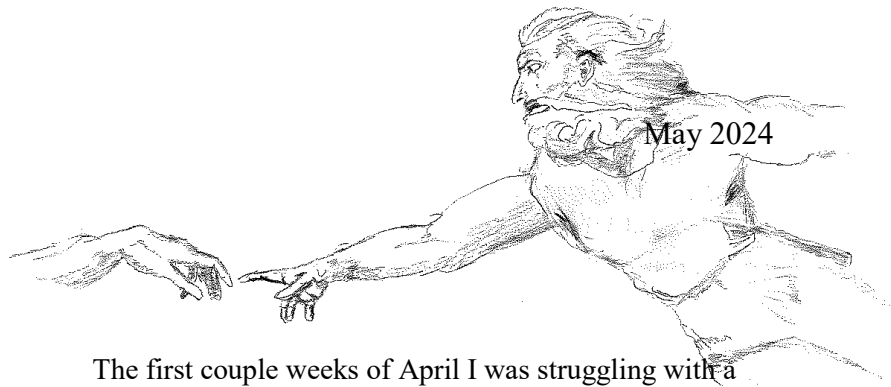


May 2024



Dear Friends and Family,



A'slynn teaching at Good News Club

The first couple weeks of April I was struggling with a cough that had been amplified from inhaling smoke while guarding the tomb at the Last Days of Jesus passion play. On Tuesdays, I teach a Good News Club (GNC) at my church alongside my brother, Stephen, and Aivie and A'slynnne Maia. Trying to teach with a cough proved difficult, but GNC is something God continually blesses me through each week, no matter the struggle. GNC is a weekly after-school Bible club for kids. Of my 5 years teaching GNC, this year's crowd has proved the most difficult. It's been a stretching experience for myself and my fellow teachers. At the same time, God has reminded me why I'm in the ministry I am. God reminded me earlier this year how much someone like me can mean to a child. I thought of Mark Dunagan, my old mentor in the ministry when I started as a 13 year old. That summer I spent with him was a huge deal for my

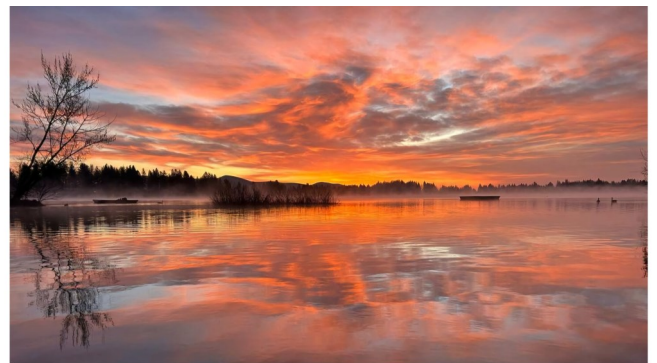
faith, and I know that if nothing else, if I can show my faith to even one child the way Mark showed his faith me, that whole year would've been worth it. It's been so heartwarming to bond with the kids at GNC, and now, it's crazy to think that this year I'll have that same opportunity, but with young teenagers, as the intern for CYIA.

Speaking of CYIA, this month, we held our annual Pre-Training at Camp Morrow a couple weeks ago. The weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> is a gateway training for CYIA, during which students are taught basic skills for evangelism. This year, I had the privilege of teaching two classes on presenting concepts of sin and redemption (the dark and red pages of the wordless book), and how to help children memorize scripture. It was very nostalgic to return to the level 1 classroom. I felt like Darth Vader in Episode IV when he said: "The circle is now complete. When I left you, I was but the learner, now I am the master."

I also had the privilege of leading a worship hour on that Sunday morning during sunrise. I had been really nervous since that was my first time playing guitar in front of a group. However, while listening to my friends sing How Deep The Father's Love For Us, I'd forgotten all the fear I carried with me. Pre-Training 2024 was definitely one for the books.

On Sunday the 21st, my family and I took a trip to the Seattle area to visit some dear friends and see some tulip fields. I also got to go to the top of the space needle with my brother, Mark, and I took a few of my other siblings to a Chris Renzema concert that Tuesday night in Portland. It was a great few days.

Finally, a group of 9 CYIA teens traveled down to Bend April 26th-27th for Standing Firm Christian Youth Summit. It's an annual conference held by Prepare The Way ministries, with the purpose of equipping teens with apologetical evidence with which to defend their faith. Over the weekend, we heard from keynote speaker Sean McDowell, author, apologist, and professor at Biola University. I had the opportunity to speak to Sean a little bit, which was awesome because he'd remembered me from when we talked at Mission Connection in Portland back in January. He also signed a drawing of mine from during the first keynote session, of Michelangelo's *The Creation of Adam* painting, pictured above. Over the weekend, Sean delivered powerful messages on the Reliability of the New Testament, Using Technology Wisely, and the existence of evil and what that says about God's nature. The latter was particularly moving to me, and was an incredible reminder of God's sovereignty and goodness. The youth summit was a great weekend of learning, reflection, and superlative fun.



Sunrise during Pre-Training 4/13/2024

Thank you all for your prayers and support. It means so much to me.

David J. McGaughey

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## How You Can Pray

- Pray for the Good News Club at my church as it draws to a close before summer. Thank the Lord for my co-teachers Stephen, Aivie, and A'slynn.
- Pray for Julie as she finalizes plans for CYIA and 5-Day Clubs this month. We're also trying to reach out to a few more churches in preparation for summer ministry.

## How You Can Give

- Checks can be mailed to the CEF office at 320 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St, The Dalles, OR 97058, and made out to "Child Evangelism Fellowship." Make sure to note that it is for David.
- To give online, scan the QR code here.  
In the "Support for" box, make sure to select "Summer Intern 2024."



## What are these ministries I'm talking about?

*Child Evangelism Fellowship* is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.

*CEF of Mid Columbia* serves Wasco, Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties in Oregon, as well as Skamania and Klickitat counties in Washington. *CEF* has many different ministries for children, but the primary ones are *Good News Club*, *5-Day Club*, and *CYIA*.

- *Good News Club* (GNC) is a ministry of *CEF* in which trained teachers meet with groups of children in schools, homes, community centers, churches, just about anywhere the children can easily and safely meet with their parent's permission. The children partake in an exciting 90 minute club every week where they hear stories and lessons pertaining to the gospel. Good News Club also heavily emphasized spiritual growth for the saved child to get to know God better.
- *5-Day Club* is an exciting, fun-filled one and a half hour held each day for five consecutive days during the summer. It includes: dynamic Bible lessons, creative learning activities, inspiring missionary stories, meaningful songs, and life-changing Scripture memorization.
- *Christian Youth In Action* (CYIA) is a program designed to train teenagers in effective and engaging ways to teach children about God. It starts with a one-week training school where teens learn to teach 5-Day clubs, and counsel children to salvation. After this training, the teens will return to the local community and teach 5-Day clubs at various locations. These clubs take place out in the community with predominantly unsaved kids who don't regularly attend church. They will be able to take the light of the Gospel to them in their apartment complexes, daycare centers, neighborhoods, schools and other community locations throughout the summer. They can also participate in sharing the Gospel at events like fairs and seasonal parties.