



**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 Elkins

Wayne and Mary retired from BISD in the Spring of 2006 and planned to kick back and enjoy their retirement. But, God had other plans. They soon found themselves participating in Central Texas Prayer Network, National Day of Prayer Task Force, The School Prayer Initiative and eventually CEF Central Texas Good News Clubs. Kicking back was no longer an option, but the enjoyment part is even greater than anticipated.

When they learned about Good News Clubs through the C. A. R. E. network they realized it would be a perfect extension to the School Prayer Initiative ministry. Working with the leaders of the Fort Hood Good News Clubs they helped start the first Good News Clubs in Temple ISD in the Fall of 2009. Mary said "It is so good to be involved in this move of God in Central Texas as he touches the lives of our children and their families."

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.

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.



Cool things for Clubs

We now have many cool items you can use in your clubs to build excitement and encourage growth:

1. Scripture memory gift cards
2. T-shirts for leaders – in Navy, White & Natural (we would like to have T-shirts for every child as well.) If your club would like them please send me sizes and color choices.
3. **"I love my Good News Club"** ball caps, tote bags, pencils, and mouse pads
4. We also have **Good News Club** Banners, Bibles, Refrigerator magnets, Desk calendars, Key chains
5. We now have new Salvation Kits" on hand for new converts. These will include a letter to their pastor and many other items.

Club 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!

CEF Central Texas Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 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, December 10.

CEF Board Members

Wayne Elkins – Chairman and School Liaison

Jon Tidball – Church Liaison

Barb Gilbertson – Coordinator

Marilyn Fattor - Finance

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