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# Mountain-Valley News

## *You Know, When*

### *— Stories from Good News Club*

#### *You know children have been listening when...*

A 4<sup>th</sup> grade boy in one of my clubs was concerned because his friend did not believe in God. What should he tell him, he wanted to know. Most of the things I told him, he had already done. I was impressed with his concern. We tell the students many times that they need to tell their friends about Jesus. This young man took that seriously! We agreed that both of us will be praying for his friend.

#### *You know the Holy Spirit is working when...*

At the end of the Bible lesson, about 12 children met me at the back of the room to be counseled for salvation. One by one I asked the children why they had come back. As I guessed, most of them had no idea. So, one by one, I sent them back to their seats. I was down to 2 children. One was an older boy who went to a good church and had heard the Gospel many times. He expressed that he had raised his hand before, but I didn't talk with him. He recognized his own sin of lying and called on Jesus to be his Savior.

#### *You know that volunteers are awesome when...*

In all my clubs this year, there are volunteers who teach the missions time. The teaching has been on North Korea. The children learned about the Gospel helium balloons that Christians send over the border of North Korea so that wherever the balloons land, those who find the balloons can read the message of salvation. One missions teacher decided to purchase helium balloons herself, get permission from the proper authorities, have the children put a gospel message on them and let the balloons go the last day of club. The children had so much fun, and we had a beautiful day for releasing the balloons!

#### *You know you are old when...*

I passed around the Gospel helium balloons for the children to see at one of my clubs. The balloons are white with black writing (in Korean). One boy remarked, "This looks like a newspaper...like old people read."

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**Gifts were given to CEF between April 29—May 22, 2025**

**In Memory of...**



**My husband, Bill Houtz**

*By: LaVerne Houtz*

**In Honor of...**

**Charlie and Sue Killian**

*By: Joan Mengel*



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**April 2025**

Lessons graded: 61

New students: 1

Certificates earned: 4

Professions of faith: 1

**Budget Corner**

2025 Budget

\$170,180.

Monthly budget

\$14,182.

**YTD as of April 2025**

Income \$55,731.

Expenses \$76,807.

\$—21,076.

Online donations are accepted through  
Tithe.ly.com

(Expenses include about \$16,000 spent for  
new flooring, spouting, and excavating to redi-  
rect water from the basement.)

**Camp Crafts**

The following items are needed for Good News  
Day Camp crafts:

- ♦ **Foam meat/vegetable trays— any size**
- ♦ **Paper Towels**



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***You know there is more work to do, but it is worth it when...***

At one of my clubs, we have a very talkative 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boy. He is unusually smart and seems to know something about everything. He is constantly shouting out information or questions. So, it is tempting to ignore some questions in order to get on with the club. One week he shouted out the question, “Is Christianity the only religion that teaches about Jesus?” He kept repeating the question over and over. We were able to let him know that Christianity is the only religion that teaches that Jesus is who He says He is. Many religions teach about Jesus, but they don’t believe that He is the Son of God, the Savior of the world.

***You know you are having fun, when...***

Are you looking for some excitement in your life? Come and volunteer at camp this summer or *Good News Club*® in the fall. We can use you! Just contact the office for information. Then you will have your own stories to tell!

*Linda*



## Join the Fun at 5-Day Club®!

**When?** Monday, June 30 to Thursday, July 3  
(4 days due to July 4 holiday)

**Time?** 10:30-12 noon

**Where?** Bethesda E. C. Church, 155 Reedsville Road  
Schuylkill Haven

**Who is 5-Day Club for?** Children 5-12  
(older children are welcome to attend)

**What happens at 5-Day Club?** The children will hear about our AWESOME God through the Bible lesson. They will learn about the exciting life of Mary Slessor, missionary in Calabar, Nigeria and hear about a missionary who is a Ukrainian refugee teaching the Russian and Ukrainian children in Philadelphia.  
Plus! The children will play games, sing songs and have FUN!!!

**What is the cost to attend 5-Day Club?** There is no cost to attend. Just bring a good attitude and be ready to have FUN! A light snack will be handed to each child at the end of club.

### Good News Day Camp Summer 2025

June 23-27	Lewistown Valley Tabernacle 614 Valley Road, Tamaqua
July 7-11	Valley View Park 524 Gap St., Valley View
July 14-18	Manbeck's E. C. Church (Pine Grove Area) 110 Wild Cherry Road, Sch. Haven
July 21-25	Christmas Pines Campground 450 Red Church Road, Auburn
July 28-Aug. 1	Bethany E. C. Church 15 North 13th St., Ashland



Camps are 9:30-3:00. Cost is \$35. Registration forms are available on our website: [cefschuylkill.com](http://cefschuylkill.com).

***Volunteers are needed! Call 570-544-8042 for more information.***

***Students who complete 7th grade may qualify as helpers and earn community service hours.***

***Please consider volunteering to serve or to provide  
transportation for the children in your neighborhood  
who otherwise would be unable to attend.***