



**THE
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**BEHIND
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Child Evangelism Fellowship®
"That every child may know & grow in Jesus Christ"



AFTER-SCHOOL GOOD NEWS CLUB

An after-school *Good News Club* is an exciting fun-filled 1 to 2 hour club held once a week for children ages 4-12 to learn meaningful songs, life-changing Bible verses and hear dynamic Bible lessons which they can apply to their lives. For over 10 years, after-school *Good News Club* (GNC™) have been held in public elementary schools throughout southeast Wisconsin. Yet thousands of children are not able to participate in a club which offers them all the truths and promises found in God's Word. There are approximately 250,000 children in this ministry area to be reached. Without GNC they may never have the opportunity to become His child, to have a personal and growing relationship with their creator, the King of kings, the Lord Jesus Christ. Why? Because the laborers are few.

Child Evangelism Fellowship believes that what is required to have an effective *Good News Club* in a school, is a small group of dedicated people from local churches who have a strong desire that the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be shared with as many children as possible. As Christians, God has blessed each one of us with various spiritual gifts to use in building His kingdom.



“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10 ESV



Christians with various gifts come together and use them as a team to reach the children in their local schools. The purpose of this team is to seek ways to promote the *Good News Club* at your school and show the love of Christ in the community through the *Good News Club* ministry.

CEF PARTNERS WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

Your church can Adopt-A-School through *CEF's* school district approved *Good News Club*® program. Evangelize, disciple and introduce children (and maybe even their entire family) to your church. This can be a tremendous outreach as members of your church volunteer as necessary personnel to conduct the club.

Good News Club meets once a week at local public elementary schools from October through April. Personal follow-up to children and their families can **increase your church growth** and most importantly continue the growth of God's Kingdom and bring glory to His name.

The church and *CEF* have the same common goal:

- Fulfilling the Great Commission
- Impacting communities for Christ
- Turning the spiritual tide of America



The Church and *CEF* both have elements they can provide for this partnership to be effective.

***CEF* provides:**

- Training
- Curriculum
- Program
- Mentor / Encouragement
- Follow-up helps / Material
- Staff support

The Church provides:

- Team Coordinators
- Teachers / Team Members
- Prayer Captains / Partners
- Follow-up for families
- Snack / Refreshments
- Finances to facilitate after-school *Good News Club*

If you attend a church that agrees with the *CEF* Statement of Faith, would you please consider asking your senior pastor to allow a *CEF* representative to come and share this ministry opportunity with them? This opportunity has the potential of your church partnering in a mission that can make an explosive impact in your community, turning the spiritual tide of our nation.



WHO DO YOU NEED TO RUN A GOOD NEWS CLUB?

GNC Personnel - Job Description Overview -

Job descriptions in **RED** require:

- CEF Training / Teacher Enrichment
- Attend 3 hours of training for each level of involvement **
- Volunteers to sign all CEF Policy statements as outlined below ***
- The use of the GNC format and materials
- Attendance at Creative Presentation Resources / CPR (4 x School Year)

Team Coordinator -1-

Requirement: *Leadership qualities, ability to delegate and bring tasks to completion.*

Responsible for recruiting GNC personnel and for the oversight of this team during the club year - including paperwork, reporting to the church, projects to reach more children, and to keep the club going through prayer and encouragement.

Helpers

-1 for every
5 children -

Requirement: *Willing to work weekly with a small group of clubbers. (3 hrs. training)*

Responsible for helping with a small group. This would entail taking attendance, supervising their snack time, assisting with discipline during club. Available to counsel children who want to receive Christ.

Teacher Assistant -1-

Requirement: *Willing to spend the necessary time in preparation for club. (6 hrs. training)*

Responsible for leading of the songs, missionary story, memory verse and/or review game time during club. Also available to counsel children who want to receive Christ.

**Bible
Teacher
-1-**

Requirement: *Willing to spend the necessary time in preparing lessons. (9 hrs. training)*

Responsible for oversight of club and teaching of the Bible lesson. This person is also available to counsel children who want to receive Christ.

**Leader-in-
Training
(Ages 11-12)
- 1 to 5 -**

Requirement: *Willingness to serve the Lord by assisting with club. (2 hrs. training)*

Help with distributing snacks, helping pass out materials and incentives, facilitating a GNC "store", assist in game time and club clean-up.

**Club
Partners
-1 to 5-**

Requirement: *Willingness to serve the Lord by occasionally assisting with club.*

Help with special events, provide snacks, help prepare materials for the club such as nametags, crafts and extra projects.

**Prayer
Partners
- 2 to 200 -**

Requirement: *a disciplined Prayer Warrior*

Responsible for praying regularly for the Good News Club, by receiving and making a call or through emails communicating praises and request.

** *Good News Club* volunteers can enter the training program at any stage depending on their level of involvement. Increased teaching responsibilities require more training. A new volunteer may enter at one level but as interest in teaching grows, opportunities to train for another level are available.

*** Each volunteer must submit a signed Statement of Faith, agree to the *CEF* Doctrinal Protection Policy, submit an application which includes the Child Protection Policy form and give authorization for *CEF* to conduct a background check.



CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP, INC.

Q & A

What is Child Evangelism Fellowship ? It is a group of Christians dedicated to the task of winning boys and girls to Christ. *CEF* is an international, Bible-centered, faith ministry. The world headquarters is located in Warrenton, Missouri.

What is CEF's purpose? That every child may know & grow in Jesus Christ. The purpose of *CEF* is to evangelize boys and girls with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.

When was CEF organized? Bible classes for children were started by J. Irvin Overholtzer in 1923. He desired to give boys and girls the opportunity to be set free from the guilt of their sin. *CEF* grew out of Mr. O's response to the burden God laid on his heart for children. It was incorporated as an organization in Chicago, Illinois in 1937 and has grown into a worldwide ministry.

How extensive is the outreach of CEF? *CEF* now ministers to boys and girls in every state across the United States, every province in Canada and reaches 12 million children in over 183 countries around the world each year. There are over 200 Christians serving with *CEF* here in southeast Wisconsin.

How is CEF structured? *CEF* is incorporated at the national and state levels to provide leadership, training and materials. Each state and province has local chapters where most of the work of evangelizing children and training of volunteers is done. The local chapters work with and through churches in their area to accomplish this task.

What are the requirements of a CEF volunteer? The person must be born again and show a commitment to the evangelization of boys and girls. They must be willing to spend the necessary time in preparation of their particular role on the team as well as attending the required training classes. They must show their agreement with the *CEF* Statement of Faith, Doctrinal Protection Policy and Child Protection Policy by signing it each year and abide by the policies of the organization.

How does CEF help after school Good News Club volunteers? The local chapters of *CEF* provide training, curriculum, follow-up helps, encouragement and staff support. They share proven methods that make each part of a children's Bible club meaningful and interesting to the child.

How is CEF supported? *CEF* is a faith based ministry, supported locally and dependent on God to supply needs through churches and individuals. *CEF's* policy is to "Ask God and tell His people."



SUPREME COURT DECISION
GOOD NEWS CLUB V. MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL
JUNE 11, 2001

Equal Access (a brief synopsis)



1. What was the Supreme Court's holding?

Milford Central School violated the Good News Club's rights under the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Milford would not have violated the First Amendment's Establishment Clause (often referred to as "separation of church and state") if it had allowed the Club to meet.

2. What was the Supreme Court's reasoning underlying its Free Speech Clause determination?

It was already well-settled that the Free Speech Clause forbids our government from treating speech differently based on its viewpoint. The Court held that Milford violated this rule. The Court concluded that the Scouts were focused on morals and character from a secular perspective. The Court concluded that the Club was addressing the same subject matter (morals and character), albeit from a religious perspective.

3. What was the Supreme Court's reasoning underlying its Establishment Clause determination?

First, equal treatment of religious speakers is not endorsement of religion. Neutrality is neutrality, not favoritism.

Second, parents get to decide whether their kids attend Club meetings. To the extent children are confused about the school district's connection with the Club, that confusion is not constitutionally significant, because kids are not free to act on that confusion.

Third, the concern about children's potential misperceptions cannot be considered in a vacuum. Although it is conceivable that some might draw an incorrect inference (favoritism) from equal treatment, it is necessary for the Court to consider the impact of a policy that discriminates and excludes the club. Kids would likely perceive a message of government *hostility* to religion. It is unlikely that they would understand that the discrimination is the product of nuanced and subtle constitutional law doctrines; instead they will infer hostility. Also, you can't justify an *actual violation* of constitutional rights by invoking speculate fears that some folks will get the wrong idea.





OUR VISION

Our vision is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is that every child in southeast WI may know & grow in Jesus Christ. Since schools are easily accessible for children, our desire is to place a Good News Club in every elementary school in southeast Wisconsin.

CEF MINISTRIES & TRAINING

Evangelism & Discipleship Ministries

- Good News Club (GNC™)
- 5-Day Club
- JYou Connection™ (JYC™)
- Special Community Outreach Events
- Good News Across America™
- CEF Mission Trips
- TruthChasers Club™
- Wonderzone.com™

Training Opportunities

- Teacher Enrichment Classes
- Creative Resource Presentation (CPR)
- Christian Youth in Action® (CYIA™)
- Teaching Children Effectively™ (TCE™)
- Church Seminars & Workshops
- Children's Ministry Institute® (CMI™)
- CEF Press® Materials

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