

Around Maine



Dear Friend of *Child Evangelism Fellowship*,[®]

I am thankful for the young women and the young men that God has blessed us with in Child Evangelism Fellowship. They love the Lord, and they love our ministry to children. Every year a number of those young people join us in our summer outreach. Twelve of them will serve with us at Camp Good News this summer. College students and high school graduates comprise this program. This summer we will pay each of them \$400 per week. We require that they help raise the support needed to cover those salaries. Some of these young people have a very small network of believers that they are able to share their ministry with, and they struggle to raise the needed support.

We help them with the deputation process as well as we are able. All of them receive their salary, no matter how much comes in on their behalf. They work hard, and they do whatever is asked of them all summer long.

I truly appreciate these men and women of God who are learning to serve our Lord. I love the privilege of investing in their lives, as they learn to invest in the lives of others. The truth of the matter is, we would have a difficult time conducting camp without them. With many volunteers coming and going every week, these young people help to provide continuity to our ministry throughout the summer.

Years ago, when Circle L was given to us, and we began to conduct Camp Good News all summer long, it soon became obvious that we needed more help than what we were receiving by way of volunteers. Our biggest need was for cabin counselors. God has used these young people to meet that need. All three of my children participated, and greatly profited from this program. For years we have called it our "College Bound" program. The original design was that young people could serve the Lord in our ministry, and still earn the funds needed for college. That design is still intact, although there have been a few exceptions over the years.

A verse of Scripture that I have long appreciated and continually challenge our young people with is I Timothy 4:12, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Our goal is to teach these young people to live out that verse as they learn to serve our Lord.

The funds that these young people raise all go into one account, and all are paid from that account. If there is not enough we supplement from the general fund of Camp Good News. If there is more than enough then what is left over at the end of the summer goes into the general fund of Camp Good News.

Please pray for these young men and young women. They will work hard and long. There will be great joys and there will be great trials, and through it all God will be using them in the lives of children, and shaping their lives as well.

As you pray, would you prayerfully consider supporting this effort financially? I appreciate your consideration of this need.

'Til Every Child Knows,





Good News Club® Report

“In club each week there are teachers who share the Gospel with children. Week after week it may seem as though the message falls on deaf ears because children are not responding to the invitation.

However, the children are hearing the message! This fall at a *Good News Club* in Northern Maine, the team experienced the joy of two girls making salvation decisions. One of the girls had been in *GNC*® for the past two years and the other had been attending club since last year. We are so thankful for the faithfulness of the teachers and volunteers at *GNC* each week.”

-Northern Maine

Many of the kids in my *Good News Club* have never gone to church and don't know some of the Bible vocabulary. They have been learning about some of the miracles Jesus did. “Miracle” is a new word for them. In the middle of the Bible lesson about Jesus feeding over 5,000 people, I asked the kids what Jesus was doing. He answered, “He is miracaling.”

-Southern Maine

Around Maine there are currently 65 clubs being conducted faithfully each week. Praise the Lord for 19 children who have responded to the invitation to receive Christ.

Winter Retreat Report

“Fireside Chats” are an important time at our Winter Blitz's. One of our camp pastors was speaking about the sower and the various types of soil, picturing the Word of God being sown in the hearts of those who hear. When he asked a question concerning our hearts, one little girl quickly responded, “My heart is filled with good soil.” She lives in a very difficult environment. Praise God for a faithful *Good News Club* teacher who loves her, for a local pastor and his wife who love her and for those who make sure she comes to camp.

One camper (girl) said I am only 11 years old but I can't wait to be a junior counselor. Uncle Roger asked her why and she said, “They make me feel special and I want to do that for some kids.”



We had the privilege of ministering to 213 children through our winter events at Camp Good News and 61 at Blueberry Mountain Bible Camp. They had lots of fun, were safe in the many outdoor activities and God spoke to their hearts through His Word. At least five new names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life. A special “thank you” to all the volunteer staff who shared God's love with them.

50th Camping Season

June 28—August 14, 2020



First Year Staff

On a Sunday morning in August 1970, before **fifty** campers would arrive, a service of dedication and communion was held in the old tabernacle at Baptist Youth Camp in Pembroke. What God did in the lives of **34** staff helped set the tone for the week and even for years to come. The faith and commitment of those first charter staff is similar to those who would later follow in their footsteps. Keeping before them the goal of having a camp to reach children for Christ there was no thought of abandoning that idea, no turning around, on they must go to have **camp for the camper** and for Christ. From the beginning campers have responded to our philosophy, *“I liked camp. I pretended all week that my counselor, Uncle Butch, was my daddy.”*



Now, fifty years later in **2020**, we are getting ready to open camp again. The basic philosophy, purpose and program are the same with a new generation of volunteers with the same commitment, willing to give of themselves. Only now we are on our own permanent campground, able to take 700 campers with 300 volunteers to staff the summer.

Craft teachers, activity leaders, cooks, Junior & Senior Counselors, dish washers, waitresses made up that first staff in 1970 and are still needed today. We will give ourselves to God again this summer to reach children for Christ. Will you **pray about joining us** this summer as we celebrate 50 years of camping? Call 207-897-3221 or email info@cefofmaine.org for a staff application!

CAMP GOOD NEWS	
CYA	June 17-26
Week One	June 28-July 3
Week Two	July 5-10
Week Three	July 12-17
Teen Week	July 19-24
Week Five	July 26-31
Week Six	August 2-7
Week Seven	August 9-14



College Bound Staff

Approximately 12 high school seniors and college students join the volunteer staff each summer, filling the roles of counselors, waterfront personnel or whatever is needed. We couldn't conduct camp without them. They are all prayerfully raising their support. You can be an encouragement to them by supporting the **“College Bound Fund”**.

CAMP GOOD NEWS WORKDAYS

The month of May, on weekends, is when we do a lot of our grounds maintenance whether it is raking leaves, setting up benches, opening cabins, preparing for our busy summer. If you are able to help, please contact Jeremy Brown at 320-9032 and let him know when you will be coming.

BLUEBERRY MOUNTAIN VEHICLE PROJECT

Our Mountain staff were so excited to purchase a 2016 diesel Dodge Ram truck to replace their old plow truck. We want to thank everyone who made this possible through prayer and financial giving.





CAMP GOOD NEWS® 1970-2020

Come, join us on **Saturday, September 12, 2020** to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of *Camp Good News*.



Co-founders: Edna & Barb

Pembroke—Naples—Brooks—Mapleton—East Livermore.
What do these towns have in common?
Camp Good News has been conducted in each of these towns.



Former Camp Directors

**Edna Sawyer—Melanie Mulherin/Vernelle Fast—June Beal
John Romano—Alex Bourgoin—Roger Labbe**
What do these people have in common?
All of them have directed *Camp Good News*.

21,000

This number represents the number of campers that have attended *Camp Good News* since 1970. The first week of camp was in Pembroke with fifty campers. The cost of camp was \$15. Today, a week at camp is \$225.



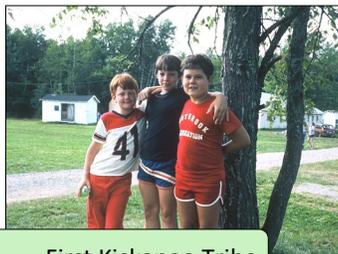
Mr. Peepers in 1970

On Saturday, September 12 we will celebrate God's faithfulness. **You are invited** to join us as we rejoice together in God's faithfulness through these 50 years. If you were a staff member or camper from our early years, come share your memories. We would love to hear them. If your memories with *Camp Good News* begin here on our permanent grounds, we would love to hear what camp has meant to you.



Three generations enjoying a week at camp.

There will be a pig roast, program and tours of the campground from 11:30 am to 3 pm. Mark your calendar and look for more information in our next mailing.



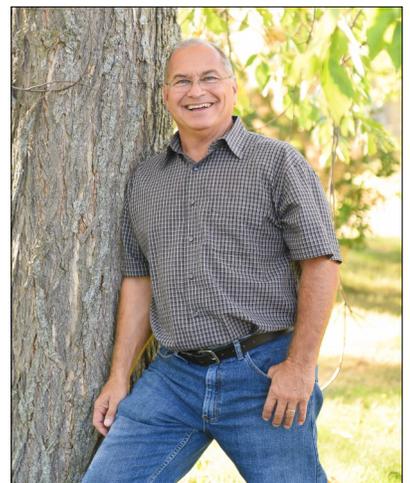
First Kickapoo Tribe



Former Director John Romano, standing in front of the Tabernacle.



Early Craft Class



Roger Labbe
Current Camp Director