

A WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER UPDATE FROM

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God With Us AN EMMANUEL LEGACY

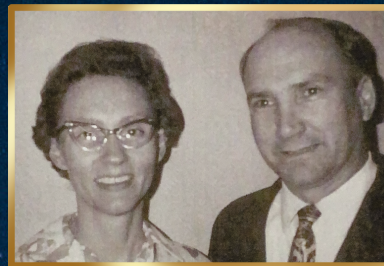
"And [she] shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." **Matthew 1:23b**

Christmas is a time to celebrate earth's greatest gift: **God** -- perfectly, sovereignly, majestically, yet humbly -- with **us** -- fallen, broken, dirty though we are. It is the glorious impossible made so through just one child born; perhaps to show just how important one child is to God.

With every soul birthed into His family, a tiny person-sized element of Emmanuel is sent again from God to earth in the form of a new, clean heart made right with Him. And as that seedling grows with life and time -- communicating with God through prayer and the Scriptures, finding ways to fellowship and serve in the local Body, and listening to obey with the same child-like tenderness through which the new life was first brought -- God comes again to earth through the ambassadorship of His adopted sons and daughters and their joyful obedience to Him.

This is the legacy of those who have served via CEF ministries over the nearly 7 decades of God's ministry to children in the greater Evansville area. We are grateful to all who attended and shared at this year's Fall Banquet to especially honor the legacy of those pictured (and more!). Yet, as long as there is time to serve, there is opportunity -- and as long as there is opportunity, there are still children who need to be reached for Christ when their hearts are most ready and their lifetime most unspent!

This Christmas and coming year, let us prepare to adore Him, indeed; and for those of us who Believe on His name, let us also magnify His Gospel with an "Emmanuel legacy" of our own. Let us not hoard His gift, as if it were only ours, but rather invest in sharing an eternal legacy: the endless hope of **God with us** -- and with just one more child, too.



Top Left: Doris and Herman Bass, Top Right: Bob and Pearl Ferguson Bottom Left: Wanda Duncan with daughter Angela, Bottom Right: Ray and Mary Stein (middle) with Ryan and Lisa Cosby

THERE'S STILL TIME!

Don't forget about CEF of Indiana's 65th anniversary celebration! You can reach Indiana children for Christ this year for just \$2.14 a day! Your pledge of \$65/month for the next year can be **doubled** through a generous matching fund available until **December 31!** Don't miss it!



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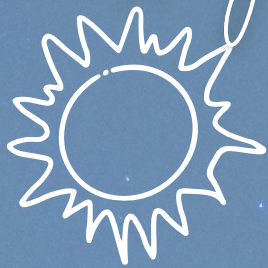
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PARTY CLUBS: WHAT
ONLY GOD COULD DO

COORDINATOR'S
CORNER

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OPPORTUNITIES

Will you pray with us?



SUMMER MINISTRIES

Praise for:

- All ministry needs met and 80+ children reached this summer!

Pray for:

- 8-10 *Christian Youth in Action* students
- A full, expanded 5-Day Club schedule
- Staff and campers for *Camp Good News*



GOOD NEWS CLUBS

Praise for:

- 10 Good News Clubs met in 2023 reaching 300+ kids!
- Over 60 volunteers prayed, taught, & simply "showed up" each week of club!

Pray for:

- 5 new school clubs to start by Fall '24
- Full funding for GNC coordinator, Jennifer Whitaker



GOD'S PEOPLE

Praise for:

- 3 staff members and the installation of a ministry coordinator!
- Faithful committee members
- Candidate for office manager position!

Pray for:

- God's perfect timing and will for new office staff hiring
- 3 new committee members in 2024

OUR TEAM

Committee Members

Lisa Cosby · Bill Gilles ·

Jamie Frederick

Ron David

Local Director

Amelia Armstrong

Ministry Coordinator

Jennifer Whitaker

Office Manager

Coming this January!

Bookkeeper

Steve Holzmeyer

Countless Volunteers

who give, serve, teach, share, and pray as God leads to see every child reached for Christ

We praise God for you!



Coordinator's Corner: BY JENNIFER WHITAKER

The first 3 weeks of October, I attended the *Children's Ministries Institute (CMI®)* in Warrenton, MO. I was able to meet and be challenged by the president of CEF, Jeremiah Cho. I have enrolled in the next training online which starts January 9, 2024. It is thrilling to learn more about ministry with *Child Evangelism Fellowship!* At CMI there are students of all ages from all across the United States present. It is so encouraging to see how many young adults are willing to follow God's call on their lives and be willing to follow Him wherever He leads!

Thank you for praying for me and supporting me financially. You have allowed me this opportunity to attend CMI. I am humbled by your generosity. Please continue praying and giving as I prepare to take future courses that I will learn, retain and apply all that I am being taught to advance God's kingdom.

I am praising God for calling me into a ministry organization where the primary focus is prayer. I am praising God for my Local Director, Amelia, who loves the Lord well and is such an example to model. I am praising God for the opportunities to meet volunteers, church families, the Warrick County school superintendent, and teachers. I am praising God for ALL who have chosen to support, partner, and pray with me. I am praising God for new relationships. I am praising for all He is accomplishing this semester in the Good News Clubs. I am praising God for the new teams God is leading for NEW Good News Clubs to start in the spring. I am praising God for answered prayer, GOD IS SO GOOD!!



The full group of 5 new CEF trainees from Indiana!



As you can see, CMI training is all work and no play; there are absolutely no shenanigans or silliness at all.



Wordless

A POEM FOR CHRISTMAS

Hello, little person!
With shining sparkling eyes,
I see you there about this world
With little help or guide.
It's not that you're not cared for!
(At least, I hope it so!)
But there is something vital that
In youth you just *must* know!

Dear Friend, I've got a story
Without pictures or words
About someone Who loves you
And the greatest gift on earth.

This gold page here that glitters
Reminds of up above,
A special place called heaven
And the One True God of love.
He is your Creator --
And He loves what He made!
He's perfect and He's holy
And with you longs to stay!

This next page is a sad one;
It's dark and cold with sin
All filthy with the things we say
And do that displease Him.
Our foolish words and bitter thoughts
Are what makes God's heart break
It drives a gap between us
Our best could never change.

But this page is my favorite!
See how it's stained so red?
The color of redemption --
It means that someone bled.
That Someone was Jesus
The perfect "God the Son"
Who came and lived among us
To be the promised One.

He never once was sinful,
Yet died and rose for you
According to the Scriptures --
That makes Him our "Good News"

Now, see here this clean page?
Reminding of this truth:
That *any* heart can be made free --
Christ's blood can make you new!
For in all of His mercy
Despite our rotten sin
You can believe on Jesus
And be made right with Him!

As it says here in Scripture
In Acts chapter sixteen--
Verse thirty-one tells here just how
He can make dark hearts clean!

And now, dear little hearer,
You've listened well to me
But I must ask you here now
Can you but see your need?
For it will make no difference
To only hear and know --
If today so you choose,
Believe and tell God so!

And in a quiet instant,
With bowed head and closed eyes,
A little soul was transferred
From death to purest life!

Oh, Lord, please let more follow
As yielded hearts are stirred!
And Christians share the Gospel
Without a single word.



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True Love: A Child's Search on Valentine's Day

"God loves me! I know He does!" The familiar words from CEF's "7 Most Important Things" song keeps the first things first: God loves ME! Yet, this reality, though unquestionably the most powerful thing on earth, remains largely unknown for little ones in even our own community. This February, we are asking God for a special outreach effort through Valentine's Day Party Clubs celebrating God's true love!

Several of these Valentine-themed evangelistic outreaches will be held as part of regular *Good News Club* meetings held in local schools! While we praise God for each one, we are especially asking Him to use this effort to **expand** ministry to churches, community centers and other available areas where children and families can be invited to freely hear the love of Jesus!

We are looking for open doors and open hearts willing to help facilitate the following needs for **10** Valentine's Day Party Clubs in the month of February, 2024:



Volunteers willing to secure a space, host, and invite kids and families for the party clubs. Helpers for teaching, snacks, and crowd control are also welcome.



Indoor spaces in community centers, libraries, nursing homes, churches, apartment complexes, homes, etc. to hold Valentine's Party Clubs.

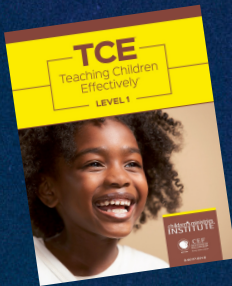


Sponsors willing to invest. Each non-GNC party club costs \$26 for a prepared lesson, game, & teaching materials. Your gift streamlines party preparation for hosts.



Investment Evangelism

TRAINING TO REACH THEM ALL



The single difference between Believers that may reach every child today and those who will reach every child in every nation today, tomorrow, and one hundred years from tomorrow is *training*. This ultimate evangelism through investment (both others' and one's own) is the key to truly "gain the more" (1 Corinthians 9:19) -- winning as many as possible.

CEF of Evansville is offering two structured training opportunities in 2024, including a Valentine's Party Club Training and a *Teaching Children Effectively™* course. Contact the office or visit cefevansville.online for more information.

PARTY CLUB TRAINING: FEB. 1,2

Identical training sessions available 2 different days (Thursday, 2/1 at 6:30pm & Friday, 2/2 at 10:00am); Perfect for new volunteers or those interested in learning about CEF teaching and evangelism methods; Course Cost: Free

TCE™ LEVEL 1: APRIL 3-25

Accredited course sessions will be held Wednesday and Thursday each week (April 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, and 24-25). Virtual options are available. CE credit optional. Course cost: \$135 (covers all course training, materials, and student manual)

12/31	- Last day to give toward 65th Anniversary Project
01/02	- CEF Office Reopens after Christmas Break
02/1,2	- Party Club Training
02/1-29	- Valentine Party Clubs
04/03	- TCE 1 Course Begins
2024	

