



# Tidings of Good News



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**“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.” Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)**

**2020...** a year of vast change! Our plans were forced to change! All of them! Our calendars became reminders that no matter how painstakingly we plan, and regardless of our expectations, we must believe that **God’s purpose is greater than our expectations**, and trust that **God’s purpose will prevail**.

As the Magi of old, the **sighting of His star** changed their plans, daily routines, and destiny, as they persevered in their **search to find Him**. We may not be able to map out, plan, and schedule into the future, but we must remain steadfast and resolved to seek Him, and trust in **His purpose and plan**. Uncertainty abounds in our families, our schools, our jobs and our ministries, but we must persevere and **lean on God’s direction as we continue to proclaim the Good News**.

Prior to mid-March 2020, **thirty Good News Clubs** were flourishing in Northwest Maryland with **918 children enrolled and 177 active volunteers** sharing and personally demonstrating God’s love in schools and churches. Even though our plans needed to be altered when schools were closed, **we have still seen God at work**, opening doors and providing ways for children to hear about His precious Son, Jesus Christ.



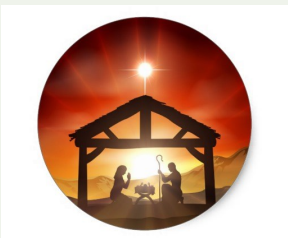
## Save the Date!

We were unable to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CEF of Maryland in October, 2020, so please plan to join us on **October 16, 2021** for the **NW MD Annual Banquet** at the Maryland Theater, Hagerstown, MD. Let's celebrate God's faithfulness to the ministry of CEF in our communities and around the world. We are proud to be part of an international organization that ministers in 206 countries and **reached 25.4 million children last year!**

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***We wish to thank our GNC team members, church partnerships, prayer partners and financial supporters for your continued encouragement. Your support enables us to share the Hope of Christ!***

***May God richly bless each of you and grant you His perfect peace!***



## NW MD Good News Clubs

Currently, six Good News Clubs are still ministering in-person at churches or community settings. We appreciate the faithful GNC team members who have pivoted locations but continue to share God's Word with children in their communities.

Boonsboro Elementary - Mt Nebo United Methodist Church, Boonsboro, MD

Cascade/Sabillasville - Fort Ritchie Community Center, Cascade, MD

Brunswick Elementary - Faith Baptist Church, Knoxville, MD

Thurmont Elementary - Thurmont First Baptist Church, Thurmont, MD

Middletown Elementary - Valley Baptist Church, Middletown, MD

West End Baptist - Former Winter Street School, Hagerstown, MD

Since schools have not fully reopened, children enrolled in a Good News Club in NWMD and others were invited to register for virtual GNC Home Edition. Much appreciation to team members from Hickory, Potomac Heights, Salem Avenue, Waverley and Williamsport Elementary Schools who graciously and creatively assisted in producing virtual GNC clubs. Families were encouraged to view at their convenience, and children were provided the name and contact info of a GNC team member, kindly referred to as a shepherd, to encourage continued personal contact. In addition, a box of resources, activities, and snacks was delivered to the homes of each registered child for GNC Home Edition. It is our hope and prayer that not only children, but their families as well, can experience the peace and hope that comes from our Heavenly Father especially during these challenging times. Please continue to pray for our children as we look forward to the day we can see them again in person!

### **New and Improved Website...**

**Please check out the revised website ...**

**[nwmd.cefmaryland.org](http://nwmd.cefmaryland.org)**

Thanks to Darren Homontowski for his diligent efforts to update the website. Please note links to available information and resources for children, families, and all interested!



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