



SOMD CEF Beacon

Child Evangelism Fellowship of SOMD

“God Is Still at Work”

June 2025

Blessings Abound

Our Good News Club season is finishing up and we are getting ready for our summer CYIA (Christian Youth in Action). We praise God for providing five CYIA youth to be missionaries to our Southern Maryland tri-county area! Sarah Schultz and her two daughters will join us again, and three other youth from her church are registered for CYIA camp in VA from June 15-21 to learn how to run our 5-Day Clubs--these are 90-minute backyard clubs! We are looking for hostesses to gather children who need to hear that Jesus loves them! If you can support us in this, please contact Lydia Warden at 443-571-7453 or Karen Anderson at 443-624-2707.

Meet Our CYIA Missionaries

I'd like to introduce you to **Paige Schultz**, 15, and our official missionary last summer. She worked with GNC, 5-Day Clubs last year, and taught Sunday school. She says, “My experience last year when I went to CYIA camp drew me closer to God and helped me grow in my faith.” *“In all your ways acknowledge Him and he will make straight your paths.”* Proverbs 3:6

Her sister, **Taylor Schultz**, 13, helped as a volunteer in GNC and 5-Day Clubs last year, too. She helps with kids every Sunday and wants to continue with CEF. *“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”* 1 Timothy 4:12

Kaylah McCraney, 13, watches her little brother and children at church. She’s flexible and genuinely loves being around kids. “It’s fun and there’s always something new to learn.” She loves God and wants to be able to grow in her relationship with Him. CYIA will help her help others grow in their relationship with God. This is why she wants to be part of CYIA this summer. Kaylah wants to listen to Him and spread His Word. *“Commit your ways to the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.”* Psalm 37:5 She also said, “This verse shows that God will guide me to where I need to go and take care of me while I’m there. That’s why I truly believe He is calling me to CYIA.”

The other two CYIA missionaries are **Alex Zarzana** and **Abby Derfler**. Please pray that God helps them raise their funding and prepares them spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically for CYIA Training Camp and summer clubs!

If you would like to support these missionaries, you can go to our website for “Southern Maryland CEF,” tap the side bar “GIVE,” select “CHOOSE FUND” and select “SOUTHERN MD CYIA Support.” Add a



Paige Schultz



Taylor Schultz



Kaylah McCraney



CEF Walk-a-thon



MD CEF Team



Mrs. Cho, Karen Anderson, Jeremiah Cho,
Bonnie Smithers, and Claudia Carter



Green Holly ES Clubber

Walk-a-thon

We held our annual **Walk-a-thon** May 3rd in St. Mary's and Calvert and were blessed to have 22 walkers in SM and 25 in Calvert! We thank each one of you for your financial support as we raised funds to help our CYIA youth and our ministry! The Lord is always so GOOD to us! We pray that our God will bless you all richly! Support is still coming in!

CEF International Conference

Our Chairperson, Claudia Carter; GNC Volunteer, Bonnie Smithers; and GNC Team lead, Karen Anderson were blessed to attend the May **CEF International Conference** in Asheville, NC! What a great encouragement that was! We met our CEF CEO, Jeremiah Cho, and his wife from South Korea. The speakers, worship, seminars, being around other CEF workers from over 109 countries, and hearing what God is doing around the world was an incredible experience! We were encouraged, informed, and challenged to help reach 100,000,000 children by 2032! With God's help, we will find more hands, feet, and hearts to help us accomplish this goal. We are praying for God's spirit to move here and around the world. We know that with much PRAYER, "*All things are possible with God.*" Matthew 19:26 We are challenged to host as many **Christmas Party Clubs** as we can and reach as many children as possible this December!

Military Ministry

Our new Chaplain, Israel Alvarado, at Pax River has experience with CEF and is looking to start a ministry on base! Praise the Lord! Andy Bunn, **Military Ministry** Coordinator, flew in from TX to help coordinate with our Baltimore, MD State CEF Director, Michelle Russell, and the Chaplain. We are excited to let you know that we are "the FIRST standalone Naval base in America to hold a CEF Ministry." We are so thankful for God bringing this new Chaplain and that we can host a 5-Day Club this summer. Lord willing, we can build a team to start a GNC on base! Praise God for the blessings He has bestowed!

Good News Clubs

God is blessing **Charles County**! Arthur Shepherd is coordinating with Hughesville Baptist Church to build a GNC team to go into T.C. Martin Elementary this fall! This would be the third club in Charles County. **St. Mary's County** had five GNC's and is praying to restart LPES in the fall! **Calvert County** has been on fire with ministry! We were able to host 1-2 sessions of GNC's in all but one of the 12 Elementary Schools in Calvert! This is an incredible feat! God used Chapter member/GNC Coordinator, Jen Youngerman; GNC Coordinator, DJ Templeman; and GNC Coordinator, Sarah Schultz to present at two churches. They shared the vision of the ministry and recruited new GNC team members. They spoke to **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** and have new GNC youth working in clubs from those efforts as well! We together have reached over 464 children with the Gospel and had over 39 children who accepted Christ! He