



The Children's Chronicle

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Register Your Golf Scramble Team Now

There's still time to take part in our 11th Annual Fundraising Golf Scramble. It will be held on Saturday, July 22nd with registration starting at 7:00am and a shot gun start beginning at 8:00am. The Scramble will be played at Esquire Golf Course located in Barboursville, WV.

The cost to enter a four person team is \$320 which includes the cart and green fee, lunch, snacks and

drinks on the course, a golf towel, a grab bag of goodies, and many chances to win some nice door prizes. We are continuing to take registrations for teams and would love for you and/or your church to consider putting some teams together. Not only will it be a great day of golf and fellowship, but it will help to further the ministry of the gospel with CEF of Greater Huntington to the boys and girls of the Tri-State.

We are still in need of business and individual sponsorships. We have sponsorship levels beginning at \$100 and going all the way to \$2,000. With each sponsorship level there are more perks and opportunities to promote your business or organization.

If you are interested in playing or sponsoring, please call our office at 304-522-3777 as soon as possible to get involved!

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God's Hand of Protection

On the afternoon of April the 11th two Huntington Police Department Detectives rang the doorbell at the CEF of Greater Huntington Ministry Center. It would be nice to be able to say that it was a rare occurrence for law enforcement to be in the area of our property, but sadly, it's nearly a daily occurrence considering the part of town that we are located in. But, it definitely is not normal for them to be ringing our doorbell.

I (Nathan) began speaking to them over the doorbell camera intercom. No one had been there since the afternoon of the previous day and we had no idea of the information that we were about to receive. The Detectives informed us that the previous evening around 10:00pm a significant shooting had taken place on the property immediately next to ours, and that they needed access to our building to investigate. I proceeded to meet them there to let them in.

Upon entering the building it was easy to tell that several bullets had

come through our building. In fact a total of four AR-15 shells had gone through the wall, and one actually traveled across and exited through the opposite wall. There were also multiple holes in our privacy fence and posts for the carport on the outside of the building. The Detectives informed us that at least 18 shots had been fired in a drug deal that had gone bad.

But, GOD IS GOOD! No one was on the property where the shooting had taken place and no one was at the CEF property so no one was hurt. Also, on the wall of the CEF property that the bullets entered we have a refrigerator, washer, dryer, water lines, and electric lines. Nothing was hit. On the opposite wall where shrapnel hit there are four large windows. None were hit. Our ministry van normally sits under the carport, but one of our Local Committee Members had been using it and it was at their house. Had it been there it would have been destroyed.

The only repairs needed were a few patches of drywall. God's

Hand of Protection was on us and our ministry! But, it still is a long term concern. We are asking that you join us in prayer for the Lord's continued protection. Also, be praying for the Lord's clear leading of whether we should stay at our current location or begin seeking to relocate. Either way, He is going to have to work, and we are wanting to be patient as we listen for His voice and wait on His leading.

If the Lord lays on your heart anything, in any way, that may be of benefit to us in this situation please let us know. We are open to any and all possibilities that He may bring our way. We just want to trust Him completely and not get ahead of what He wants!



Prayer and Praise

Pray that the Lord would send us the Summer Missionaries of His choosing to serve this year!

Praise the Lord for the 5724 children reached and the 233 professions of faith so far this school year!

Pray that the Lord will bless all of the Summer Ministries opportunities this season!

Praise the Lord for the sponsorships that have come in for the Golf Scramble so far!

Pray that the Lord would continue sending us Sponsors and Participants for the Golf Scramble!

Praise the Lord for providing over and above 100% of funds needed to completely pay for the HVAC replacement project!

Trust Him

In light of the recent shooting at the CEF Ministry Center we have obviously had to consider multiple things. We have been reminded of several truths from scripture regarding the promises of God, specifically from the life of Joshua.

Joshua 1:1-9—God encouraged Joshua to be strong and courageous. This encouragement was repeated three times by God (*vs. 6, 7, 9*), repeated once by the people (*v. 18*), and had even been spoken earlier by Moses (**Deut. 31:8**). Joshua's strength for the battles ahead would be based on God's promises to him. Those same promise are for you and me!

Joshua 3:10—Joshua encourages the people as they prepare to cross the Jordan River. How did Joshua know this would happen? He was believing God's promises he was given earlier for victory!

Arthur Matthews, Missionary with the China Inland Mission, said in his book, *Born For Battle*, "Satan is a panic artist . . . he stimulates in us a panic to act according to the

immediate predicament we are in, without taking time to lay hold of the objective facts of God's promises." The worst thing any of us can do when it comes to any fear inducing situation is to react rashly based on the immediate panic we may feel. We have to step back from the situation, pray, and be patient to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit of God, then obey accordingly. He will never leave us and He is always there to be our helper (**Hebrews 13:5-6**).

It is extremely important for us to remember what the Apostle **John** writes in the opening of his Gospel in **Chapter 1 verses 4-5**, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." The light is never supposed to flee from the darkness because the light drives out the dark! Jesus Christ Himself is the Light of the World. We know that, "...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." (**1 John 4:4**).

No matter what you may be facing

in your life and ministry, remember these promises that our Gracious God has given to us that have been born again. But, it's up to us to believe these mighty promises regarding victory in our lives. We must rely upon and appropriate each one to gain the victory over our circumstances and fear for His Honor and Glory! Will you trust Him today?

For His Sake!

Nathan and Erin Sayre

Ministry Schedule

May 8th-12th: CEF National Conference
May 31st-June 6th: Teaching Little Kids Course
June 5th-8th: CYIA Summer Missions Training
June 9th-10th: Booth at WV State FWB Conference
Starting in June: Summer Ministries
July 22nd: Annual Fundraising Golf Scramble
July 29th: GNC Volunteer Training

Help Young People Reach Children this Summer

Maybe you are unable to participate in the Spring Fundraising Golf Scramble, but you would still like to give to the Summer Ministries fund. This is your opportunity. Our budget this year is \$5,000.

These finances will go to help CYIA® Summer Missionaries be able to attend CYIA training, buy teaching material, pay for promotional

material for 5-Day Clubs, and travel expenses. In short, it will go directly to reaching boys and girls with the gospel.

Lord willing, we will have at least four Summer Missionaries this year. It is very difficult for these young people to raise the personal financial support needed for their summer ministries need. They rely on people like you to give to the

Summer Ministries Fund to "sponsor" them so they can take part.

All donations are tax deductible and will go directly to meet these types of needs. If you would like to give please make checks payable to **CEF and place "Summer Ministries" in the memo line**. You can mail these gifts to the local CEF Ministry Center at: 1249 Madison Ave., Huntington, WV 25704.

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