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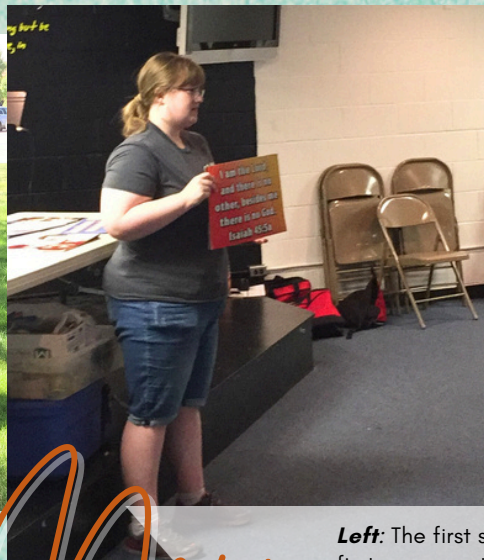
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Left: The first summer training team in many years in 2019 (plus my first exposure to CEF) **Middle:** Teaching one of my first times at a 5-Day Club, Summer 2019 (I would sign on as full-time staff about 6 months later) **Right:** Training in Spencer County in 2024 with part of the army of volunteers God has sent to reach children in our area!

My favorite books growing up were adventure tales. *Pollyanna* and *Rebekah of Sunnybrook Farm* were alright – but it was the likes of *Robinson Crusoe*, *Swiss Family Robinson*, and *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* that stole my heart and ignited my imagination for weeks on end.

I don't know what it was about the ideas of being stranded on an island or the depths of the sea and having to survive on only sweat, determination, and ingenuity that made me crave a piece of that adventure from a young age; but I cannot help but believe that this very same craving was a God-gift that He has used the local CEF ministry in the greater Evansville area to both celebrate and sovereignly satisfy within my soul.

Despite the shortage of shipwrecks and shark attacks here in Southern Indiana, the last 5 years since my start as Local Director have been nothing short of adventurous – from forging new paths for ministry in the jungle brush of post-Covid America to seeing God's providential hand supply every need, no matter how scarce resources sometimes seemed.

Toward the end of these adventure stories, the author carefully leads the reader to the conclusion of the story, even if it seems different than what may have seemed best in the earlier chapters. By the finish, the character(s), having had a deeper more exciting experience than they ever could have guessed, are ready to move thoughtfully into the next right thing.

This is akin to the place I find myself as I recognize God's call to me to step away from Local Directorship and toward the next adventure as a State Trainer for CEF of Indiana.

As the end of June creeps ever closer (and with it, my final days as Local Director), I am reminded both of how uneasy change is, but also, of how strong and sovereign our God will forever be. He will always get to do what **He** wants with *His* ministry to children in Southern Indiana – He has never needed me to do it right.

In the book *Swiss Family Robinson*, one of the stranded troubadours remarks "how curious it seems" that God should do as He does with His creation. To this "Father" humbly replies:

"To our feeble and narrow vision many of the ways of the Infinite and Eternal Mind are incomprehensible. What our limited reason cannot grasp, let us be content to acknowledge as the workings of Almighty power and wisdom, and thankfully trust in that 'Rock,' which, were it not higher than we, would afford no sense of security to the immortal soul."

Indeed, if we can trust our Great Creator to have a plan perfect and complete enough to rescue human souls from eternal damnation, how much more we must trust Him as He leads us to reach His children through every new adventure.



Amelia Armstrong
LOCAL DIRECTOR



Thankful for Growth

BY JENNIFER WHITAKER

At this time of year, it is so exciting to watch things grow! To see the grass, plants, trees, and especially flowers blooming and growing. I especially love tulips! When you begin to consider things growing many things can come to mind. Between when I started in ministry with CEF in July 2023 to the current date, I have grown so much as a ministry coordinator. I have just completed a course called "Teaching Children Effectively 2" which actually focuses on teaching a saved child how to grow. So much of this growing that I have experienced these last two years in ministry is because of our Local Director, Amelia. When Amelia met with me to explain that God was calling her to a different role, I was so blessed by Amelia's obedience to follow the Lord wherever He leads. I also understood this was a way that the Lord would be helping Amelia to grow. I can quickly get sad and overwhelmed when I think about her not being on this local team, but I rejoice with the opportunity she will have to continue growing in the Lord and her having a new role where she can meet new people and help them to grow. God has blessed Amelia with the skills to do this. Did you know that when Amelia took the position with CEF, Evansville Area Chapter there was little to no ministry and then Covid hit on top of that? Many, including myself, would have been so challenged by the dormancy that the local chapter was in, yet Amelia was faithful to toil on and do the work He called her to. Because of Amelia's obedience to the Lord and faithfully serving where He planted her, our chapter now has a lot of growing going on! I have been asked to be the Local Coordinator/Director-in-Training for the next 6 months in this time of transition. I pray that in this position, I as an individual will continue to grow, but also want to personally ask each of you to continue being a part of Evansville Area Chapter's growth! I am thankful for the growth:

- With the growing number of volunteers
- With the growing number of kids reached with the Gospel
- With the growing number of committed prayer partners
- With the growing number of church partnerships
- With the growing number of potential committee members
- With the growing number of donors
- What our state CEF staff and volunteers will experience by having Amelia as a state CEF trainer. What a blessing!

I am so blessed and thankful for these past two years that I have had with Amelia. May I encourage each of us to continue praying, encouraging and supporting Amelia, as God leads. Will you continue, also, to help our local chapter continue to grow? Let's commit individually to continue growing closer to the Lord, but also continue growing together so we can reach MORE kids with the Gospel!

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Spring Fundraiser

COME BOWL WITH US!



Support our local chapter financially and enjoy fellowship together at the same time by joining the staff and committee at **Franklin Lanes on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:30pm CST.**

We are now selling tickets for \$20/person. This includes 3 games of bowling, a medium drink, and shoe rental. The tickets are good until the end of August too if you can't join us on May 15 and want to go a different time.

Contact the local office or Jenn Whitaker directly at 812-470-2472 with any questions and/or to purchase tickets. Please share this opportunity with friends and family so we can sell as many tickets as possible and help fund our chapter to reach MORE kids with the Gospel!

Franklin Lanes is located at: 1801 W Franklin St Evansville, IN 47712

OUR TEAM

Committee Members

Lisa Cosby · Bill Gilles ·
Jamie Frederick

Local Director until June 27

Amelia Armstrong

Local Coordinator

Jennifer Whitaker

Office Manager

Ane-Michelle Cross

Countless Servants of Jesus

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

We praise God for you!

Monthly Prayer Meeting

YOU ARE
INVITED!

You are invited to our next monthly prayer meeting!

This meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 14th at 9:30am CST.**

These meetings are now being held on the **2nd Wednesday of each month** and are held in a handicap accessible space at **FaithWay Baptist Church** (3635 Pollack Ave. Evansville, IN).

Directions: Drive around the left side of the building to the back and you will see the door propped open.

We would love to see you there! No need to RSVP, just show up. We will be thrilled to see you and pray together!

For more information or to join our committed prayer partner team, please contact the office.

Coming Soon: Summer 2025

I was finally able to get outside and enjoy a beautiful sunny day today! Which means Summer is coming and *Camp Good News* is just around the corner! We already have staff and campers signing up! God is so good, He brings all the staff needed to fulfill His purpose at camp.

If you have or know a child between the ages of 8 and 12 and know they would enjoy attending camp this summer, please visit us online to get them signed up. We run the camp for 2 weeks each summer. This year, the dates are **June 22- 27** and **July 20-25**.

Camp is still only \$80 for the entire week! This means the registration fees don't cover all the costs of the camp's needs. Thankfully, everyone on staff volunteers their time, which is such a blessing in many ways. This year, especially with prices rising on everything, we are asking God to supply the finances to cover every need. Every year, we have kids who need help with a scholarship, but we could also use help paying to get the kids all admitted into the city pool that we attend, or help paying for some of the crafts we do with the kids. If you would like to help support Camp this summer, please go to the chapter website and mark "camp donation", or send a check marked for Camp Good News South to:

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Lisa Cosby
COMMITTEE CHAIR/
CAMP DIRECTOR

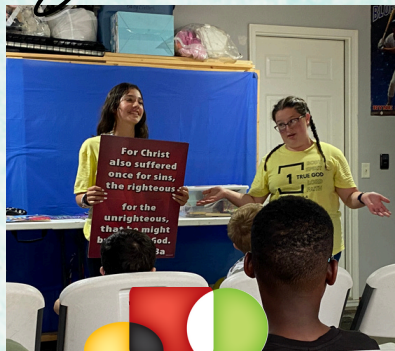


CAMP GOOD NEWS®

CGN (South) is held on two separate weeks of summer, providing as many as 60 children per week with opportunity to hear the gospel and participate in a fun, safe, loving atmosphere in God's beautiful creation. Children ages 8-12 may choose to attend in either June or July each summer.

Please pray for God's blessing in camper attendance (full capacity is 120 total) and staffing needs met in God's perfect timing and choice of people (20-25 counsellors needed for each week)

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN ACTION® (CYIA)

A unique summer missions program designed for teen students and young adults. CYIA participants are trained to share the Gospel boldly and effectively with children by holding 5-Day Clubs and other children's outreach over the summer. **Registration is open now!**

Praise God with us for 6 students so far this year! Pray for God's blessing in student support raising for training and materials (around \$643/student).



5-DAY CLUB®

An exciting outreach opportunity bringing the Gospel to neighborhood children! Clubs approximately 90 minutes in length are held daily five weekdays in a row and include fun games, songs, daily memory verses, an evangelistic Bible lesson, and an engaging missions time. CYIA students teach and hold clubs while local individuals and churches act as hosts by providing a space to meet and inviting children to attend. **Host weeks are available!**

Please pray for a full summer schedule of clubs in neighborhoods and churches, and the open doors, staffing, and support needs met to expand clubs into new places



What about your church? Would your youth group benefit from hearing about CYIA? Do you have children in your congregation who could learn and grow at *Camp Good News*? Would your church's summer outreach be boosted by a *5-Day Club*? Contact the office to learn more about sharing these at your church, Sunday Schools, or small groups! Our team is always ready to provide extra information, supply promotional materials, and/or schedule a time to meet and share more! **Tell us how we can serve your church!**

Save the Dates



05/07 - Christian Youth in Action® Applications Due for Summer '25



05/14 - Monthly Prayer Meeting at Faithway Baptist Church



05/15 - CEF Bowling Night at Franklin Lanes



06/2-11 - CYIA Pre-Training (2nd-4th); CYIA State-wide Training



06/9 - 07/14 - 5-Day Club Host Weeks (NO clubs week of July 4th)



06/22-27 - Camp Good News Week 1



07/20-25 - Camp Good News Week 2



08/31 - Last day to use Bowling tickets (purchase any time prior)



08/14-16 - Good News Club Kickoff Days for the 25'-26' School Year

OPEN HOUSE TO HONOR AMELIA ARMSTRONG:

As Amelia follows God's call to serving in CEF ministry in a different position, the staff and committee want to honor her hard work and commitment to our local CEF chapter and community.

Drop by anytime between **2-4PM CST on Saturday, June 14, 2025** to Jenn Whitaker's house at: 9844 Ditney Hill Road Elberfeld, IN 47613.

Please RSVP to Jenn at: 812-470-2472. We will be providing a sweet treat! Please bring your own chair. Come personally thank Amelia, support and encourage her, and perhaps even pray with her! Everyone is invited!