

Pathway

Leading Children to Christ



South Central Chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Pa., Inc.

Ministering to children in
Blair, Huntingdon, and
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 - ◆ Wed — By appointment
 - ◆ Fri — Closed
- Library open during office hours*

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A New Beginning



Welcome to 2023! With a new year, comes new possibilities, new goals, and fresh starts. For some, the idea of something “new” can bring new worries or bring old ones to the surface. As this year takes flight, may we challenge you to purpose in your heart to see 2023 as a year of beginnings? As believers, we know that when we made the decision to believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He made us new! *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creation. The old has passed away; behold, the **new** has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV).* God has given us new life and we are able to live our lives for His glory.



With every ministry and event, South Central seeks to wisely use the resources God has provided so we can give Him glory. One resource that God has given all of us is **time**. We all have the same twenty-four hours each day. We all have opportunities each day to glorify God—we would love to hear how you are serving the Lord! Carrie and Katelyn have been continuing to teach at Time to Succeed Daycare for thirty minutes on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. The children have enjoyed learning Genesis 1:1 and about the days of creation.

Another resource God has given us is **community**! As the body of Christ, we have the privilege of having a family with which to serve. At the end of October, South Central participated in Faith Baptist Church's ministry outreach. The Good News bear made a special appearance. It was a wonderful pleasure to share the gospel with our local community!



God has also given us the beautiful resource of **prayer**. To be able to talk to God anywhere, anytime, and about anything is a blessing beyond what we can imagine. The beginning of November was CEF World Day of Prayer. We opened up the office and invited the community to join us as we prayed for the CEF ministries around the globe. You can plan to join us

this year on **Wednesday, November 1!**



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SOUTH CENTRAL Ministry Update

43 Children attended a Released-Time Class or an Afterschool GNC

72 Gospel packets distributed at Faith Baptist Church's Fall Outreach event

949 Gospel packets distributed during the Altoona Christmas parade

7 Children received their very own Bible



Thank you to the churches that raised money for Good News Clubs with the Bus Banks!

Buckhorn Bible Church

Calvary Baptist Church

Christ Church Roaring Spring

Faith Baptist Church Altoona

First Grace Brethren Church

Grace Bible Church

Loysburg St. John's Reformed Church

*"As every man purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or out of compulsion; for God loveth the cheerful giver."
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 KJV -*



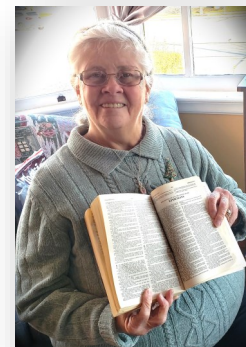
The **Tel-A-Story®** ministry is available through use of a toll free phone number (1-888-878-8660) or via internet (www.18888788660.com). Both the technology and content have been greatly improved, with over 200 mini-Bible lessons! This is a great resource for road trips or when teaching children how to dial a phone number! After listening to the recorded message, the child is given the opportunity to press "1" to talk to a real person and hear more about believing in Jesus! **Give it a try and call today!**

Volunteer Spotlight — Marietta Dente

Marietta has been a blessing for years to our South Central chapter! Whenever there is a need for volunteers, we know that if she is available she will joyfully serve!

Her favorite verses are Ephesians 2:8-9 and she says, "I put my faith and trust in Jesus—the One who died on the cross for me. I live by faith, and try to take it one day at a time."

When asked why she serves with CEF, she says, "It's a ministry to help with children and a way to get the gospel out to the children who may not be able to make it to Sunday School to hear God's Word. If you want to serve in your community—to serve the Lord, I believe CEF is a good ministry to get involved with, especially if you are interested in getting involved with children." *Thank you for serving, Marietta!*



Thank you for your generous support in 2022!

In Honor of Carrie Biddle

From CEF of PA Inc.—Centre Region Chapter

In Memory of Beverly Whitfield

From Barry Whitfield

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher

From Marietta Dente

In Memory of Nellie Diehl

From Tim and Linda Herr

In Memory of Donald Houseman

From Susan Houseman

In Memory of Robert Eicher

From Cindy Eicher

In Memory of Sister-in-Law

From Marietta Dente

In Memory of Wayne D. Yohn

From Wanda Kirkpatrick

In Memory of Betty Dodson

From Katheryn Miller

If you wish to make a donation in memory or in honor of someone, contact our office.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

A **new** possibility for ministering to the children in 2023 is using public library Storytime hours as a way to read Bible stories and missionary stories to the children in the community. We would love to have volunteers ready to be involved in Blair, Huntingdon, and Bedford counties! Please call the office if this sounds like something you would be interested in!



Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter will soon be here and that means more opportunities to host a party club! Using holidays as an occasion to throw a party is a great avenue to teach the children biblical truths and share the gospel. Would **you** consider participating in this ministry this year?

Although Summer seems far away, it will be here before we know it! **5-Day Clubs**® are a wonderful way to get involved with ministry and get to know the children in your area! There are 3 ways you can get involved: **Go to a 5-Day Club!** When we list the **5-Day Clubs** for next summer, find one or more that are close to you and attend! **Host a 5-Day Club!** We are so excited to minister at new places! Whether it is at your church, in your back yard, or at a local park, hosting a **5-Day Club** is a great opportunity! **Pray for 5-Day Clubs!**



You can be or refer someone to be a **CYIA**™ (Christian Youth In Action) Missionary! For this summer, we are praying for 2 teams of **CYIA** Missionaries to be trained and teach at the clubs. You will have the blessing of meeting and sharing with children about the love of Christ. The deadline to apply is **Saturday, April 1st!** Contact our office today for details.



In September 2022, we held the our first Walk-a-Thon for the South Central chapter! This year, the Walk-a-Thon will be **Saturday, September 23rd** at Rails to Trails in Williamsburg, PA. More details will be shared in the coming months in our newsletter as well as on our Facebook page.



2023 Curriculum!



Spring Party Clubs!



Spring GNC® Bible Lessons and Missionary Stories!



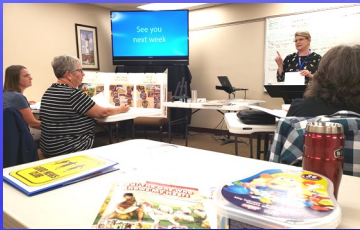
Summer 5-Day Club® Bible Lessons and Missionary Story!



If you would like to receive our newsletters via email, send an email to **cefsouthcentralpa@gmail.com** with "Newsletter" in the subject line.



South Central is available to *bold* Teacher Training in preparation for *Good News Clubs* to begin! If you would like to start or volunteer at a club, contact our office!



Pray for these schools seeking to have Released Time Classes and *Good News Clubs*

Baker Elementary
Ebner Elementary
Bellwood Elementary
Martinsburg Elementary
Williamsburg Elementary



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Praise Him, praise Him!

- ⇒ Praise God for His faithfulness and provision in all aspects with the South Central Chapter.
- ⇒ Praise God for reaching 43 children this fall with the Gospel through Baker Elementary Released-Time Class, Ebner Elementary *After-school Good News Club*® and Williamsburg Released-Time Class.
- ⇒ Praise God for the 1021 Gospel packets passed out at the Faith Baptist Fall Outreach and Altoona Christmas Parade.
- ⇒ Praise God for the new Bellwood Elementary *Afterschool Good News Club*, Lord willing, starting Monday, February 6th.
- ⇒ Praise God for all the Churches who participated in the Bus Bank Fundraiser.
- ⇒ Praise God for all the people who came to South Central's office to pray during *CEF* National Day of Prayer .

Ask God boldly!

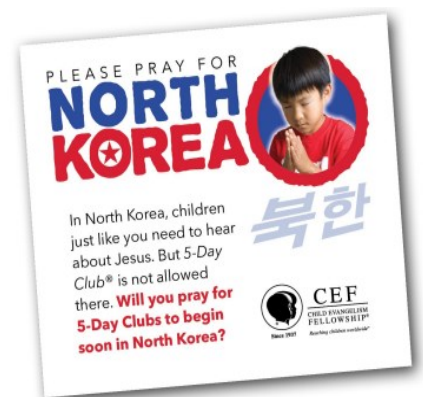
- ⇒ Pray for wisdom and discernment for Carrie and the South Central Committee as they lead this ministry so it glorifies God!
- ⇒ Pray for wisdom and discernment for all levels of leadership of *CEF*.
- ⇒ Pray for Carrie and Katelyn as they teach the preschoolers at Time to Succeed Day Care every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday until April 26, 2023.
- ⇒ Pray for wisdom and perseverance for the teachers and volunteers of the Released-Time Classes and *Good News Clubs* for the upcoming year!
- ⇒ Pray for more people to be obedient to the calling to share the Gospel with the children, so all forty-five schools in the South Central Chapter have a Release Time Class, *Good News Club* or *JYou Connection*.
- ⇒ Pray for God to raise passionate people about sharing the Gospel with children to be leaders on the committee.

Please use the enclosed prayer calendars to pray for South Central everyday!



Luke 10:2 Prayer Initiative

(The X represent a Roman Numeral 10.
The top of the X is the Letter L (Luke).
The bottom of the X is the number 2.)



Facts About North Korea

- North Korea has a population of 22,912,000.
- North Koreans speak only Korean while South Koreans speak Korean and English.
- North Koreans are typically Buddhists or Confucianists.
- Hard work is normal for children.