



CEF Update

Fall 2023

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.

Dear Friends of CEF of Greater Knoxville,

There's a welcome crispness in the morning air ... can cooler weather all day long, Fall leaves, and beautiful roaring fireplaces be far behind? Bring on the s'mores! These sweet seasonal treats are indicative of the sweet Good News Club gatherings, relationships, members, and expansions we're experiencing this school year. With "seeds" planted as far back as the pandemic, when it may have seemed not much was happening, the ministry is yielding good fruit and growing like crazy. What a wonderful blessing, and due in large part to your faithfulness in partnering with us with your time, talents, and resources. Many thanks to you, and to God be the glory!

—*The Local CEF-Greater Knoxville Committee*

Answered Prayers!

- 41 NEW Good News Club Volunteers!
- THREE new Local CEF-Greater Knoxville Committee Members!
- A new part time Administrative Assistant!
- Three continuing Administrative Volunteers!
- A total of TEN Good News Clubs this school year, including THREE in previously unserved counties.

New Committee Members!

We're Growing!

As many of you know from following our prayer requests, we've been looking for others to serve on the Local Committee that guides the administration of CEF of Greater Knoxville. We're delighted God has answered those prayers in such a special way.

Lavigne Kirkpatrick came to a get acquainted meeting



Lavigne Kirkpatrick



Tammy Bowlin



Pastor John Pinkston

about Good News Clubs, and was moved to get involved, in a way that matched her skill set. As a retired R.N., she's gifted in administration and organization.

Tammy Bowlin is a retired special education teacher and administrator. She loves God

and children, and can serve both passions on our Local Committee.

Pastor John Pinkston has served in ministry for over 30 years, and is currently the Associational Missionary for the Jefferson County Baptist Association. Pastor John has always had a particular passion for reaching and evangelizing children, making him a perfect fit with CEF of Greater Knoxville.

We're thrilled to have all three serving the Lord through CEF of Greater Knoxville.

Now Find Us on Instagram!

Last month, we told you about launching our new website, to better spread the word online about our ministry. Now, we're branching out a little more into social media, with an Instagram account in addition to our Facebook presence. Find us on Instagram @ [good_news_club_knoxville](https://www.instagram.com/good_news_club_knoxville)



"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)

Why are Children so Important to Jesus?

Luke emphasizes how important children were to Jesus when he tells the following story in chapter 18: *Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."* (Luke 18:15-17 ESV)

Jesus makes it clear that bringing His message, as we do in all of our ministries, is part of His plan to reach children in our communities. So many are unchurched, yet they are open to and hungry for the good news! When listening to their precious prayers, we see their pure hearts and desire to believe in Jesus.

Special Prayer Request!

Are you, or do you know of a potential corporate sponsor who would be led to underwrite some of the special events we have planned for the rest of the school year and beyond?

There will be Christmas Party Clubs to introduce both young and old alike to the CEF ministry. These are one-time events that are fun, informative, and engaging. With follow up, the children often go on to join a Good News Club for the entire year.

Likewise, there will be summertime 5-Day Clubs, that meet much like a vacation Bible school, for 5 days in the summer. There are also plans underway to train Good News Club graduates and other volunteers to conduct the 5-Day Clubs, so there is expansion and excitement ahead!

If you would like to make a special donation, or know of a potential corporate sponsor for these events, please contact Mitch Townley at the address listed below. In the meantime, please pray that God brings just the right donors and sponsors for the plans He has given us. **Thank you!**

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