



FAITHFUL AT THE FAIR

Amid the carnival lights and bustling crowds of the 2026 Wilson County – TN State Fair, a simple white tent once again became a sacred space. This year was a testament to faithfulness, both in God’s work of drawing hearts to Himself, and the dedication of our volunteers who braved the heat and busyness of the fair to serve. As children sat in folding chairs for face painting, an amazing volunteer team shared the Gospel using the five colors of the Wordless Book, often while parents listened nearby.

2026 Kingdom Impact by the Numbers

- **1,301 Faces Painted:** Mostly children, but also teens and adults, received personal, face-to-face Gospel presentations.
- **22 Professions of Faith:** God proved faithful as 22 people made first-time decisions to follow Jesus Christ.
- **80 Volunteers Mobilized:** Faithful men and women served more than 400 collective hours, including 18 brand-new volunteers stepping into the local mission field.
- **5 Local Church Partners:** Multiple area congregations faithfully united to treat the fair as a local "micro mission trip."

Behind every single one of these numbers is a real child, a real family, and an eternal story. When faithful volunteers step into the gap to serve our faithful God, lives are changed for eternity.

It serves as a powerful reminder of what happens when we choose to think smaller, focusing not on the overwhelming size of the fair crowd, but on investing in one volunteer, one chair, and one child at a time.

Thank you for praying, serving, and giving so that over a thousand children could hear the good news of Jesus!

Celebrating Our 2026 Corporate Partners

Thank you for investing in proclaiming the Gospel through our fair ministry!

Shannon Speck Electric
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Nathan Owens with
Thrivent Financial

One teen who was already a believer, asked if SHE could pray for ME after I painted her face. I was so blessed!

- Debbie C.

First Baptist, Mt Juliet

I got to tell the story of Jesus to three people who seemingly had never heard it before. They were each so enthralled!

- Judy L.

First Baptist, Lebanon



Vivian B. painting the Gospel

The first little face I painted this year asked to receive Christ as his Savior. I am always amazed at how simple God made His rescue plan for us. What a joy! Sure inspired me for the rest of the day!

- Zannie M.

Immanuel Baptist

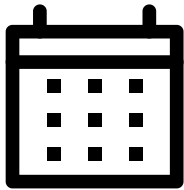


Members of the Victory Baptist team, on mission at the fair

I love that parents or big sisters hear the gospel also while they are waiting. Thank you for the opportunity to witness!

- Linda S.

First Baptist, Mt Juliet



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept 18** - Go & Tell! Training
Crossway Bapt, M'boro
- Oct 15** - Teaching Children Effectively,
Level 1 (TCE-1) Begins
Silver Springs Bapt, Mt. Juliet
- Nov 3** - Go & Tell! Training
Victory Bapt, Mt. Juliet
- Nov 4** - CEF World Day of Prayer



*Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Matthew 28:19*

In this verse, the command "go" better translates "as you are going"—sharing the Gospel as you move through your daily life. All believers, even young ones, are called to live out that command today. That vision is the heart behind Go & Tell, CEF's training curriculum for 4th through 8th graders.

Go & Tell equips pre-teens and middle schoolers with practical tools and biblical confidence, helping them view their schools, sports teams, and neighborhoods as active mission fields. Check out the training dates listed above and bring a young evangelist from your church, club, or family to get equipped!

For more info, call or email our office today!



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MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY LAUNCH

This school year marks an exciting milestone for CEF of Middle Tennessee as we launch our **very first Junior Youth Challenge (JYC)** at Carroll-Oakland School. But the heart of how it began makes it even more special.



When fifth graders aged out of the Carroll-Oakland Good News Club (GNC), neither the students nor the volunteers were ready to say goodbye. The kids wanted to keep gathering with the trusted leaders who had poured into them, and the volunteer team from Immanuel Baptist carried a deep burden for these growing pre-teens. They loved those students, missed them, and knew middle school was a season where these students would need biblical guidance more than ever.

And that's how JYC at Carroll-Oakland was born, out of a heart for middle schoolers who had outgrown Good News Club, but not the need for discipleship and relationship. JYC gives 6th through 8th graders a grounded space to dig deeper into God's Word, navigate real-life challenges, and continue growing alongside adult mentors who already know and care about them.

We are so thankful for Immanuel Baptist's commitment to follow God's lead beyond the elementary years. To learn more about Junior Youth Challenge or find out how your church can reach middle schoolers, visit cefmiddletennessee.com/jyc.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: TCE-1

Whether you serve in children's ministry, volunteer at Good News Club, work at a Christian school, or simply want to learn how to better disciple the next generation, Teaching Children Effectively, Level 1 (TCE-1) is for you! This in-person course gives you real-world practice in sharing the Gospel clearly, creating engaging Bible lessons, teaching memory verses, and guiding young hearts.

- **When:** Mondays & Thursdays, Oct 15-Nov 12 (6:00-9:15 PM)
- **Where:** Silver Springs Baptist, 9938 Lebanon Rd, Mt. Juliet
- **Cost:** \$125 (\$75 due at registration; includes all materials)
- **Register:** Online at cefmiddletennessee.com/events or scan QR code below. *Space is limited!*

As a bonus, TCE-1 offers much more than teaching techniques. It gives you a new lens for studying scripture, equipping you to spot basic Gospel truths as you read the Bible, and giving you a framework for sharing it with the kids in your life. Invest four weeks this fall to gain a lifetime of confidence in God's Word and make your teaching stronger than ever.

We can't wait to see you at TCE-1!



PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE

- Pray for the Good News Clubs that are resuming this school year across the chapter.
- Pray for a teacher sponsor at Mt Juliet Elementary so that Good News Club can resume there.
- Pray for the Junior Youth Challenge (JYC) club beginning at Carroll-Oakland and that more JYC Clubs would begin in our area and across the country.
- Pray for every seed planted at the Wilson County - TN State Fair, that those seeds would sprout and grow.