

# Mountain-Valley News



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## *The Journal, the Devotional and the Decision*

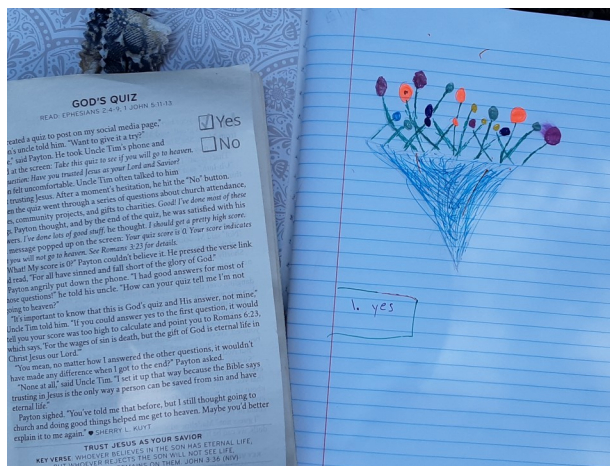
If you know me you know I love to Bible journal and I love to share the love of that with anyone who asks. In the spring, I showed some of my Bible art to the children at a Good News Club where I had been teaching. So when the summer came and I found myself helping at camp naturally I wanted to share journaling with the girls. I made each girl a journal from an altered composition book. Each day during the quiet time I let them use their journals to write and draw, and each night I took the journals home and wrote a special message to each of the girls.

Thursday's devotional was about a boy who took a Bible quiz to see if he would go to heaven. He failed the quiz- no matter all the good he had done he answered "no" to having accepted Jesus as his Savior. So this one little girl came and showed me her book for that day where she drew some flowers and wrote the word "yes" with a check next to it. Upon counseling I

learned that until that day she had not accepted Jesus as Savior and the devotional helped her realize that by not deciding it meant separation from God forever.

What a blessing the journal and devotional were that day and the impact it had on one little girl's decision to follow Jesus as her Savior.

*Jimmie Lu*



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**Gifts were given to Child Evangelism Fellowship  
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**2019 Budget Corner**

Yearly Budget: \$112,232.  
 YTD Income as of Aug. 21 \$67,742.  
 YTD Expenses as of Aug. 21 \$73,882.  
 Difference: \$ -{\$5,919.}  
 Monthly Budget: \$9,352.66.

2nd Quarter Community Aid: \$160.59

**Thank you!**

[www.communityaid.net](http://www.communityaid.net)

The Community Aid bin is located at:  
 1315 Long Run Road  
 (Route 443 West)  
 Friedensburg PA 17933



Community Aid takes donations of clothes and sells them in their stores. What is not sold is bundled and donated overseas. CEF of Schuylkill County receives \$ .04 a pound.



**Good News Day Camp Statistics**

<i>Location</i>	<i>Enrolled</i>	<i>Professions</i>
Tamaqua	98	9
Chinatown, Philadelphia	26	0
Valley View Park	74	10
Rock (Pine Grove Area)	51	2
Auburn	49	3
<u>Primrose (Minersville Area)</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>
6 Camps	307	26

**5 Day Club Statistics**

<i>Location</i>	<i>Enrolled</i>	<i>Professions</i>
Schuylkill Haven	4	1
Pottsville	7	0
Gordon	5	1
<u>Mahanoy City</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>3</u>
4 Club	38	5



For 22 years Mrs. Kay Artz has been known as “The Mailbox Club Lady.” Many children have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and grown in their knowledge of God through these Bible lessons done through the mail and Kay’s dedication to proclaiming the Gospel. Kay’s heartfelt desire is to see this ministry continue without interruption. We are seeking an individual who loves the Lord and loves children who would work alongside Kay learning how to process the Mailbox Club lessons and who would take over as “The Mailbox Club Lady” when Kay is ready to pass on the mantel.

This is what a 12 year old girl from Girardville had to say about the Mailbox Club, “I like this lesson. Thank you for sending it to me. It is important to learn about God as often as possible to me.”

The Mailbox Club lessons reach areas of our county where we do not have Good News Clubs or camps. Will you make it a matter of prayer, bringing before the Throne of Grace this need asking the Lord if you are the one He is calling to this ministry?

If you have questions or would like more information please call the CEF office 570-682-9790.

### July Report

Lessons graded:	76
Certificates earned:	5
New students:	10
Salvation:	0

### Volunteer Training Class

Volunteer training class is open to any individual or church that is seeking additional training and/or teaching material.

Both classes are the same and will be held at St. John’s Reformed Church, 17 Chestnut St., Friedensburg. (church is located behind the Friedensburg Firehouse which is on Route 443 West)

**Date: Tuesday, September 17**

**Time: 10:00-12 (noon) or  
6:30-8:30 p.m.**



### Building Usage Fees

Due to a policy change the Blue Mountain School District will be charging CEF to use the buildings for the After-school Good News Club program held weekly. The cost is \$30. a week per club totaling \$1,200 for a school year (2 clubs x 10 weeks x \$30). If you would like to give to this specific need please send a contribution payable to CEF. Be sure to add a note requesting the money go towards the “building usage fee.”

Thank you.

### Committee Change

Another change to our local committee. Ray Burian has served as a committee member since 2008. Due to a job change that makes it more difficult for him to regularly attend the monthly committee meetings, Ray has decided to resign his position. Ray has strong leadership skills and helped to lead the ministry of CEF in new directions including holding Good News Day Camp in Chinatown, Philadelphia. He has a strong faith in the Lord and God has gifted him with problem solving skills. He will be missed.



# Summer Memories



**Camp Flags**

### Tamaqua Camp

There were 54 children pre-registered for the start of camp Monday morning. By Friday there were 98 children in attendance.

**Chinatown Philadelphia Camp**  
 26 Chinese kids equals lots of fun and noise. Thor learned how to say, "be quiet" in Chinese. He needed to. He was the team leader for 5 extremely busy 5 year old boys (who, when they were in motion, which was most of the time, seemed like a team of 20 boys).  
 As staff, we received a huge compliment from the parents as they were impressed with how hard we worked and that we held camp on our Independence Day.



**Missions Time—Auburn**



**Bible Lesson Time—Pine Grove**

### Minersville Camp

"Sweep" (a camp character) was teasing me. Wyatt calls out, "Hey! Don't make fun of Miss Shelley, she's a nice old lady." Everyone laughed. Then Wyatt said, "I didn't mean the old part."



### Here is what parents are saying about Good News Day Camp:

"Thank you for making my daughters excited to learn about God!"



**Bible Verse Review**