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"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2)

The "so great a cloud of witnesses" of whom the writer of Hebrews is referring are those listed throughout Hebrews 11, the Hall of Faith. These men and women persevered through the tests and trials before them as they ran the race of life. The Hall of Faith includes well known names such as Abraham, Moses, and David, but it also mentions anonymous "Women . . . Others . . . Still others. . . ." Famous to readers of the Bible or not, they all "obtained a good testimony through faith."

Occasionally, I have the bittersweet honor of paying tribute to our own members of the Hall of Faith of CEF OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY. Among the friends and supporters of the ministry who have already been promoted to heaven since 2021 began are Mr. Paul Beech, Jr., and Mrs. Ruth Horne. They are part of our "cloud of witnesses," having themselves laid aside every weight and cheerfully endured—and finished—their races.



Paul Beech

Mr. Beech, as I knew him growing up, was a partner of the ministry for forty years. I knew of him mostly as the chairman of the county committee, a role in which he served for twenty of the years he was on the committee. As a young person, I did not know the many ways he and his wife, Barbara, served behind the scenes to make Camp Good News and Good News Club Rallies possible, not to mention the labor of love they gifted the ministry in maintenance and landscaping at the headquarters. My September 2011 interview to join the staff full-time was one of the last committee meetings he was able to attend. Mr. Beech's carefulness to ask me the questions on doctrine and the CEF E PA Statement of Faith made a lasting impression on me, and I am thankful for his diligence to safeguard sound doctrine.

It is not often that a person can say that they became a "product" of this ministry as an adult, but such is Mrs. Horne's story. She heard the Gospel and accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour while attending a Good News Club with her young son, Robert! Mrs. Horne and her husband, Marlin, were faithful partners of the ministry until his homegoing in 2007; her years of teaching and serving with CEF totaled fifty-two. I am thankful that God allowed her to have a part in my own Christian education during my early elementary school years, when she would come to my family's house to teach a weekly Good News Club, whether we had a group of children or only my sister and I were present. Years later, when I became a staff member, Mrs. Horne was still continuing to teach God's Word in After School Good News Clubs, and was a faithful attender of Teacher Training Classes. Mr. and Mrs. Horne also served in roles at Camp Good News over the years.



Ruth Horne

What motivated Paul Beech and Ruth Horne to endure and run their race well? I would say the motivation came not from looking within themselves for the patience and joy, but from fixing or turning their eyes upon Jesus. May we be found faithful to keep looking unto Jesus as the Author and Finisher of our faith, as we share His Good News with the children of Northumberland County!

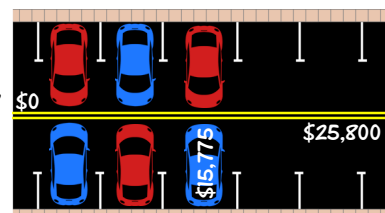
For the Next Generation, Anna

Special Project

The main parking lot at the ministry office has served us well for nearly 40 years, but it is now in need of total replacement. This need has become increasingly apparent with the effects of continual salt and snow plowing this winter. We are trusting the Lord to provide \$25,800 for this Special Project by Spring 2021.




1 car per parking space = \$2,580 or 10%





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>GNE = Good News Encounters</p> <p>SH = State Headquarters</p> <p>SWTS = Summer Missionary Training School</p> <p>CGN = Camp Good News</p>	<p>1 Today is Janet's birthday! We are so thankful that God led her to join our team five years ago today!</p>	<p>2 God began answering some big prayers in last month's committee meeting! Please pray for tonight's session.</p>	<p>3 Today is our new target date to relaunch GNE videos! Praise for a new camera and pray for Erin as she edits videos.</p>	<p>4 www.gncc.org</p> <p>GOOD NEWS ENCOUNTERS The Stories of Jesus</p>	<p>5 Thank you for remembering Ruth Horne's family in prayer as they grieve: Robert and Alison and their sons, Tim and John.</p>	<p>6 "Thou art near, O Lord; and all Thy commandments are truth." (Psalm 119:151)</p>
<p>7 Pray for the GNE online outreach to reach both Good News Clubbers and new children who need to hear the Gospel.</p>	<p>8 As we evaluate possible "mini camps" for July-August, pray for God to make clear adaptations to location and schedule.</p>	<p>9 JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN</p>	<p>10 Anna is thankful to partner with a local church to teach the children in Word of Life Clubs the next four weeks!</p>	<p>11 "For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD." (Ps. 117:2)</p>	<p>12 Ask God's blessing upon SH as they coordinate staff to film training videos and also work with a new illustrator!</p>	<p>13 Lord, send us a summer missionary team of Your choosing to serve for eight weeks this summer.</p>
<p>14 <i>Don't forget to</i> SPRING FORWARD</p> 	<p>15 Keep Anna in prayer as she studies Life of Christ for GNE each week, and for all to run smoothly as Erin films/edits.</p>	<p>16 Pray for the health of our committee members and staff, and their unspoken requests for their families.</p>	<p>17 "I pray to God to give me perseverance and to dignify that I be a faithful witness to him to the end of my life for my God." - St. Patrick</p>	<p>18 Thank you for kindly praying for Anna's dad, Seth. We are grateful for 3 uneventful months since his heart ablation!</p>	<p>19 Anna will be joining the SMTS Committee Zoom session today, continuing preparations for June 14-25.</p>	<p>20 </p>
<p>21 Who knows how God will use the GNE online videos? Pray that parents will watch with their children.</p>	<p>22 "Thy Word is true from the beginning: and every one of Thy righteous judgements endureth for ever." (Psalm 119:160)</p>	<p>23 We are thankful for the men and women who cheerfully serve as our mailing team!</p>	<p>24 We anticipate the return of CGN this summer, even though we will be making modifications. Praise God!</p>	<p>25 God, we seek Your will, not ours, in planning for summer and CGN. We ask for faith and creativity.</p>	<p>26 The Lord has provided 61% of the amount needed to replace our main parking lot within the next 2 months.</p>	<p>27 Praise God for the final Passover Lamb! "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all..." (Romans 8:32a)</p>
<p>28 Hosanna!</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY</p> 	<p>29 Pray for your pastor/pastoral team as they seek to make much of Jesus this Holy Week.</p>	<p>30 "Jesus saith unto him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.'" (John 14:6)</p>	<p>31 Give thanks for our CEF E PA State Board! Pray for Mrs. Jean Hartman and Pastor Doug Williams as they lead.</p>	<p>But the LORD is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting king: at His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His indignation. He hath made the earth by His power, He hath established the world by His wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by His discretion." (Jeremiah 10:10, 12)</p>		