



Mountain-Valley News

To Agonize in Prayer

“God enabled me so to agonize in prayer that I was quite wet with sweat, though in the shade, and in wind cool. My soul was drawn out very much for the world; I grasped for multitudes of souls.”

David Brainard, Diary entry Monday, April 19, 1742
Missionary to American Indians

Payer~ It’s often an action that we do more talking about than actually doing! The words of David Brainard are challenging. To have such a burden for the lost~ those who will spend eternity separated from God~ that I become wet with sweat!?! That is a heavily burdened heart.

Our nation is seeing much turmoil and the only hope we have is Jesus Christ. *“while we wait for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.” Titus 2:13*

I have recently taught children who have never been in a church:

- ~Children who have never seen a Bible
- ~Children who have never heard the Name of God
- ~Children who believe Christ mas is about the birth of Santa Claus
- ~Children who have heard of Jesus but have no idea that He died, was buried, and rose again to take the punishment for sin~ their sin.

The children need to be brought before The Throne of God’s Grace. School shootings, divorce, single parenting, poverty, neglect, abuse are just a few of the evils and struggles that come against our children.

“to agonize in prayer that I was quite wet with sweat”.

Good News Club® starts the week of October 6. Please be in prayer for the children and those who serve in the clubs.

Lilias Trotter served as a missionary in Algiers for 40 years. The following was written in her diary near the end of her life: *“It has come these days with a new light and power, that the first thing we have to see to, as we draw near to God day by day, is that ‘our fellowship is with the Father & with His Son Jesus Christ.’ If we can listen in stillness, till our souls begin to vibrate to the thing He is thinking & feeling about the matter in question, whether it concerns ourselves or others, we can from that moment begin praying downwards from His throne, instead of praying upwards toward Him (21 March 1926)”*

Let us commit to pray for those without Christ until we are wet with sweat and our souls begin to vibrate to the thing God is thinking and feeling.

~ Shelley

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Gifts were given to CEF between August 11 — September 22, 2025
In Memory of...

In Honor of...

Staff of CEF

By: Joan Mengel

Staff and Volunteers of CEF

By: Pat Kuchinos



Another Office Update:

Trixie Ruch has been hired to serve in the *CEF*[®] office. Trixie is the daughter of Doug and Judith Boggs, the wife of Micah Ruch, and the mom of four grown children. She and Micah attend Kimmel's E. Free Church in Orwigsburg. As a child Trixie attended *Good News Club*[®] with Mickey Stephens and then with Kay Artz. Later, she taught *5-Day Club*[®] in Quebec, Canada, hosted 5-Day Clubs when her children were young and has recently been teaching the memory verse and helping at *Good News Club* in Blue Mountain Elementary East. Since starting with CEF on September 2, Trixie has been diligently updating the Child Protection paperwork and learning the ins and outs of the ministry behind the scenes. We are grateful to God for sending someone so quickly. Looking to clubs, Trixie will be teaching at BMEE and Schuylkill Haven. If you would like to support Trixie's ministry with CEF, contributions can be made to CEF, PO Box 486, Minersville, PA 17954. Be sure to include a note expressing your desire to support Trixie.

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August 2025

Lessons graded: 66
New students: 0
Certificates earned: 3
Professions of faith: 4



Budget Corner

2025 Budget
\$170,180.
Monthly budget
\$14,182.

YTD as of August 2025

Income \$115,434.
Expenses \$128,450.
\$13,016.

Online donations are accepted through
Tithely.com

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



Our date is set! We will again be hosting a Christmas Party Club at the CEF Office: Saturday, December 13, 10:00 am—2:00 p.m. This will be our fourth year and a day we look forward to.

It's four hours of FUN!

It's an opportunity to tell the boys and girls about God and His way of salvation through the completed work of Jesus Christ on the cross~ His life lived in total obedience to God, His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. Hallelujah! We serve the One and Only Living God!

Will you consider hosting a Christmas Party Club? We have all the materials needed to teach the club, loaned to you or your church free of charge, training may also be available.

Don't wait! Get a date on your calendar to reach the children in your neighborhood or local elementary school with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Call the CEF office for more information: 570-544-8042

Weekly Prayer Time

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.— 12:00 noon

Join us in praying for the children who live in Schuylkill County. Feel free to come anytime within the hour and to stay as long as you are able. Our children need someone to pray for them~ are you willing to be that someone?