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CEF Good News Gazette

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The latest updates from Child Evangelism Fellowship

Celebrating the 2024-25 Club Season!

There will soon be a crispness in the air as the warmth of summer gives way to the cool mornings and leaf-changing of fall! It also means Good News Clubs will be starting again and we have so much to be thankful for again this year!

During the summer He blessed us with 4, 5 -Day Clubs with a total of 96 children attending and 18 decisions for Christ!

We had different people jump into new roles and watched miracles happen when an almost cancelled club yielded over 15 decisions for Christ! It went exactly as He planned, even if we didn't know it!

As a reminder, in last year's Good News Clubs, God brought us 24 schools and 3 churches, 150 volunteers, and almost 900 children to share the good news with! That was an increase of over 125 new children!

Our new Club season is kicking off this year with 2 new clubs in Flinstone MD and the Salvation Army in Hagerstown. A third one is collecting volunteers to start one in a combination of Ruth Ann Monroe and Eastern Elementary too! More leads are coming in daily so please pray for His timing!

New volunteers are joining CEF and everyone is praying for His blessing on the new school year!

VOLUNTEERING WITH CEF

Want to Volunteer? CEF is always looking for volunteers to help in our clubs, various other programs, serve as Board members and many other areas that fall under our broader heading of "virtual assistants."

We are prayerfully seeking anyone who might want to serve on our Chapter Board, which meets once a month in person or via zoom. If you feel called to serve in any capacity we would love to hear from you and talk about the many ways Christ can use you to impact children for eternity!

God at Work: At a recent Back-To-School night at one of our Good News Club Schools, the leaders had set up a table out front. A young boy approached the table with his mom and asked them, "How can I know for sure I'm going to heaven?" They were able to help him right then and there, with childlike faith, to call upon Jesus to save him! What an amazing blessing and testimony to the power of the Holy Spirit always at work around us!!

1 Corinthians 15:58

⁸Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.



2024 Month Of Giving

You are an important part of Northwest Maryland Child Evangelism Fellowship in Washington and Frederick Counties. Your generosity and faithful support have helped us bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to elementary school students through our after-school Good News Clubs. We had 30 clubs with 147 volunteers and 877 students last year. We expect to reach even more this year. You can be an important part of growing this ministry with us!



How can you help? You may not have the opportunity to personally share the Good News with the Elementary School children, but your **gifts and prayers** for those who do, are very important.

Last year, our first annual “**Double My Gift**” Fundraiser was so well received, that several, long-time donors have generously provided the initial “matching grants” of **\$20,000** in order to get the ball rolling this year. Now **we need your help** to match this amount so we can reach our goal of \$40,000. This means that whatever you give will be **DOUBLED**, up to \$40,000

CEF of
Northwest MD
Jason Norris
Ministry
Coordinator

For example:

Your gift of \$250 will be **doubled** to equal \$500!

These gifts will help us—

- Purchase new Bibles for the Good News Clubs
- Hire an “Administrator” to assist our Ministry Coordinator
- Update our digital equipment

We are committed to providing high-quality, life-changing, and Bible-based sessions with the children each week, led by our trained and committed volunteers.



Then I heard
the voice of
the Lord,
saying, Whom
shall I send,
and who will
go for us?
Then I said,
“Here am I,
send **Me.**”
Isaiah 6:8

Our Ministry Coordinator, Jason Norris, is a great leader! He is “on the road” meeting school principals and pastors, recruiting and training volunteers, coordinating club leaders, writing newsletters, and much, much more!

Who is ordering and delivering teaching materials, updating the website, handling the social media, recording the statistics, and all the other administrative tasks? You guessed it...Jason!

We need to let him focus on his ministry of working with volunteers to share Jesus with more children. We hope to use some of the funds from the “**Double My Gift**” Fundraiser to outsource some of the administrative activities to highly qualified people who share CEF’s goals and mission. This will free up more time for Jason, our Ministry Coordinator, to expand the ministry and help more children learn about Jesus...the goal of this important ministry.

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