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Child Evangelism Fellowship® of Northeast TN

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Prayer Requests:

- *Housing and start-up expenses for our new assistant director
- *Churches to adopt schools for Good News Clubs
- *The salvation and spiritual growth of children
- *New Committee members
- *New monthly support for the ministry

Matthew 18:14

“Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.”

Our Mission Statement

Child Evangelism Fellowship is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.

Financial Support Gifts:

Checks may be made out to CEF and mailed to CEF of NETN
PO Box 4251
Johnson City, TN 37602
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Give by **PayPal** using johnsoncitycef@gmail.com

Come join us for a MEET and GREET for our FUTURE DIRECTOR Teresa Woodard March 28, 4-7 pm at Summit Leadership

3515 Bristol Highway, Johnson City, TN

Our director, Barbara Presnell, has tirelessly served the Lord these past thirteen years as the director of this local CEF® ministry. Her compassion for the children has led her to persevere in the midst of difficult challenges so that children would hear the gospel and have an opportunity to be saved. Barbara is planning to retire the end of this year, 2023. She and we as the committee have been praying for her replacement and we believe the Lord has answered in the person of Teresa Woodard and her adopted daughter, Hannah. Although Teresa will not join us on staff until July 1, she will be here in March to look for housing, check out schooling for her daughter, meet with contacts, etc. Please stop by and meet them at the Summit between 4-7 pm, March 28. (light refreshments served). Teresa will serve along-side Barbara until the end of December, when Barbara will retire and she will begin to serve as our local director, January 2, 2024.



Good News Club®

Good News Club is fun, and I want to learn about God. That is the testimony of one of the boys attending club this week. Good News Clubs provide a great way to reach out to unreached children to evangelize and disciple them in the Word of God. Right now there are eight clubs being conducted with 214 children enrolled and 11 counseled for salvation. Two of the clubs are in elementary schools, one in a neighborhood center, and the others in the Boys and Girls Clubs. We continually pray that the Lord will raise up more people to do direct ministry with children. **How about you?**



CEF Teacher Training

It is a joy to train others in reaching and teaching children for the Savior. During this school year we have conducted three *Quick Start* trainings to equip new teachers for ministry in Good News Clubs. Those attending are challenged with a biblical basis in evangelizing children. They are taught how to lead a child to Christ, how to develop a Bible lesson from a Bible story that ministers to both the unsaved and the saved, and how to teach the various aspects of the Good News Club hour.



Charles Spurgeon wrote, “A child of five, if properly instructed, can as truly believe and be regenerated as an adult.” This is the statement that caught the attention of J Ervin Overholster, and ultimately led him to follow God’s calling to begin the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship.

The following is a **testimony** from a recent student attending a *Quick Start* training: *I have heard all my life that the age of accountability is around 12 years old. In today’s training, I realized it is much younger than that. As parents we start teaching our children right from wrong as soon as they reach for something they can’t have or that will hurt them.... I can’t think of any reason not to evangelize children at an early age. Learning the way to salvation through love will give them a positive focus on doing what is right. If we don’t teach the children who Jesus is, the world will teach them who He isn’t! That is the urgency of teaching young children about Jesus. That is the mission of CEF.*

Reaching Hundreds of Children!?

Yes, with the CEF activities already planned for April and highlighting Easter, we do have the potential of sharing the message of salvation with hundreds of children. Will you pray that the Lord will use His Word to change lives?

Christian Youth in Action™

What is it: CYIA™ is an opportunity for young people, ages 12 and older, to be trained to reach children for the Savior. Once the young person has completed the training, he will return to his local area where he can be involved in teaching 5-Day Clubs, helping in fair ministries, and more. Each youth will serve according to their age and abilities.

Training dates:

Pre-training—May 6 and May 20 here at the Summit in Johnson City

One Week State training—May 28 through June 2 at Camp Rain, Decherd, TN

Cost: \$200 for the camp and \$58 for their teaching kit.



What is a 5-Day Club®: A 5-Day Club is a neighborhood Bible club that meets for five consecutive days, for 60-90 minutes a day. The club consists of a Bible lesson, memory verse, a continued missionary story, singing, a fun review game, and games to build relationships with the children, depending on the length of the club. The goal is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the children.

DO YOU HAVE A YOUNG PERSON THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS OPPORTUNITY?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A 5-DAY CLUB?

Call 423-928-8848 for more information!

Wish/Need list:

We need a **new color printer** which is able to print two-sided documents (ours is worn out) and we need

Bags of candy for our outreach ministries

COULD YOU OR YOUR CHURCH HELP?