



Greater Cincinnati Chapter Newsletter

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

Reaching Children with the Gospel at Christmas

This Christmas our chapter made a concerted effort to hold Christmas parties in our area to bring the gospel and true meaning of Christmas to children who may have never heard about Jesus.

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Children attended CEF *Light of Life* Christmas parties

Ten parties were held in total. The two Good News Clubs sponsored by Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Sharonville that began this fall had parties with guests who were invited by a classmate in the club. Two parties sponsored by Covenant Community Church and Rolling Hills Baptist Church were held at elementary schools in Fairfield that had clubs prior to Covid lockdowns. There were six parties with elementary age and older pre-K children at YMCA and other daycare centers during Christmas break when elementary age children were there before Christmas.

We welcomed members of Hope Baptist Church in Fairfield (team pictured below) to the CEF family of area churches. Hope Baptist conducted many of the Christmas parties in Fairfield, Middletown and Colerain. Two parties were held at the Blue Ash YMCA led by committee members Joe and Ruth Boyatt.



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Five Good News Clubs Starting This Winter

We're happy to report that new clubs are starting, all of which are first time clubs with the exception of one.

Clermont County

First Baptist Church of Glen Este will start their first Good News Club February 24th at Willowville Elementary in Batavia. Clough Pike Baptist Church will start their first club March 4th at Clough Pike Elementary.

Butler County

Hope Baptist Church, who conducted a number of Christmas parties in December, will launch their first Good News Club at Fairfield Compass Elementary School while Covenant Community Church will resume its club at Fairfield West Elementary School that they held for three years prior to Covid.

Warren County

Grace Point Fellowship in Franklin will begin in March at Anthony Wayne Elementary School after the team is trained in February.



Committee member Mari Lou Banks trains new volunteers on teaching effective Bible lessons

All clubs will be using *God: The Creator King* for their curriculum. It's an excellent curriculum series for new clubs as it covers many foundational principals. The first lesson establishes the Bible as the Word of God, different from any other book, inerrant and preserved. The following lessons cover creation, the fall and God's plan of salvation.

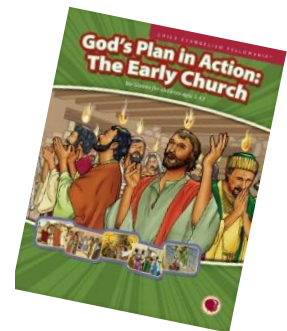
The 2021-2022 New Testament Good News Club Curriculum Series

CEF Good News Clubs include four six-week series each school year, two Old Testament series and two New Testament series. The New Testament series this year are *Jesus: God Who Came to Earth* and *God's Plan in Action: The Early Church*.



In the *Jesus: God Who Came to Earth* series the life of Christ is taught starting with his birth as the promised savior and covers his early life up to the beginning of his earthly ministry.

The Early Church series teaches narratives found in the Acts of the apostles. Children learn about God's protection and provision in the days following Christ's resurrection along with basic apologetics of why we believe Jesus rose from the dead. They will learn about the Holy Spirit's work in the lives of believers, how they can stand strong in the midst of persecution and more.



Child Evangelism Fellowship has many different ministries for children, but the primary ones are the Good News Club and 5-Day Club

You may have heard that The Satanic Temple started a monthly After-School Satan Club (ASSC) at Donovan Elementary School in Lebanon, Ohio where our chapter conducts a Good News Club.

After-School Satan Clubs began in 2016 and target schools with Good News Clubs. They promote themselves as “a safe place for kids to have fun, free from indoctrination and harmful rhetoric. ASSC is being offered as an alternative to the Good News Club that is currently operating at the school after-hours. ASSC is a place where all are welcome regardless of their religious or non-religious background.” To get in the schools The Satanic Temple uses the same 2001 Supreme Court ruling that allowed Good News Clubs in schools after hours and that is that schools cannot discriminate against outside organizations who want to use their facilities.



The goal of the Satan Club is to create chaos and such an uproar that people pressure the school board to refuse ASSC access. However, if schools don't allow the Satan Clubs use their facilities then all outside organizations must be thrown out, including Good News Club. Elimination of outside groups has occurred just once and most ASSCs dissolve for lack of interest and volunteers.

To say the announcement of the Donovan Satan Club on January 20th created an uproar is an understatement, especially on social media. Although the school board wrote a very clear and informative letter to all parents explaining their legal obligations to allow ASSC in, many in the community did not react well.

But God.....

Genesis 50:20 couldn't be more true than it is for Child Evangelism Fellowship and our Good News Clubs. Since the Satan Club announcement on Thursday afternoon, January 20th:

- Local churches offered prayer events and encouraged their church members not to protest but to pray for those involved with ASSC.
- Upset people who originally planned to protest did not do so and the few people who showed up were praising Jesus rather than protesting.
- Five new students joined Good News Club.
- Turnout at the next club was above average with 35 students.
- Three primary school teachers would like to start a Good News Club at their school in the fall. They are looking for more people to add to their team.
- A Donovan parent volunteered to help our club by bringing snacks.
- A Waynesville resident is advertising our websites to increase awareness of the ministry.
- A Lebanon couple would like to help at club and another would like to support the ministry financially.
- We were contacted by people who want to start clubs in Goshen, Little Miami and Monroe after hearing about us on the news.
- A Lebanon man is interested in our Local Director position for our chapter.

We are overwhelmed by God's goodness and how He is working. We know many are discouraged in our community, including teachers and staff, and we will continue to pray for them.

Serving in CEF Is Multigenerational

When we approach people about volunteering and ask if they ever heard of CEF we have had a few surprising responses. “Oh yes, I used to help my mother share the Wordless Book every summer at the county fair near Philadelphia,” and “I remember CEF lessons and stories from when I was in grade school.”

One such person is Kim Knight who joined the Donovan Elementary Club in Lebanon this school year. She remembers her grandmother, Clarabelle Engle, leading a Good News Club in inner-city Chicago more than 50 years ago back in the day when teachers used flannel graphs to teach lessons. Clarabelle also held a leadership position as a teacher of CEF teachers.

Kim explains that her grandmother taught for many years and was passionate about teaching God’s Word and sharing the gospel message. She held a very high view of Scripture and when she taught Bible memory verses she wanted it learned word-for-word. She believed you should not change or leave out any of God’s Word.



Clarabelle Engle, teaching club in Chicago in the 1960s



Kim Knight teaching the memory verse, Genesis 1:1

Kim remembers her grandmother giving her a 1” by 1” Wordless Book that was made out of felt that had a safety pin on the back. She thinks the idea was that you wore it and when someone asked you about it, you could unpin it and share the gospel with them by way of explaining the meanings of the colors.

Like her grandmother, Kim has a passion for teaching children about the Lord and taught Kindergarten for 18 years at Mars Hill Academy, a classical and Christian school located in Deerfield Township, Ohio. She and her husband, Gary, have three children and nine grandchildren. They moved to Lebanon a few years ago and now was a good time to join the Lebanon club and continue teaching children the gospel. We appreciate Kim’s commitment and passion for proclaiming the gospel and energy when teaching children.

The Wordless Book was first introduced by Charles Spurgeon in 1866. CEF offers training to those interested in learning how to present it.

CEF Headquarters Launched U-Nite TV on February 2nd



There is another way for kids to connect with CEF ministry and that is through U-Nite TV. On U-Nite TV, God’s Word is shared in a fun, engaging way to help children understand and apply biblical truths to their lives. Families can stream animated adventures that teach truths from the Bible, music videos to learn and memorize God’s Word, and stories that clearly teach the Gospel.

To join, kids can be registered at www.unite.cefonline.com. It’s free and can be watched from laptops, iOS and Android smart phones, Apple TV and Android TV.