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# Mountain-Valley News

## Seeking God

MAY 2024

**G**n a recent interview about his book, *Is God Real?*, Lee Strobel said that it was found that **“200 times a second around the clock, someone on Planet Earth is typing into a search engine, basically the question: Is God Real?”**

I find that statistic to be both sad and encouraging. Sad because so many people don't believe that God is real but encouraging that they are seeking for God. We have seen evidence of this in our clubs. This past semester some of our clubs have doubled in attendance!

God tells us that no one seeks Him on their own (Romans 3:11). So, the fact that people are seeking God is evidence that God is working in their hearts to seek Him! But the heartening truth is that God also seeks us (Luke 19:10)! It makes me think of a child who has become lost from his parent; while the child is looking for his parent, the parent is looking for his child. But the seeking does not end when a child finds God or is found by Him. No, Psalm 105:4 instructs us to *“Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face continually.”*

And again, *“You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart.”* (Jeremiah 29:13). Even as believers, we are to seek Him continually!

One thing I love about CEF® is that we are part of bringing the two seekers together. Not that this is our own doing, but a privilege that God has given us. This is why this ministry is not only for the seeking unbelieving child, but also for the seeking believing child. I am praying, and I ask you to pray also, that God will send many seeking children to our camps this summer.

Linda

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**Gifts were given to CEF between March 21 to April 23, 2024**

**In Memory of...**



**Daniel L. Bloch**

*By: Mary Ellen Krammes*

**Elwood Eyler**

*By: Dave and Karen Snyder*

**Carlson Gilbert**

*By: Minerva Gilbert*

**My husband, Les Mengel**

*By: Joan Mengel*

**Rick Stiver**

*By: Mr. and Mrs. John Seltzer*

**Chip and Ruth Wetzel**

*By: Dave and Karen Snyder*

**In Honor of...**

**My grandchildren**

*By: Minerva Gilbert*



Join us in praying for Schuylkill County.

**Weekly Time of Prayer**

Weekly prayer time.

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Stay for the whole hour, come for 15 minutes, 30 minutes~ whatever fits in your schedule.

Let's join together in praying for the children in Schuylkill County.

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via email please send the request to [office@cefschuylkill.com](mailto:office@cefschuylkill.com).  
If you would like to be removed from the mailing list please contact CEF by email, or phone: 570-544-8042.

**“Remember the Lord...and fight”** Nehemiah 4:14



Saturday, May 18, 2024

10:00-12 noon

*Bethesda E. C. Church*

155 Reedsville Road  
Schuylkill Haven PA17972

***“Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the great and awe-inspiring Lord, and fight for your countrymen, your sons and daughters, your wives and homes.”*** Nehemiah 4:14

This is a community event. Join other believers in Schuylkill County as we pray for our children, schools, political leaders, churches~ our neighborhood!

*“The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God’s realm where everything is possible.”* Corrie Ten Boom

Prayer segments will be led by pastors from the community.  
Pastor Kyle Roth will direct the event.  
Beverly Heisler will be leading us in song.

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# 2024



- June 24-28 Lewistown Valley Tabernacle  
614 Valley Road, Tamaqua
- July 8-12 Valley View Park  
524 Gap St., Valley View
- July 15-19 Manbeck's E. C. Church (Pine Grove)  
110 Wild Cherry Road, Sch Haven
- July 22-26 Christmas Pines Campground  
450 Red Church Road, Auburn
- July 29-Aug. 2 Bethany E. C. Church  
15 N. 13th Street, Ashland

**Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$35.00**

*Volunteers are needed to serve! Community service hours may be earned for participating high school students. Could you help in the afternoon with crafts or making sno-cones~ That would be wonderful!*

**Consider providing transportation for a child/children in your neighborhood to attend. Sponsor money is available~ no child is turned away due to lack of funds. Please contact the CEF office 570-544-8042 for more information.**

**Craft items needed:** 4" ceramic tiles, paper towels, any size Styrofoam trays, toilet paper, and 8oz. Styrofoam cups.

**"The greatest unreached people group in America are the children." Jeremiah Johnson**



## 2023-2024 Statistics

| Club                  | Enrollment | Professions |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Blue Mt. East         | 44         | 1           |
| Blue Mt. West         | 61         | 0           |
| Hegins Hubley         | 10         | 1           |
| Mahantongo Elem.      | 21         | 0           |
| Pottsville            | 37         | 0           |
| Sch. Haven            | 36         | 16          |
| Shenandoah Valley     | 20         | 0           |
| Tamaqua Elem.         | 34         | 10          |
| West Penn K-2         | 28         | 0           |
| West Penn 3-4         | 17         | 0           |
| Pine Grove            | 33         | 4           |
| St. John's Reformed   | 21         | 0           |
| <b>Total Clubs 12</b> | <b>356</b> | <b>32</b>   |

*Consider volunteering in a Good News Club this fall!*

### Budget Corner

2024 Budget  
\$169,687.80  
Monthly budget  
\$14,140.65

### YTD March 21, 2024

Income \$59,513.  
Expenses \$58,637.  
\$ 876.

Online donations are accepted through Tithely.com



### First Quarter Stats 2024

- \*Lessons graded: 219
- \*New students: 19
- \*Certificates earned: 20
- \*Professions of faith: 10

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



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