



Greater Cincinnati Chapter Newsletter

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

**We are pleased to announce that we
have a Local Director, Rocky Smith!**

A Word from Our Director



My name is Rocky Smith, and I am a believer and follower of Jesus Christ, husband, and father of three precious children. I am incredibly excited and privileged to become a part of Child Evangelism Fellowship here in Cincinnati, Ohio. My family and I attend Tri-County Church of the Nazarene where I currently serve part-time as the Youth Leader. Over the past 16 years coaching cheer teams I have worked with a wide range of children and teens, as well as their parents and believe the Lord was preparing me for children's ministry work. In addition to my coaching and youth ministry, I have also worked as a freelance videographer and editor.

I first learned of Child Evangelism Fellowship due to the incident in January, 2022 in Lebanon regarding the After-School Satan Club. Knowing that my children will eventually attend Donovan Elementary, I took the time to investigate the Good News Club, particularly seeking ways to prayerfully and practically support this outreach. With much prayer I humbly requested the Lord to direct my steps; I now find myself with the opportunity to serve as Local Director of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter which includes Hamilton, Clermont, Butler and Warren counties.

I am optimistic, determined, and above all prayerful that the Lord will permit the ministry to grow and numerous children, youth, and teenagers will confess and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I humbly ask for your prayers for our local chapter, that the Lord would impart wisdom, discernment, and direction as we seek to serve Him more fervently and effectively over the years. Please join me in the same prayer Moses expressed in Psalm 90:17 "Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; and confirm for us the work of our hands; yes, confirm the work of our hands."

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Serving Butler,
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Spring 2022

Five Clubs Start in 2022

BUTLER COUNTY

Clubs ususally begin in the fall but this year spring time was a popular starting time. Two of the clubs are returning clubs that were held prior to the Covid-19 lockdowns and three clubs are new this year.

The two returning clubs are in Fairfield City School District. Pastor Daniel Keaton of Rolling Hills Baptist Church leads the Fairfield South Elementary School club and Penny Jacobs from Covenant Community Church leads a club at Fairfield West Elementary School. Both clubs taught the introductory curriculum series, *God: The Creator King*.



Left to right: Rolling Hills Baptist Church team at Fairfield South; Pastor Daniel teaching; Jim Jacobs teaching the lesson at Fairfield West.



Above: Deb Hall teaching the Bible lesson at Compass Elementary.

Right: Beverly Sills teaching the Bible lesson about Adam and Eve and Trish Cardona explains the Memory Verse.



We are praising the Lord that we now have a third club in the Fairfield school district at Compass Elementary School. There are six elementary schools in the district and we pray that we will have a club in each one of them.

Hope Baptist Church sponsors the Compass club and decided to do it after seeing so much fruit from conducting six CEF Christmas parties in December. This excellent team is blessed by seeing the children respond to God's word and even had a child come to church on Sunday. We are blessed by them.

WHO SAID IT?

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

(Answer on the bottom of page 3)

CLERMONT COUNTY

We have another praise - two West Clermont School District elementary schools started their first Good News Clubs.

Willowville Elementary School in Batavia began at the end of February and is sponsored by First Baptist Church of Glen Este. The church has an ongoing relationship with the school with activities such as teachers' luncheon. The club is conducted by the Jones family, Shane and his wife, Kym, and their three teenage children. It is a joy to see a family serving together reaching kids with the gospel and the family's love for Jesus and children is evident in their enthusiasm and all they do during club.



The Jones Family: Shane, Linkin, Piper, Kym and Charli

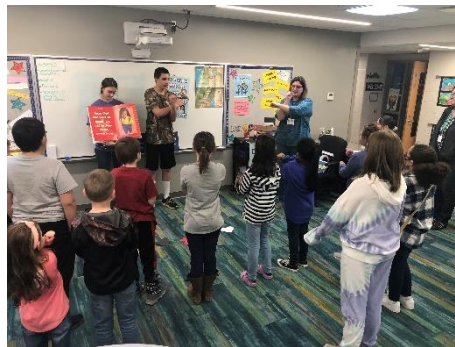


Charli teaching the Memory Verse



Shane and Linkin introducing the lesson

On March 4th Clough Pike Baptist Church started its club not far from the church at Clough Pike Elementary School. Kim Wuenschel is the club leader and has experience with CEF when she lived in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Two of her teenage children, Faith and Nathan, help with club as do a number of volunteers from the church. Kim's experience shows as she is an excellent teacher and her team is engaged and the kids can see the love of Christ in them.



Left to right: Kim Wuenschel teaching the Bible lesson followed by the Wuenschel family teaching songs

Thank You Volunteers!

On May 18th the local CEF committee hosted a volunteer appreciation luncheon at Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Sharonville. Nearly 40 people were in attendance.

Committee chairperson, Carolyn Horton, thanked volunteers for their hard work and commitment and reviewed the school year in our chapter that ended with **reaching over 400 children**. A highlight was hearing testimonies from Good News Club leaders and volunteers about what the Lord did this year and the blessings received. Finally, our new Local Director, Rocky Smith, spoke giving his testimony, how he became aware of CEF through the After-school Satan Club publicity in Lebanon, OH, and his vision for the chapter. His passion for the ministry was clearly evident.



Rocky Smith with Fairfield West Elementary volunteers, Penny and Jim Jacobs, and Blue Ash YMCA Christmas party volunteer, Tom Hetzel.

Committee member Betsy O'Kresik and Clough Pike Elementary volunteers Jill Connor and Kim and Ruth Wuenschel



Rocky Smith encouraging us about the future of our chapter

Our Rich History



Child Evangelism Fellowship was established in 1937 and has grown into the largest evangelistic outreach to children in the world. CEF was founded by Jesse Irvin Overholtzer who, at age 12, was convicted of his sin and sought counsel from a family member who told him that he was “too young.” It wasn’t until college that Mr. Overholtzer heard the Gospel and trusted Christ as his Savior. Later as a pastor he read one of Charles Spurgeon’s sermons which stated, “A child of five, if properly instructed, can as truly believe and be regenerated as an adult.” The Lord used this statement in Mr. Overholtzer’s life along with the influence of Dwight L. Moody and others to lead him to begin the ministry at age 60 in Chicago, Illinois.

The first and largest ministry of CEF is Good News Club. Clubs began back in the age of flannel graphs and were mostly held in homes and churches. The ministry had to adapt to the changing American lifestyle as more women entered the work force and were not home to hold clubs after school. “Go where the children are” led to looking into having clubs in public schools after school hours and in June, 2001 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that CEF has access to public school buildings after school just as any other outside organization would. Today there are over 6,000 Good News Clubs in the U.S. alone.