

Mountain-Valley News



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Was There Ever A Day?

Was there ever a day when you just didn't feel all that good about yourself? Perhaps you didn't sleep well. Maybe someone said or did something that brought you down. Perhaps you just didn't care for the way you looked that day. Perhaps you struggle daily with self-esteem.

When you don't feel good about yourself you can struggle the entire day. You can have trouble focusing and making decisions. Personally, I'll spend that day second guessing all of my decisions. It's days such as this where I need to remind myself who I am in Christ Jesus.

In "A Marvelous Display," Dr. Stanley writes, "God not only created each of us physically, but for those of us who have been saved through Jesus' death and resurrection, He's also made us new creatures in Christ. Furthermore, Ephesians 2:10 says, 'We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.' To me, the word workmanship means 'masterpiece' or 'something of notable value and excellence.'"

God doesn't want us to feel bad about ourselves, struggle or second guess our decisions. I think of the potter and the clay. When the potter is working that clay, he doesn't want any imperfections or cracks. We are a constant work, God's masterpiece, and His most special creation.

When we feel good about ourselves and who we are in Christ Jesus it flows over into all areas of our lives. When we feel confident in who we are, others can see and feel it. When we feel good about ourselves, we are happier and more content. We can make clear decisions and there is no second guessing.

Just as you look in the mirror before you leave home for the day, remind yourself that you are created in His image and are someone of notable value and excellence.

May 2021 bring you many blessings.

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Gifts were given to CEF between October 29 to December 23, 2020

In Memory of...



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By: Grandma, Betzy Guzick

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By: Marie & Tim Houser

Bill Houtz

By: LaVerne Houtz

My mother, Alice Klinger

By: Patricia Williams

**Our precious daughter,
Maribeth Michelle Lantz**

By: Audrey & Charlie Lantz

Charles & Ina Luckenbill

By: Will & Connie Wright

My husband, Les Mengel

By: Joan Mengel

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By: Joe O'Neil

Joseph O'Neill (Joey)

By: Rev. & Mrs. Ronald Heim

Pauline Shoener

By: Ernie & Maureen Shoener

My parents, Eugene & Betty Stauffer

By: Linda Bollinger

Ruth Wetzel

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A Time of Prayer and Preparation

On Tuesday, January 19, 2021 we will be holding Volunteer Training Class. While this class does focus on supplying our *Good News Club*[®] volunteers with the materials needed to teach club, it is also open to anyone who is interested in reaching children with the Gospel. CEF of Schuylkill County has a lending library full of materials we are happy to lend.

The classes will be held at St. John's Reformed Church, 17 Chestnut Street, Friedensburg PA (the church is located just off of Route 443 behind the Friedensburg Firehouse). The two classes are the same~ Times are: 10:00 to 12 noon and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

During the class time we will not be sharing any special sessions. Instead we will be holding a time of intentional prayer for the children of Schuylkill County. Our hearts are heavy for the children. Please join us. You do not need to be a club teacher to attend. If you have a heart and a burden to pray, please join us on January 19. Let's lift up our voices on behalf of the children.

<u>Mailbox Club Stats</u>	
November	
*Lessons graded:	16
*New students:	0
*Certificates earned for completing a series	1
*Professions of faith:	0



<u>Budget Corner</u>	
As of 12/21/20	
YTD Income	\$128,061.
YTD Expenses	\$126,278.
Difference	\$1,783.
Yearly Budget	\$114,313
2021 Budget	\$109,821

Thank you!

The DVDs are in the Mail

Last month I shared with you our plan to mail out a DVD to the families of the children who have participated in a CEF ministry in the past. On December 16, just before the snow began, Jimmie Lu and I delivered 517 DVDs to the post office for mailing.

The cost to mail the DVDs is as follows: DVD \$1,800., envelopes \$236., postage \$538.

Pray for God to use the DVDs to reach families for Christ, awakening parents and children to their need for a Savior.

Good News Club[®] Statistics



<u>Club (Host Location)</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Professions</u>
Bethany E. C. Church, Tamaqua	16	0
Blue Mtn. Christian Retreat	13	0
Calvary E. Free Chapel, Valley View	24	0
First United Methodist Church, Pottsville	3	0
Grace E. C. Church, Schuylkill Haven	7	1
Kimmel's E. Free Church, Orwigsburg	2	0
St. John's Reformed Church, Friedensburg	4	0
St. Paul's E. C. Church, Pitman	6	0
<u>2 Zoom clubs</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>
10 Clubs	84	1
1 Monthly Party Club in Mahanoy City	15	0



2021

June 28-July 2	Lewistown Valley Tabernacle, Tamaqua
July 5-9	Chinese School, Philadelphia
July 12-16	Valley View Park, Valley View
July 19-23	Manbeck's E. C. Church, Pine Grove (Transportation for the Pine Grove area is provided)
July 26-30	Christmas Pines Campground, Auburn
August 2-6	Higher Ups Park, Ashland

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 (early registration discount of \$5.) Sponsor money is available for those who cannot afford to pay.

Campers

Any child entering 1st grade (completed Kindergarten) through those entering 7th grade (completed 6th grade) are welcome to attend as campers. Upon completion of 7th grade, older youth may qualify to serve as helpers. *Call the CEF office for information.*

Purpose

Our goal is to give every child in the area, no matter their location or situation, the opportunity to hear about Jesus through a memorable week of camp.

Activities

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. —a day packed with Bible lessons, crafts, recreation and surprises.

Camp Staff

CEF staff, along with many volunteers, takes constant care of the children. Adult volunteers with children attending camp are required to complete a registration form for each child and send it to the office. There is no charge for these children. Call the CEF office if you are interested in volunteering at camp. Child protection clearances are completed for each staff and volunteer serving at camp.

Volunteers are needed. Please consider giving a week (or 2) of your summer to reach the children of Schuylkill County with the Gospel. Community service hours can be earned for high school students.

Camp held at the Chinese School in Philadelphia

The Good News Day Camp held at the Chinese school in Philadelphia is a local mission's trip. Shelley Hikes, along with the summer missionaries will be staying in the Chinese school the week of July 4-9. We will be traveling to Philadelphia on Sunday July 4 and leaving on Friday July 9 after camp. While at the school, we will be holding Good News Day Camp during the day and in the evenings we will be experiencing the city and Chinese culture. If your church would like to team up with CEF of Schuylkill County in reaching the Chinese children with the Gospel, please contact Shelley Hikes at 570-682-9790 for details. This would be a relatively inexpensive way to experience a mission's trip~ it has a foreign field feel, while being in a local area.

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