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KIDS NEED THE GOSPEL!

It is the most wonderful time of the year! CEF Headquarters has put an emphasis on *Christmas Across America*, one of our seasonal ministries, and we have been challenged to have more Christmas Parties than ever before. Last year we were able to hold thirteen Christmas Party Clubs. We are thankful that we were able to share the true meaning of Christmas to children all across the Panhandle.

This year we were able to have ten *Good News Clubs* up and running by the spring semester, with six of these being brand-new clubs. We rejoice with what God has done in these new clubs this year, as well as through the returning four clubs. During the fall semester, total Good News Club enrollment was 235 kids with 41 professions of faith. We expect to start two new clubs in Spring 2025.

We also had the blessing of being able to start four new monthly *Party Clubs*, as well as have one return this year. Three of these Clubs were run by a faithful group of teenagers who went into daycares and a community center three weeks out of the month to minister to the children there. We praise God for young people willing to serve during the school year, as well as all of our Party Club volunteers. Total Party Club enrollment for the fall was 182, with eight professions of faith.

Our *JYC* class for middle schools continues to go strong at Amarillo Collegiate Academy. Ginnie Grant and Delia Carpenter faithfully serve there, teaching their good group of preteens about how to build a relationship with God. Pray with us as we seek to develop more *JYC*'s in the future.

This summer, *Christian Youth in Action* students began their training and ministry journey at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas with a week of training and then back to Amarillo at Arden Road Baptist Church for another week of training. Afterwards the students went around the Texas Panhandle teaching eleven *5-Day Clubs* over a period of six weeks. We are thankful for these teens and their willingness to give God their summer and serve him with their lives.

The second week of July we held our annual *Camp Good News* at Gibson Baptist Assembly Camp Ground in Hardesty, Oklahoma. We had 105 campers and staff attending with three children accepting Jesus as Savior. We are amazed to see how God uses Camp Good News to reach children with the Gospel and further their walk with Christ.

On October 31, our office manager Jan Johnson retired from her position. Jan has served in the CEF office for five years and has been a huge blessing to our ministry. She will be greatly missed. Jan will continue to help with and teach Good News Clubs.



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