



# Good News Connection

Child Evangelism Fellowship® of Central Florida

## A New Season

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"It's a new season. A perfect opportunity to do **something new, something bold, something beautiful**" (Anonymous). With the ringing in of the new year in 2022, a new ministry season for the local CEF® staff began! Ministry opportunities went from 0-160 mph in no time at all.

**Something new** had happened in CEF of Central Florida that had not happened in quite a while—TRAINING opportunities! In the first two months of 2022, we held five training sessions and equipped more than 115 volunteers to reach children for Jesus!

Listen to the focused excitement in these testimonies from training attendees:

- "A lot of blessings! The conference inspired me about God's calling about being a teacher to the kids."
- "I got a better understanding of how teachers really impact students. That I need to be open and show these children that I care--'listen' to them!"
- "I was reminded how important it is for me, as a part of the Body of Christ, to step up to teach/influence the children in our community while their hearts are still very receptive to the Gospel; if we don't, someone else will (and that "someone" is the enemy). If we're not going to teach children right, we should step away from teaching them at all. We have to be fishers of men, not 'keepers of the aquarium.'"

**Something bold** came along presenting a new kind of March madness! Fair Ministry on steroids emerged for 10 days at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. Evidence of the Holy Spirit drawing children, teens, and adults to the "little chapel" on wheels was stirring the hearts of God's volunteers. Some were moved to tears to see the hand of God so evident in the lives of those making the most important decision of their lives.

Fair volunteers testified about this bold experience:

- "Praise God with the help of our Lord Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit, I had a wonderful time at the fairgrounds (my first time)! We witnessed the children and some parents listening to us sharing about Jesus, God, and heaven. We had children who were very excited about hearing the Word and could answer the questions as we reviewed. When asked if they wanted to invite Jesus into their lives, they quickly said yes! They left knowing their sins had been forgiven and now

they belong to the family of God. Thank you for the opportunity to serve; it was a wonderful experience."

- "This night God let us know from the start His presence was over the Good News trailer. A mom brought in her 4-year-old and soon tears began to roll down her (the mom's) cheek. Precious time was spent sharing the Gospel and God's love. Upon hearing the mom received Christ as Lord, you could see the relief in her face. Then right before closing at 10pm, a 16-year-old came in. She knew she was a sinner and believed Jesus died for her sins yet still thought her kindness would get her to heaven. After seeing the scriptures, she turned from herself to Christ alone and received salvation!"

**Something beautiful** happened when our first *Good News Club*® EVER in Lake County opened at Treadway Elementary School. This new GNC™ has already had one child trust in Jesus as Savior and averages 31 students a week. Statistics usually are not looked upon as a thing of beauty; however, in ministry, statistics represent God's most special creation, people, and they are beautiful. Since January we have had more than 82 souls change their eternal address! Now that is one beautiful statistic!

CEF of Central Florida has certainly entered a new season of ministry. How about you? Have any new ministry opportunities come your way since the beginning of 2022? If not, would you be interested in **something new**? Attend one of our Children's Ministry Conferences or Seminars to learn how to share your faith with a child. Would **something bold** be more appealing? Contact our office to learn more about starting or serving in an existing *Good News Club*. God's Word (Romans 10:15) speaks of the feet of those who carry the Gospel as **something beautiful**. In the coming months we will have more opportunity to take the Gospel to the unchurched children of our community. Will you join our team by becoming a monthly giver? Givers give their time, resources, and talents to further the cause of Christ. I pray something in this letter stirred your heart. Reach out and let us know if it is new, bold, or beautiful.

To learn more, visit our website at [www.cefofcentralfl.com](http://www.cefofcentralfl.com) or call our office today.

**How beautiful upon the mountains  
Are the feet of him who brings good news,  
Who proclaims peace,  
Who brings glad tidings of good things,  
Who proclaims salvation....(Isaiah 52:7)**

# GO Forth on May 4th!

The 2021-2022 school year is ending soon. Our *Good News Club* (GNC) volunteers will take a summer break, while our *Christian Youth In Action*® (CYIA™) teens gear up to receive training, support, and encouragement for summer ministry.

Training for our summer missionaries will take place May 14 and June 5-11. CEF staff from across the state will come alongside our CYIA students to equip them to conduct 5-Day Clubs throughout our community. We expect to train 8-12 teens to carry out local missions this summer.

CEF of Central Florida has been blessed this school year with 115 incredible GNC and Fair Ministry volunteers who have shared the Gospel with today's generation of children. God is doing a mighty work among the children and their families in Central Florida because of the faithfulness of His servants.

As we continue to expand our outreach to the children, we want to invite you to come alongside us through our giving campaign which takes place on Wednesday, May 4. Your gift will serve as a catalyst for CYIA missionaries this summer as they grow in the Word and minister to the next generation of children. Also, your gift will help us to equip new Good News Clubs through training and materials which will allow us to take the Gospel to more public schools where children will have the opportunity to experience eternal life change.

**We are asking God to grow our financial resources by \$1,000 in new monthly gifts.** Would you please join us as a monthly giver? Your gift to CEF of Central Florida will have a lasting impact! God is going to work mighty things through our CEF family in the days and months ahead as we continue to pursue this great calling of reaching children with the Good News. The Lord is using CEF of Central Florida to impact children in our own backyard. When you pray, serve, or give to the mission you too will have had a lasting impact. Your gifts help CEF of Central Florida continue to evangelize and disciple children in our Jerusalem.

**Please GO FORTH on May 4<sup>th</sup> to help us raise the goal of \$1,000 in new monthly support.**

## CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN ACTION

DO YOU KNOW A TEENAGER LOOKING TO GAIN  
EXPERIENCE IN MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GOSPEL?

*Christian Youth in Action* is a short-term local missions trip for students ages 12 to 22. Students who enroll will attend a one-week in-depth training and will learn how to effectively teach children about God and present the Gospel. After the training, the students will return home and serve in their community and teach 5-Day Clubs with other students from their area. This is a great opportunity for any teen that is interested in missions and children's ministry.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT OUR OFFICE OR GO TO [CEFFLORIDA.COM/CYIA](http://CEFFLORIDA.COM/CYIA)



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## Fair Statistics:

- ♦ **55 Fair Volunteers**
- ♦ **819 Heard the Gospel:  
695 Children/Teens  
124 Adults**
- ♦ **74 Decisions**

## Prayer & Praise

1. **Praising God for the lives changed through the Fair Ministry!**
2. **Pray for a fruitful summer ministry through 5 Day Clubs and *Christian Youth In Action* (CYIA).**
3. **Pray for additional staff member to join the team.**
4. **Pray for 3 additional GNCs to start in 2022.**
5. **Pray for more training opportunities.**

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