



Greater Cincinnati Chapter Newsletter

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

What We Pray for in CEF

There are many prayers lifted up for this ministry for needs ranging from the spiritual to the practical to the financial. Perhaps the sweetest answers to prayers and witnessing of the Lord at work are when we see the effects of the gospel proclaimed through CEF ministries on children and their families.

The Strunk family is one of those families and a "Praise the Lord!" moment. Twelve-year-old twin girls, Abby and Kali, attended the Good News Club at Fairfield South Elementary School that is sponsored by nearby Rolling Hills Baptist Church on Pleasant Avenue. Not only did the twins become believers but so did their parents and were baptized together at Rolling Hills Baptist Church.

Scan the QR code for a short video testimonial of God's power and work.



"It was also like a big shock for our parents when they saw a change in us.... our parents were almost like, confused! What have you done with my children!"
Kali Strunk

"Right now it's 570 days sober. The temptations have been lifted, the taste has been taken away. There is more joy now."

Kevin Strunk



*The Strunk family
CEF testimonial*

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John P. Parker Elementary School

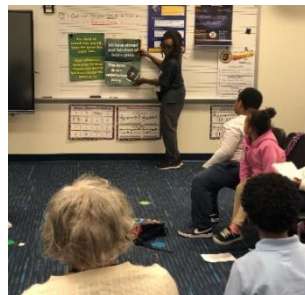
Please join us as we welcome back John P. Parker Elementary in Madisonville. There was a club at this school prior to the Covid shutdown and we're thankful for its returning in 2023. The club is sponsored by Madisonville Mission Ministries which serves the local community. The Good News Club is one of their many outreach ministries in the area.

Refresher training by Local Director, Rocky Smith and committee members, Joe and Ruth Boyatt, took place on January 7th and the first club was on January 11th with 16 children registered.

“Today’s youth frequently skip church and have never heard the meaning of Jesus. We strive every Wednesday helping children discover how God can provide the best present of all for every child - salvation.”
Teamika Jeffrey
John P. Parker Club Coordinator



Training January 7th on the curriculum series, Jesus: God Who Cares for People



Valerie Phillips teaching Bible Memory Verses



Lesson taught by Traci Harper with the help of Claudia Metcalf

Fairfield East Elementary School

“I first accepted the Lord in a Good News Club in 1974 in Southern California.”
Ruby Cosenza
Fairfield East Volunteer

This is another school that had a Good News Club before the Covid shutdown and has started up again. The principal warmly welcomed us back remembering the positive impact the club had on her students. This time the club is sponsored by Calvary Chapel on Boymel Drive in Fairfield and is led by Lita Saiz. One of the team members, Ruby Cosenza, quickly jumped on board because she was saved through Good News Club as a child. The ministry started with a Christmas party and held its first Good News Club on January 13th with 9 children.



Fairfield East team with some of the club members



Brooke Jenzer teaching the Word Up! for the week



Lita and Venessa Saiz leading songs

We have a first-time club at Finneytown Elementary thanks to Northern Hills Christian Church on Winton Road. Bev Nichols, Children’s Director and the pastor’s wife, leads the team and has 11 volunteers serving. The church is very excited to bring the gospel to their community and began with a Christmas party and started their Good News Club in January with 18 children attending.

“So grateful for this wonderful opportunity to share Jesus in such a broken world!”
*Bev Nichols
Finneytown Club Leader*



Left: Singing CEF songs; center and right: concentrating during the Bible lesson

Nearly 200 children who are not part of a Good News Club came to a CEF Christmas party and learned how Jesus brought “Joy to the World”

In December, CEF Local Director, Rocky Smith, and numerous volunteers were busy partying of the best type as they taught children the reason why Jesus came to earth and His gospel of forgiveness and redemption. Kids in current Good News Clubs invited their school friends to parties at their clubs and some Good News Clubs kicked off their after-school Good News Club with the Christmas party. Plus, there were four parties in local YMCA after-school care and preschool programs and one party was held in a home for a total of 17 Christmas parties.



Rocky Smith teaches the lesson to 5th and 6th graders at Berry Intermediate in Lebanon



*Above: Miki Dunn teaches the Memory Verse at Blue Ash YMCA
Left: Pat Bowling and Nancy Heim assembling gift bags at Fairfield West Elementary*



Right: Having fun at Fairfield East Elementary School with Vanessa Saiz

A Word from Rocky Smith, Local Director

It was January 2022 when I first heard of Child Evangelism Fellowship and the Good News Club at Donovan Elementary. Little did I know how involved I would become, and how quickly the Lord’s leading changed my family and my life. I am truly amazed what the Lord has done through the Greater Cincinnati Chapter over the past year.



Bowman Primary School Club



I would like to share with you what the Lord is doing at one of our Good News Clubs, Bowman Primary in Lebanon. The Bowman Good News Club includes children in first and second grades and currently has eight children attending weekly. This past January, we had a very thoughtful seven-year-old boy confess Jesus as his Savior during the discussion after the counselling invitation to talk to a club teacher! I have also been informed that we had an eight-year-old girl confess Jesus as Lord at home with her parents. Additionally, another eight-year-old girl attending our club will be getting baptized at her home church in Lebanon. It’s humbling and deeply encouraging to see these young children come to know Jesus as their Savior. Please continue to pray for the salvation of children all across the Cincinnati Chapter.



Pictured Above: Rocky Smith teaching the Bible lesson

Below: Anna Sheanshang, also a teacher at Bowman Primary, teaching the Memory Verse

Local Folks – We’re having a pie auction fundraiser April 15th!

It’s a Pie in the Sky CEF Cincinnati fundraiser to “make heaven crowded,” as one of our Good News Club members says. We’ll have dinner (donations accepted for food costs) and a pie auction on Saturday, April 15th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. After dinner learn about what our chapter is doing in 2023 and then bid on delicious pies of all sorts. We are looking for table hosts and attendees. For more information, contact Ruth Boyatt at (513) 289-6788 or email her at rmboyatt@gmail.com.



Many Thanks!

Thank you to those who contributed to Giving Tuesday and year-end needs. We covered our 2022 shortfall.

On to our goal of reaching 2,000 children in 2023. We are beginning to raise monthly support for the ministry and ask you to please prayerfully consider supporting us so we reach our ministry goals. No contribution is



too small to spread the gospel. Checks by mail, electronic banking or PayPal are options. Please let our treasurer, Jim Silvashy, know your interest in monthly support so we can budget our ministries accordingly. Jim’s number is (513) 593-1535 or feel free to email him at jsilvashy@gmail.com. Thank you.

