



Greater Cincinnati Chapter Newsletter

Assisting churches and individuals with child evangelism and discipleship
and connecting these children's families with Bible-believing churches



Praising the Lord That Children Are Hearing the Gospel through CEF This Christmas

We tell you with great joy that we are reaching children this Christmas with the gospel and the true meaning of Christmas. We have over ten *Light of Life* Christmas parties scheduled and more are on the horizon. Many are at after-school care and preschool programs and one of the after-school programs would like to start a regular Good News Club after the holidays.

Training for the Christmas party was held on November 13th at Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Sharonville. Over 20 volunteers attended the training and we welcomed new volunteers from Hope Baptist Church in Fairfield, Ohio and Crossway Community Church in Harrison, Ohio.



Committee member Joe Boyatt
teaches the Memory Verse



Mari Lou Banks demonstrates how
to use the lesson visual

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NEWSLETTER

We are happy to report that schools are opening up for after-school Good News Clubs. Two began in November and others will follow after the holidays.



Malinda Wightman teaches the Bible lesson at Sharonville Elementary School



Kim Knight teaches the memory verse in the Lebanon club at Donovan Elementary School

Mason Needs a Good News Club



Mason elementary-age students have had a Good News Club for many years until its leader relocated to another state. The school district is very welcoming to us and we are looking for a team of four or more individuals to start the club again. This can be a church team or a team of Christian friends. Parents and grandparents of Mason students make great club volunteers as they invest in their children and children's friends.

What a Typical Club Looks Like:

- Starts with snack time
- Songs – 6 minutes
- Bible Lesson – 15 to 18 minutes
- Lesson Review Game – 10 minutes
- Memory Verse – 10 minutes
- Missions Story – 10 minutes
- WonderTime reflection on lesson

Greater Cincinnati CEF Will:

- Contact the school
- Provide liability insurance
- Train volunteers
- Provide ongoing mentoring and volunteer support

Please contact the office at (513) 456-1675 or office@cefcincinnati.org for more information about starting a club in Mason. If you are outside the Mason school district and would like to know schools available in your area please contact us, as well.

The best way to learn what happens in Good News Clubs is to observe one in action and we welcome visitors who are interested in learning what we do. Please make arrangements with our office.

Welcome Mari Lou Banks to the Committee

In October Mari Lou Banks joined our chapter and hit the ground running. Actually, she was working hard for the Lord through our chapter well before she became a committee member. We are truly blessed by her CEF experience, servant's heart and love for the Lord and children.

Mari Lou and her husband, Rick, relocated from Easley, South Carolina to Fairfield, Ohio in 2018 when Dr. Rick accepted a physician position with Mercy Health. The Banks have three children and six grandchildren, some of whom are in the area.

While in South Carolina Mari Lou was very active in Child Evangelism Fellowship. The Greenville CEF chapter where she lived is one of the largest if not the largest USA chapter. Believe it or not, nearly all elementary schools host a Good News Club.

Mari Lou not only volunteered in clubs, she also took TCE1, Teaching Children Effectively Level 1, a twelve-week CEF training course. Soon after moving to Fairfield Mari Lou called the Cincinnati CEF office to get involved. She helped launch two Fairfield elementary school clubs and also helped with the Lockland club. Mari Lou's experience with a large chapter along with her training and volunteering in clubs makes her a valuable addition to our chapter. We thank the Lord often for moving the Banks to the area.



Left: Mari Lou chatting with her group during Table Time at Fairfield East Elementary School

Right: Reciting the Bible lesson's memory verse along with hand motions at Lockland Elementary School

Do You Know?

OUR PURPOSE: Child Evangelism Fellowship is an evangelical, Bible-centered mission 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.

OUR VISION: The international vision is Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day. USA Ministries' vision is for every child, in every state, to seek and honor God every day.

OUR MISSION: To enlist, equip, and encourage qualified leaders to enable fulfillment of the purpose of CEF and to establish thriving chapters throughout the USA.

OUR METHOD: The primary ministries are Good News Clubs and 5-Day Clubs. Other CEF ministries include Christian Youth In Action, Camp Good News, Party Clubs, and fairs.

What's Next for Our Chapter

We are a committee-run chapter which means the committee does the work of a local director in addition to their regular committee responsibilities such as financial oversight and strategic planning. Our previous director,

2022 PRIMARY GOALS

1. Raise director support
2. Search for the director

Patricia Beatty, retired in 2017 and it's time to look for a new director. In a nutshell, the local director is responsible for increasing awareness of CEF among churches so we can lose the reputation, "CEF is the best kept secret." The local director is responsible for growing our chapter by starting new Good News Clubs and other CEF ministries such as backyard Bible clubs (5-Day Clubs) and county fair booths. We are putting word out about the position and anyone can inquire on our website, www.cefcincinnati.org and

click on Get Involved. Local Director Position information is at the bottom of the page. We also welcome calls to the office at (513) 456-1675 and we will be glad to tell you more about the position and answer questions.

As we look for a local director the committee must raise part of the support although the new director will be responsible for a portion. To that end we are asking you to prayerfully consider supporting our Director Fund. We named it Matthew 19:14 Director Fund because Jesus said we are to let the little children come to him. We believe there is no better way to let children know about Jesus than through CEF ministries.

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CEF Cincinnati Matthew 19:14 Director Fund

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me"

I/we would like to support the new local director fund for CEF of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. with a tax-deductible gift.

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One time gift of \$_____ or a monthly gift of:

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