



GOOD NEWS CLUB, INC. OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
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where CHILDREN come FIRST everyday

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"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8)

Pastor Wayne McLeod, CEF E PA State Director, retired at the end of 2018. I heard him share many messages at Summer Missionary Training School, Teacher Training Classes, and elsewhere in the ten years I knew him through this ministry. One of my favorites was when he spoke on the phrase "But God" and the many passages where it is found throughout Scripture. Romans 5:8 is one of them. This particular verse also brings to mind Pastor Wayne's passion to share **the love of God** and Good News of Jesus Christ and train others to do likewise. I consider it a privilege to have been a recipient of Pastor Wayne's investment in the CEF ministry that spanned over thirty-five years!

February will find us transitioning from the Good News Club Judges series to the Ruth series. Time and time again across the book of Judges, **God demonstrates His love for Israel** by keeping His covenant with them, despite their unfaithfulness to Him. At the beginning of the familiar story (familiar to us but not to many clubbers) of Samson, there is a shift from earlier chapters. Judges 13:1 records the Israelites again doing "evil in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years". The next sentence begins the account of Samson's nativity. There is no mention of Israel crying out for deliverance at this time. Nevertheless, the Angel of the Lord announces the birth of a son who "shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines" (Judges 13:5). God is sending them a deliverer, a temporary savior, they did not ask for nor deserve. **That is love; that is Who God is.**



Looking ahead to the next book of the Bible: Boaz arrives at his fields and notices a new gleaner. How did his overseer describe Ruth? "It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab" (Ruth 2:6). The servant identified Ruth by her foreigner status—Moabite—and age—young woman. Boaz approaches Ruth and addresses her as "my daughter" (Ruth 2:8). Gretchen Saffles writes in *Gospel of Grace*:

Boaz didn't allow Ruth's past to sway his opinion of her. Just like Christ died for us *while* we were still sinners, Boaz cared for Ruth *while* others viewed her as an outcast in society. Boaz looked beyond Ruth's sin and shame and extended her saving grace. Christ has done the same for us.

Children across Northumberland County need to hear of **the unconditional, never failing love of God**. I am grateful for the men, women, and teens who are committed to **demonstrate His love to the little ones who come to a Good News Club, 5-Day Club, or Camp Good News**. I am grateful for those who support us through prayer and/or financially. Thank you for extending **God's love** not only to the children but also through the notes and words of encouragement with which you often bless our staff. We appreciate you all!

Compelled by the love of Christ, Anna

NEEDS FOR SUMMER 2019

Summer Missionaries—Contact Anna ASAP to request an application for this nine week home missions opportunity (age 15 and older)

5-Day Club Hostesses for June 17-21 or July 22-26

At Camp Good News: **LPNs or RNs** for each day of day camps;

craft director and/or craft leader per week of camp;

snack coordinator on site each week of NDC;

archery leader for a week of NDC and **fishing leader** for both NDC weeks; **kitchen helpers and servers** daily at overnight camp

