

The Cleveland Connection

Behind the Scenes at your CEF® Cleveland Connection

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Abbreviations Key

CEF® – Child Evangelism Fellowship®

GNC™ – Good News Club®

CYIA™ – Christian Youth in Action®

It's like trekking through snowdrifts ...



Richmond Hts. Christmas Party

Christmas Parties “kicked off” two of our after-school Good News Clubs. Twenty-five children enjoyed the fun and songs and were super attentive for the teaching. Most were new to *Good News Club*®. God is expanding the influence of clubs by bringing new children.

The Richmond Hts. club started strong in January with 32 children registered for *GNC*™. Marion Sterling had a delayed start. Most children will be tutored after school, so now *GNC* will start later - after tutoring. Four came for the first club. Chardon Hills *GNC* had a delayed start because of snow, but the following week 14 enthusiastic children came. Maple Intermediate School in North Olmsted plans to start in the spring.

Thank God and ask Him to keep these doors “snowdrift free”.

More *GNC* Teams are needed to broaden the impact of these clubs. Doors are wide open at Family First Childcare Center for a team to come in regularly to lead *GNC*s. One experienced *GNC* teacher is ready to start. **Pray for three or four more teachers.** We would background check and train all team members. We're asking for a commitment of six weeks with the option to continue.

Want to learn more? Call Martha Heidinger (216) 339-8256

Brunch and a Lesson: for all *GNC* Team members and those who are curious to learn more!

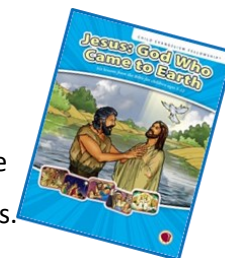
February 26th 9:00 – 11:30 am

Fellowship City Church, Orange Campus 27250 Emery Rd, Orange Village

Come for the fellowship, prayer, and an introduction to our next *GNC* series.

Jesus: God Who Came to Earth

Contact Martha to register now!



www.instagram.com/cefgreatercleveland/



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Always True Treasure Hunt Easter Party Training

March 26th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, place TBD

Kids love treasure hunts! In this treasure hunt themed party Jesus, Himself, guides them through the prophecies of old to the true treasure, new life in the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Save the Date! Contact Martha to get more details and register!

Growing the Committee



Hi, I'm Bradley Castle, but I like to be called BJ. I grew up in Columbus, Ohio and attended Columbus First Free Will Baptist Church with my family twice a week. At a young age I knew a lot about Jesus Christ, but it wasn't until I was a little older that I got to know Him personally. I was about 8 years old, my family life got a little complicated. When my grandma died and my parents got divorced, I realized just how angry I was, and how much more love and peace God had to offer me. That's when I truly gave my life to Christ and asked Him to forgive me of my sins and to give me a new life to live for Him. Shortly after that, I joined Columbus First FWBC's Worship Team.

Then our Children's Church Leader, Laura Gardner, introduced me to *CEF*. She was also the Ministry Coordinator for the Greater Columbus Chapter of *CEF*. I got involved in *Christian Youth in Action™* and was a summer missionary for about six years. The last couple of years I was the lead summer missionary, organizing the teams as well as teaching in the 5-Day Clubs. During my final year I took the Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1 training course (a 30-hour training focused on evangelizing children).

God used *CEF* to help me grow closer to Him through the work that I did and the people I met. I made lifelong friends who, even today, encourage me through prayer and fellowship. *CEF* gave me the skills that I now use to teach at my church in Mayfield Heights, Cornerstone Community Church.

As a committee member, I want to help others learn about what *CEF* in Greater Cleveland is doing through different of social media platforms. As I am able, I also want to get involved in direct ministry to children, helping with Good News Clubs and other outreaches.

God's Direction

BJ is a young man who has experience in bringing the gospel to children and is social media savvy. We are blessed that he is now ready to invest in the children of Greater Cleveland as an active committee member. A local committee is a team of believers with diverse skillsets, a heart for the children and a desire to serve their Lord.

What about you? How is God directing you to serve? Do you have a passion to see children know the hope and life that Jesus gives? Are you willing to use your talents and experience in prayer, human resources, finance, or ministry development? If you live in Cuyahoga or Lorain County, serving on the Greater Cleveland Local Committee just might be the place God wants to use you. If not you, then who?

Why not ask God to show you someone who might consider using their gifts and talents to serve on Greater Cleveland's Local Committee? We would reach out to get to know them better and help them to get to know *CEF* better. We want to help them discern if serving on the committee is something God has for them. (Contact Kyle at cefofohio@gmail.com for more details)

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Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for **BJ**, our new committee member. Please pray for the entire committee.
- Praise God for 12 committed **GNC Team Members**, bringing the Gospel to children in three area schools. Ask God to multiply their number and dedication.
- Pray for new locations and teams to bring **Easter Party Clubs** to the children. Ask God if He wants to use you to make it happen for the kids in your neighborhood, school, or church.
- Pray for the salvation and discipleship of children in the Greater Cleveland area.

