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You Are Invited!

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Lancaster County is delighted to invite you to our Annual Fundraising Banquet on **October 16th at 6:30pm** in the Palm Court at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton. This year's theme is *Invest in the Next Generation*.

During the fall and spring semesters of *Good News Club*®, 109 children chose to accept Jesus as their personal Savior! We have an incredible opportunity to continue this work. God is moving within the hearts of the next generation. As summer begins, our trained and equipped *Christian Youth In Action*® (CYLA™) summer missionaries will go out into the community and share the truth of salvation. Please join us in praying for them as ministry starts in late June.

At this year's banquet the summer missionaries will give you the opportunity to experience a *Good News Club* firsthand. Instead of having a guest speaker, our youth missionaries will lead a *Good News Club* complete with Bible lesson, memory verse, songs, game and more. You will be able



to see the gifts and talents the Lord has blessed them with and understand the goal of CEF of Lancaster County, to invest in the lives of the next generation of believers.

Registration is free so you can freely give to the ministry. Go to <https://ceflancaster.org/event/banquet-2025/> or scan the QR code to register. You **DO NOT** need a ticket to attend but registration is required. When you arrive, there will be a check-in table with place cards organized from A to Z. The place cards will have your table number on them. A CEF® representative will be nearby to take you to your table.



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Register!

Currently, we are securing sponsors to cover all expenses of the banquet so your donations will go directly to the ministry. If you know of a business or a person who would like to be a sponsor, contact Fabian Martinez at fmartinez@ceflancaster.org. We hope to see you there!

From the Director

Lisa Kilgore



I want to say a huge THANK YOU to the many people who prayed for me while I was out after having a benign brain tumor removed. The incredible peace I experienced was truly a testimony to the power of prayer. I'd like to share another observation that

weighed heavily on my heart during my recovery. I spent two nights in the neurological ICU and I experienced the presence and peace of Jesus in such a powerful way. Knowing He was with me, I was able to endure the pain, tests, and hourly poking and prodding without it bothering me at all. In sharp contrast, I could hear several other patients screaming or crying for hours, and although the nurses tried, they could bring them no relief. I began to pray for them, wishing I could somehow share what I had.

Hearing people struggle so badly really impressed upon me the difference it makes to know Jesus as Savior,



not only for eternity, but also as the only true source of hope and comfort when we face challenges in life. Through CEF®, I am able to introduce children to Jesus early in life so they can know He is with them whatever they face. I am even more passionate now to make sure we reach MORE children in MORE places across Lancaster County. Will you please join me in praying for God to equip CEF of Lancaster County to increase our reach to children so that they will experience God's presence in this life and throughout eternity? Let us continue to pray until every child hears the life-changing message of the Gospel!

The Next Generation of Leaders

"...he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them...so that they should set their hope in God..." Psalm 78:5-7

God's perfect plan for the Israelites included a way for them to pass on their knowledge of Him to the next generation. *Isabella Higgins* In this way, the people of God would be introduced to Him, taught to know Him and then teach their children about Him so that each generation would grow up knowing God just as personally as their ancestors did. The CYLA™ program puts this command into practice as local CEF staff train youth in effective ways to teach children about God.



These youth missionaries then spend the summer running 5-Day Club®, Camp Good News® and VBS programs for children, teaching them through songs, verse memorization, Bible lessons, missionary stories, and fun games. The missionaries have gone through extensive training to be able to share the Gospel and Bible history in an engaging way.



Olivia Kinnaman

Second year missionary Josh Weaver notes, "I really enjoy being able to share the Gospel clearly, not only at CEF but also at church programs." *Isabella Higgins*, who's been serving for four years, says the program has helped her in her own prayer life to begin doing what she's teaching kids. She has a closer relationship with God and always knows He is with her. *Olivia Kinnaman* grew up attending CEF programs and is now a leader, which she said has helped her to "get out of her shell and develop as a person," something she's now more able to do in other areas of life. Truly, God is working both in and through these young servants!



Josh Weaver

This summer, Olivia, Isabella, Josh and Karissa Burkepile will take on leadership roles with our newer missionaries. Thanks to our faithful supporters, they'll enter adulthood with experience not only in teaching and sharing the Gospel, but also leading and organizing ministry for future generations. Already, they are proof that the next generation *will indeed* know Him "...so that they should set their hope in God..."



Karissa Burkepile

Third Quarter Prayer Calendar 2025

July, August and September

<i>1</i> Pray for wisdom to guide the ministry well.	<i>2</i> Pray for God to lead the Development Coordinator, as she is looking for new private donors.	<i>3</i> Pray for the 109 children who have received Jesus as their Savior to grow in their faith.	<i>4</i> Pray for God's strength and for good health for our many summer missionaries.	<i>5</i> Pray for our Children's Ministry Specialists: Alichia, Aubrey and Ivie.	<i>6</i> Pray for substitute volunteers for every <i>Good News Club</i> ® and <i>JYC</i> ™.	<i>7</i> Pray for God to raise up Christian ministry in five elementary and three middle schools in Lancaster County that have none.
<i>8</i> Praise God for the churches that are currently partnering with us to run school year or summer programs.	<i>9</i> Pray for <i>CEF</i> ® missionaries in other countries who face persecution.	<i>10</i> Pray for God to raise up workers around the world so that every child who wants to hear the Good News may do so. (Luke 10:2)	<i>11</i> Pray for a new State Director for Pennsylvania.	<i>12</i> Pray that God will use this ministry to raise up Christian leaders and teachers for future generations.	<i>13</i> Pray for God to provide church partners for seven school <i>GNC</i> ® programs that need partners.	<i>14</i> Pray that God will provide new board members.
<i>15</i> Praise God for the many faithful donors who help to make this ministry possible!	<i>16</i> Pray for God's leading as we look for new ways to expand the ministry in Lancaster County.	<i>17</i> Pray for the positive relationships with our local schools to continue.	<i>18</i> Praise God for great relationships being established with church partners.	<i>19</i> Pray for children attending summer programs who don't have a home church to be connected with their program's church partner.	<i>20</i> Pray for God to guide and protect our staff and board members as they lead the ministry of <i>CEF</i> .	<i>21</i> Praise God for the many youths He has called to serve in our ministries both in the summer and during the school year.
<i>22</i> Praise God for our summer schedule which has been filled.	<i>23</i> Pray for our office volunteer Dawn who faithfully serves each week.	<i>24</i> Praise God for new <i>GNC</i> private donors.	<i>25</i> Pray for our <i>CEF</i> staff: Melinda, Janice, Sue, Alichia, Fabian, Aubrey, Lisa, Hannah, Mimi, Ivie and Beth.	<i>26</i> Pray for God's guidance as we prepare for the fall semester of <i>GNC</i> .	<i>27</i> Pray for God to bring new opportunities for <i>JYC</i> programs.	<i>28</i> Pray for wisdom for the worldwide ministry of our parent organization <i>CEF</i> Inc.
<i>29</i> Praise God for our youth interns serving this summer: Karissa, Josh and Olivia.	<i>30</i> Pray for children who have lost loved ones to illness or prison.	<i>31</i> Pray that our church partners remain strong and biblically-focused in their teaching.	August Pray for our <i>CEF</i> interns as they oversee groups of <i>CYIA</i> ™ summer missionaries.	August– September Pray for Assistant Director, Fabian Martinez who will be learning more things about the director position.	September 2–4 Pray for State Refresher for all <i>CEF</i> of Pa chapters.	September 9th Pray for our fall local Refresher for returning volunteers.



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Join the Summer Fun

Now is the time to register for summer programs! CEF of Lancaster County has numerous programs all summer long. Do you have children or grandchildren who need to hear the Good News of Jesus or need a fun way to grow in their faith and get out of the house? Children from the ages of 5 to 12 years old are welcome to attend for FREE! This year's theme is *Discovering Jesus*



where the children will learn important truths about Jesus.

Each summer program meets Monday to Friday. The programs are 1.5, 2 or 3 hours each day depending

on which one you choose. *5-Day Club*[®] programs held in neighborhoods are not listed on the website, please call 717-569-5412 or email info@ceflancaster.org to find out more information and register. To register for *5-Day Club*, *Camp Good News*[®] or VBS held at a local church, park or community center go to <https://ceflancaster.org/register/> or scan the QR code!



Upcoming Events

Monday, June 23 **Summer Ministry** begins and runs through Friday, August 8

Tuesday to Thursday, September 2 to 4 **CEF PA State Refresher**

Tuesday, September 9 **Refresher** for returning volunteers at Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster

Tuesday, September 16 **Training Session 1** from 6 to 9:30 pm at CEF, 5307 Main Street, East Petersburg

Thursday, September 18 **Training Session 1** from 9 am to 12:30 pm at CEF

Tuesday, September 23 **Training Session 2** from 6 to 9:30 pm at CEF

Thursday, September 25 **Training Session 2** from 9 am to 12:30 pm at CEF

Thursday, October 16 at 6:30 pm **CEF Banquet**, DoubleTree Resort, Lancaster

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