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Mountain-Valley News

The Servant in Battle

SEPTEMBER 2022

S have a book of Puritan prayers titled, *The Valley of Vision*. It is a help to me when I am seeking to be still and pray. One particular prayer was an encouragement to me during the week of July 25th, “The Servant in Battle.” It reminded me that “Calvary broke the dragon’s head, and I contend with a vanquished foe, who with all his subtlety and strength has already been overcome.” God has already won the victory! What a great truth to remember as we serve our Savior.

This past year we have been praying consistently for God to give us 400 children this summer ~ 400 souls with whom we could share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. That number of children would require 80 volunteers to serve at camp. At the time we did not have 80 names in our volunteer file and for the past 5-6 years (at least) our numbers for the summer have been under 300 at camp. Asking for 400 was a leap of faith.

As you can see under the Summer Stats, God said, “YES” and gave us

406 children. At one point I counted the volunteers and we were at 74, and that wasn’t all of them! It was a busy 7 weeks of ministry. But oh, how sweet they were.

Our team of summer missionaries worked well together, never fighting or showing irritation, frustration, or jealousy. They had a common goal: Reach the children with the Gospel. While the team did battle illness this summer, I praise God for His faithfulness and His supply of camp staff.

“The Servant in Battle” ends with these words:

Give me a draught of the eternal fountain that lieth in thy immutable, everlasting love and decree.

Then shall my hand never weaken, my feet never stumble, my sword never rest, my shield never rust, my helmet never shatter, my breastplate never fall, as my strength rests in the power of thy might.

For the Kingdom,

Shelley Hikes

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Gifts were given to CEF between May 19 to August 17, 2022

In Memory of...



Bonnie Betz

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Janet Costa

By: Patsy Krammes

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Carol Hoy

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The Mark Brooks Family

By: Joan Mengel

The Staff and Volunteers at CEF

By: Pat Kuchinos

CEF

By: Nate and Peg, Joan and Linda

John Fisher

By: Janet Kramer



Weekly Time of Prayer

Wednesdays

12:30-1:30

CEF office.

All are welcome.

Stay and pray as long as time allows.

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Mailbox Club Stats

July 2022

- *Lessons graded: 27
- *New students: 4
- *Certificates earned for completing a series: 2
- *Professions of faith: 0

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for the lessons.**

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Building and Grounds Update

- ✓ There is a new shed on the property to store the tractor and other property needs.
- ✓ The parking lot had fine stone laid which expanded the lot and should help with water runoff this winter. Posts were added to prevent tractor trailer trucks from using the lot as a turnaround and digging up the new stone.
- ✓ All exterior doors have been painted and repaired.

The Building and Grounds committee will be putting a deep sink in the storage closet, which will be a great help when cleaning up the summer paint supplies from camp and other work projects. They also plan to replace the small cellar windows with more efficient glass and framing.

Volunteer Training Class

Tuesday, September 20

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Both classes are identical and will include the teaching session, *“Child-Sized Apologetics: Teaching Kids Why They Believe, What They Believe”*. While the focus of this training is to equip our Good News Club teachers with their club materials and helps, it is also open to all those who are involved in children’s ministry.

RSVP: Wednesday, September 14

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Summer 2022 Statistics

CAMP

Date	Location	Enrollment	Professions of faith
June 27-July 1	Tamaqua	83	5
July 11-15	Valley View	67	7
July 18-22	Pine Grove	99	9
July 25-29	Auburn	85	5
Aug. 1-5	Ashland	24	2
Camp Totals	5 Locations	358	28

5 DAY CLUBS

Date	Location	Enrollment	Professions of faith
July 4-8	Pottsville	17	0
July 4-8	Primrose	7	
Aug. 15-19	Ashland	24	0
5-Day Club totals	5 Clubs	48	0

Total children reached: 406



Shelley showing store stuff



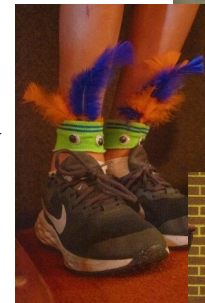
“Sweep and Isaac Live”

Christopher teaching 5-Day Club



Xander & Jerusha handing out sno cones

Crazy sock day



Bobby counseling



Sweep



Jerusha “demonstrating” Magic Ink with Amy



Anna, Craft Director