



December 2023



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This has been a great first year for me as Camp Director. Last winter, children heard the Gospel each weekend at our winter retreats, and we are gearing up to do the same thing this winter. Our summer program went well. We had full cabins most of the summer; children had fun, they were safe, and they heard the Gospel. That is what’s important, that children hear the Gospel. If we are not sharing the Word with them and that Jesus came to this world as a gift for our sins, then what are we really doing? As we get ready to celebrate this Christmas season, I would ask you this question: What was Jesus thinking that night before Christmas? I think these verses in Hebrews answer that. Jesus came to do the will of His Father. He came knowing He would pay the price for our sin, so that we could spend eternity in heaven with Him. The law showed us we were sinners, but the law could not save us. We needed a Savior, and that Savior is Jesus. Thank you for being a part of the work here at Camp Good News. Without you we could not do the work God has called us to.

As December started, the Lord added another to the family at Camp Good News. Andrew and Lydia Brillinger had their baby. Myra Grace, please join us as we welcome her home, and as we pray for them as a family. Please pray for their support as they start to work on raising Andrew’s salary. Joanna Frost will be getting married at the end of the month to a wonderful man, Calvin Austin. Pray for her support as well. All the staff here at Camp are working on their monthly support needs. Please pray for opportunities to share in churches, home prayer groups, and as we share with individuals.

We want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, join us in sharing the real reason for Christmas. As the song says, “It’s not about the manger. It’s not about the angels. It’s not about the Shepherds. It’s not about the wise men or a star. It’s not about all the good things we have done. It’s not about our righteousness. It’s about my sin, it’s about His precious blood. It’s about God’s love being nailed to a tree. It’s about the Cross. It’s about the stone that was rolled away. It’s about Jesus coming back to life so that we could have life eternally. It’s ABOUT THE CROSS. Share that this Christmas season.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY CLUBS

- ◆ Pray for the worldwide goal of reaching 10 million children through this one time outreach to be met.
- ◆ Pray for God’s blessing on each outreach here in Maine so that children will hear the message of Christmas and respond.
- ◆ Pray for Christmas clubs to become Good News Clubs.

GOOD NEWS CLUBS

- ◆ Praise for 29 clubs that have started.
- ◆ Continue praying for an increase in our Good News Club outreach.
- ◆ Pray for the clubs to be well attended and for God to work in the hearts of children.

WINTER RETREATS

- ◆ Praise for a good response for volunteer staff. The first retreat is full.
- ◆ Pray for each of the five retreats to be well staffed.
- ◆ Pray that each retreat will be filled with 40 campers.
- ◆ The first retreat is January 12-14 at Camp Good News and January 5-7 at Blueberry Mountain.

CEF OF MAINE STAFF

- ◆ Pray for our staff to have a time of refreshing over the Christmas break.
- ◆ Pray for local directors for southern, central and northern Maine.
- ◆ Pray for a state director.
- ◆ Praise for Mike Field’s leadership during his time with us as state director.

FINANCES

- ◆ Praise for our faithful CEF supporters.
- ◆ Pray for us to be able to end the year with all bills paid.

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