

# Good News Gazette

THE LATEST UPDATES FROM CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP IN NORTHWEST MARYLAND

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## 2024 GOOD NEWS CLUB PRAISES

Psalms 9:1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Praise the Lord for all He has done during this year's Good News Club season! We launched new clubs at Flintstone Elementary, Smithsburg Elementary, added a second club at Greenbrier Elementary, and new clubs at Salvation Army and Zion Baptist Church in Hagerstown.

Our Army of over 150 volunteers staffed 31 clubs this year in schools and churches, with approximately 950 children. That includes 5 clubs over 50 and one at 95! There were 140 professions of faith!! These children now have a Heavenly Father and a place in eternity with Jesus! Praise Him for allowing you to rescue those children from an eternity separated from God.

## SUMMER 5-DAY CLUBS

Once again this year we're planning to go out into the community to present Summer 5-day clubs! This is very similar to Vacation Bible School that many of you are familiar with! We have an entire CEF Summer Kit for 5 days of 90-minute clubs for the community. We were blessed with several clubs last year and are reaching out to those places and more. We are also looking for adults and young people age 14-22 who might want to help in any way this summer.

We will be doing clubs for 4 weeks, from the week of July 7<sup>th</sup> until August 1st. If you/anyone you know might be interested, please email me at Northwestmarylandcef@gmail.com.

We're looking to add any school where Jesus brings us volunteers, and several are on the radar. We continue to pray for wisdom and direction as He brings us churches and volunteers to reach our current schools and to add more to His ministry.

Please be in prayer for His ministry and for doors to open so more children can be reached with the Good News. Satan is hard at work trying to destroy our children, and CEF is standing in the gap to protect them and lead them to Jesus! We are excited to see His plans for next year and how we can fulfill the Great Commission in our chapter.



## FALL FUNDRAISER-PREVIEW

God came through in a major way through all of you again last fall for our Month of Giving campaign. The fundraiser helped us to grow and reach more children this year!

We are once again planning to label September as our "Month Of Giving." Please be in prayer and asking God how you might support the fundraiser this September as we hope to build on the great foundation He provided for us last year!

#### **VOLUNTEER 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!

For more information, email to: <u>Northwestmarylandcef@gmail.com</u>

#### **Fall Training Dates:**

Sep. 6th 9-1230 Faith Baptist

Sep. 9th 530-830 Emmanuel UM

Sep. 11 630-830 Zoom

Sep. 16 530-830 Grace Comm.

Sep. 18 630-830 Zoom

### DONOR DRIVE

We want to begin by thanking those of you who have been long-term faithful donors and supported the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship for years!

We want to share with you our needs as a ministry and ask if you would prayerfully consider how you might partner with us to reach even more of His children. Total transparency, we are looking for ways to fully fund our ministry moving into the future. The rising costs we are all facing impact our ministry in many areas. For example, the costs just to use a room in Frederick County went up from \$2 dollars an hour, to \$12.50! That's a 525% increase resulting in bills of over \$800 a month. As a result, we rarely meet our monthly budget and cover expenses.

We are looking at many fundraising opportunities, and one of the most sustainable is building a group of monthly donors. One-time gifts are wonderful too, but monthly donations allow us to better plan and grow the ministry.

We would also love to see if people would like to partner with us to help cover the costs of specific areas and schools. Listed below are some of the categories of expenses based on

month, school/club, or item.

If you would like to donate to cover one of these, please simply indicate that on your check or in the message box in Pushpay.

Any type of fundraising begins with all of you, our team of volunteers and newsletter recipients. Currently, only about 2% of the roughly 1,000 people who fall into that category support the ministry financially. You all pray and give of your time, treasure, and talents! But Matthew clearly indicates in <a href="Matthew 6:21">Matthew 6:21</a>, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." We know the Lord blesses us when we sacrificially give to Him and saving lost and unchurched children will last for eternity!

If half of our team gave just \$10 dollars a month, we would meet our current needs. We love the opportunity to reach mostly unchurched children for Christ in our public schools! We're able to provide them with Bibles and share the Good News of Jesus!

It's very easy to join as a monthly supporter by mailing a check. Or use Pushpay where a credit card can take care of it each month and save from having to do anything except pray for His wisdom over it. You will get a receipt each month for tax purposes with a thank you note for your support.

Would you consider praying about whether Christ would want you to invest in His children and reach new schools and new communities with the Good News of the Gospel?

The mailing address is provided below, along with our website, Pushpay website and QR code for you to scan. Thank you for your prayers and thoughtfully considering whether God is calling you to become a new Monthly Donor!

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A close relationship and a better understanding of God and His son Jesus Christ.

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