



# Greater Cincinnati Chapter Newsletter

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

## A New Chapter for Our Chapter

Covid-19 has created challenges and setbacks for all ministries yet we know that God is sovereign and loving. In the midst of Covid he has given our chapter a number of blessings to tell you about.

First, in the beginning of August we called the school districts we were in prior to the pandemic and all that we spoke with were allowing us back in this school year. However, with the recent increase in virus cases, schools have changed their policies for outside organizations and we will not start clubs this fall on campuses. Clubs are revising their plans and a number of them are planning a Christmas party in December and then hopefully start regular clubs in 2022. Christmas parties off campus are also in the works.

Another blessing is that in January CEF of Ohio welcomed a new State Director, Kyle Latchaw. Kyle became involved with CEF as a teenager through CYIA, Christian Youth in Action, and after serving in the military he became more involved in CEF. Eight years ago he and his wife, Melissa, joined the ministry fulltime. Kyle served as Local Director in northern Ohio and was responsible for five counties - Sandusky, Huron, Ottawa, Erie and Seneca. In March the family moved to Mount Vernon, Ohio to be more centrally-located to serve all CEF chapters.

*The  
Latchaw  
Family*



Kyle's leadership and vision for Ohio is encouraging and much appreciated. Like many of us, Kyle is tired of hearing the phrase, "CEF is the best kept secret in child evangelism," and is working towards changing that through print, radio, internet and social media avenues that will benefit all Ohio chapters. His assistance at our monthly committee meetings through Zoom calls is more than helpful and we appreciate his knowledge, wisdom and patience as we labor together for the Lord. It is a labor of love.

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## Next Step – Growing the Cincinnati Chapter Committee

Ohio is divided into eleven chapters that oversee the work in their areas and our chapter area includes Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties. There are 218,000 elementary public school children in our chapter and we aim to reach all with the gospel. It's definitely a momentous task and we are approaching it with the answer to "How do you eat an elephant?" which is "one bite at a time."

The first bite is to grow our local chapter committee which we are doing. However, before introducing the current committee we would like to thank retiring chairperson, Carol Yockey. Carol has been part of CEF for many years and we appreciate her dedication.

Recent changes in the committee include changes in roles and the addition of one member plus another who is in the final step which is approval by the State Director.



*Committee: Betsy O'Kresik, Sandy Silvasly, Carolyn Horton and Ruth and Joe Boyatt*

### Carolyn Horton

I live in Lebanon, Ohio and serve as chapter chairperson and I am also the newest member of the CEF of Ohio State Board. I have been married to my husband for 36 years and we have two grown children. I became a believer at age 36 and ever since then have been burdened to spread the gospel to friends, family and children. I became involved with CEF and Good News Clubs in 2007 when our pastor looked into starting a club at Sharonville Elementary which is only two miles from the church. Before becoming involved, however, I observed a club at Stewart Elementary in the Princeton School District and quickly concluded that this is the best thing since sliced bread! Imagine being able to proclaim the gospel weekly to children at such an impressionable age was a dream come true for me.



Since 2007 I served in Sharonville, started a club in my hometown and have served on the local CEF Committee since 2016. Most of my responsibilities for the past five years focus on starting, training and mentoring Good News Clubs which is a great privilege. I look forward to serving in other capacities going forward and am truly thankful to our Lord for how he has blessed our chapter with a growing committee and state leadership.

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## Children Just *LOVE* Christmas Parties

Every year CEF offers a special lesson Christmas party for Good News Clubs, churches, daycares and after-school care programs, community centers and family residences. It is one of CEF's best evangelistic tools and we hope to conduct many parties this year.

You're probably not surprised that many kids who attend CEF Christmas parties do not know that Christmas is really about the birth of the Savior, Jesus. They learn about sin being the reason we need a savior, God's love, what Jesus did on the cross for forgiveness of sins and how Jesus can be their Savior.

We are offering to bring the party to anyone who would like one. A team of trained CEF volunteers will conduct the Christmas party and whoever sponsors it can be involved, as well.

***To learn more about how you, your church, your family or a group can host a Light of Life Christmas party, contact our office at [office@cefcincinnati.org](mailto:office@cefcincinnati.org) or call (513) 456-1675.***

*The Light of Life Bible lesson visual unfolds the story of Christ's birth and ends with the reason Jesus was born, the cross.*



Roger Wismer presents *Light of Life* in 2017



## The 2021-2022 Good News Club Curriculum Series

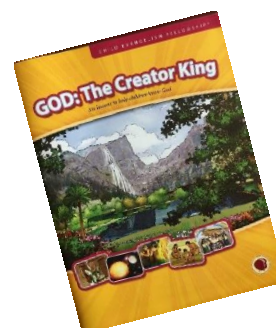
There is a total of sixteen six-week curriculum series for Good News Clubs and four are scheduled each year. Two are Old Testament series and two are New Testament series, one of which focuses on the life of Jesus. Consequently, every four years the curriculum series rotation is repeated.

This year the first two series are *God: The Creator King* and *The Patriarchs: God's Plan Unfolds* and the state-wide curriculum workshop at the end of August reviewed these lessons and offered teaching tips.

*God: The Creator King* series focuses on creation and God who brought it to existence. Children learn about the Bible as God's message, how they can know God their Creator, what Jesus did to save them and the role the Holy Spirit.



*The Patriarchs: God's Plan Unfolds* teaches about some of the attributes of God through the stories of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Children learn to put their faith in God alone in this six-week lesson series that includes five accounts of the Patriarchs that will inspire children to trust God in everything.



### Joe and Ruth Boyatt



We have been married since 1982 and have two daughters although one is recently deceased. We have three grandchildren; two ten-year-old granddaughters and a three-year-old grandson.

Ruth and I live in Madeira, Ohio and are both retired. Ruth was a Physical Education teacher for 32 years and I was a Police Officer for 35 years. We have worked together in ministry to share the gospel with children in Sunday School, VBS, Bible Camp and in the last six years with CEF. We conducted Good News Clubs in several schools in Cincinnati before joining



the local Cincinnati CEF committee. Ruth joined the local committee in 2016 and serves as vice chairperson. I recently joined the committee in September, 2021.

We look forward to making connections in various communities in Cincinnati so that CEF can present the gospel and see more children live lives that honor our Savior, Jesus Christ.

### Betsy O’Kresik



I came to Christ in 1972 after hearing the Gospel message that Jesus loved me and died to take away my sins. I was overwhelmed with thanks. In 1980 I started as a secretary for Child Evangelism Fellowship’s Miami Valley chapter in Dayton, Ohio and worked there for 36 years. During that time taught in clubs, helped with training and became a Club Coordinator. I also taught clubs in my home for neighborhood children. What a joy it was to see the joy on their faces as they came to realize Jesus loves them!

My husband and I moved to Lebanon, Ohio in 2016, and I helped teach at a local Good News Club. I feel blessed to be able to bring the gospel to the children.

### Sandy Silvashy

I moved to Cincinnati in 1982 after graduating from college in Michigan to begin a new job as a nurse at Children’s Hospital. I married Jim in 1984 and have lived in the West Chester/Liberty Township, Ohio area since then where we raised our four children. We now have four beautiful grandchildren and more on the way. I have been helping with Good News Clubs for ten years and joined the CEF committee in 2016 where I currently serve as chapter secretary.

I have always enjoyed working with kids. As someone who accepted the Lord Jesus as my Savior at a young age, I know the blessing of hearing the gospel early in life. I count it a joy and privilege to serve and look forward to see how God will work through CEF in the coming years.



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