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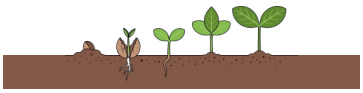
LOCAL IMPACT

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

WHY WE GO — SULLY'S JOURNEY FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE CROSS

Sully (center) with West Elementary GNC team members: Janet, Kathy, & Bobbi



If you've ever visited the Good News Club®(GNC™) at West Elementary, you've likely met Sullivan—better known to everyone as "Sully." Now in his third year with us, Sully's enthusiasm is contagious. Whether it's a high-energy game or a quiet moment of teaching, he jumps in with both feet and a heart wide open.

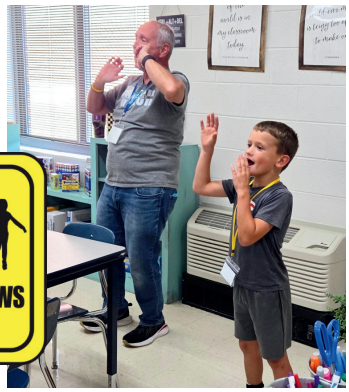
While we see the seeds being planted every week at school, we recently received the wonderful news that those seeds have begun to bloom at home. Sully's parents shared with us that he trusted Christ as his Savior!

The blessing didn't stop there. Our team received an invitation from his family to attend his baptism at their home church, Green Hill Church. It was an incredible honor for our volunteers to witness that faith milestone and hear the family's thanks for the role GNC played in Sully's life.

While we are grateful for their kind words, we know it is truly God who provides the increase. This is the heart of our mission: sharing the Gospel in schools so that every child has the chance to know Jesus. Thank you for your prayers and support that make stories like Sully's possible!

Story shared by Bobbi Greene

LOVE TAKES ROOT — THE HEART OF GOOD NEWS CLUB



MJES club fueled by fun & God's love

When the children enter the room, you can actually feel the surge of energy. Their eyes light up as they spot the familiar faces of their teachers—but the excitement isn't one-sided. The teachers' faces radiate that same joy right back at them. It is undeniable: the love here is mutual.

This is the beautiful scene I witness every time I visit one of our 15 Good News Clubs. Our faithful volunteers and these children share a deep, genuine bond. Of course, managing the high-octane energy of 15 to 40 children in a single room is no small feat! Yet, our volunteers are fueled by a love far greater than their own. It is God's love that opens the door for life-changing truths to take root in young hearts —hearts that are hungry to know the One who loves them most of all.

As we look to the future, the harvest is plenty but the laborers are few. We have set a God-sized goal to launch eight new Good News Clubs this fall, but we cannot do it in our own power. Will you pray with us for the church partners and volunteers needed to reach these children with the message of His love?

Story shared by Jennifer Putman

Building bonds at Rutland Elementary

SUMMER SEEDS, ETERNAL FRUIT

This past fall, a woman shared a story that perfectly captures the impact of summer ministry. For months, she had been praying for two young brothers in her neighborhood whose family was walking through the heavy burden of divorce and addiction. She had invited them to church time and again, but the door remained closed. When she finally saw them again this past autumn, she offered the invitation one more time. This time, they said yes.

As they drove to church, the woman was stunned. The boys began talking freely about Jesus, even asking her granddaughter if she knew Him and reciting Bible verses from memory. When she asked where they had learned so much, their answer was simple: "**5-Day Club this summer at our karate place**." We knew then that it was one of our summer ministry locations!

Summer ministry with Christian Youth In Action®(CYIA™) is more than a training program; it is a call to missions for young believers (ages 12 to early college). After a week-long training camp where they are equipped to share the Gospel in engaging ways, these students spend their summer "on mission" in their own communities. By leading 5-Day Clubs in parks, daycares, and summer care programs like the "karate place," they take the good news of Jesus Christ to kids that traditional church activities might not reach.

The results of these student-led clubs are eternal. Last year, **fifteen local teens reached 553 children** across our chapter and **23 made first-time professions of faith.** Stories like the two brothers remind us that when a teenager says "yes" to serving with CYIA, they are planting seeds of truth that will sustain children through their darkest seasons.

Is there a teen in your life ready to go on mission? We want to hear from you! CYIA is the perfect opportunity for young believers to develop leadership skills while making an eternal impact right here in Middle Tennessee. They aren't the leaders of the future; they are the leaders of right now!

Equipped to teach and lead

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SCAN ME!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **For Sully and New Believers:** Praise God for Sully's baptism and pray that the seeds planted in Good News Club continue to take root in children's lives.
- **For CYIA Missionaries:** Pray for teens (ages 12–early college) to answer the call to summer missions.
- **For Divine Appointments:** Pray for the church partners and volunteers needed to reach our "God-sized goal" of launching eight new clubs this fall.
- **For Sustaining Grace:** Pray that the Bible verses memorized by children in clubs will sustain them through difficult seasons.
- **For Our Laborers:** Pray for our faithful volunteers across 15 Good News Clubs to be fueled by God's love as they manage and disciple the children they serve.

But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.
Acts 6:4 (ESV)

Mark your calendar!
Nashville Praise Symphony
in concert
March 7
Hillcrest Baptist Church
Lebanon, TN
6 PM; free admission

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