



# Mountain-Valley News

## Confused, Broken, and Hurting

NOVEMBER 2022

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of attending a training called “*Every Child’s Identity in Christ*” held in another CEF chapter. It was led by a ministry called Center for Biblical Unity. Over the weekend we talked about what children are being taught through social media, their school or family about their identity, sexuality, and their place in society. As I sat through the classes I became increasingly perplexed specifically by what we, **including the children**, are being taught about sexuality; gender identity, gender expression, biological sex, and sexual orientation. There are so many words with meanings that we’re expected to be aware of so that we don’t offend anyone. Words like **otherkin, Therian, Furry. Also, were you aware that the word “Ally” now has a totally new meaning?**

I sat there thinking, “I am SO confused” (Just google “the genderbread person”~ yes this is the correct spelling~ and you’ll be confused too). I’m confused as an adult. What if I had been taught all of this in fourth grade? When I was in fourth grade I already had enough trouble figuring out what my own personality was, my personal hobbies, how to interact with people... who doesn’t? Don’t we even still have moments like this as adults? How do our kids feel? How do they

feel when something so *not normal* is being *normalized*? But at the same time this IS normal. It’s normal in the fact that the world has always been hurting and broken. I can’t help but grieve for those who are so confused. After all, without Christ, you and I are broken too. As Christians we can rest knowing *Christ* is our healer. *Christ* is the one who mends us. It’s not that some of us have been born broken and some born whole...we’re ALL born broken and in need of the redemption Christ brings. Aren’t you and I SO blessed to have this truth?? We don’t have to stay confused, broken and hurting and we have the anecdote for those who still are. Will you fight for truth? Standing for biblical values is not “harsh” or “unfeeling”, it’s standing for the *right* kind of healing, wholeness, and true *life*. Life that *Christ* gives. Jesus promised, “*I came that they may have life and have it to the full.*” (John 10:10) Take heart wherever it is you’re standing whether it be your job, home, school, or even your church.

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Gifts were given to CEF between September 24, to October 18, 2022

In Memory of...



My brother, Skip Snyder

By: Joan Mengel

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.



**You are invited to a...  
Thanksgiving Party Club**

**When:** Saturday, November 19  
**Where:** Kimmel's E. Free Church  
179 Pine Creek Drive  
Orwigsburg PA 17963  
**Time:** 1:00-2:30 p.m.

The club teaching will focus on the truth that every life is valuable and direct the child to the Creator of Life. The club will include games, snacks, and lots of FUN!

**Contact:** CEF of Schuylkill County for more information 570-544-8042

**You are invited to a...  
Christmas Party Club**

**When:** Saturday, November 26  
**Where:** Valley View Church of God  
900 West Main Street  
Valley View PA 17983  
**Time:** 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Do you need a few hours to wrap presents? Bake cookies? Shop? Clean? Or just rest? Then bring your children to the Christmas party club where they will learn about the real meaning of Christmas in a fun and interactive way. The time also includes snacks and games.

**Especially for children  
kindergarten through 6th grade.  
Older children are welcome to attend**

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Do you ever feel “out of your league” standing for a biblical view of sexuality? I’m so thankful for ministries like Center for Biblical Unity who offer resources and podcasts to educate us. But that’s not all there is! At our January Training class, we’ll have a session devoted to the topic of encouraging children in their Biblical Identity. This class is for anyone.

Will you stand for the biblical quality of *life* Jesus died to give us?

~Jerusha

For more information:  
[www.centerforbiblicalunity.com](http://www.centerforbiblicalunity.com)

## Committee Members Needed

*“The human body has many parts, but the many parts  
make up one whole body.  
So it is with the body of Christ.”  
1 Corinthians 12:12*

Owning a property has brought about the need for committee members who have a variety of abilities. You may be the person who loves kids from a distance, or loves your kids/grandkids.... but somebody else’s kids?...not so much!

### **BUT....**

- ◆ You love accounting and have a knowledge in bookkeeping ~ the CEF local committee needs you.
- ◆ You enjoy physical labor and have a knowledge of electrical work and/or plumbing ~ The CEF local committee needs you.
- ◆ You have a background in the law and it’s workings ~ The CEF local committee needs you.

### **BUT...**

You may also be the person who enjoys working with children and you are passionate about them hearing the Gospel of Christ. You pray for the ministry, but are not sure how you can be of service ~ The CEF local committee needs you.

The CEF of Schuylkill County committee meets the fourth Thursday of each month. Since we now own property our needs have expanded. Will you prayerfully consider serving God through the local committee?

One body working together in service to Christ.

Shelley Hikes, director

## New President of CEF



Jeremiah Cho was appointed by the CEF<sup>®</sup> International Board of Trustees as the new president of CEF<sup>®</sup>, effective August 1, 2022. He and his wife, Sarah, have relocated from Seoul, South Korea to Warrenton, MO.

Jeremiah has served full time with CEF<sup>®</sup> for the past 34 years in several roles including Local Director and National Director for CEF of South Korea where he directed a staff of over 200 workers reaching 325,000 children. He was a missionary to Sri Lanka and opened the country to CEF<sup>®</sup> ministry. From 2014 to the present, he has served as Regional Director in a sensitive region with 28 countries. God used Jeremiah to grow that ministry from 137 to 387 workers and increase the number of children reached from 700,000 to 7.5 million annually, pre-COVID. Please pray for Reverend Jeremiah and Sarah as they adjust to their new home and area of ministry.



### Mailbox Club Stats

September 2022

- \*Lessons graded: 47
- \*New students: 1
- \*Certificates earned for completing a series: 3
- \*Professions of faith: 1

**Pray for more children  
to sign up  
for the lessons.**



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## Building and Grounds Update

On October 15 a work day was held at the office. Holes in the yard were filled in, a dead tree was cut down and removed from the parking lot, work was done on a wall to stop water from seeping into the basement, and other areas of upkeep were completed.

Thanks to John Racilla, Tom Tilden and his wife, Dale and Gale Hurst, Linda Fetherolf and Monty.

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button at the top of the  
page and follow the  
prompts.



Good News Club stats  
will be in next month's newsletter.

## Looking ahead....

*Volunteer Training Class*

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

6:30-8:30 p.m.

A special session will be offered focusing on the child's identity in Christ. Both classes are the same and are open to anyone interested in Children's ministry.

*Prayer Summit*

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

This is a dedicated time to pray for Schuylkill County's children, school, churches, and leadership.