

Year 2019, has been marked with God's evidence and blessing here in the New River Area Chapter. As our committee and staff reflect over this

past year, <u>many thoughts of praise and thanksgiving</u> come to mind. We praise God for His sovereign working in our lives through His faithful <u>power</u>, <u>protection</u>, and <u>provisions</u>. We have seen His <u>"power" to accomplish things "bigger" than us and far past our personal strength and <u>wisdom</u>. We have felt and seen His <u>"protection" over many miles of travel</u> throughout the year. His <u>"provisions</u>" have been miraculous. While there have been moments of His testing our faith and trust in Him, His presence and guidance has been felt through unity in our committee and staff. We share some of the highlights of praise from 2019.</u>

January — The year began with our year's focus verse Philippians 4:4-7...Rejoice in the Lord <u>alway</u>:...in <u>everything</u> by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. We found comfort in rejoicing in the LORD; not in circumstance and situations of health challenges, ministry pruning. We gained confidence in knowing that God IS in control of every circumstance we face. We know He works ALL things together for HIS good as we love Him and take everything to Him in prayer!

February — Sub-committee of CEF of WV State Board was formed and began discussing a state weekend of prayer and fellowship that was hosted by the Kanawha chapter this past September.

March — McDowell County became our fifth county in our chapter to achieve "Green" status (opened with the Good News Club program). A trained Mercer County team chose to extend their county reach to open <u>Kimbell Elementary School</u> with our first GNC in McDowell County. March also hosted our <u>first Benefit Concert</u> that was organized by <u>Heavens Harmony with other local musical artist</u> <u>groups Sesco's and Eternity's Crossing</u>. Also, what a joy to see a group of our <u>Good News Club children and our CYIAers be part of</u> <u>sharing the Gospel and song</u>.

April / May — April and May are remembered for <u>Easter vacation</u>, <u>CEF National Conference</u> and <u>appreciating our # ministry</u> <u>volunteers</u> as we prepared for Summer Ministries training and outreach.

- June The month came alive as our chapter TEAM was blessed to train 14 teen/college age missionaries. During this three weeks of intense training, we are honored to invest into the lives of our future ministry missionaries.
- **July / August** —The CYIA ACTionTEAM summer missionaries reached # children through 5-Day Club, VBS, and fair ministry outreaches. # children professed Christ as Savior. What a joy to travel to each of our chapter counties to pray over each of our schools. Also, we a blessing to live in several county churches and camps with our summer missionaries.

September — Geared up for another school year of GNC/JYC ministries through <u>Back2School Workshop</u>.

October / November —<u>11 GNC / 2 JYC ministries restarted</u>

for the new school year. *Nicholas County* became our "sixth" county to achieve "Green" status with opening Mt Nebo Elementary. New River Intermediate (Fayette County) opened with their first Good News Club. Wordless Book—Gospel Training prepared ___#__ college students for Bridge Day and 4 homeschoolers to know the Gospel and to share and defend their faith.

~2020-Prayer-Goals~

- More of the eleven New River Area Chapter counties opened with County Coordinators and GNC/JYC ministries
- Additional churches adopting a public school...more TEAMs trained to reach more children and families.
- New public schools opened with GNC/JYC ministries
- As ministry continues to grow, so do ministry expenses. Prayer for additional chapter prayer and financial support from churches and individuals.