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# where CHILDREN come FIRST everyday

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## "Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. " (Philippians 2:17)

The Apostle Paul gave this testimony of his joyful willingness for his life to be offered, or poured out as he preached the Gospel, for the sake of the Philippian believers. In the passage preceding verse 17, Paul expressed his desire that the readers hold fast to the word of life and that they would be shining lights for Christ in a spiritually perverted world. Paul's testimony was an "all in," wholehearted commitment in his service for his Lord.

### Dr. Jeff Davis, retired CEF E PA Director of Development

Dr. Jeff Davis had an early introduction to CEF first by participating in a Good News Club led by Miss Mable Ruth Wray. Then he was among the initial group of campers at the first ever Camp Good News overnight camp sponsored by CEF OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY. Eventually he served as a camp counselor where he met his wife, Cathy. After Dr. Jeff concluded his career as a major in the U.S. Air Force, God brought their family back to CEF E PA where Dr. Jeff **poured out** his life in the work of child evangelism and training the next generation leaders for more than twenty-five years. He retired from CEF E PA on February 1st.

From my beginning years as a camp counselor and throughout my years as a staff member, I frequently watched Dr. Jeff hold up his personal prayer journals and challenge us to keep written

records of witnessing God's faithfulness in answered prayer. I was blessed to be a recipient of several years of mentoring by Dr. Jeff, and the emphasis on prayer was not only spoken but demonstrated. Of the many leadership lessons he taught me, this is one that always comes to the forefront. We look forward to seeing Jeff and Cathy back at Camp Good News in August, volunteering side by side with our camp staff as they continue to pour themselves out for the sake of the next generation being reached with the Gospel!



### Pastor Doug Williams, CEF E PA Executive Director

Pastor Doug Williams is also a product of the ministry of CEF OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY. He attended Camp Good News overnight camp as well as Good News Club in the Elysburg area where he grew up. After high school, he served one summer on a CEF E PA traveling summer missionary team.



Doug joined the CEF E PA leadership team in 2019 when God opened the door, and early on began bringing the challenge through his devotionals to be **poured out, "all in" for Jesus** and for doing the work of taking the Gospel to the boys and girls. When Miss Mable Ruth Wray announced, in December 2019, her intentions to officially retire, the state board earnestly sought God's will for the direction of CEF E PA moving forward. God led them to invite Doug to assume a full-time position as Executive Director. In his first message of 2020 to the statewide staff, Doug's charge to us was straightforward: "How do you **reach every child** in your county?"

### Are you willing to be poured out so every child is reached in Northumberland County?

Across 11 After School Good News Clubs (October-January), God has used more than 60 volunteer teachers and helpers to reach 283 children (number enrolled) and counsel 9 clubbers for salvation! Clubs will end by April 2.

Are you free Saturday morning, April 4? ⇒ Partner with us at our GNC Rally, serving food or leading a county fair game station!

Are there children in your neighborhood? ⇒ Host a 5-Day Club!

Do you want to make it possible for every child to come to camp who desires to do so? ⇒ Give towards Camperships!

For the Next Generation, Anna