

# CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF LEBANON COUNTY, INC.

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**WAITING ON THE LORD:** Looking over the prayer list at our church, I wonder how do these people deal with waiting on the Lord. Cancer, a condition that is hard to diagnose, a pregnant woman who is bedridden until her time of delivery, loss of a child, and those ministering in hostile nations. The Lord knows about all these challenges and our personal challenges large and small as well.



Many Christians use this time wisely by witnessing to others through their pain. We recall testimonies of Christians going repeatedly to the Lord about: money, passport approvals or other administrative barriers. The Lord answers yes, perhaps, on the first, second, or third submission. And then there are times when the answer is NO or not yet. He, our caring Father, has something that he wants to teach us or maybe wants us to change direction.

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. (KJV) We think we can fix our problems; we are inadequate at it. God is the only one who truly knows exactly what we need. God is our Provider, our Healer, our Sustainer. He is God and we are not, we cannot add one hour to our lives with worry or doubt. He is willing to help us when we are in need. Because God cares, we have so much to be thankful for. He loves us, knows the number of hairs on our heads and the number of days in our lives. Nothing is a surprise to Him.

**CARING FOR THE CHILDREN IN LEBANON COUNTY:** Last year we ministered to 195 children in elementary schools with 16 professions recorded. It is hard to calculate when a child comes to faith in Christ especially under the time limits in our after-school program, but we are sowing seeds of the Good News that Jesus cares for the lost children. In October, Beverly Ronco and a team of adult helpers began the new year of after school Good News Clubs at two local elementary schools. In this our eighth year at Union Canal, we have 51 children and 11 adult helpers who meet each Tuesday after school from 3:45-5:00. Club consists of a game, snacks, singing, a Bible lesson, and “table time” where adults help the children at their table to memorize a Bible verse, play a review game in which we ask questions about this week’s lesson, and interact with the children and let them know that we **love and care** about them. We also began our third year at Ebenezer, where we have 26 children with 4 adult helpers. This year’s lessons are on the Books of Ruth, Joshua, and Judges. Many parents have expressed their appreciation that we have Good News Club each week, where children can learn about God, Jesus, and the Bible in a less formal, fun atmosphere. Several children have begun attending

club as a result of being invited by a classmate. It is exciting when the children enjoy club so much that they want to **care** for their friends so that they can learn biblical truth.

At Jackson Elementary Stephanie Hammer's first day went well. There were 5 adults and 38 children. Some who were registered didn't come and some registrations only came that day. Some children came late and some left early, but they made it through and everyone agreed it went well! The Foundation (creation) stories are a great way to begin!!! Many in the group are unchurched. Her helper Beth overheard a little boy ask "Who is God?" and the boy sitting beside him pointed up! It is a mission field in many ways! Some children only speak Russian, another boy named Assad has a middle eastern accent. Everyone on the team was excited to be there! What a blessing! The need is great!

**CARING FOR THE CHILDREN IN EASTERN PA:** On Saturday, November 4, the annual seminar for county committee and staff members was held by the State Office staff at Sunbury Bible Church in Northumberland PA. This one-day seminar provided great encouragement as well as a time of fellowship for those who serve in CEF throughout the various counties in eastern Pennsylvania. Several committee members from our Lebanon County Chapter attended the event.



There was a time of encouragement as a number of new, younger staff members serving in various county chapters were introduced. A panel of five of them discussed the ministry of CEF from their perspective. Many committee and staff members have been faithfully serving the ministry for decades, and it is important to raise up the next generation so that the ministry can continue its critical role of bringing the gospel to children.

**WAITING WHILE CASTING OUR CARES ON HIM:** The Lord **cares** about all these challenges we are facing in Lebanon County, in the rest of the counties in Pennsylvania, and for children everywhere. Please pray that the Lord would draw: **A NEW DIRECTOR** for our ministry, **MORE LEADERS** in our after-school clubs at other elementary schools throughout Lebanon County, and **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS. IS THE LORD DRAWING YOU TO AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CEF?**

In spite of these great needs, we are thankful for those responding to our needs: our current teachers, the children and our grader in our after-care correspondence courses, and for a candidate joining our committee.

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  
Merry Christmas*

**Bruce Light and Phil Ronco**

**CEF of Lebanon County Committee**

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