



Greater Cincinnati Chapter Newsletter

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

God Is on the Move, Hallelujah!

Over 60 Attended the 2022 Fall Kickoff Training

As far as we can tell, Covid restrictions on after-school activities are completely lifted and CEF's Good News Clubs are thriving and growing. On Saturday, August 27th, 60 volunteers gathered for the annual Fall Kickoff Training at Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Sharonville. This is the first of many trainings this school year.



The morning sessions were for both returning and new volunteers. First on the agenda was an overview of the four six-week curriculum series this year:

Jesus: God Who Cares for People followed by a study on David in *God: The One Who Knows My Heart*, a study on Old Testament Joseph entitled *God Rules: Be Strong* and finally a study on Peter, *God: The One to Follow*.

CEF has been using *The Wordless Book* to explain the gospel to children ever since our founder, Jesse Overholtzer, and D.L. Moody expanded on what Charles Spurgeon started in 1866. Local Director, Rocky Smith, trained volunteers how to effectively present each page. The gold page explains God, the dark page symbolizes sin, the red page explains what Jesus did for us on the cross, the clean page symbolizes forgiveness of sin and the green page stands for growth.



Rocky Smith explains key points about Jesus and His work on the cross on the red page

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Other morning sessions covered how to guide a child to the Savior for children who want to know more about believing in Jesus after hearing the gospel in the Bible lesson, and a session called, *Managed Fun!*. Some of our volunteers are professional teachers and know how to manage a group of children and lovingly deal with behavior issues. Many others, however, do not have these skills so undesirable behavior prevention tips were offered, as well as suggestions for dealing with behavior issues with compassion and love.

Left: Rocky Smith and Carolyn Horton explain and sing the UPS Rules as part of setting expectations for club.

Afternoon sessions were for new volunteers and included explaining different parts of the club and how to teach them. Included were:

- Teaching CEF Bible Lesson
- Memory Verse teaching using the IPEAR method
- *WonderTime* and take-home devotional sheets
- Gospel Spotlight
- The missions story
- Games and songs
- Club leader training



Left: Mari Lou Banks explains the take-home devotional sheets



Above: Carolyn Horton equips leaders to start a school club

Right: Ruth Boyatt trains how to do the Memory Verse using CEF's IPEAR method.



What is CEF's IPEAR Method of Teaching for Verses and Songs?

The method is used to teach both the Memory Verse for each lesson. It is also used when teaching songs.

I is for **Introduction** – a question, a skit, a short story or object lesson to gain attention and interest in what's coming next.

P is for **Presentation** – the teacher presents the verse by reading directly from the Bible. Children are often reminded the Bible is God's true word and learn about biblical references.

E is for **Explanation** – now teachers explain words children don't know and concepts phrase by phrase. A summary of what the verse means is given.

A is for **Application** – there is differences in application for believing and non-believing children. The verse is applied to their lives according to what says.

R is for **Repetition** – to help children remember the verse it is repeated at least four times in a fun, active way.

A Word from Our Local Director, Rocky Smith

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

The summer of 2022 has been an adventure to say the least! I find myself fully immersed in learning and performing the duties of the Local Director. I would like to sincerely thank Carolyn, Mari Lou, Sandy, Betsy, Ruth, Joe, and Jim for each of their efforts and their encouragement to me. We truly have a special committee in the Cincinnati Chapter, their love for Jesus Christ is strong and their commitment to preaching the gospel to children is sincere.

I began this summer participating in the Christian Youth In Action (CYIA) at Cedarville University in Cedarville, OH. Teenagers from all across Ohio were trained and equipped to be summer missionaries to teach 5-Day Clubs, CEF’s summer ministry.



Rocky teaching the Bible lesson at the Lebanon YMCA summer daycare

Here in Lebanon we conducted a six-week Good News Club with daycare children at the Countryside YMCA. We found ourselves with power as it is working the incredible opportunity to preach and teach Jesus Christ to over 60 boisterous grade-school children. We were privileged to see seven children make a confession of faith that Jesus is their Lord and Savior!

Please continue to pray for me as I learn and grow in this ministry work. I have also begun online classes through CEF’s Children’s Ministry Institute to further educate and equip me as Local Director. Please continue to pray for our support raising efforts, we are confident that the Lord will move upon people’s hearts to bless and sustain the Greater Cincinnati Chapter. The Lord is opening many

doors for Good News Clubs to start this upcoming school year! My humble prayer is that I can keep up with all of this exciting growth. Please pray that each of us in the ministry would remain, “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.” Please pray for the children and their families, that the Lord would open their hearts and minds to call upon Jesus and be saved!



Smith Summer Vacation: Rocky, Freddy, Andrea, Lilly and Aurora

WHO SAID IT?

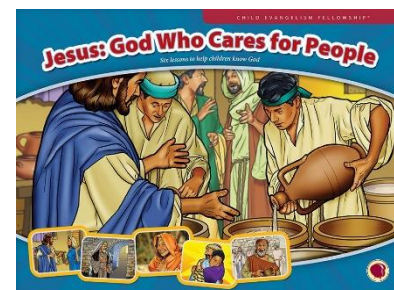
“Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of children.”

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First Curriculum Series for 2022-2023

Jesus: God Who Cares for People

This six-lesson series helps clubs guide children to saving faith in Jesus, helps children as they learn to follow Christ and gives them hope. The series begins with Jesus’ miracle at the wedding in Cana and covers the salvation of Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman, and the healing of the nobleman’s son and blind Bartimaeus. Children are taught that Jesus is the almighty God who saves, loves and keeps His promises.





“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!”

Psalm 150: 6 ESV

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“The prayers of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” James 5:16 ESV

We invite you to rejoice with us with many Good News Clubs praises for this fall.

- All of our clubs from the 2021-2022 school year are returning in 2022-2023 and one church, Hope Baptist in Fairfield, will start a second club with a kickoff Christmas party in December.
- Leaders for five new clubs were at training on August 27th.
- So far there is interest in starting fourteen new Good News Clubs in our chapter this year.

Please join us in prayer for the following:

- The start of clubs this fall, many of which begin in September, that little ears will hear and hearts changed.
- Many of the churches and individuals who plan to start a Good News Club this year need more volunteers before they can launch. Please pray Christians see the need and are willing to give two hours of time a week to evangelize and disciple children.
- Pray for the team and the children for the first-time club sponsored by Northern Hills Christian Church that is almost ready to launch at Finneytown Elementary.
- Christmas parties will take place in schools, daycare centers and preschools in late November and December. Pray for open doors and workers.
- Rocky and the Committee as we launch and mentor new clubs.
- Rocky’s new Local Director training courses he’s taking this fall, his outreach to the community and his support raising.
- That the Lord will put on the hearts of His people our need for financial support.

Thank you!

CEF Exists to Assist the Church

Pastors involved in CEF often tell us how our ministries, especially Good News Clubs, help them fulfill the Great Commission. Here’s word from a pastor of a church that began its CEF ministry with a number of Christmas parties in 2021 in the Fairfield area and then adopted a local school for a Good News Club.



It has been a joy to be involved with the Good News Club at Compass Elementary School this past year and I told our church this may be the greatest ministry in which we are involved. What a thrill to teach children from our community the gospel of Jesus Christ! Many would never attend a gospel preaching church without this open door and the Good News Club also gives us access to these homes for our van ministry, VBS and more. We are even more excited about next school year with what God has in store for us and the children. Thank you for introducing us to this wonderful opportunity! *Pastor Steve Hall, Hope Baptist Church, Fairfield, OH*

The answer to WHO SAID IT? is.....Chuck Swindoll