



# The Partnership

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Working with the local church and the Christian community  
to share the Gospel with children throughout the Empire State



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### Opposition to Good News Club

A group of Rochester atheists have started a children's club at Fairbanks Road Elementary School in the Churchville-Chili district. The monthly meeting is sponsored and led by the same people who fought to remove opening prayer from the town board meetings in the town of Greece near Rochester.

The group's decision to begin a skeptics' club followed their unsuccessful efforts to end the Good News Club which has been meeting at the Fairbanks Road school for ten years.

Opposition to Good News Club and other CEF ministry has taken place in other locations during recent years, but these efforts rarely achieve more than being a mild distraction.

Nevertheless, we ask for prayer on behalf of ministries such as Good News Club, whether in the Rochester area, the Finger Lakes chapter, or throughout our nation (4,300 clubs).

Meanwhile, the Gospel message continues to go forth with a message that shares the love of the Lord Jesus and gives solid teaching of biblical principles to help children grow.

### Ministry in Motion



#### Teacher Tracks is on the Air!

Teacher Tracks is a brief radio spot designed to help and encourage those who teach children in local church classrooms.

Jeff Michaels is the writer and the on-air voice of Teacher Tracks and each one minute daily program is aired Monday thru Friday at 9:58 AM and 6:58 PM on the Mars Hill Network.

The Mars Hill Network is based in Syracuse and is heard throughout New York State and portions of Pennsylvania and Eastern Canada. For more information:

[www.marshillnetwork.org](http://www.marshillnetwork.org)

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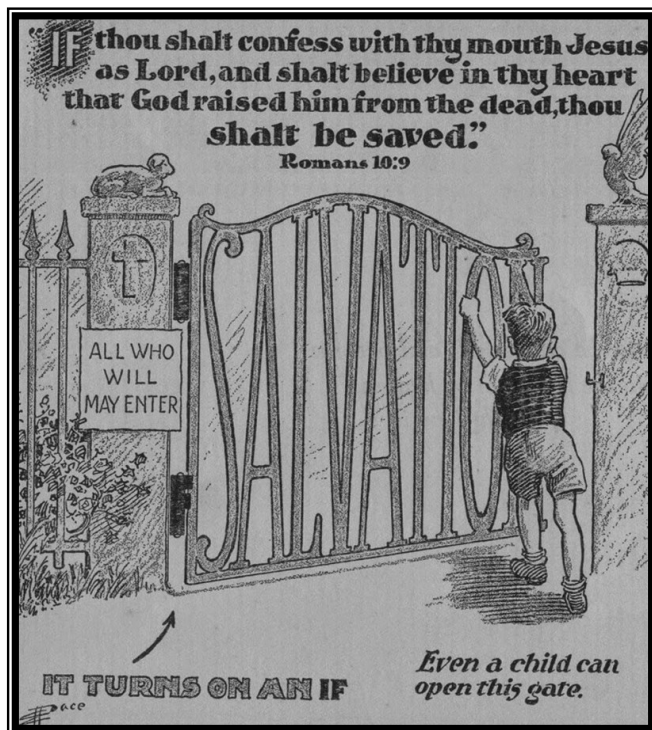
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Old-time Christian cartoon by E J Pace (1880-1946)

## After Ten Years... Time for a Change



Several months ago, I had an opportunity to speak with a very young friend at our church. Donovan was looking at my last newsletter which was hanging on a bulletin board. As I approached him, he was speaking with his mother who was trying to convince him that the photo on the newsletter really was Mr. Michaels.

I joined the conversation and also tried to help my young friend understand that yes, the picture really was me. Donovan looked at me, then to the picture, then back to me. Then he stated, "That's not you."

Right there on the spot I realized it was time for the old picture to be retired. No matter how much I liked the photo and thought it was a good representation of Jeff Michaels, I had to accept the fact that it was taken ten years ago. Yes, I had aged and my style of dress had become more casual. I suppose it's true that the only times I am likely to wear a suit these days is for weddings, funerals, and preaching.

So I had my favorite photographer (my wife Dee) take a series of photos to be used in this newsletter, my personal blog, Facebook, and other settings. Anyway - at least for now - I am looking like myself. You may feel free to remind me in a few years to provide another photo update. I can't let this happen again!

The results? Certainly a different look, but I'm still the same Jeff Michaels - at least I think so!

## Good News Club Orientation

A good group of men and women attended an orientation for a Good News Club planned for Chestnut Ridge Elementary School west of Rochester several weeks ago. In the photo at right, Jeff leads a Q&A session for the group which actually numbered 16 people.

Pray for additional clubs to get underway this spring and for children's lives to be changed. That's what club ministry is all about!



### Partnership Response Card

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Dear Jeff ... Please send me more information:

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I am interested in Good News Club at home

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