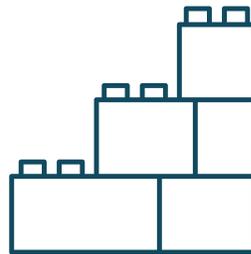


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Good News Clubs Training

Our ministry's strategy to conduct our programs is to have staff that can train, equip, and support those who volunteer with us. The main way that we do that is by hosting a training conference for all of our volunteers at the beginning of each semester to prepare for Good News Club! God blessed the efforts of our staff (pictured below) and we had a great time instructing. Thank you to our hosts Christ Community, Murdock Baptist, and Crossroads Baptist.

GNC Training Conferences
3 conferences in 3 counties
151 Volunteers - 26 Clubs Represented



Volunteers from Palm Beach Atlantic University at our east coast conference!



Lunchtime at the Charlotte county conference

Local Committee Members

Stephanie McDermott
CHAIRWOMAN

Jandy McCoy
SECRETARY

Laurie Anderson
TREASURER

Rob Mann

Ann Dreyer

2022 Vision

Continue to strengthen our prayer ministry.



Continue to promote throughout the community.

Continue to grow in new ministry areas.



Praising the Lord for Answered Prayers!

The CEF International Board of Trustees announced the appointment of the new President. Jeremiah served as one of the eight CEF international Regional Directors. Brother Jeremiah brings a wealth of experience in sharing the Gospel with children of the world. He has served full time with CEF over the past 34 years in a number of roles including Local Director and National Director for CEF South Korea, where he directed a staff of over 200 workers reaching 325,000 children.



**CEF President
Jeremiah Cho**

It is a great privilege to announce that CEF of Florida, Inc. has a new State Director! As a result of interviews with CEF USA Ministries, CEF of Florida State Board, and CEF International Board, Chuck Madden has been offered and has accepted the position of State Director of Florida. Chuck will assume the new position beginning December 1, 2022. Chuck has served in CEF of Florida for several years as Local Director of the West Central Chapter.



**CEF of Florida State Director
Chuck and his wife, Bekah**

Christina has been serving in children's ministry since she was 14 and fell in love with working in ministry when she began doing CYIA in Connecticut. Christina is very excited to see how God has brought things full circle for her from being a teen in CYIA to now getting the opportunity to lead it here in Southwest Florida. Christina has a heart to see the children and teens of this generation to know Jesus, love others and live changed! In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, and enjoys getting to travel and explore new places.



**CEF of SW FL CYIA Coordinator
Christina Ditmer**

Upcoming Events

CYIA Open Gym

NOVEMBER 19

CYIA

Christmas Movie Night

DECEMBER 2023 13-15

CYIA

Unplugged Retreat

JANUARY 2023 13-15

**Good News Club
Training Conferences**

JANUARY 7,20,21

**Teaching Children
Effectively Level 1**

SPRING 2023

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Blessing of a coast to coast chapter

While the west coast of our chapter included the hardest hit counties by Hurricane Ian (more on that on the next page), we were encouraged by our 3 east coast Good News Clubs that were still able to launch and meet while all of our west coast clubs had to delay. They are still meeting, and will be joined by at least 5 west coast clubs this fall, and more will be resuming in the spring!



**Good News Club
at Jupiter Elementary**



**The Good News Club team
at Limestone Creek Elementary**

Word from the Committee

Jesus Christ did not say, “Go and save souls” but He said, “Go... make disciples of all the nations...”

Yet, you cannot make disciples unless you are a disciple yourself. This month, as Hurricane Ian left his smear on this Chapter’s work, it is evident that in the midst of trouble, our Local Director, Nathan Frook and his team, looked after the lost and the needy; this team’s great essential was remaining true to the call of God. How else can we bring the message of salvation, unless we are willing to save others first.

It’s a blessing to witness the outcome of the challenges that come from the perspective of the very relationship each team member has with Jesus Christ.

If you are interested in a better viewpoint and want to experience Holy Spirit power as it confronts us in every individual situation we encounter, consider volunteering in a GNC or a position on the Chapter’s Local Committee. I’d love to hear from you.

Stephanie McDermott
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Prayer Call

1st Wednesday
of the month
NOVEMBER 2
DECEMBER 7
JANUARY 4
FEBRUARY 1

Join us as we lay a foundation of prayer under the ministry being done in SW Florida in a chapter wide conference call!

A guide for the prayer call, call info, and a prayer calendar can be found on our website below.

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Good News Clubs Fall 2022

CHARLOTTE

East Elementary
Liberty Elementary
Peace River Elementary

LEE

Oak Creek Charter
River Hall Elementary

DESOTO

Memorial Elementary

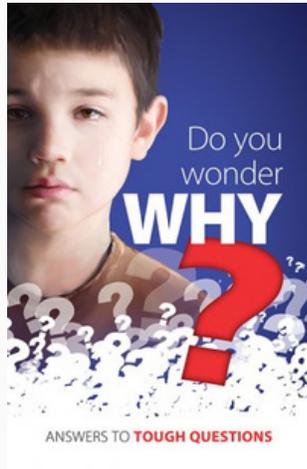
PALM BEACH/MARTIN

Jupiter Elementary
Limestone Creek Elem.
Panther Run Elem.

Hurricane Ian

First and foremost we are grateful to the Lord for His protection of our team and CEF family. There was damage, several of our volunteers lost their homes, but all are safe and well. It has been encouraging to see the incredible amount of aid and resources through state, church, and volunteer organizations. Once we were able to check in as a team, efforts began to minister to the children in our community. We know that there are many who are hurting and asking hard questions.

While CEF is not a disaster relief organization, we do have a resource for times like this. The "Do You Wonder Why?" short booklet help answer questions that are on everyone's minds after a crisis: *Why do so many bad things happen in the world? Why did God allow this to happen? How can I get through this terrible time?* We covet your prayers as we navigate the rest of the year as recovery and rebuilding efforts continue. We look forward to updating you on what God has done in the new year!



Our prepped cases of Do You Wonder Why booklets ready to go out to church partners!



Scan to learn more about the Do You Wonder Why? booklet.

Hurricane Ian Fund

\$4,228.38 given

Hurricane Ian Response

Partnered with 4 businesses & 30 churches to distribute **14,205** Do You Wonder Whys? (so far)

Came alongside 5 heavily affected CEF volunteer families with funds for food & supplies

Currently working with church partners to provide for the needs at Good News Club schools

Thank you to our Hurricane donors!

Chris & Sarah Dean

Noah Dean

Debra Verhejj

Ann & David Dreyer

Laura Noder

Julie Gibb

Jim & Linda Lee

Brianna Frook

Zachary & Zoe York