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Child Evangelism Fellowship of Greater Knoxville

Quarterly Update

Fall 2022

Praises & Prayer Requests!

- Praise God! TWO new After School Good News Clubs (ASGNC) are starting in the Knoxville area, in addition to the five already established clubs reconvening.
- We need more local committee members and sub-committee volunteers for CEF Knoxville, as well as additional church partnerships and volunteers to start more Good News Clubs.
- Please pray for favor as Mitch continues to meet with local churches to establish partner relationships that will enable more Good News Clubs throughout our area. Our goal is to establish five new ASGNCs this school year.

It's Fall, Ya'll!

The purpose of CEF of Greater Knoxville 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.

"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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

Dear Friends of CEF Knoxville,

What an exciting time of year! The changes in weather and scenery here in beautiful East Tennessee have brought us back together with wonderful friends old and new. Good News Clubs are reconvening and forming for the first time, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the upcoming generation.

As the world inches its way back to "normal" or "new normal" after the pandemic, we look forward with hope and joy to what God will be doing in the hearts of children through Child Evangelism Fellowship, both in the Knoxville area and around the world.

So often we find that children are hungry for an adult to listen to, and are wide open to the Gospel message. How refreshing! In complete contrast to the strife and division you may hear about on the nightly news, Good News Clubs offer a safe haven, full of love, fun, and excitement for both children and volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. We couldn't do this work without you. In this newsletter, we'll share just a few recent highlights. For more information, check us out online, or give us a call at (865) 333-1211.

— The Local CEF-Knoxville Committee

Current and soon-to-start After School Good News Clubs in the Greater Knoxville Area: Sevierville Intermediate (5th grade), sponsored by First Baptist Church Sevierville • Lincoln Heights Elementary, Morristown, sponsored by Peace Free Will Baptist Church • Mt. Olive Elementary, sponsored by Calvary Knoxville • Dandridge Elementary, sponsored by First Baptist Church Dandridge • West Hills Elementary, sponsored by West Hill Presbyterian Church • New Hopewell Elementary, sponsored by Crosswalk Community Church • Boys and Girls Club of Maryville, sponsored by New Hope Baptist Church

KEEP AN EYE OUT!

Thanks to an anonymous donor, we're re-vamping our website! Soon we'll have a brand new look at www.cefknox.com. Those interested in evangelizing children will be able to more easily connect with us, and stay up to date with what is happening in our chapter.

Training Volunteers to Lead After School Good News Clubs



Ministry Moment

Avoiding the Trap of Fall's Busyness

The “lazy” days of summer have given way to the crispy cool weather of fall, with corn mazes, back to school, fourth quarter planning and thoughts like “where did the year go? It’s almost over!” It’s easy to let life speed up and spin nearly out of control with to-do lists and holiday busyness. Some of these activities are welcome, and some ... not so much.

You’re no doubt familiar with the story of sisters Mary and Martha told in Luke 10:38-42. There is a lot of work to do, and Martha is busy taking care of it. But Mary is sitting calmly at the feet of Jesus, listening to Him teach. I’ve often had teachers ask, “Are you being Mary or Martha?” But I don’t think it’s as simple as that. The lesson, I believe, is to focus our hearts on Jesus as we also go about our work and activities. Another cliché that takes its turn in Christian circles is: *if the devil can’t make you sin, he’ll make you busy*. It’s been attributed to many, from World War II concentration camp survivor Corrie ten Boom to modern writer Anne Lamont, and many others. It speaks to a real trap that comes when we are too busy. Too busy to notice God’s still, small voice in the everyday doing-ness of life.

For myself, I see the real wonder of Fall when I slow down occasionally, pick my activities and projects with more deliberation, and take my daily direction from the One who brings such beautiful color to the world around me. Happy Fall, Ya’ll.

— Debbie Patrick, Communications Subcommittee Chair

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people

— Ephesians 6:18

Photos on this page represent direct answers to our prayers. If you’d like to join our prayer team, drop us an email using the contact information below.

Thank you!

... And the Clubs Begin!



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