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Greater Cincinnati Chapter Newsletter

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



Praise the Lord!

2,535 Reached with the Gospel
and **148** Made First-time
Professions of Faith in Christ

STATISTICS

Eighteen Good News Clubs ministering to 784 children, an increase of four more clubs and 202 more children over 2023.



Three summer county fairs reaching 1,253 children, teens and adults with the Gospel which is an increase of two more fairs and 806 more people reached over 2023.

Twenty-six Christmas parties reaching 360 kids. This is an increase of six parties and 62 more children reached compared to 2023.



113 children reached during spring and fall, and back to school events.
25 children were part of summertime 3-Day Clubs.

God blessed us this year with three part-time staff. Paul Adams is the Fair/Festival Coordinator and his wife, Lauren Adams, is the Christmas Party Club Coordinator. Anna Snyder is a Good News Club Starter.



Lauren & Paul Adams



Anna Snyder

And a sincere THANK YOU to the nearly 200 faithful and passionate servants of the Lord who volunteer in CEF ministries.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23

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Winter 2025

A special thank you to our year-end matching donor and all 2024 donors. We made the year-end match and the gifts you gave will allow us to increase ministry reach in 2025.

Five New GNC Locations for Fall 2024

CEF Cincinnati was blessed to add the following locations for Good News Clubs in fall 2024.

Marshall Elementary (Talawanda Schools) is hosted by Kerusso Baptist Church in Hamilton. This Good News Club began because we had a booth at the Butler County Fair not far from Kerusso Church's booth. When Jamie Campbell, leader of Kerusso Baptist's outreach ministry, witnessed our CEF volunteers sharing the Wordless Book at the fair and then learned that CEF ministry could be done in local public schools, she was ready to commit.



Jamie Campbell and Kerusso pastor Kris Theobald welcomed by Marshall teacher.



Berachah Church volunteers

Mayfield Elementary (Middletown Schools) is hosted by the "on fire for the Lord" volunteers from Middletown's Berachah Church who will sponsor **four** Good News Clubs come February. The Mayfield club is an answer to prayer that was nearly two years in the making. The process of starting after-school clubs can be lengthy and complicated; however, after meeting with the Superintendent of Middletown City Schools, the door was opened for the club to start. The Lord blessed this club with 24 kids attending.



Northern Hills Bible Chapel

Northern Hills Bible Chapel (Church Good News Club) One of our faithful church partners, Northern Hills Bible Chapel in Finneytown, has adopted Good News Club curriculum to teach and share the Gospel during Wednesday night children's ministry. If your church is looking for a highly effective and very affordable curriculum, Good News Club is a very appealing option. In addition, our local chapter offers free training for CEF curriculum.

Willowville Elementary (West Clermont Schools) is hosted by Glen Este Baptist Church in Batavia and led by church intern, Jace Forward. We are delighted that this church partner recruited a team of faithful volunteers to return to Willowville Elementary after a year-long hiatus.



Jace Forward



Merwin Elementary

Merwin Elementary School (West Clermont Schools) is led by our Good News Club starter, Anna Snyder, and her team of volunteers from Mt. Carmel Christian Church in Batavia. We're blessed to have Anna working part-time to lead Good News Club ministry efforts in the West Clermont schools.

Second Annual Sporting Clays Classic October 11, 2024 at the Sycamore Gun Club



Left to right: Adam Roberts (3rd), Thomas Spears (1st) and Dennis Phillips (2nd)

It was a beautiful day with fellowship, City Barbeque for lunch and gracious support for CEF Cincinnati. This year we added some new features that included handcrafted hardwood cutting board awards made by one of our CEF Cincinnati committee members. These were awarded to the top three shooters using the Lewis Class Scoring System. Our top three shooters were: Thomas Spears in 1st place, Dennis Phillips in 2nd place and Adam Roberts in 3rd place. We also had an expanded selection of raffle items and door prizes this year.

Our generous sponsors included Dunn Specialties, Gold and Diamonds Jewelry Store, Center Stage Financial Management, Wild Hare Shooting Gear and a number of anonymous individuals. Through these fine businesses, our individual shooter registrations, and participation in the Raffle drawings we were able to raise nearly \$7,000.



The 2024 Sporting Clays Classic participants and volunteers

Christmas Party Clubs 2024

26 separate parties, 360 children reached and 7 salvations

We are deeply grateful to all who participated in this ministry. Much effort was put forth by our staff and volunteers to invite children to Christmas party events all for the sake of sharing the Gospel and teaching children to understand that Jesus Christ is why Christmas is more than a materialistic holiday.

Many of these parties were at current Good News Clubs and kids in those clubs were excited to invite their classmates to the party so they could learn the true meaning of Christmas. Other parties were at schools and locations that do not have Good News Clubs.

Training Event with Lauren Adams, Christmas Party Club (CPC) Coordinator



Lauren Adams training

“I’ve always loved and desired to work with kids, and have been delighted to watch my children and others learn. Thanks to CEF, I’ve been given the opportunity to find eternal purpose in this passion and it has been a whole new level of blessing! Watching children hear and respond to the Christmas story with excitement added to the delight of the holiday season, and I’m abundantly grateful to have been involved.”

CPC Training Nov 4th

Our Christmas Party Club efforts began with an in-person training event held on November 4th at Grace Bible Presbyterian Church in Sharonville. Many of our Good News Club volunteers and guests were in attendance to learn the “Light of Life” Christmas Party Club curriculum. As part of our efforts to further equip volunteers, the training event was video recorded and shared via private YouTube videos.

A Couple of Christmas Party Club Highlights

- The largest party was at Amanda Elementary School in Middletown hosted by Berachah Church with 109 kids attending. Three of them made first-time professions of faith in Christ for salvation.
- There was a Christmas Party Club at each of the six Fairfield elementary schools.
- YMCA after-school and vacation daycare programs often look for outside groups to provide enrichment and CEF meets their needs.



Fairfield Compass Elementary



Amanda Elementary



Fairfield North Elementary



Lebanon YMCA



Amanda Elementary

A Word from the Local Director, Rocky Smith

“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



As I reflect on 2024, the Greater Cincinnati Chapter was blessed by our Lord. I find myself deeply grateful and humbled by the number of children and youth who heard the Gospel. Most of you receiving this newsletter, have contributed to this ministry’s efforts to evangelize, disciple, and establish children and their families in a Bible-believing, Bible-teaching church. I want to personally thank you for how you have brought glory unto the Lord Jesus Christ, through your acts of love. Your prayers have been faithful and effective, your time and efforts volunteering have been fruitful, and your amazing generosity has all been instrumental in this effort. I believe the Lord will continue to guide, direct, and bless our efforts to share the

Gospel with more children in the Greater Cincinnati Chapter in 2025, and you have my utmost appreciation for your love and sincerity to be a part of this ministry. Please continue your faithful prayers for the children, their families, and the hundreds of our brother and sisters in Christ; serving, praying, and giving to CEF of Greater Cincinnati.

“Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:24

May the Lord bless you,
Rocky Smith

New GNC Locations for Winter 2025

One of the many fruits yielded from our Christmas Party Club efforts is not only reaching children with the Gospel, but opening doors to continue with and after-school Good News Club. We’ve been blessed with the opportunity to train and equip volunteers to continue Good News Clubs this winter at four new schools. Please remember them in your prayers.

Fairfield North Elementary
Amanda Elementary (Middletown)
Central Academy (Middletown)
Reading Elementary

Video Testimonials

This year we produced testimonial videos about how the Lord blessed and grew those who serve in CEF Cincinnati. Take a moment to watch Eric Baker's, Paul Adam's and Emily Sawyer's testimonies. We trust you will be blessed and encouraged by the what the Lord's people can do as part of The Great Commission.



Watch Eric's Testimony

Eric Baker knew what the Lord would have him do, but found it difficult to say "yes." You will be blessed and encouraged by how the Lord has worked in Eric's life not only through CEF but also through witnessing to coworkers and others.



Watch Paul's Testimony

When Paul Adams was approached to lead our summer fair efforts he knew what he had to do. Paul first heard about the fair ministry's need for a coordinator at the Pie Auction in April and as a University of Cincinnati nursing school professor, he knew he had time to do it during the summer.



Watch Emily's Testimony

Emily was fearful about sharing the Gospel in her hometown but was determined to put her trust in the Lord like never before. You will be blessed to listen to Emily's detailed account of sharing the Gospel with children and teens.



Good News Club - Children's Prayer Requests

Mason Elementary and Intermediate Schools

One of the most precious activities we teach and participate in with our children in Good News Clubs is prayer. Many of our clubs give opportunities for children to submit anonymous prayer requests. While many prayers are sweet and innocent, there are many deep needs that children sincerely express to the Lord Jesus. We hope that you will be touched by reading these prayer requests from children in the Mason Good News Club.

1. "I love going to Good News Club. I have an upcoming basketball practice and game and would be happy to win if you would pray for me. Also to hope my mom and dad have a good week at work."
2. "For my brother to be nice to me and my other brother. "
3. "For my cousin gets out of the hospital before Christmas."
4. "I had a hard time with my mom and dad. They broke up and I was only four years old."
5. "My family and that good news club will give better snacks/candy"
6. "My friend passed out today and she could not walk so my teacher had to carry her into a wheelchair to the nurses office."
7. "My cheer competition and my dad has been traveling and I miss him."
8. "That my brother Henry finds God and continues to follow him."
9. "I pray for my best friend Claire to be healed from cancer."
10. "Please pray for me to learn happiness and for my great grandma who I fear is her last Thanksgiving and that she will join God in peace. Her name is Daris. Thank you, you have really made me closer to God even though I can't go to church. This is my church."