

LOCAL IMPACT



CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

MORE IN '24

In the face of declining church attendance and increasing cultural confusion, it is more critical than ever for us to extend our ministry reach to children who cannot access traditional church settings but still hunger for the hope that only Jesus provides. With this in mind, our vision for 2024 is clear: **to reach 3500 children** across Middle Tennessee. To achieve this vision and reach more in '24, we have the following three goals:

- 1. Recruitment of Staff Members:** Essential to growth is additional staff who share our commitment to reaching the children. A Summer Intern plus a new Ministry Coordinator will help support the growing number of ministry opportunities across the chapter.
- 2. Expansion of Programs:** To increase the number of children we serve, we seek to grow after-school Good News Clubs by at least 50% in the 2024-25 school year. We also plan to increase the number of summer ministry locations and implement a robust Christmas Party Club program.
- 3. Collaboration & Partnerships:** Partnerships with local churches maximizes our impact and connects children and their families with a church. As our state director, Jeff Nichols says, **"It takes all of us to reach all of them."** When we collaborate with churches and like-minded nonprofits, we can reach more children.

You're invited to embrace these God-sized goals with us. Would you consider increasing your involvement? We need dozens more volunteers sharing the Gospel. We need committed monthly givers to expand staff and programs. We need an army of advocates telling others about the CEF ministry opportunities. Together, we can reach 3500 children this year, but **it takes all of us to reach all of them.** We need YOU!



Teresa Snyder with two students from W.A Wright Good News Club

BE BOLD!

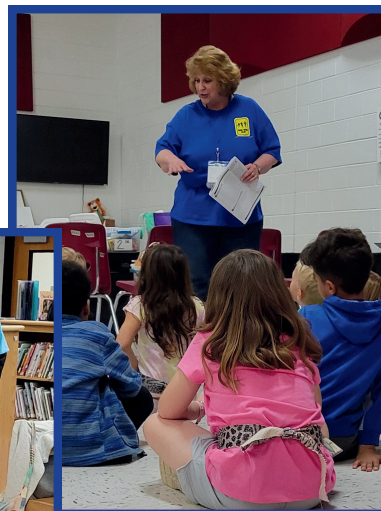
This school year, Good News Club returned to W.A. Wright Elementary in Mt. Juliet! Under the leadership of Teresa Snyder and in partnership with Friendship Community Church, the club grew from 11 students in October to 25 in February.

After returning from Christmas break, two of the GNC students asked Teresa if they could have club more than once a week. With sadness, the team told them that Good News Club could only meet once a week. Instead of being upset, the two girls decided that they would start a Bible club so they could keep learning about Jesus on the days Good News Club didn't meet. They found a teacher sponsor, approached the principal with their proposal, and now on Tuesdays and Fridays, Bible Club meets during club time at their school.

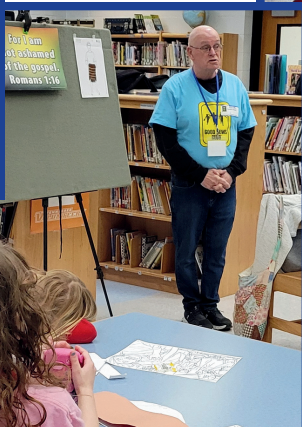
We always celebrate the professions of faith that happen at Good News Club, but let's not forget the Christian growth that happens too. Being in Good News Club encouraged the two girls in the photo above to be bold in their faith and do hard things. That's worth celebrating!



Chapel Hill Elementary



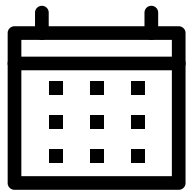
West Elementary



Carroll-Oakland Elementary



Stoner Creek Elementary



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 7-8** - TBMB State Evangelism Conference, Murfreesboro
- April 20** - Boro BBQ Festival Face Painting, Murfreesboro
- May 4** - CYIA Pretraining
- May 26-31** - CYIA Training Camp, Linden Valley Conf. Ctr
- June 10-28** - 5-Day Club ministry
- August 3** - Good News! Training Conference, Mt. Juliet
- August 15-24** - TN State/Wilson County Fair Face Painting, Lebanon

TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY

Do you have a teen in your life who is looking for a way to live out their Christian faith? Who wants to grow their walk with the Lord? Who wants to serve in a meaningful way? *Christian Youth In Action (CYIA)* may be what they are looking for!

The CYIA program has two parts. First, students attend one week of intensive training in how to present the Gospel clearly on a child's level, how to counsel a child for salvation, and how to lead a dynamic ministry for kids. They emerge from this training with **confidence, faith, and leadership skills** to lead 5-Day Clubs for boys and girls. After training, the students return to their local community and teach clubs at various locations with a team of other young people. The clubs take place out in the community, often with predominantly unsaved kids who don't regularly attend church.

Last year, in the Middle Tennessee chapter, eight teens reached **379 children** in Wilson and Rutherford Counties. **Twenty-one children** made first-time professions of faith!

We would love to see this program expand into other counties in the chapter. If you have a young person in your life whose desire is to serve others and grow as a believer, CYIA is for them!

Visit our website (CEFMiddleTennessee.com/CYIA) or call our office (615.244.4373) for more info!

CEF Around the World

I'LL BE A MISSIONARY

Eleven-year-old Gaby joined Good News Club last year and received Jesus as Savior. He loves God and everything about missions. In May, when I finished telling the missionary story about Adhiambo, a Kenyan missionary, Gaby was surprised to know that even people from Africa can become missionaries. Since that day, he asks us to pray for him to become a full-time missionary.



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SAVE THE DATE

Last year marked our first Good News! Training Conference in the Middle TN Chapter. We are pleased to announce that we will again be hosted by First Baptist Mt. Juliet for this year's conference on Saturday, August 3. This training is for all volunteers - new and returning - as well as children's ministry workers. Registration will open in June. I can't wait to see you all there!

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE

- Pray for the following elementary schools, that we might successfully navigate any hurdles & start Good News Clubs in them in the fall: Jones Brummett (Lebanon Special), Liberty (Franklin Special), Walter Hill (Rutherford), Barfield (Rutherford), Mt. Juliet (Wilson), Rutland (Wilson), & Springdale (Wilson).
- Pray for favor with the Wilson County/TN State Fair board, that our application for Gospel face painting would be approved again this year.
- Pray for 5 more CYIA missionaries to be called to serve this summer.
- Pray for chapter leadership as we search for additional staff.
- Praise Him for providing the needed teacher sponsor at Liberty Elem.
- Praise Him for the current opportunities to share the Gospel in local elementary schools; pray for God's continued favor on the eight Good News Clubs across the chapter.
- Praise Him for committed Christian volunteers & givers who make the ministry possible through their faithful service & generosity.

firm foundation

Over the past several weeks, the song "Firm Foundation" by Cody Carnes has been in my mind and on my lips. What lifts my heart every time I hear this song? These lyrics:

*Christ is my firm foundation,
the rock on which I stand.
He's faithful in every season
so why would He fail now?
He won't!*

I need that reminder day by day, moment by moment. He is faithful. He doesn't fail. God is "able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us" (Eph 3:20).

What's my prayer? That in every season you and I will remember the unfailing goodness of God. That in every aspect of ministry, Christ will be our *firm foundation*.

-Joy



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