



Since 1937

CEF
CHILD EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP®

Reaching children worldwide™

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Central Virginia

Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day

PO Box 11883, Lynchburg, VA 24506 | centralvacef@gmail.com

Spring 2023 Newsletter

Chairman's Corner

The movie *Hacksaw Ridge* depicted Desmond Doss as a war hero having singlehandedly saved 75 wounded men during the battle for Okinawa in WWII. He was ridiculed and mocked for his faith in God during boot camp training. However, once deployed, he saved the lives of the very men who scorned him, as they lay wounded and helpless on the battlefield.

Today we are in a battle for the souls of our children. Christianity is mocked and God's Word is ridiculed. Subsequently, our children are growing up in a Godless society having lost their way. However, God has blessed us this past school year with just under 800 children attending one of the 17 ASGNCs here in Central VA. Many of these children made personal commitments to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

As we move into the summer CYIA training/5-day summer clubs and prepare for the 2023-24 school year, we are asking you to partner with us with your financial support. God is opening doors as more schools are inviting CEF after school clubs. Your financial support will assure adequate funds are available to expand this ministry.

Thank you and God bless.

Don Thompson

Good News Clubs Status Report

Thanks to the prayers and diligence of fantastic chapter volunteers and staff, Good News Clubs have rebounded in a big way! The Central Chapter finished spring session with a total of 17 clubs and 66 volunteer teachers serving 763 children. **That is an increase of 11 clubs from this time last year! Even more exciting, 53 of these precious kids made a profession for Christ.** Because of your commitment, lives are being affected for all eternity. Praise God for his blessings on the ministry and for each of you faithful leaders, teachers, prayer warriors and financial contributors!

Dates to Remember!

- **Christian Youth in Action:** CYIA is in full swing and leaders are seeking enthusiastic, mission minded youth. Jump Start is May 21. Training School is June 18 – 24. Contact: Becky McKennett at bmckennett@gmail.com or 434-329-7963
- **Dan's Retirement Party:** Saturday, June 3, 12 noon, Shelter #1 at Riverside Park in Lynchburg. After 15 years of faithful service to Central VA CEF, Dan is retiring. Whip up your favorite side dish and gather your best memories to share with Dan as we pray God's blessings on him, Ruth, and their family in their future endeavors.

Make an Impact for Christ! Challenge/Match Initiative

Thanks to the leadership of Rita Beale, CEF State Director, several very generous businesses are pledging \$15,000 in donations with only one qualifier – that it be used as matching funds for an additional \$9,000 to be raised from individual donors. This challenge will run through Memorial Day. **Have you considered becoming a regular contributor to CEF, or increasing your monthly donation? If so, this is a fantastic opportunity to more than double the impact of every dollar!** Your gift of \$100 will become \$200 as we partner to reach our \$24,000 fundraising goal. Watch for more details! If God is leading you to build his kingdom through reaching kids for Christ, contact Beth Sipantzi, at treasurer@centralvacef@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

Prayers are the foundation of Child Evangelism Fellowship. Your prayers are coveted for:

- CYIA teens in training & summer 5-Day Clubs
- Churches to establish After School Good News Clubs this fall
- Funding to cover chapter expenses
- God's will in hiring a new Local Director

Contact Us

Dan Uttley, Ministry Coordinator: centralvacef@gmail.com

Donald Thompson, Chairman: harleyman18.dt@gmail.com

Bill Tussi, Secretary: bjtussi@liberty.edu

Beth Sipantzi, Treasurer: treasurer@centralvacef@gmail.com

Pastor Lonni Wickard, Member: pastorlonni@gmail.com

Karen Cross, Member: crosskaren2013@gmail.com

Becky McKennett, Member: bmckennett@gmail.com

Jay Hamilton, Prayer Coordinator, jham052008@gmail.com