

“... beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news” Romans 10:15

447 Hear the Gospel at the Butler County Fair

Fair ministries are a wonderful way to share the gospel with children, teens and even adults. Volunteers from Good News Clubs braved the July heat and worked three-hour shifts at the Butler County Fair from either 11:00 am to 3:00 pm or 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Although the fair is open later, most children are gone or attending evening events.

This year we used the flipper flapper version of the Wordless Book to share the good news of Jesus. Hundreds heard the gospel and 20 people that we know of made professions of faith on the spot.



Pictured: Local Director Rocky Smith shares the red page of the Wordless Book with a red cross signifying Christ's shed blood for forgiveness of sins. Each child received their own flipper flapper and a tract explaining the meaning of the colors and symbols.

Flipper flapper colors/symbols

GOLD circle represents God - Creator, holy, loves His children and has a place in heaven for them.

DARK heart – the problem of sin and how it separates us from God and must be punished.

RED cross - the solution to the problem of sin. Jesus died on the cross and took the punishment we deserve and rose from the dead.

CLEAN heart – faith in what Jesus did on the cross leads to forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

GREEN background behind all the symbols represents Christian growth to those who receive Him.



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There are many testimonies of God's grace during the fair and we would be happy to share them with you over the phone or in person. There are two we would like to share in this newsletter.

The first is about a mother with two boys. Laura Nell Ferrell of Berachah Church in Middletown was sharing the gospel with the boys while mom sat close by listening in. Carefully. She believed along with her two sons! What a praise and blessing to all who were there.

A little later that day Laura Nell was talking to a group of boys around eleven or twelve years old. Looking over we could see their contrite hearts by the expressions on their faces as they learned about sin and forgiveness through Jesus. When they were done praying one of them took the dollar he had, wrapped it up in an extra flipper flapper and gave it to Laura Nell saying, "thank you." A truly memorable gift from the heart for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.



Who Said It?

"If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God."

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It's Never Too Early to Talk about Christmas at CEF

Calling All Churches to Use CEF to Reach Children This Christmas

We make it very easy for you. We will help three or more people from your church hold a Christmas party at a local school, community center, YMCA, child care program, your church or anywhere else children gather. We will train volunteers on Saturday morning, November 11th, or another time if that's works better for you. We will provide the curriculum materials and do the lesson for you, if you'd like. These parties are well-attended and an excellent outreach for churches.

This year's Christmas party is "God Keeps His Promises." Children imagine traveling back in time to the first Christmas and will learn why Jesus came into the world. The lesson includes how sin entered the world and learn that God promised to send someone who would save His people from their sin. How Jesus saves His people through His death on the cross is taught.

Scripture Genesis 1:1, 27-31; 3:1-7,15; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-7; 24:46-51

Memory Verse Luke 2:11 (ESV or KJ visuals are available but another version could be handmade)

Teaching Objective The unsaved child will understand the true meaning of Christmas and believe on Jesus as Savior

Main Teaching God kept His promise by sending Jesus

Emphasis for the Saved Trust in God's promises

There is a lesson review game as well as other games, Christmas carols, and snack time



Contact Rocky Smith for more information at (513) 226-5525 or rocky@cefcincinnati.org

Good News Club Enrichment “Iron Sharpens Irons”

On August 26th nearly 50 Good News Club current and future volunteers met to sharpen their club management, Bible lesson and salvation counseling skills.

First up was Phil Miekley, a retired 41-year veteran Madeira Middle School teacher who has been involved with church and youth ministries for 55 years. He inspired the group to excellence in their preparation and execution of their portions of clubs reminding us of the importance of this work to the Kingdom. He also gave us practical tips on keeping clubs orderly and interacting with the children.

Rocky Smith followed Phil with training on how to teach the Bible lesson, as well as how to follow up the lesson with an invitation to meet with a volunteer to talk about salvation through Jesus. Although the lesson and invitation to counseling are spelled out in the curriculum text, volunteers had a deeper understanding of the reasons behind why we do what we do. The last part of the training was how to lead a child to the Lord using CEF’s counseling tool.



Phil Miekley



Volunteers from current and future clubs



Rocky Smith

A Word from the Director



“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. “ Psalm 103:1

There is much reason for me to bless the Lord as I reflect on what occurred this summer. Beginning in June, I was responsible for overseeing the Junior missionary program at CEF of Ohio’s Christian Youth in Action summer camp at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. It was a blessing to teach and encourage dozens of adolescents and teens from across Ohio, knowing that they will return home to share the gospel with children. It was also a blessing to have Aiden Lindsey at camp again, our Cincinnati chapter’s returning missionary from my home church. Aiden is growing in his walk with Jesus, and I’m very proud of him. This training camp resulted in Aiden serving in our ministry efforts at the Butler County Fair, and the Dinosaur Track Party Club with children at Countryside YMCA in Lebanon.

I was invited to be a guest speaker at Calvary Chapel Cincinnati and Covenant Community Church. I was privileged to be able to present our Cincinnati Chapter ministry to both congregations, as well as teach the gospel by way of the Wordless Book. I am very grateful for both Calvary Chapel’s and Covenant Community Church’s support and partnership with our Good News Clubs at Fairfield East Elementary and Fairfield West Elementary.

July was a tremendous month for our Cincinnati Chapter, and I'm deeply grateful for the efforts of our chapter's committee members and volunteers who served at the Butler County Fair. You probably read that our ministry booth shared the gospel via the Wordless Book with 447 people and 20 made decisions to believe in Jesus as their Savior. The Dinosaur Party Club conducted with children at Countryside YMCA shared the gospel with 72 children and there were two professions of faith. That is 519 children who have heard the gospel this summer and 22 precious souls who have believed in Jesus as their Savior. Praise the Lord!

Finally, our summer concluded with another first for our chapter. Our first monthly virtual prayer meeting was conducted on August 25th, and what an encouragement and blessing to gather with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ from around our region to pray for our children, their families, our schools, our local churches, and our ministry. I invite anyone reading this newsletter to join our meetings, the very last Friday of each month.

In Christ,
Rocky Smith



You're Invited to CEF Cincinnati's First Annual Sporting Clays Classic

October 13, 2023

Sycamore Gun Club
6254 Lower Lewis Road
Loveland, OH 45140

Individual \$150 Team of Four \$600

9:00 – 10:00 AM Registration completion and payment plus breakfast

10:00 AM First pull; 13 stations with 4 shots per station

Noon Lunch and awards

All participants will be provided breakfast and lunch, ammo, ear plugs, a CEF Sporting Clays Classic insulated tumbler and one raffle prize entry.

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