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Tidings of Good News

Northwest Maryland

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Counting Our Blessings with Gratitude...

We stand in awe and thanksgiving to God for His most precious gift... His Son and our Savior! We also praise God and thank each of you for contributing to the many blessings witnessed by CEF of NW MD during this year. We are grateful to our GNC team members, church partnerships, prayer partners and financial supporters. How is God using your contributions?

- * **762 Children** attended a Good News Club and heard the life-changing message of the Gospel
- * **26 Good News Clubs** were held in Washington and Frederick Counties
- * **171 Faithful volunteers** shared the Good News of the Gospel with children each week
- * **4 Young people** impacted the community through **6 summer 5-Day Clubs reaching 118 children**
- * **2 New Members**, Bob and Jan Jones, joined the NWMD CEF Board of Directors
- * **Record setting attendance** at the 2018 NWMD CEF Annual Banquet, Touching the Hearts of the Next Generation, with **all time highs in one time giving and monthly donors**. We are humbled and grateful for the generosity of our guests and sponsors. Thank you!

Patrick Grach, Lead Pastor at Lifehouse Church, challenged attendees to live a legacy by doing God's will God's way and investing beyond what we will harvest.



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In Tribute...

Last year, a deaf boy attended the Good News Club at **Jonathan Hager Elementary School** in Hagerstown. As the fall season progressed, one of the club members took a special interest in the boy. The member, **Dave Swacina**, so wanted the boy to hear the Gospel and to be saved. Moved by this desire, Dave investigated what it would take to have a sign language interpreter provided at each club meeting. After a few weeks, Dave struck a deal for a reduced rate and an interpreter started coming to each club meeting.

Dave also found out the boy did not have a Bible at home. Wanting him to “hear” the Gospel, Dave went to the local Lifeway book store and ordered an age-appropriate Bible with the student’s name engraved on it. The Bible came in just before the last club day prior to the holiday break and Dave was able to give it to him as a Christmas gift.

Less than two weeks later, Dave suffered a massive stroke and died on New Year’s Day 2018. To those who knew him through church or as the long-time CEO of Cedar Ridge Ministries, this story captures how Dave always lived for Christ in a bold and powerful way – right up to his last day. He was almost legendary in his ability to connect with people in any setting and then find a way to share the Gospel in a winsome way. Simply put, Dave Swacina was a great example of what the Good News Club is all about.

~Submitted by Dave Hadigian, GNC Team Member

“Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.” Matthew 18:14

NW MD Good News Clubs

Because of the faithfulness, dedication and love of individuals and churches partnering with CEF, 7 of 37 elementary schools in FC and 15 of 25 WC schools host a weekly GNC where children are hearing the Gospel, memorizing God's Word and learning Biblical truths they can use for the rest of their lives. Thank you for transforming lives now and for eternity! Schools currently hosting a GNC include...

Frederick County

Ballenger Creek
Brunswick
Hillcrest
Sabillasville
Thurmont Elementary
Thurmont Primary
Waverley



Washington County

Boonsboro Paramount
Cascade Potomac Heights
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Hickory Smithsburg
Jonathan Hager Williamsport
Maugansville

Dave Swacina recognized the responsibility as well as the privilege of touching the hearts of the next generation for Christ. **How are you reaching children and the next generation in and beyond your local church?** CEF of NWMD stands committed and ready to help individuals and churches reach out to the approximately 80% of unchurched children and families in your community. A hundred years from now, you and I will not be here. Are we passing the torch to the next generation? Partner with CEF to reach children through a Good News Club in your local school. It will be the best investment you can make, and you will be leaving an **enduring legacy!**



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