

## **Mountain-Valley News**

## The Aroma of Christ.

"Have you heard of Moses?

"No."

"Have you heard of the Ten Commandments?"

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was teaching the lesson series about Joshua and the city of Jericho. As an introduction to the lesson I was reminding the children about Moses, how God used him to rescue the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt and how God had given the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai.

But it wasn't a reminder. As I sit here typing this letter, I see before me the puzzled looks and shaking heads of children who have never heard of Moses or the Ten Commandments. These were the children who attended the club in Pottsville ~ not on the foreign mission field, not in some big city ~ children right here in your neighborhood. My heart aches for the children and the many who have never heard the stories of God's people that are recorded in the Bible.

As I was teaching I wondered if any of those sitting before me would believe in the Savior. What type of soil was the seed of the Gospel falling upon? Would the aroma of Christ be sweet to their souls and bring life?

I find encouragement in the word of Paul to the church at Corinth:

"For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life."

(2 Corinthians 2:15-16)

"God's message, delivered through us, remains consistent, but the way people receive it means the difference between life and death." Russel L. Meek

This Word from the Lord is an encouragement because it reminds me that God is sovereign. The Message of Christ is a sweet aroma, it is in God's hands to whom it is life or death.

Pray to God asking Him to make the Aroma of Christ one that brings life to the children, not only in Pottsville but all throughout Schuylkill County ~ the mission field that is right outside your door.

Spreading the aroma of Christ,

Shelley Hikes

#### **DECEMBER 2021**

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## Gifts were given to CEF between October 20 to November 17, 2021 In Memory of...



My sister, Elain Bender

By: Joan Mengel

**Bill Houtz** 

By: LaVerne Houtz

Joey O'Neill

By: Diane & Joseph O'Neill

My brother, Skip Snyder

By: Joan Mengel



## October Good News Club® Stats

Ministry	Enrollment	Professions
7 ASGNC	140	4
4 Regular GNC	45	0
1 Party Club	10	0
Total Children Reached	195	4



#### **Mailbox Club Stats**

October 2021

\*Lessons graded: 21

\*New students: 3

\*Certificates earned for completing a series 2 \*Professions of faith: 0

Pray for this ministry.

#### **Budget Corner** As of November 18, 2021

November Income: \$5,760. November Expenses: \$7874.

Monthly budget need: \$9,152.

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# Bits and pieces,



## Christmas Party Clubs are coming to a location near you!

Kimmel's E. Free Church 179 Pine Drive Orwigsburg PA 17961 570-943-2759

**Date:** Saturday, December 11 **Time:** 1:00-2:30 **Contact:** Connie Wright

570-573-1450



Ideal for Ages 5-12 In order to be well prepared an RSVP would be appreciated Grace E. C. Church 151 Earl Stoyer Drive Schuylkill Haven PA 17972 570-385-2331

Date: Sunday, December 12
Time: 3:00-4:30
Contact: Elizabeth Garcia
272-224-0442

## Christmas Project~ New Windows

As you know, Primrose Bible Church, Minersville closed their doors as a church. But ministry continues at the location as they gave CEF of Schuylkill County the property: the building and grounds. In May we moved from Deep Creek Road, Hegins to 101 High Road, Minersville. The building is solid and is working out very well as it serves as offices, a training center, meeting place for the committee and weekly prayer times, host for Vacation Bible School and a local Good News Club®.



That said, there are a few weak spots and one of those is the windows. They are old and most do not open or stay open without aid. Plus, they are frosted which does not allow us to see if someone is at the top office door and it hinders parents from seeing in to know that their children are in a safe location. The committee has prayerfully decided that replacing the eight windows upstairs is a priority. The cost is \$900 per window and includes installation.

Will you prayerfully consider giving to this needed project? Thank you.

## Weekly Time of Prayer

Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 CEF office.

All are welcome.

Stay and pray as long as time allows.

There is a mission field outside your door... THE CHILDREN.



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## Child Evangelism Fellowship of Schuylkill County

is offering the following course in 2022:

## **Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1**

WHERE: CEF Office 101 High Road Minersville PA 17901

(West of Minersville~ Area known as Primrose ~just off route 901)

**WHEN:** Saturdays 8:30 - 4:30

February 12,19

Make up day if needed ~ February 26

March 5, 12, 26

Make up day if needed ~ March 19 & April 2

COST: \$125.00 per person

(includes all course materials and CEF *Turned Around* curriculum) (Scholarships are available)

### DEADLINE TO REGISTER: January 21, 2022

\$50.00 non-refundable fee required to register~ fee will be applied to the cost of the course.

For more information or to register call 570-544-8042 or email cefschpa@gmail.com

A certificate will be awarded to those who successfully complete the course requirements and CEUs can be issued. \*College credits awarded at some universities.

## **Course Objectives:**

To provide each student with:

- Increased knowledge about the spiritual needs of children
- Effective methods of evangelism
- Basic skills for organizing and conducting productive children's Bible classes
- Practical ideas, which make learning enjoyable for boys and girls

### **Course Subjects:**

- How to Lead a Child to Christ
- Scripture Memorization
- Bible Lesson Preparation and Presentation
- Discipline
- Music
- Visual Communication and more

Teaching Children Effectively (TCE<sup>TM</sup>) Level 1 is designed to offer a fresh approach to evangelizing and teaching children. Based on spiritual and educational principles, the course provides the methods and procedures to lead children to Christ and immediately equips the believer to begin and sustain a ministry where he lives. Student practicums are a vital part of the instructional procedure which make TCE a refreshing way to train Christians in child evangelism.