



CEF Cincinnati Reached 1,564 Children with the Gospel in 2023

One county fair (Butler County) reaching 447 kids with the Gospel using the flipper flapper Wordless Book.



Fourteen Good News Clubs evangelizing and discipling 582 kids.



20 evangelistic Christmas parties where 298 kids who haven't been to a Good News Club learned how God kept His promises to send a Savior.



121 kids reached with the Gospel at two Wordless Book holiday events.



Three spring and summer Party Clubs reaching 116 kids.

All this was accomplished with ONE paid staff member and nearly 150 volunteers. So.....

In 2024 we plan to hire three part-time positions:

- Coordinator(s) for two or three county fairs. Butler County Fair will repeat and we will add fairs in Warren County and possibly Hamilton County.
- Good News Club managers
- Christmas party club coordinator

If you are aware of anyone possibly interested in these positions, please call Rocky Smith at (513) 226-5525.

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Thanks to our supporters for making our plans to move forward possible!

Mason Good News Club Breaks Current Records

Over 80 Third through Sixth Grade Students Attend Club

Mason schools are no strangers to CEF's Good News Clubs. The school district is very easy to work with and welcomes CEF in their schools. Prior to Covid, there were a number of clubs that met for years under the leadership of Katrina Lewis from Faith Bible Church on Kemper Road. Katrina moved out-of-state in 2020 and there were no Mason clubs until now.

Anna Bogan, also from Faith Bible Church, felt the Lord prompting her to bring it back. Anna has five children in Mason schools and she is the leader of the school district's Moms in Prayer group. Anna has been involved in youth ministry for years and her experience paid off with having such a large group. She says, "It has been humbling to see what God can do with simple obedience. He provided an



Anna and Nick Bogan and family

amazing leadership team, a large enough space to hold the club, and has brought enthusiastic kids each week! We have so many testimonies of ways we see God working and moving. It's also a ministry all my kids can be involved in...with the younger two participating and the older teens volunteering!"

Most of the volunteers for the club are from the Mason Moms in Prayer group. It's an excellent way for parents to evangelize and disciple their children's classmates.



Pictured: Brittany Blattner, Jennie Janzen, Erin Donohoe, Ellie Iskander, Susan Gardner, Kristen Grimes, Anna Bogan, Shay Rothstein, Baron Bogan, Brooke Bishop (Not pictured: Brandi Swedinovich, Sarah Anderson)

The Ladies of Berachah Church in Middletown

Persevering through challenges and spiritual warfare

As easy as it was to work with the Mason City School District, working with schools and community centers in the Middletown area was exceptionally challenging. Sometimes we received the silent treatment where phone calls and emails were not returned while in another case the principal said he is leary of hosting us because we may attract organizations that the school and parents may not want to be there. (He *may* be alluding to the After-School Satan Club that came to Lebanon in 2022.) In another instance at a community after-school childcare location, a woman from the center announced that it was time for a bathroom break just when the Bible lesson started so club was interrupted and hard to get back on track.

Laura Nell Ferrell and the ladies from Berachah Church have persevered through these challenges and have found a way to reach children. For example, when the principal didn't want a Good News Club in his school a way was found to transport the children by bus to a nearby Berachah church site.

Plans this year for expanding their Good News Clubs include:

- Edgewood Primary, led by Linda Lassitter, starting this winter;
- Madison Elementary, off-campus, led by Laura Nell Ferrell, starting this winter; and
- Edgewood Intermediate, led by Lisa Surber, to start in the spring.

Please pray for this special group of ladies with a heart for children and love for the Lord.



First Good News Club volunteers in spring 2023: Angie Bohl, Laura Nell Ferrell, Melody Dunn, Connie Back, Joyce Lawwill, Lisa Surber and Linda Lassitter

CEF Cincinnati Holds Its First Sporting Clays Fundraiser

On October 13th over \$11,000 was raised for the chapter at the first annual Sporting Clays Classic at Sycamore Gun Club in Loveland. It was a beautiful autumn day for the 49 shooters who attended and the feedback we received was outstanding with extra kudos for lunch from City Barbeque.



The event was organized by CEF Cincinnati committee member, Joe Boyatt. As a retired Blue Ash police officer and sporting clays enthusiast, Joe was the perfect person to organize the event. The winning team, Team Oppelt, shot a 182 out of 208 which is an impressive score.

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 11, 2024 for the Second Annual Sporting Clays Classic at Sycamore Gun Club.



Team Oppelt left to right: Jim Stewart, Barry Oppelt, Rob Coith and Greg Anderson



A Word from the Director



“Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory.”
- Proverbs 11:14

CEF of Greater Cincinnati is a growing chapter because of the wise, godly counsel from our faithful committee members. Carolyn, Ruth, Sandy, Mari Lou, Betsy and Joe are sincere Christ followers, and are committed to sharing the Gospel with children. If it were not for these and other faithful women and men of God, the Cincinnati Chapter could have dissolved years ago.

“Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.” - Proverbs 16:3

This ministry work cannot be done alone. The Cincinnati chapter’s committee members are not the type who just show up to a committee meeting and say, “Here’s my 2 cents and see you next month.” This is an active committee that devotes themselves wholeheartedly into the ministry work. They have invested years of their lives, hours every week, thousands of their own dollars, and above all, faithful and fervent prayers. While I continue to grow in my responsibilities as Local Director, I am grateful and deeply appreciative to our faithful, wise, and hard-working committee members. Be sure to lift them up in your prayers.

Rocky Smith

Christmas Parties Reach 298 Children

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity for evangelism among children to let them know the real meaning of Christmas if they do not yet know, and to give others a deeper understanding of why Jesus came to earth. This year's Christmas party theme was "God Keeps His Promises." Children imagined traveling back in time to the first Christmas and learned why Jesus came into the world. The lesson included how sin entered the world and 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 was taught. Training was November 11th at Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Sharonville who graciously hosts us for all of our volunteer trainings plus the pie auctions.



Christmas party training

Christmas party locations where we do not have Good News Clubs included:

- Fairfield North Elementary School conducted by North Fairfield Baptist Church
- Fairfield Central Elementary School also conducted by Fairfield Baptist Church
- Edgewood Primary and Intermediate Schools conducted by Berachah Church
- Madison Elementary students off-campus conducted by Berachah Church
- Creekside Elementary (Lakota School District) conducted by Tri-County Nazarene Church
- Van Gorden Elementary School (Lakota) conducted by Sandy and Jim Silvashy and Tony Jones
- Madeira Mobile Home Park children at the Madeira Municipal Building conducted by Northern Hills Bible Chapel
- Cornerstone Christian Childcare in Western Hills conducted by Northern Hills Bible Chapel
- Lebanon YMCA elementary age child care center conducted by Lebanon Good News Club teams



Van Gorden students wrap Sandy Silvashy as a Christmas present

Sometimes We See the Fruits of Our Labors

Serving with CEF gives volunteers plenty of opportunities to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, lead children to Christ and disciple children in the Word. It is fulfilling and a privilege to be used by God for such important work but a sad part of this ministry can be not knowing what happens to children outside of club or when they grow up. We wonder. We pray. And sometimes the Lord shows us the impact of our work.

Such was the case with Carter Myers. Carter was a second-grader in Rocky Smith's Good News Club at Bowman Primary School in Lebanon, Ohio. It just so happened that Rocky's son plays football with Carter so Rocky was able to develop a relationship with Carter's parents. Because of this, Rocky learned about the impact club had on Carter and how his faith took him through a severe medical crisis over the summer and how Carter's faith affected the entire family.



Carter is now in third grade and part of the Good News Club at Donovan Elementary School in Lebanon. His siblings are in clubs, as well, and the parents are on a faith journey themselves. Dad had never been in a church and Carter's step mom hasn't been in church since she was a child. All that is changing now and we got to learn what the Lord is doing through CEF. Scan the QR code to see the testimonial video.