



SOMD CEF Beacon

Child Evangelism Fellowship of SOMD

God Is Still at Work

August 2025

GOOD NEWS CLUB - WHAT IS GOD GOING TO DO?

If you are currently helping in a Southern Maryland GNC, our **Super Saturday Seminar (S³)** is coming up and you won't want to miss it! If you have friends that don't help in a GNC but work with children, invite them to join us as well. This training is FREE, but a love offering will be taken to cover the cost of lunch and materials.

We are honored to host this event for not just Southern Maryland, but the ENTIRE state of Maryland. We have some expert teachers, including over 300 years of combined CEF teaching experience. We have our current state director, a former state director, the former Children's Ministry Institute director, a professor from Liberty University, and more!

Mark your calendars!

SUPER SATURDAY SEMINAR (S³)

September 6th, 8 AM-4:30 PM

Emmanuel Church, 3800 Old Towne Road, Huntingtown, MD

Scan the QR code to register!

Training Highlights

3 Tracks for Breakout Sessions

Beginner Track – for those who are newer to GNC

Advance Track – for those who are seasoned and looking for something new

Teacher's Heart Track – to encourage and remember why we do what we do

Giveaways

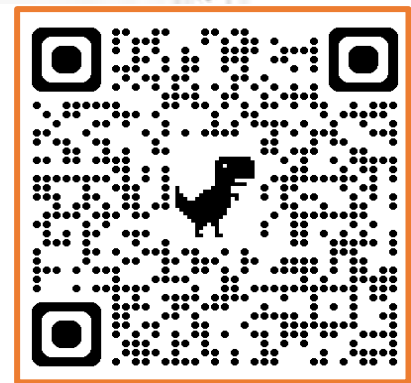
\$100 gift card, available to any GNC team that has 100% attendance at the S³ training, will be part of the giveaways!

Autism Class

You asked; we listened! One of the most requested classes to be shared at the S³ is a class for working with autistic children. We have an expert coming who is not only a mom with an autistic child, but she has worked with special needs children and adults for many years.

NEW CEF SOMD MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Lydia Warden has been hired as our part-time Ministry Coordinator. She will be supporting our Southern Maryland area ministry. She has been a part of CEF for over 30 years and has lived in the Southern Maryland area for the last three years. The new phone number for the ministry is 240-317-7285. The email remains unchanged, cefosomd@gmail.com.

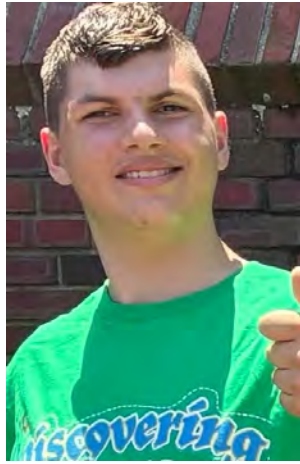


5-DAY CLUB - WHAT HAS GOD BEEN DOING?

It has been a blessed spring and summer! God's hand has brought five Christian Youth In Action (CYIA) missionaries. In our June newsletter, we reintroduced Paige Schultz, who served as a CYIA missionary in 2024. You also met her sister, Taylor, and Kaylah McCraney. Now we'd like you to meet Abby and Alex! We are so thankful for Abby and Alex's hearts to serve and listen to God's calling to share the Gospel with the children of Southern Maryland.



Abby Derfler



Alex Zarzana

Abby Derfler is 15 and is serving God for her first summer with CYIA! She grew up in church and learned the Gospel from her mom, who had put her faith, life, and trust in God's hands. God also put a friend and her family into Abby's life. They were all Christ followers that God used to lead her to salvation. She loves to volunteer in the community. Abby helps with a Good News Club (GNC) during the school year and feels the Lord is leading her to be an elementary school teacher one day. CYIA allows her to get valuable experience teaching children and she is excited to teach them about Jesus.

Alex Zarzana is 16 and also new to Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). He has experience helping with the nursery, kids' church, and VBS. He loves working with children and building relationships with them. He can't wait to share about the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and encourage them to grow in their faith. Alex also has a desire to become a teacher.

5-DAY CLUBS



To give by phone, text CEFSDMD to "77977" and follow the link.

To give online, visit cefmaryland.org, click on Give, then SOMD, and follow instructions to set up Pushpay.

This summer our young people joined with over 100 teens from Maryland and Virginia to learn how to teach and run a 5-Day Club. Thank you to everyone who prayed for them and gave so generously to cover the costs. We are so thankful for the host and hostesses who helped secure the locations. We had four clubs in both St. Mary's and Calvert Counties with a total of 117 children attending these eight clubs. Twelve children are now a part of the family of God! We raised over \$320 for Miss Juvvy, the real-life missionary the children learned about at 5-Day Club. This money will help her purchase the \$1 devotional book, *Every Day with God*, for each student in her club. Over 320 children will be able to spend time every day with God in the Philippines because of the generosity of the children that came to 5-Day Clubs this summer in Southern Maryland.

At one club we had a family with four children, and the two older children prayed to receive Jesus and asked Him to forgive their sins. They did not want the 5-Day Club to end, so they started a Bible study in their basement—just like the 5-Day Club. What a blessing to see God draw their hearts to Himself.

God moved in beautiful ways in Calvert at Clubs in Drum Point, Broomes Island Community Center, Hallowing Point Park, and Emmanuel Baptist Church. Kids were excited about looking up Bible verses, memorizing Scripture, and some even wanted to help lead the song time.

Prayers: •For God to re-open Lexington Park Elementary, Park Hall Elementary, and Leonardtown Elementary Schools •For God to bless our Super Saturday Seminar; we are praying for 120+ individuals to join us •For our churches and GNC teams to be built up so we can sustain 3-4 sessions at each school this year •For a full-time CEF SOMD director •We need 1-2 committee members from Charles County and a treasurer on our local committee •For more GNC volunteers in all counties.

Praises: •For our new part-time Ministry Coordinator, Lydia •For our five CYIA missionaries and Sarah Schultz, who drove them most of the summer •For all the children that heard the Gospel and for those that were added to the family of God.