



# The Akron Journal

## A Ministry of

### Child Evangelism Fellowship®

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Dear Champion of the Children:

1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”

We are in a pandemic, and social distancing has been hard. Nevertheless, God is teaching us other ways to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Jesus Christ. I have been using Child Evangelism Fellowship curriculum to teach the children in my Sunday School class using Zoom for a virtual meeting. It has been good to see my students and teach them the Word of God through this technology. I see them growing in the Lord, and I am encouraging them to have daily quiet time devotions to continue growing in faith to the Lord. God called us to do this great work of reaching the boys and girls with the gospel, and He is giving us ways to do it.

Our Annual Fund-Raising Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2020. Because of continued social distancing requirements, we are checking into having a virtual online banquet this year. Please pray with us about how to go forward with our banquet. At this present time, we cannot all meet in the same room of a banquet hall. So we have to be creative as we ask God to lead us to do His will. If you have sponsored a table, we will contact you to provide more details. We are working on how you will be able to host your invited banquet guests.

We thank you for being a blessing to us as we continue doing God’s will during this difficult time. God has called us to this great ministry and we are trusting in his faithfulness to do it.



Ruth Hill and her Sunday School Class

For the Children,

Ruth Hill

Local Director



#### **Acme Stores Cash Back Fund-Raiser**

*THANK YOU! to all who turned in Acme receipts and helped us earn \$280.55 from the Acme Community Cash Back Campaign! The next campaign is August 6—Dec. 26. Call our office about how to help us have another successful campaign!*

# Summer Ministry with CEF

Joanne Flaker, Ministry Coordinator

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*



Let me tell you something that does not mix very well – COVID-19 and children’s ministry. With the ever-changing restrictions and the unknown of what each week will bring, we have found trusting God in this season is even more essential. As society has begun to open up, we have watched and followed the news carefully to know what we will be permitted to do. We have prayed fervently for God’s leading and guidance in making wise and safe decisions. Our state board decided to cancel Camp Good News® due to the pandemic. At one point, we were uncertain that any structured ministry could even take place; however, we are thankful for a few of our faithful hosts and our partnership with West Hill Baptist Church that will allow 5-Day Clubs® to still happen. It is a different year, but we are thankful that God is helping us to still proclaim the Good News!

We were able to hold a local CYIA™ training in place of going to Cedarville University, and we are excited to have 10 summer missionaries trained and ready to serve! Please pray for these missionaries:

- Ariel Durham – Senior Missionary
- Lexi Burkholder – Senior Missionary
- Connie Simons – Senior Missionary (not pictured)
- Jaylen Brunson – Senior Missionary Assistant
- Luke Flaker – Junior Missionary
- A’donnis Robins – Junior Missionary
- David Burkholder – Junior Missionary
- Nate Edwards – Junior Missionary
- Caitlin Roach – Junior Missionary
- Zach Flaker – Missionary Helper



In addition, Ruth Hill and I will be present at our clubs to help our teams. Please pray for us as we go out in the community spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ! Pray against distractions & spiritual attacks and that the children will have open hearts for the Lord!

## **ONLINE Resources for Children**



Why do bad things happen? That’s a question some kids and adults are asking. CEF has published a wonderful booklet to help children process through times of crisis called “Do You Wonder Why?” In addition to this booklet, there are Stay-At-Home devotions kids can sign up for and a YouTube channel called U-Nite that allows children to watch Good News Clubs right at home! You can order this book and find these resources at [cefonline.com/covid19](http://cefonline.com/covid19).

