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Moving On

My heart is heavy as I write this month's newsletter. I'm concerned for the upcoming fall ministries. Linda and I have had several discussions about this fall's Good News Clubs and who will be teaching them. Due to a club teacher moving out of state, Dillon moving on from the ministry, and others moving on because of serious health issues we are not sure that we will have the staff to teach all the clubs that are open to CEF®.

The clubs in Schuylkill Haven and Shenandoah are without any helpers which means we will be unable to go into the school to share the Gospel with the children who would attend club. The clubs at Schuylkill Haven and Shenandoah were not large clubs, but does that really matter? What number can be put on the eternal life of a child? I am reminded of Abraham's conversation with the Lord in Genesis 18:16-33. Abraham interceded for those he did not know in Sodom and we see the compassion of the Lord in His willingness to spare ten righteous people. I know this isn't exactly the same, but it's a story in the life of God's people that reminds me of God's love for those who are lost in a dying world.

How many children would be worth your time and energy? 50? 45? 40? 20? 10? Sometimes when the clubs or camps are less in number, I wonder if our time could be better spent. Then a child speaks of being abused by a family member, of understanding for the first time that the stories in the Bible are true, or I see a child leaning forward whose eyes show they are soaking in every word ~ every TRUTH ~ they are hearing and I know. I know without a doubt I won't be moving on because to that one sweet little boy or girl God's Spirit is moving to awaken them to their sin and their need for a Savior.

On page 4 of the newsletter there is part of a personal testimony from Phil Tuttle about the power of the Gospel in a little boy's life and a quote from Crawford Loritts about the impact of CEF in the lives of the kids in our neighborhoods.

Will you consider moving? Moving into service as a helper in a local *Good News Club*®? The children are worth it.

Shelley Hikes

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Gifts were given to CEF between May 22 to August 16, 2024

In Memory of...



Lois Bennick

By: Rachel B. Koppenhaver

Aunt Ruth & Uncle Toots Billig

By: Bill Ziegler

Ferne Furman

By: Rachel B. Koppenhaver

Bill Houtz

By: Mrs. Joan Mengel

My sisters, Marilyn & Elaine

By: Mrs. Joan Mengel

Richard & Elizabeth Yettes

By: The Messy Craft Corner

In Honor of...



Linda Bollinger

By: Mrs. Joan Mengel

**Staff, Volunteers,
& Summer Missionaries**

By: Patricia Kuchinos



Changes

We have been blessed for the past 16 months to have Dillon Wertman on staff as our IT guy. This past year has brought changes to Dillon's life as he is now engaged and is planning to marry next May. We are rejoicing with him on this new journey the Lord is taking him on, but it does bring changes to CEF. In April, Dillon turned in his resignation as of August 31. While on staff Dillon built a new computer that has higher speed and tech capabilities, improved IT infrastructure, taught GNC and volunteer training classes, led the youth retreat, helped in CYIA, served as camp photographer, mentored our summer missionaries, and learned various office tasks. Please pray for Dillon and his fiancée, Lauren as they embark on this Grand Adventure: Marriage.

Join us in praying for Schuylkill County.

Weekly Time of Prayer

Wednesdays

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.

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Redner's and Boyers Receipts
Community Aid

Boyer's IGA \$285.17
Redner's Market \$582.43

*Thank you, Kathy Miller,
for adding up all those Redner's receipts!*

Please note: Do not cut off the words, "save-a-tape" because Redner's will not accept those receipts.

We must throw them away.

Boyer's IGA~ Do not save Boyer's receipts. When you use the "keycard" with the CEF of Schuylkill County name on the card credit is automatically given to CEF. Boyer's then sends a check for one percent of the total twice a year (July and January).

Community Aid \$1,517.75
For clothes donated between January and June 2024 (11,675 pounds of clothes)



May-July 2024

*Lessons graded: 146

New students: 4

*Certificates earned: 15

*Professions of faith: 6

Pray for the children who have made a profession of faith to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior and Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

Pray for more children to sign up for the lessons.

Budget Corner

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

YTD July 31, 2024

Income \$110,725.
Expenses \$107,124.
\$3,601.

Online donations are accepted through Tithely.com

2024 Summer Stats

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Professions</u>
Tamaqua	87	6
Valley View	60	6
Pine Grove	94	8
Auburn	65	4
Ashland	11	1
<i>5 Camps</i>	<i>317</i>	<i>25</i>

<u>5-Day Clubs</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Professions</u>
Ashland	7	0
Pottsville	3	1
<i>2 Five Day Clubs</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>

<u>Open Air Event</u>	<u>Gospel Presentation</u>	<u>Professions</u>
Hegins	14	0

Total Children reached: 341
Total Professions of faith: 26

<u>Camp Training</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Valley View	17
Friedensburg	18
Tamaqua	16
<i>Total Attendance</i>	<i>57</i>

From page one: Moving On

“I’m an alum of *CEF*. My life was changed for all eternity because of a simple *Good News Club*. And quite frankly, there’s no possible way I’d be doing what I’m doing today—leading a global ministry of Walk Thru the Bible—without those roots in *CEF*. So I commend this ministry to you and I can’t endorse it more strongly than to say, I’m eternally grateful to *CEF*.”

—PHIL TUTTLE, President and CEO of Walk Thru the Bible



“One of the great needs we have as pastors is to think beyond where we are and beyond our resources. There are ministries like *CEF* that can come alongside us and help leverage what needs to be done. Our children’s ministries don’t need to only be inside the walls of the church; there needs to be a vision for outside the church. One of the things I love about *Child Evangelism Fellowship* is not only are they friends to the local church, but they exist to help leverage their influence and expertise. It’s exciting to see what they’re doing. They have experience and resources that can go into schools and communities where we don’t go. As pastors, we need to sit down with *CEF* workers and ask, ‘How can you help us craft a ministry model that not only feeds our own kids but gives them a vision for how they can make an impact in the world?’ I think that’s a high priority.”

—DR. CRAWFORD LORITTS



Something to Consider

This November to December will you consider hosting a Christmas Party Club at your church for the neighborhood children? The club would only need to be for 1 1/2—2 hours. The time includes a Bible lesson which teaches the true meaning of our Christmas celebration, games, songs, etc. You can opt to have a craft time and snack/light lunch.

For the past two years, Linda and I have enjoyed hosting a 4 hour long Christmas Party Club. Along with the regular club activities listed above we also have lunch, crafts, cookie decorating, and a movie with popcorn, ending our time together with hot chocolate and another game. Our attendance has been about 20 children with 3 adult staff members. A middle school girl served as a helper.

CEF will supply everything you need to teach the club.

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