

Child Evangelism Fellowship ® of Franklin and Fulton County

# **Rewind and Fast Forward**

I'm sure that most of you can remember the old days of VHS tapes. If you missed a part you simply had to hit the rewind button or if you wanted to skip ahead you could hit the fast forward button. While VHS tapes might have gone the way of the dodo bird, we can still rewind and fast forward. Let's push rewind on our summer camp season. God blessed us with 1,208 campers and over 400 volunteer staff members. The biggest praise is the 103 children who accepted Christ as their Savior. Each day our staff would celebrate each victory at camp, and pray over each challenge. As you can imagine a ministry that involves over 1,500 total people has challenges. But God showed us tremendous grace this summer. Our campers were extremely well behaved, they were hungry for the Word of God, and our staff shared the love of Jesus each week. We found God faithful through each challenge, sometimes in the most unique and miraclous of ways. God's faithfulness is new each morning, and friends, we needed it each morning at camp.



But as we close up our camp season we turn our eyes forward. Our next biggest challenge will be preparing our buses for inspection. The state police will inspect our 14 buses on August 27<sup>th</sup>. That means we have to clean, fix, and work on each bus prior to their arrival. This process takes three weeks of rigorous labor. It gets really hot in the buses and some of them are quite complicated to fix. We also would appreciate your prayers as we might be shopping for two newer buses to replace two older ones.

Next up is our Open House. Open House this year will be on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9-5, at the office in Waynesboro. We are excited to have our teachers, coordinators, and friends join us to grab their Good News Club curriculm, get a few freebies, to get some snacks, and to meet up with old friends. We would love to have you join us that day. Mark your calendar, bring a friend, and share the date with your church!





Good News Clubs are quickly starting and we are busily working in the office to get everything ready. Did you know that our chapter is the only chapter in the United States that is involved with every elementary school in its area? Isn't that wonderful! But in order to do that we need staff. This year we need quite a few teachers and coordinators in order to jump start some clubs. Please be praying as we prepare to start clubs, most of them starting in October, but would you also consider volunteering? We would love to have you!

Finally the fall means cleaning up the camp. Some of the jobs will include: cleaning the chapel, organizing, replacing wood benches, cleaning the creek, cutting trees, burying the powerlines, and more. We will share the dates in the next few weeks. Many hands make for a light labor!

## A Perfect Addition

A pleasant surprise came during the second week of camp. The camp store was delievered much earlier then we initially thought, but we aren't complaining. We didn't get a chance to get the site ready, that job will be tackled in the late summer/early fall. This beautiful shed will serve as the new camp store and nurse station. We are hoping to have it up and running by the first week of camp next year. Tif's dream was to see the camp sell promotional material and for there to be an air conditioned nurse station. Those two dreams have come true! We are excited to start selling hoodies, shirts, pens, water bottles, and more! A HUGE thanks to those who donated money to see this project complete. A big thanks to Grace Fellowship for saving money to finish the inside of the shed this fall!







## **CYIA Recap**

God blessed us so much this summer! We have an awesome God! I'm truly grateful to be part of CEF this summer and serve with so many who love God and have a heart to serve. Glory to God for giving my team the strength, words, courage, and energy, as well as fill us daily with His love to share the gospel. Not only did we share the gospel with the kids but also adults. It's funny because looking back earlier this year, I did not think it was possible to do all the Lord had planned for us due to unexpected situations. As time went on, I got to see the Lord's hands over us. From filling out paperwork to going to camp Harmony and going to all the clubs, He is faithful! Never doubt what God can do!

Our second week of training with family was beautiful to see how these kids love learning about Jesus. Praying for these kids because they want to go to church but some parents are not willing to take them. The 1st week of clubs, to see Jesus working in the only kid who showed up the first day doubting to believe in what he was hearing due to all the noise around him. That day Alex did the parable of the lost sheep; as Alex shared, it thundered, poured and got pretty windy. Alex continued with the lesson and this kid listened, we saw how that day was special, unique and meant for this lost sheep. He came back the next day and brought a friend. We got to go to Good News Camp to help and counsel a couple kids. Then we had a couple clubs at the YMCA for 1 day in different locations. There we had big groups of kids and they were all special in their own ways from needing assurance and confession of sin to asking lots of questions. Many kids are hungry to hear the word of God but there is one group of kids who stand out the most to me at one of the YMCA sites. We got to this school and these kids were wild and took time to grab their attention. It was not until Ellianna started the Bible lesson that they calmed down and afterwards Ellianna shepherded a child who ended believing in Jesus as his Savior. As Ellianna shepherded this kid, Alex, Soleil and I ended up answering many questions these kids had about God. That day I left that club having so much compassion for this group of kids. They were so hungry to know more about the Lord. Lastly, we had 2 clubs at a daycare where our schedule was changed. On day 1 for the first club, all the kids wanted to be shepherded so we did. After shepherding them, we ended up giving them Bibles and guiding them to read. One of our clubs was in our church where we had VBS and 3 kids from the daycare ended up attending our VBS. These 3 kids spoke to their mom about wanting to go to our church every Sunday. Jesus has changed so much this summer for my team and I. I got to see my kids grow their relationship with Jesus and now my kids (Alex & Soleil) want to share God's word everywhere they go. Ellianna is at CEF headquarters in her new journey trusting in God's plans for her. This has been a life changing experience. What a privilege it is to serve our Lord and Savior.







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devotions, and more.

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