

Pathway

Leading Children to Christ



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

Ministering to children in
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Seasons of Change



As the leaves change from green to yellow, red, and orange, so do our lives change moment by moment. Some of these transitions can bring daunting questions. “How will I make it through this year?” “Will my family and friends still love me?” “What is God trying to show me?” There is no doubt that each of us battles anxiety at times when faced with uncertainty. However, no matter the trial or transition that is ahead, we know that our God, the Creator and Protector, Provider and Sustainer, remains the same—forever! While we will not always understand, we know that *“every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change”* (James 1:17 KJV). We can trust our God in *every* season.

Reflecting on the Summer months, there have been many changes in our local chapter. Many of these changes are exciting because they are new! New contacts, new staff, new events, and new clubs! You will read about some of the changes in the Prayer and Praise section on the last page.



In May, South Central hired Katelyn Flaaen to be the Children’s Ministry Specialist and Office Assistant. Graduating from Bible College with a Biblical Counseling degree in May and getting married in June, Katelyn jumped right into ministry full speed, beginning with CYIA camp. As a former CYIA missionary in West Virginia, Katelyn was excited to see how many young people were dedicating their summer to reach the children of Pennsylvania with the gospel.

Jackie Slagle as well as Pastor Larry Fulmer of the Salvation Army joined South Central’s leadership team, the chapter’s website is in the process of being majorly updated, and on September 24th South Central held it’s first Walk-a-Thon which raised over \$800! As the year continues, we praise the Lord for His faithful provision.



Thank you

to all of the churches that hosted 5-Day clubs this summer. Not only did children have the opportunity to hear the gospel, they were able to do so in safe, friendly, and Christ-centered environments that introduced them to believers who can help them grow in their knowledge of the Savior!

11 5-Day Clubs®

368 Children heard the Gospel

8 Children Professed Jesus Christ as their Savior

2,523 Gospel Packets were passed out between the Martinsburg Ag Parade, Saturate Altoona, the Huntingdon County Fair, and the Proclamation Celebration



*“So shall my word... not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”
- Isaiah 55:11 KJV -*

Summer of Success!

Some would define “success” as getting what you desire or achieving a goal. As believers, we measure success by whether we are faithfully doing the work God has called us to do. This summer we found success in the moments we paused to pray before clubs, getting to know the children before and after the clubs, and accurately teaching them what God’s Word says.



The first 5-Day Club of the summer was at Time to Succeed daycare and we ended the summer with leading the Children’s conference at the Central Pennsylvania Bible conference. Wonderful clubs filled the weeks in between! If you or someone you know would enjoy leading clubs Summer 2023, let us know. It is never too early to begin preparing! (In the left-hand column you will see the numbers from this summer along with some photos of the precious children).

IT WAS FEBRUARY 11, 1958 when the Altoona Mirror included an article that the Mayor declared Feb. 16-23 to be Child Evangelism week to promote the need of sharing the gospel with children in the community. Fast-forward to July 22, 2021 where, over sixty years later, another proclamation was made declaring that Aug. 15-21 would be deemed “Child Evangelism Fellowship Week.” Mayor Pacifico once again signed the Proclamation this year for August 14-20, 2022 (see right page). We rejoice with you, praising God for His provision to publicly take the gospel to the children!



Proclamation Week!



CEF South Central Partnered with four churches to orchestrate five party clubs during Proclamation Week reaching 27 children with the gospel! This year’s main party club was spy themed, featuring the short story “The Thank You Spy” where a young boy Carlos has trouble being thankful but his dad helps him by giving him clues to decode!

Carrie and Katelyn had the blessing of teaching at two of these party clubs where they enjoyed dressing up as spies and helping the kids to decode their own secret messages! One child made a profession!



Proclamation Celebration!

At the Proclamation Celebration, the field was filled with children laughing and smiling as they made their way through the activities! Face painting, balloon animals, sand art, scratch art, games, and a jungle bounce house kept them busy while the cotton candy, popcorn, and snow cones fueled them for their adventures.

Following the activities, forty-eight children along with their parents and guardians witnessed a fun hour of singing with CEF staff and volunteers and hearing the gospel lesson taught by Pennsylvania State Director, Mark Wyland. A key part of any CEF club or party event is an invitation to respond to the gospel. After the lesson focused on the Gold page of the Wordless Book and God’s perfect love, an invitation was given and one child made the decision to trust Jesus as his Lord and Savior!





Proclamation

Whereas, The South Central Chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship of PA, Inc. has set aside the week of August 14th through August 20th as their time to bring attention to heeding God's command to teach the children of our community His Holy Word; and

Whereas, The South Central Chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship of PA, Inc. is dedicated to this purpose and has established the 5-Day Club Bible classes for children; and

Whereas, We appreciate the many men, women and young people who have taken time from their busy lives to teach and evangelize the gospel to children; and

Whereas, There is always a need for many more volunteers from churches and organizations interested in the spiritual welfare of the children of our community; and

Whereas, Through the hard work of the South Central Chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship of PA, Inc. hundreds of children from our community will have heard the gospel through 5-Day Clubs by the end of summer.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW PACIFICO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14TH THROUGH AUGUST 20TH, 2022 AS:

" Child Evangelism Fellowship Weeks "

IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, AND CALL UPON ALL CITIZENS TO OFFER SUPPORT TO THE CHILDREN OF OUR FINE CITY AND SINCERE THANKS FOR THE COMMITMENT MADE BY THIS ORGANIZATION AND THEIR VOLUNTEERS.



In Witness Whereof, I Hereby Set My Hand and Present the Seal of the City of Altoona to be affixed on this 14th Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, 2022.


Matthew Pacifico, Mayor



In September, South Central held a Teacher Training in preparation for Good News Clubs to begin! If you would like to volunteer at a club, contact our office!



Release Time Class/ Good News Clubs starting this Fall

Baker Elementary
Ebner Elementary
Martinsburg Elementary
Williamsburg Elementary



Praise Him, praise Him!

- ⇒ Praise God for His faithfulness and provision in all aspects with the South Central Chapter.
- ⇒ Praise God for hiring Katelyn Flaaen as the Children's Ministry Specialist and Office Assistant.
- ⇒ Praise God that Altoona Mayor Pacifico signed a proclamation claiming August 14th through August 20th as Child Evangelism Fellowship week for the city of Altoona, where he encouraged all churches in the city to evangelize to children.
- ⇒ Praise God for reaching 368 children with the Gospel through summer ministry, and praise for the ten children who accepted Christ as their Savior.
- ⇒ Praise God for the 2,523 Gospel packets passed out thru summer ministry.

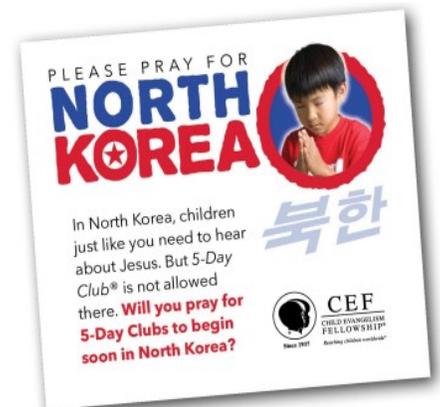


Ask God boldly!

- ⇒ 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. Especially new CEF president Jeremiah Cho.
- ⇒ 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 twenty-six schools in the South Central Chapter have a Release Time Class or Good News Club.
- ⇒ Pray for God to raise passionate people about sharing the Gospel with children to be leaders on the committee.
- ⇒ Pray on Wednesday, November 2nd for CEF's National Day of Prayer.



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.