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Giving Thanks

Maggie was recently given an assignment to write down 100 things that she was thankful for. At first, the pencil blazed across the paper, quickly writing down 60-plus things, but then she had to start thinking deeper. It wasn't just putting down names and some things that most of us would write down like food, water, and shelter. She had to really concentrate. The last 40 things she wrote down were so touching, it made me cry. She thanked God for things that I hadn't considered, that I had forgotten about, things like Tif's cancer journey and how our family has come together since losing her. Maggie's homework assignment inspired us to do something different this year. We created a praise pumpkin! During teacher training, we passed our pumpkin and asked our volunteers to write down something that they were thankful for. The pumpkin reminds us of our hearts; hearts that should be filled with praises to God. I also think it would be a good idea for us to write down 100 things to give God praise. I wanted to share a few of my praises regarding CEF.



First, I want to praise God for our committee and leadership. The committee has been incredibly patient and kind to me as I have navigated grief and how to function. These leaders are committed to Jesus and making sure that children in our two counties hear about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is often a thankless job and can be quite time-consuming. They do a considerable amount of work behind the scenes. We constantly work as a team to construct a healthy strategic vision for our chapter. We praise God for our unity, spiritual growth, and passion for the work. Pray as we face unique challenges and that God provides for the needs needs of our chapter.

Next, I want to thank God for our volunteers. Did you know that we have over 500 volunteers in our chapter alone? That is the most volunteers in the state of Pennsylvania. That is a great reason to praise God. Each of those volunteers means more boys and girls hear about Christ. Some of these volunteers are drivers, listeners, teachers, lifeguards, helpers at camp, counselors, chapel leaders, and the list could go on and on. We couldn't do what we do without people willing to sacrifice their time. Not only volunteers but I want to thank the Lord for our staff. We have an incredible staff who serves the Lord so faithfully. Our staff is so gifted. Their hearts are so burdened for the eternity of the children. It's evident in everything that they do. For me personally, I can say that I am thankful for a staff who works as a family.



Finally, I want to thank God for our prayer and financial supporters. Without prayer and financial giving, we wouldn't be able to do what we do. Thank you so much for being a part of our team!

PRAISE THE LORD

We recently had a work day at camp, and it was one of the most productive work days since I arrived. A team from Otterbein Church flooded the camp with their gifts, strong backs, and hearts. This team accomplished so much in two short hours. A group of ladies and kids cleaned the inside of the chapel. It was SPOTLESS. They were so thorough! The chapel hasn't looked that good in a long time!

A group of men helped get the paddleboats out of the pond. This is quite a task. The boats are quite heavy and require quite a few men to get the job done. These men also brought the fridge up from the snow cone pavilion, brought the box hockey boards in, weed whacked, replaced seats in the outdoor chapel, started landscaping the front sign, and did lots of other jobs.

But our most important job was burying the power line from the chapel to the snow cone pavilion. The previous line ran from the house through the outdoor chapel, and needless to say, when a tree fell, so did the power line. Now the line is completely buried. I am so grateful for a team that ran a ditch witch, laid the conduit, and filled in the trench! This was a HUGE job, and we are so thankful to see it completed.

Some Needs

We have covered A LOT of praises, but we still have some pretty big prayer requests. God did provide a driver for Path Valley (this is a huge praise because over 150 children attend this club), but we need a regular driver for Summitview starting next month. Our driver, Dave Thomas, recently had heart surgery (pray for Dave) and will be out for a few months. Please pray that God provides us with a new driver.

We are thankful that all but one club has opened. We are still in need of a teacher and coordinator at our Marion club. We would like to open this club sometime in December or January. This club meets on Thursdays. If you or someone you know is interested, please let us know in the office.

Christmas Party Clubs

'Tis the season for Christmas Party Clubs! Maricarmen has been faithfully working on our CPC schedule. We are thankful for her hard work and dedication to this new ministry to our chapter. Pray for her as she preps her lessons and goes into our community to present the Gospel. Maybe you, your church, or someone you know would be interested in hosting a Christmas Party Club. Please reach out to the office if you are interested! Or, maybe you want to teach a Christmas Party Club in your Sunday School class, your community, or maybe even at your Christmas get together. We would love to provide you with the material and show you how you can celebrate the birth of Christ in a unique way this season!



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