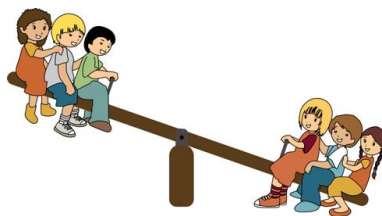
Because of my position as local director, I teach the hundreds of children in a years time. Twenty years ago when I started with CEF, most of the children we taught had a basic knowledge of the Bible. This is no longer the

case. Most know nothing about the Bible or Jesus for that matter. Christmas is about Santa Claus and receiving gifts (or hoping for gifts). Life for the children in Schuylkill County is out of balance.

Together we can take the children of Schuylkill County off the back burner~ bringing them into a place of priority, thereby bringing more balance to ministry life within our churches.

Balance is possible~ when we work together. Will you join CEF to reach the 16,470 elementary aged children in the county with the saving message of Jesus Christ?

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**Gifts were given to Child Evangelism Fellowship
of Schuylkill County between
December 18, 2017 to January 26, 2018
to the Glory of God**



In Memory of:

Ruth Davidson

By: Gail and Greg Senich

Mike Gilbert

*By: Carol Merbah
Mrs. Minerva Gilbert
Butch Gilbert*

Paul F. Heiser

By: Benny and Betty Sadusky

William Houtz

By: Charles and Flo Walton

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By: Norma Hubler

Malcolm Hubler (Son)

By: Norma Hubler

George L. Lyons

By: Martha Lyons

Marlene Matthews

By: Larry and Jimmie Lu Smallwood

Les Mengel

By: Joan Mengel

Our parents, Delbert & Helen Kistler

By: Rick and Sandy Kupres



In Honor of:

Bethesda Prayer Group

By: Charlie and Sue Killian

Bethesda E. C. Prayer Warriors

By: Military Parents

Phyllis Bloch's birthday

By: Rachel Koppenhaver

Christ's birth

John and Michelle Rautzahn

First Presbyterian Church, Mahanoy City

By: The Morgans

Jesus

By: Garry and Karen Haring

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email, please send the request to cefschpa@gmail.com.
If you would like to be removed from the mailing list contact CEF with your name and address.

December Monthly Party Club Statistics

Pottsville	Attendance 4	Enrollment 5	Decisions 0
Mahanoy City	Attendance 24	Enrollment 28	Decisions 0

January Monthly Party Club Statistics

Pottsville	Attendance 1	Enrollment 6	Decisions 0
Mahanoy City	Attendance 14	Enrollment 28	Decisions 0

Holiday Clubs

Primrose Bible Church, Minersville Attendance 3

Good News Club® Statistics

<u>Club</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Decisions</u>
2 Released Time	71	19
2 After-school (all year)	100	0
3 Regular Clubs	45	2
7 After-school (Fall semester)	173	24
TOTALS: 14 Clubs	389	45

Teacher Training Classes

<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
CEF Office	14
Tamaqua (Lewistown Valley)	12

December 2017

Lessons graded: 44
Salvation decisions: 1



2018 Budget Corner

Yearly Budget: \$107,385.
YTD Income as of 1/26/18 \$10,358.
YTD Expenses as of 1/26/18 \$9,484.
Difference: \$874.14
Monthly Budget: \$8,948.

Thank you!

Community Aid

The Community Aid bin has arrived and has been filled and emptied! Let's fill it again!

Location: 1315 Long Run Road, Friedensburg (home of Ron and Shelley Hikes). The bin is along Route 443 (which is Long Run Road) near the garage.

CEF of Schuylkill County receives \$.04 per pound for

donated clothes. The clothes are then sold at affordable prices to allow "our neighbors a place where they can shop for what they need for their families."

For more information about Community Aid
www.CommunityAid.net



Mark your calendars!

- June 25-29 Lewistown Valley Tabernacle, Tamaqua Area
(Campground is located near Heisler's Dairy Bar)
- July 9-13 Valley View Park, Valley View
- July 16-20 Manbeck's E. C. Church, Pine Grove (Rock)
- July 23-27 Christmas Pines Campground, Auburn
- July 30-Aug. 3 Primrose Bible Church, Minersville Area
(Several miles outside Minersville on 901 West)

Cost: \$35

Early registration discount is \$5.

The local committee has made the decision to raise the cost of camp by \$5. If the registration is received in the CEF office two weeks prior to the first day of camp the cost for the week is only \$30. Sponsor money is available.

Time: 9:30-3:00 Monday through Friday

Age: Completed kindergarten (entering first grade) through 6th grade.

Youth who have completed 7th grade may qualify as a helper.

(High school students can earn community service hours.)



No Retreat No Surrender

June 8-10, 2018

*"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."
Ephesians 6:12*

The LEAD Youth Retreat is open to students who have successfully completed 7th grade. This is a weekend spent going deeper in God's Word and for those who desire to grow in their faith and reach out into their communities. The battle is fierce! Are you prepared?

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***There is no honorable retreat
In the army of the LORD.***