

Mountain-Valley News



MAY 2018

It happened at an egg hunt.

During the Easter season I was able to participate in an egg hunt at a local church. Unfortunately, the leaders did not allow me to search for eggs, but they did ask me to share a gospel message with the children! I used a giant version of the resurrection eggs, which tell the story of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. As I was waiting to share the message, a little girl seated in the front pew asked me about the books in the pew rack. She proudly informed me that she could read! When I told her that one was a Bible. She asked, "What's a Bible?" For me that was a reality check. Many children in Schuylkill County do not even know what a Bible is.

When I was gathering up my teaching materials after the egg hunt, the church's pastor said she wanted to share something with me that would be encouraging. When the youth of this church are confirmed, each one is asked to give a testimony of when their faith was placed in Jesus Christ as Savior. She said that many of them had testified that it was when they were participating in a ministry of *Child Evangelism Fellowship*[®], whether *Good News Day Camp* or *Good News Club*[®]. Obviously, her words were an encouragement to my heart. Hearing about the fruits of sharing the gospel brought me joy!

In the middle of that joy, my mind still went back to the little girl who did not know what a Bible is. I am

no longer shocked to hear this. However, I am grieved when I realize how much more work there is to be done in our county. What can we do? At the office we are choosing to be more intentional about praying together, which we know is foundational. Jesus challenged his disciples to "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest". (Luke 10: 2b) We know we need more "boots on the ground" as we continue to reach out to the children here. If you don't already pray for the ministry will you please join us? The enclosed prayer request list for the month makes it easier to do that. As summer approaches please pray that there will be many helpers for each camp and many children who attend camp. Our desire is that the children not only know what a Bible is, but also know and believe the gospel it contains.

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**Gifts were given to Child Evangelism Fellowship
of Schuylkill County between
March 16—April 20, 2018
to the Glory of God**

In Memory of:

Clayton Berger

By: Charles and Flo Walton

Ruth Wetzel

By: Mr. and Mrs. David Snyder



In Honor of:

**The prayer group of Bethesda E. C.
Church, Reedsville**

By: Joan Mengel



**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?

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

For more information contact: Shelley at 570-682-9790 or by email: cefschpa@gmail.com

Community Aid Bin



Location: 1315 Long Run Road Friedensburg

CEF of Schuylkill County receives \$.04 per pound for donated clothes. The clothes are then sold at affordable prices at the Community Aid Stores and leftover clothes are bundled and shipped overseas to needy areas.

www.CommunityAid.net

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email, please send the request to cefschpa@gmail.com.
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April Monthly Party Club Statistics

Pottsville	Attendance 2 teens	Enrollment 11	Decisions 0
Mahanoy City	Attendance 7	Enrollment 29	Decisions 0
Gordon	Attendance 5	Enrollment 10	Decisions 0

March 2018

Lessons
graded: 57
Certificates
earned: 10

Good News Club® Statistics

<u>Club</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Total Decisions</u>
5 Regular Clubs	52	6
7 ASGNC (2 semester)	230	35
2 ASGNC (all-year)	100	16
4 RTGNC	116	36
18 Clubs	498	95

Connie shared the Gospel with 40 children during an egg hunt held at Christ Church, McKeansburg.

ASGNC~ After-School Good News Club

RTGNC~ Released Time Good News Club

2018 Budget Corner

Yearly Budget: \$107,385.
YTD Income as of April 20 \$28,891.
YTD Expenses as of April 20 \$34,465..
Difference: \$ -{\$5,574.}
Monthly Budget: \$8,948.



- 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)**
Busing is available from Pine Grove.
- July 23-27** **Christmas Pines Campground, Auburn**
- July 30-Aug. 3** **Primrose Bible Church (Outside Minersville)**
Busing is available from Tremont.

*Volunteers are also needed to serve as team leaders and team assistants.
Community service hours may be earned for serving at Good News Day Camp.*