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Christmas Party Club 2023

Westside Free Will Baptist Church held a Christmas Party Club this past December. The Bible lesson taught how sin entered into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. However, God made a promise to send a Savior into the world to save them from the punishment of sin. The children learned the real reason we celebrate Christmas is because God kept His promise by sending Jesus to be born. Mary and Joseph made an appearance in costume during the Bible lesson. The children played fun games, sang songs, had delicious snacks, and made a Christmas ornament to take home and hang on their tree. The children had so much fun that the church plans on doing it again this year.



Renee Yeck teaching



Laura Gardner teaching



Snack time!



Emily & Ryan Hatfield as Mary & Joseph

Maybe your church would like to have a Christmas Party Club this year so the children will know the true meaning of Christmas. It is never too early to plan. Please contact me, Laura Gardner, anytime this coming year at 614-266-7287, or Laura@cefcolumbus.org.

Praising God for all He is Doing by Laura Gardner, Min. Coord.

I am grateful to God for allowing me to be a part of the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship this past year. In 2023 we were able to share the Gospel with 330 Children and 45 children accepted Christ as their Savior. Praise God! We now have seven active Good News Clubs and this year is already showing promise for strong growth in the ministry. New trainings are taking place, and we have a few teens interested in Christian Youth in Action this summer.

I am also very thankful for those of you who have partnered with me both prayerfully and financially. Having been a volunteer in this ministry for over 12 years now, it was a leap of faith to come on full-time paid staff and raise my own support. Through your partnership, God has provided for both the ministry and my needs this past year. I am grateful for the sacrifice you have made to support me in the ministry. My support level is around 60%.

It is my goal this year to train more CYIA teens to work 5-Day Clubs and hold a Teaching Children Effectively 1 class for adults. I am also actively looking for churches to train those who want to adopt a school and teach an after school Good News Club.

Your prayers and financial gifts are needed to reach more children this year. Please pray and ask God if He would like for you to join us by giving to this great work. Will you consider giving a gift of \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25 a month? If you are already giving, will you consider increasing the amount you give this year? With God's help together we will be able to reach more children with the Gospel.

Checks can be mailed to **CEF of Ohio – Greater Columbus Chapter, PO Box 1173, Columbus, OH 43216**. Debit/credit card donations can be made through PayPal by visiting the link on our website at cefcolumbus.org/donate/. Please indicate support for Ministry Coordinator Laura Gardner on your payment.

Save the Date - Saturday, September 21 - Fund Gathering Banquet

All of our amazing supporters are invited to our next banquet at the Obetz Community Center, 1650 Obetz Avenue, Obetz, OH 43207, on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 6:30pm. Dave Phalen, retired Sheriff from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, has graciously agreed to be our speaker. We are looking for individuals, churches, and businesses to sponsor the banquet at the following levels with the corresponding benefits:

\$100+ (Bronze Donor) – A sign with your name will be placed on your table(s). You will be listed in the banquet program, on signs entering the banquet hall, and on a slideshow presentation.

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\$500+ (Gold Donor) – All the above, plus you will be listed in our next newsletter after the banquet.

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Those interested in being a sponsor can contact Laura Gardner at 614-266-7287 or Laura@cefcolumbus.org.

From our 2023 banquet, we once again thank **Buckeye Lake Marina**, a \$1,000 Platinum Donor. Visit them at 2920 Canal Dr, Millersport, OH 43046, (740) 467-2697, www.buckeyelakemarina.com.



Prayer Requests - We praise the Lord for a good turnout at our 9/23/23 banquet and look forward to our 9/21/24 banquet • For the Lord to open the door to teen CYIA workers and 5-Day Clubs this summer • Additional church partners/volunteers • A Director for our Chapter and extra funds to support that position • Our Ministry Coordinator Laura Gardner to reach 100% support • Spiritual growth for the children reached in our ongoing Good News Clubs

“The angel said...I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said.” Matt 28:5-6
We pray that everyone has a great Good Friday, March 29, and Easter Sunday, March 31, as you celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. **HE IS RISEN!**

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