

Good News Gazette

LATEST UPDATES FROM CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF NORTHWEST MARYAND

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How God Works in Good News Club

The testimonial below was provided by a ten-year volunteer in a Frederick County Good News Club. She is also a teacher in the same elementary school. Her daughter has assisted, and her son attends. She said that a primary reason for her involvement was that “it was a way to teach children about God in a community where fewer people ever step foot into a church.”

“The best part about teaching at the school where I volunteer for Good News Club is that I get to have interactions with the students in GNC during the school day. I can have one-on-one conversations with students who need to be redirected for their behavior. I can talk about Jesus when a student is having a difficult day, or just be an example for Jesus for the students. Last year I led a fourth grader to be saved during Club. This interaction allowed me to have a special bond with this student. There were days that she would struggle and I was able to comfort her with God’s word. This always put a smile on her face. I also love hearing students from the GNC share God in the classroom. Hearing students take a stand for God, witness, and be a light in the classroom is just another example of the power of Good News Clubs in schools.”

Might you want to experience a similar joy of service (in GNC) as this faithful teacher?

“Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people” (Luke 2:10b).

It is hard to grasp the excitement felt by the shepherds as they witnessed a “multitude of heavenly host praising God” and received angelic instructions to visit the Christ child that eventful night. Those who serve in the NW MD CEF ministry are also praising God for His blessings as we carry out Jesus’ direction in Matt 19:14 to “*let the little children come to me*”. By close of 2024, we will be at 31 active Good News Clubs (GNCs). We praise God for enabling us to fully restore our in-person GNCs after being shutdown during the Covid pandemic. That achievement resulted from a multi-year effort to overcome many headwinds. We also give praise for our donors, who stepped up again by giving almost **\$25,500 during our Matching Fundraiser**. Be encouraged by reading Jason’s exciting progress report on back. Would you consider making an end of year donation? Or even better, would you setup up a recurring monthly donation? We are so very grateful for those faithful monthly donors who have provided a “financial baseline” we can count on. Our biggest financial need is to grow the number of monthly donors. Might God be leading you to partner with NW MD CEF in 2025 as a monthly donor? Please review some of the GNC expenses below. The list below reflects the average monthly expenses **per** school-based club.

NW MD Good News Club Monthly Expenses:

- CEF curriculum: \$10
- Room rental: \$50
- Peachjar (school website): \$11

Club Totals:
Monthly = \$71
Yearly = \$852

Would you **cover one or more** of these monthly GNC costs, or even a full year’s cost? Please add an expense category in the memo field with your donation. Thank you for blessing us.

GOOD NEWS CLUBS 2024-2025

Luke 2:11

For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.

The new school year has begun,
with Good News Clubs now active
in 3 counties in Northwest MD!

In Frederick County, we have 14
clubs, 13 schools & 1 church club.

In Washington County, we have 14
clubs, 11 schools and 3 in
churches and the Salvation Army.

In Allegany County, we have 1 new
club in Flintstone Elementary for a
total of 29 clubs in the 3 counties!

We will be starting a second club
at Greenbrier soon and a new
Club in Smithsburg Elementary
the first week of December.

So far, we have witnessed to
over **750 children** and have clubs
with 46, 69, 86 and 93!! God has
been speaking to the hearts of
our children with **24** of them
asking Christ to be their Lord and
Savior in October!

Please continue praying for new
clubs beginning in Smithsburg,
and Ruth Ann Monroe/ Eastern
Elementary schools.

A huge thank you to our army of
volunteers and their families who
give abundantly of their time,
treasure and talents. Also, the
many people who faithfully pray
and support our ministry.

I think the Bible is clear in James
4:2, you do not have because
you do not ask. We asked Him to
help us reach ALL the children
and He has been seen working in
amazing ways!



GOD AT WORK: One of our clubs experienced something truly amazing
already this fall. This is their account:

So, Myra did the lesson today and she had the kids bow their heads and raise
their hands if they wanted to know more about Jesus. She said if they raised
their hand to go see Ms. Debbie. Well, I had my eyes closed with everyone
else sitting on the floor and didn't know they were coming to me. When I
opened my eyes, there were **18 children sitting around me** smiling. So, I
asked all of them if they wanted to pray to Jesus and tell Him that they
believed in Him and they all said yes! So, I walked them through the plan of
salvation and then told them the angels in heaven are celebrating.

I cannot imagine the moment she opened her eyes and saw those precious
children gathered around her on the floor. I had been there the week be-
fore and you could feel the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of the children.
It did not surprise me that the following week would be THE DAY.

I am reminded of the song: Come Jesus come, we've been waiting so long.
For the day to return, heal every hurt and right every wrong. We need you
right now, come and turn this around, deep down I know, this world isn't
home, come Jesus come.

If He had come a month ago, all these precious children would not be
joining us in eternity. So, we all press on, in His strength, because the time is
short and we have work to do!

PRAYER CORNER

Please be in prayer for the ministry of CEF
Northwest Maryland for:

- Continued blessing/protection
over the children, volunteers
and staff.
- More volunteers and schools to
be open to starting a Good
News Club.
- People to join the ministry as
Board Members, just 1 meeting
a month and it can be zoom as
needed.
- Financial donations and grants
to increase to cover new costs
for schools, Bibles and more.
- New partnerships with
Churches to reach more
communities with the Good
News.

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