



The Children's Chronicle

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This is an appropriate time to give a big thanks to all of the sponsors that helped make our 13th Annual Fundraising Golf Scramble a success. These Sponsors are a true blessing and encouragement to our ministry!

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Bus Bank Ministry

You know, I didn't even know what CEF was until I started volunteering for Good News Clubs. And actually, none of my family or friends even knew what a Good News Club was, let alone CEF. I had always been passionate that God should be an intricate part in every school and was so excited to have found an organization that does just that. How could I get the word out and help encourage others to learn more about CEF and get involved in their local Good News Clubs? Most importantly, how could I encourage them to pray for their local school and the need for a Good News Club and volunteers, if they didn't have one yet?

"Koins for Kids"...it's a catchy little phrase that caught my attention a few years back, while attending my first conference as a partner in CEF. It was a fundraising idea someone had shared, that God

opened my eyes and ears to while there. It was a simple, tangible way to encourage others to pray, provide financially and further spread the awareness of CEF and their role in schools. Just little yellow paper constructed school buses, made into coin banks.

This is an annual effort we do each fall. Stop by the office or give us a call to schedule a day to pick up some buses and help us spread the Good News in YOUR local school! Encourage your local church to participate and get the whole congregation involved in praying for YOUR local schools, teachers and students/families, that God would raise up volunteers to start a Good News Club near YOU. Share the idea and drop some buses off at a local business, spread awareness and build relationships that will impact YOUR community in great ways.

It's amazing how God can use regular people like us to spread the gospel and build His kingdom!

~Crystal Ballengee
Office Manager



Prayer and Praise

Pray that the Lord blesses the 3 Annual Training Days this year!

Praise the Lord for adding a new Local Committee Member to our Chapter!

Pray that the Lord gives clear guidance and direction on how the property next door is to be used for His Kingdom!

Praise the Lord for the 499 children that were reached during Summer Ministries and for the 2 children that came to Christ as Savior!

Pray that the Lord raises up new supporters for our Chapter!

Praise the Lord allowing the Chesapeake Elementary GNC to restart with a kickoff Party Club at the very end of the school year last year!

Live for Heaven

Recently I (Nathan) had the opportunity to visit the graveyard where a significant portion of my family, including my still born sister, one set of grandparents, two sets of great-grandparents and others, are buried as they await the day of resurrection. As I spent about a half hour walking around I began to think about the idea of "home." As you read that you know exactly what I'm talking about and you can think of what you consider "home." But as life goes on "home" changes and isn't the same as it once was. "Home" isn't the same if mom and dad or grandma and grandpa are no longer there.

Throughout life God arranges and directs our lives so that we recognize our true home. The Lord wants us to know that our true home is not here on earth. Our loved ones die. Our bodies wear out. Our society changes. Time rolls on. Indeed, our own station in life changes and in one sense, everything is in flux. From our perspective, nothing on this earth is stable. On one occasion you are bursting with joy, but then a great sadness or discouragement comes into our lives. Still our sovereign and gracious God has not abandoned us and He has promised that He will never leave us or forsake us.

Throughout our lives, our triune God reminds us where our true home is, and as He does so, He wants us to walk by faith and not by sight. He wants us to look forward to the day of resurrection. That does not mean we check out of present-day life. On the contrary, we are to be fully engaged in what God has for us today. Actually, the truth of the matter is that we will be of earthlier good if we are heavenly minded. If we make earth our heaven, it may turn into a prelude of hell. But if we make earth our way-station to the new creation, we thank God for every gift He gives us, live every day for God's glory, and look forward to the glorious future promised us. Since Jesus is risen and has conquered death, we too will conquer death given our faith union with Him.

People say they are not looking for heaven on earth. People say that they know everything is flawed on earth. The problem is that we often live differently than we say; our actions often betray what we say with our words. Our heads say one thing but our hearts say something else, and we often follow our hearts, even when we deny it with our heads. What is an indication that we are falling into this trap? One indication is if you are committing sins forbidden in scripture. Another is if

we are grumbling and unhappy and complaining. The truth is that if we are critical and negative about life, then we are looking for heaven on earth. The longings we have for perfection are not wrong, though what we do with those desires may be wrong. They may be wrong because we may end up living by sight instead of by faith. Live for Heaven now.

This is not our home!

Nathan and Erin Sayre

Ministry Schedule

Aug. 16th, 23rd, and 30th: Annual GNC Training and Fellowship Days

Aug. 28th-29th: Grace Christian School Academic Camp

Aug. 31st: Ceredo-Kenova Elementary GNC Volunteer Meeting

Sept. 5th-6th: CEF of WV State Prayer Summit

Sept. 7th-15th: Sayre's R and R

Aug.-Nov.: TCE 2 Online

Oct.: Trick or Treat Outreaches

CEF® World Day of Prayer

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025 is set aside as the Child Evangelism Fellowship *World Day of Prayer*.

On this day, the workers of CEF around the entire world will stop the daily operations of the ministry.

Last year the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship reached over 29 million children with the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, there are millions more who need to be reached, and we're praying for the world.

The goal of our organization is to have established ministry in every country in the world. This is CEF's 88th Anniversary,

and our goal continues to be "Around the World." Prayer is key in helping us to reach this goal.

To celebrate the CEF World Day of Prayer we are hosting an all day "Prayer Open House" on this day at our Greater Huntington Chapter Ministry Center. We plan to begin at 9:00am and will be praying for the ministry of CEF around the world until around 4:00pm. We will be serving lunch and will have drinks and refreshments available all day. We would love for you to join us!

Please make plans to simply pray for each of the CEF missionaries and

ministries worldwide with us. Come pray for the children being reached around the world, for the CEF leadership at every level, and for the mission to be in every country around the world by the end of this year. It will be a great time of fellowship and joining together with brothers and sisters in Christ to lift up this wonderful ministry to our Lord.

If you would like to join us please let us know by giving us a call or sending us a message so we can plan accordingly. We would truly appreciate your prayers for our Chapter, the State, the USA, and the World!

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