



Greater Cincinnati Chapter Newsletter

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

There's always good news with CEF Cincinnati's Good News Clubs

God continues to demonstrate His everlasting love here in the Cincinnati chapter as we see His mighty hand opening doors for new Good News Club locations, more children attending clubs and party club events, and more willing volunteers to teach and share the Gospel with children. Here's an overview of the growth we've seen since January 2024.

Four new Good News Clubs started since January which makes a total of 15 clubs this school year. Additionally, we have added 38 new volunteers.

Edgewood Primary School

This school in Trenton, Ohio, is hosted by volunteers from Berachah Church in Middletown. Starting a Good News Club here proved challenging as the school district provides no means of literature distribution either print or online. Relying entirely on self-promotion, social media and prayers, the Edgewood team was truly grateful for each child who attended GNC. Additionally, this club saw five children make salvation decisions, Praise the Lord!



Linda Lassetter, club leader, enjoys snack time with students.

Madison Elementary School



Club leader Laura Nell Ferrell connecting with Madison students.

This Middletown school's club is held at Berachah Church's West Campus. Madison Elementary took extra effort to launch and required Berachah Church to transport children from the school to their church campus. Praise the Lord that many parents were willing to drive children from school to the church. In spite of challenges, this club saw eight children make salvation decisions and a child and their family who started attending Berachah church.

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Madeira Mobile Home Park

This is a first for CEF Cincinnati. Rather than being conducted in a school, community center or church, this Good News Club is held for children in the laundry room of the Madeira Mobile Home Park. Hosted by CEF Cincinnati committee members Ruth and Joe Boyatt, the GNC team includes members from Northern Hills Bible Chapel, a teacher from Madeira Elementary, and Stacey Feagans, who is on staff New City Presbyterian Church.

Club started with a Christmas party in December and continued with two curriculum series. The last club meeting will be May 18th and will end with an ice cream party.



Club in the laundry room

Clough Pike Elementary School



Cathie Garbutt (left) and Debbie Mefford (right) teaching the Memory Verse.

This Good New Club on the east side of Cincinnati began with two women from Mt. Carmel Christian Church in Batavia. Debbie Mefford and Anna Snyder separately contacted CEF Cincinnati asking to get a Good News Club started in the West Clermont Schools. Club is led by Anna Snyder, who recently moved from Hawaii with her husband where she was involved with Good News Clubs. Rounding out the team are Leah Heiden, Pam Jenner, Cathie Garbutt, Becky Bedinghaus and Julie Brown from Mt. Carmel Christian Church, plus Claudia Kennedy from First Baptist Church in New Richmond, Ohio.

Club began April 15th just in time to get The Wordless Book curriculum series in before summer break.

Our 15 Good News Clubs in the 2023-2024 school year have reached 350 kids! Most importantly, we know of 14 salvation decisions that have been made in club. Please continue to pray for these children and families as they grow in their faith in the Lord.

Dinosaur Party Club at Creekside Elementary School

In April, Tri-County Church of the Nazarene hosted a special party club called "Dinosaur Tracks!" at Creekside Elementary School in the Lakota School district. With 16 children in attendance ranging in ages from four to twelve, children were thrilled with dino-themed games and a craft. Most of all, the children learned the Gospel through songs, a memory verse and a Bible lesson.

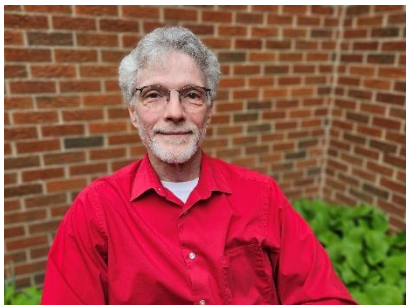
Kids were taught that dinosaurs are created by God, and creation was changed when sin entered the world, but Jesus can save us from our sins!



Local Director, Rocky Smith, teaches the Bible lesson to highly-engaged children.

People News

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CEF Cincinnati is pleased to introduce Mr. Roger Slack, who's faith in Christ was impacted through Child Evangelism Fellowship as a teenager and young adult. Roger's mother led him to the Lord at the age of four and later as a teenager, Roger became involved with CEF's missionary training program called Christian Youth in Action (CYIA). As a trained CYIA missionary, Roger spent four summers teaching the Gospel to children in "5-Day Clubs." As a young adult, Roger briefly served as an assistant to the State Director CEF of Texas in the late 1970's. Roger's experience with CEF as a missionary and administrative assistant will bring much insight and contribution as a committee member for CEF Cincinnati. He is currently an active member of Calvary Chapel Cincinnati, hosting a men's Bible Study group at his home. Roger and his wife Chris, have been married for 28 years.

Overflow Ministries Covenant Church (OMCC) hosts Wordless Book Training.

We're excited to share that OMCC on Hamilton Avenue in Cincinnati hosted a Wordless Book training in March. Organized by Christelle Lee, OMCC's Children's Ministry Director. Christelle introduced her congregation to CEF with the intention to get members to play an important role in the Hamilton County Fair, as well as a Good News Club this upcoming fall. If you or your church are interested in Wordless Book training, this serves as an impactful way to train and equip ministry workers for your church to share the Gospel with children.

Christelle is on fire for the Lord using CEF to reach children. Coming up in May, her church is hosting a special CEF ministry presentation for other local churches, as well as a Good News Club training session. Plus, Christelle will be attending the Christian Youth in Action week-long missionary training in Mt. Vernon June 9th through the 15th. We are excited for Christelle and her heart for the Lord and children. Please continue to lift her up in your prayers as the Lord works through her to proclaim Christ.



Christelle Lee, OMCC Children's Ministry Director

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry! Meet Roy and Chris Cohen.



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We're pleased to welcome Chris and Roy Cohen as our CEF Cincinnati Prayer Band Leaders. Chris and Roy have decades of experience with CEF ministries and served as the prayer leaders under the previous Local Director, Patricia Beatty. We're blessed to have their leadership and more importantly their fervent and effective prayers for our chapter. If you are interested in becoming a part of our prayer ministry team, please contact Chris and Roy at this email address: roycohen1956@yahoo.com. We have a monthly prayer Zoom call that we invite you to join.

Easter Parties

In March CEF Cincinnati hosted six Easter Party Clubs where the Gospel was taught through a party curriculum titled, "Jesus Gives Life and Hope." Children learned that Jesus has power over life and death, by raising Lazarus from the dead, as well as the glory of His resurrection.



Rocky Smith teaches the Bible lesson in Lebanon, Ohio



2nd Annual Pie Auction

Our 2nd Annual Pie Auction on April 27th at Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Sharonville was a tremendous success and a lot of fun. The Lord blessed us with over 80 in attendance and raised over \$15,000! A special thank you to the tremendous work that committee members and volunteers put forth in this massive effort. An additional, and very special thank you to Patty Haggard who made us dinner and the fabulous bakers who provided 25 pies for this event. God continues to bless this chapter and we give Him all the praise.

A Word from the Director



"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting." Psalm 118:1

As I take account of everything that has occurred in CEF Cincinnati, I am humbled, encouraged, and overwhelmed by His goodness. There is much reason to praise God as this ministry continues to grow, with leadership, workers, locations, finances, faithful prayer partners, and most importantly children reached with the Gospel. I'd like to take a moment to share with you our summer ministry plans for both prayer and consideration for your involvement.

I'm pleased to share that we will have five Christian Youth in Action (CYIA) missionaries attending training at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University from June 9th to 15th. As they are trained, they will undertake three separate "summer clubs" taking place in our chapter this June and July. Please keep these young ladies and gentlemen in your prayers as they train and serve the Lord.

We have also begun interviewing for our first part-time employee for the summer. Please pray that the Lord would make it clear who He has in mind to serve with this ministry work. Please pray for the Fair/Festival Coordinator as they undertake an exciting and rigorous schedule to assist me with the training, scheduling, and sharing the Gospel at the Hamilton, Warren, and Butler County Fairs this June and July. I invite you to prayerfully consider volunteering at any one of these fairs.

Rocky Smith