



REACHING KIDS FOR CHRIST



CEF Central Texas

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Our Beginnings

Good News Clubs in Central Texas were born out of simultaneous God-Ordained events: 1. a vision for children's ministries for Fort Hood and 2. a School Prayer initiative that began as a result of a Lamar Middle School student's murder.

We have been sustained and undergirded through the Central Texas Prayer Network led by Pat Dalrymple. On the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm, Pat hosts a prayer gathering in her home at 4312 S. 31st ST. #19 in Temple. In addition to the School Prayer Initiative and supporting the Good News Clubs, the CTPN meets weekly on Monday nights at 7 pm in different locations.



About Clubs

The Good News Club curriculum is based on biblical principles that teach moral values, character qualities and respect for authority. All children are welcome regardless of their

religious background. Parents are also welcome to attend. The school district will be provided with a Certificate of Insurance for liability on the children. We also keep the safety of the children a priority. There will be two or more adults with the children at all times.

Our Legal foundations

On June 11, 2001, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that Child Evangelism Fellowship could have access to public school facilities to conduct Good News Clubs. The decision stated that Bible clubs such as the Good News Club must be given the same access to school facilities accorded any other non-school-related outside group.

Featuring the Gilbertsons

In January of 2009 Keith and Barbara moved to Belton to be near family. Little did they know that God was moving them into a greater involvement with Child Evangelism. God started them on this journey in 1980 when they moved to Japan. Their children were under the ministry of a CEF Missionary (Mrs. Russell) there. Barb remarked, "I would love to be able to share with her how God has impacted all our lives through her work."

Status Update

In August we had two Saturdays of teacher training for GNC volunteers, 35 attended. This training was led by an experienced team from CEF East Texas.

Last school year (2009-2010) there were four Good News Clubs in the Temple/Belton/Killeen (Ft. Hood not included) area.

This year there are nine that will be on-line by the end of October with over 300 Central Texas children being touched with the message of the GOSPEL of Christ's love.

Our goal for January is to have five additional clubs started, one each in Temple and Belton and three in Killeen. Please pray that God would break down any barriers and that children would come from darkness to light.



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Board Notes

Your CEF Central Texas Board is working on the following issues:

1. A follow-up packet for new converts which will contain items such as a Bible, Book mark, etc.
2. Recommendations for churches to follow-up and disciple the children and their families.
3. Good News Club T-shirts. We will survey GNC teams to see whether or not they would like T-shirts for the leaders and possibly also for the children.
4. Looking for a venue for our end-of-year volunteer celebration event.

Reminders to leaders

- Safety is a high priority – please make sure your kids are picked up in a safe area by their parent.
- If another person is authorized to pick up a child, make sure you keep that permission letter on file.



Reminders to Parents

Your child's welfare is extremely important to us, please observe the following:

1. Pick your child up on time
2. Provide a signed letter in advance if you want someone else to pick up your child
3. Help your child with memory verses
4. Encourage your child – always!

This Month's Highlights

Office Space

We have formed an agreement with Bell Baptist Association on the UMHB Campus to have space in their library to place our materials on display and to hold our Board Meetings.

Prayer Requests

- The Lord to prepare more churches for adopting a school
- The children who have given their hearts to Jesus recently
- A CEF coordinator for the Killeen area
- Budget development
- Location for our Volunteer Celebration Event
- School leaders and teachers
- Fund raising ideas

New Schools being adopted!

Reeces Creek, Killeen
Lakewood Elementary, Belton
Kennedy-Powell, Temple

Upcoming Events

Training opportunities

TBD – we will notify you!

Budget Development Meeting

Thursday, November 11, 5:30 P.M. at BBA

CEF Central Texas Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 11:00 A.M. at BBA

If you have any items that you would like included on the agenda, please submit them to Mary Elkins melkins@hot.rr.com by Friday, November 12.

CEF Board Members

Wayne Elkins – Chairman and School Liaison
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