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Change

Change will always be part of our lives. Many times we embrace it and other times we fight against it. We can sometimes foresee the change and other times it is like a sneak attack. Sometimes it surprises catching us off guard. The one constant thing we can rely on during change is God. Nothing surprises him and he is always with us.

I always held to the verse in Deuteronomy that says God will not leave or forsake us, yet we can really dig a little deeper into that passage for the changes we can and cannot see coming. For God promised in Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Be strong and courageous, during change this is not always the easiest command to follow yet God has told us to be just that. "Do not be afraid or terrified," this also is not the easy, but remember the promise part of this verse, "for the Lord your God goes with you" is where we can gain strength and courage. To calm our fears we can trust that God is right by

our side.

As a child my mom once told me we were moving from a city I had known all my life and friends and a school I had attended until 7th grade. She told me that it was ok to be afraid because change is not easy. While as an adult I find this sometimes to be true more often I am not afraid because I hold onto the promises in Deuteronomy. Moving on from a school and friends was hard for a time yet I quickly adjusted to a new school with new friends and even a new favorite pastime, marching band.

I just wanted to encourage each of you that when change comes, and we know it will, to seek shelter and comfort in God. Know he is right there with you and has not forsaken you in a time where you feel you need him most. Know that while you may miss what you have changed from that God has a plan in place for your life and this change may be just part of such a plan.

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Gifts were given to CEF between February 19 to March 24 2021

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Helen Warmkessel's birthday

By: Stuart & Judy Schappel



Camp Sponsors pay the cost of Good News Day Camp for a child in need. The cost is \$30. for the week. No children are turned away because they cannot afford the cost of camp. Please see the enclosed green slip if you are interested in sponsoring a child for camp. Camp sponsor money also helps to keep the cost of camp at a low rate for all children. A Good News Day Camp registration form is included in this newsletter.

Items Need for Camp

- Paper towels
- 1/2 Gallon cardboard milk/juice containers
- Popsicle sticks (4.5")
- Tongue depressors

We appreciate your support of CEF Good News Day Camp by collecting the needed supplies for crafts and cleanup.

Super Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, April 17. Each session is designed to help enrich the children's worker's teaching abilities. Our purpose is to help evangelize children and edify little saints. Sunday school teachers, junior church workers, Vacation Bible School volunteers and parents will benefit from the sessions. See the enclosed brochure for more details.

Mailbox Club Stats February

*Lessons graded:	22
*New students:	0
*Certificates earned for completing a series	4
*Professions of faith:	0



Budget Corner

As of March 25, 2021

YTD Income	\$17,983.
YTD Expenses	\$22,883.
Difference	—\$4,900.

2021 Budget \$109,821

Spring Good News Club® Statistics



<u>Club (Host Location)</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Professions</u>
Bethany E. C. Church, Tamaqua	18	
Blue Mtn. Christian Retreat	13	
Calvary E. Free Chapel, Valley View	25	
First United Methodist Church, Pottsville	3	
Grace E. C. Church, Schuylkill Haven	7	1
Kimmel's E. Free Church, Orwigsburg	2	
St. John's Reformed Church, Friedensburg	4	
St. Paul's E. C. Church, Pitman	6	
1 Zoom (Elementary) Club	8	
1 Zoom (12-15 year olds) club	4	
1 Zoom Club held in the fall	5	
11 Clubs	95	1
1 Monthly Party Club in Mahanoy City	18	0
Total children reached since September	113	1