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CEF of Ohio, Inc.
Greater Columbus Chapter

BE ENCOURAGED...GOD IS FAITHFUL IN ALL SEASONS OF OUR LIVES

We serve the following Counties

- Delaware**
- Fairfield**
- Franklin**
- Licking**
- Madison**
- Perry**
- Pickaway**
- Union**



Seed time and harvest:

Faith without works is dead.

LOCAL COMMITTEE

Laura Gardner
(Ministry Coordinator)
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Ray Harper
Sandy Harper
Harry Anderson
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Call for prayer
614-279-4516

Spring, summer, fall, and winter—these are the seasons of the year. There is a principle from the Bible that can encourage and sustain us through every season: Our God is faithful. He always does exactly what He says He will do. He will keep His promises to His children and never leave their side, whatever “season” of life they are in. No matter what our circumstances, as a child of God, we can count on the Father’s abiding presence. God is omnipotent, so He has the power to meet every single need. He knows how to move us through the various seasons of our life. (Romans 8:28).

We will change and our seasons will change, but our wonderful God is always the same. We can fully rely on God, because that is His very nature (Ps. 36:5). With that in mind, consider that God has allotted a measure of faith to every believer, a measure that is based on their call in God (Rom. 12:3). Exercising this faith is the starting point of one’s service for Christ, and as one grows in maturity and knowledge of the scriptures, his/her faith will increase.

ANSWERING THE CALL OF GOD AND WHAT IT MEANS.

The first truth of being called is that we have been called out of the world and its influence, and called into relationship with God. We belong to Him!



First, we are called into the family of God, and secondly we are called into a personally unique place of service in the body of Christ. Both of these bear witness of God’s saving grace. When

we were born, where we live, and the people with whom we have fellowship, are not matters of chance. They are factors of our call in God.

God calls us, we respond, the church con-

firms and releases us, and the Holy Spirit sends and anoints us. This is how we are called to serve him. Each of us is an expression of divine workmanship for a God-ordained purpose. (Eph. 2:10).

This is God’s strategy to prepare for the day of the Lord. The responsibility that each believer has is twofold: to diligently be sure of his/her calling in God, and to walk worthy of that call.

Ray Harper and Laura Gardner’s seasons of service have changed, but their commitment to serve God have not changed.

Ray’s season of being the Ministry Coordinator for CEF of Ohio, Inc. comes to an end. He has served in a manner worthy of the calling with which he was called for 8 years.

In Ephesians 4:1-4, the words of Paul exemplify Ray’s commitment to serve. He served with humility, gentleness, patience and tolerance for others in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. He will continue to be involved in the CEF ministry and be an active local board member.



Ray has passed the torch to Laura Gardner, who was unanimously voted in by the state board to fill the position of Ministry Coordinator.



Laura Gardner as many of you know, is no stranger to CEF.

God called her at an early age to reach boys and girls for Jesus.

And this is her testimony.....

I came to know Christ as my Savior at the age of 8 yrs. old. God called me to reach the children for Jesus at age 12 1/2. It happened while I was helping my Mom and Dad teach Jr. Church. I was working a puppet to the song "Let the Children Come" and tears began to stream down my face as God put it into my heart that children were lost and needed to know Jesus as their Savior. It was then that pastor asked me to go to CYIA training to become a summer missionary. What a joy it was to serve God winning boys and girls to Christ in a 5-Day Club® that first summer. I continued for the next two summers reaching the children for Jesus and stayed active in my local church helping my Mom & Dad teach Jr. Church and in puppet ministry in many different churches in the Greater Columbus area.

I came to the Committee in 2006 when Ruth Goodwin was Ministry Coordinator. Ruth however retired shortly thereafter and Ray Harper stepped into the position. Ray along with his lovely wife Sandy have been doing an excellent job keeping the work alive in our area. After serving faithfully all these years, Ray and Sandy felt the time for them to step down is now. They, along with our committee, have been praying for someone to replace them. At the same time God had been working on my heart to become the Ministry Coordinator of the Greater Columbus Chapter. I did not pursue the position, but God pursued me. I did not desire the position, but God put the desire in my heart. Ray and Sandy will be staying on the Committee but want to spend more time with their grandkids.

So where do we go from here? We must build on the good foundation that God has given us. We have a great committee and many wonderful supporters who have prayed, given of their time and money all these years and I thank God for all of you who have been a blessing to the children in our area.

If ever you have felt God speaking to you to reach the children now is the time to get involved. We need workers, who along with their church, would be willing to adopt a school and teach a Good News Club® while the doors are still open for us to do so. We need young people who will give their summer to God to reach the lost children. We need your prayers of support, because the devil is fighting for the hearts of the children. We need you to come along side us, with any financial gift you can give, so the ministry can grow and become strong. Ask God what you can do and join us in the battle for the souls of the children in the Greater Columbus area.

In His Service,
Laura Gardner,
Ministry Coordinator, Greater Columbus Chapter.

GOOD NEWS CLUB® REPORTS

Parsons — 30 registered; at least 6 solid salvations. The students are faithfully memorizing their verses...a joy to see. Heritage FWB church that adopted this club, would like to adopt a second club in the Hamilton School district next fall.

Avondale — 15 were registered this year with 5 salvations.

Junction City — 34 enrolled; at least 8 salvations.

Pataskala — 15 enrolled; 5 salvations.

Washington in Circleville — 47 enrolled and Salt Creek in Circleville (our first JYC) 15 enrolled, seeds planted.

The clubs are winding down for the summer break, but we need to keep praying for the children who attended and were presented with the gospel, that the Word will not return void.

KEEP ON ASKING.....Luke 11:9

I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you.

A woman once said "I never pray more than once for anything. I don't want to weary God with my repeated requests".

The Lord's teaching on prayer in Luke 11 contradicts this notion. Jesus used the parable to contrast the reluctant friend with our generous heavenly Father. If an irritated neighbor will give in to his friends persistence and grant his request, how much more readily will our heavenly Father give us all we need!!



It's true that God, in His great wisdom, may sometimes delay His answer to prayer. It's also true that we must pray in harmony with the Scriptures and God's will. But Jesus moved beyond those facts to urge us to persist in prayer. He told us to ask, seek, and knock until the answer comes.

So, with those instructions in mind....continue in prayer for the following:

- ◆ Pray for Ray Harper and Laura Gardner. We need to undergird them with our prayers.
- ◆ Wisdom as we go into different churches and endeavor to enhance the excellent teaching done already by Sunday School teachers, who may get the vision to teach in our clubs.
- ◆ CYIA recruitments to answer the call to be missionaries for our 5-Day clubs.
- ◆ Those who will be attending the CYIA camp this summer.
- ◆ Additional homes to be opened for our 5-day clubs. We have 6 already, but we would love to have more.



- ◆ Supporters and their friends and family to enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program.
- ◆ Family and friends who have health issues and need a touch from our God.
- ◆ National Conference in May and those who will be in attendance.
- ◆ Financial needs to be met for our local CEF chapter and the many needs we encounter, to be and do the best for the children.

**CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN ACTION
June 16—22, SUMMER OF 2013**

If you know of any young people who are 12 years of age or older and who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, than talk to them about becoming a missionary and attend our CYIA camp this summer.

Pre-training will be required and provided by the local chapter. Contact Laura Gardner at 614-272-8217 for an application.



**‘SMALL CHANGE FOR
CYIA YOUTH CAMP’**

The change you collect for our youth can help them with their expenses to go to camp. Once you have collected the loose change you can send the money to

Heritage Freewill Baptist Church, Attention: Pastor Kevin Bass, at 575 Obetz Rd., OH 43207. Pastor Bass will be collecting the money for our youth. If you wish to designate money to a certain youth, than please note that when sending in the money.

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- 1) **CYIA™ Training June 16-22, 2013, at Inspiration Hills in Burbank, OH.**
- 2) **CEF National Conference, May 13-17, in Ashville, NC.**
- 3) **Christians Got Talent, Friday October 11, 2013 at Light-house Church.**
- 4) **Bake Sale, November 2013 (actual date to be determined).**

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A TRUE STORY (taken from CEF online)

Don't Make Them Wait!

Take the case of Austin*. It's not that Austin, a third grader, is a bad kid or spoiled brat So you can imagine his school teacher, Mrs. Hanson's surprise when the following event occurred.

It was the week after Christmas break in a Georgia elementary school. While making the morning announcements, the principal reminded the children there would be no Good News Club® that day...it would resume the next week.

When the announcement was over, Austin shot out of his desk and cried out, "Call her back and tell her we have to have Good News Club TODAY!! It has to be today!! I've waited too long!!"

"Austin, sit back down. And there had better be no more outbursts," Mrs. Hanson said.

However, Austin continued to plead for his teacher to call the office and tell them there must be Good News Club that day.

When Mrs. Hanson became firm with Austin, he sat back down in his desk and began to sob uncontrollably...he was crying so hard he could not talk. Mrs. Hanson took the child to the principal. After Austin settled down some, the principal began to question the child.

Austin explained, "You see...the day before Christmas my father tried to kill my mother. He stabbed her 12 times and thought she was dead, but she lived. They are saying she will never be the same and might not be able to take care of us for a long time. Our father is in jail. They separated us kids and told us we might not ever get to be a family again. I've been waiting a lot of days to get back to my Good News Club, because I know they care about me and would talk to God about us! I don't know anyone else that talks to God and can help us."

The principal was stunned. When she checked into his story, it was completely true, and none of the teachers knew about it.

*Name changed.

Next time you are in the grocery store or driving by a schoolyard, take a good look at the children and remember they have hurts you know nothing about and above all they need the message of Christ. Remember...and then do something about it.

| <u>YOU SAY</u> | <u>GOD SAYS</u> | <u>BIBLE VERSES</u> |
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| "It's impossible" | All things are possible | (Luke 18:27) |
| "I'm too tired" | I will give you rest | (Matthew 11:28-30) |
| "Nobody really loves me" | I love you | (John 3:16 & John 3:34) |
| "I can't go on" | My grace is sufficient | (II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15) |
| "I can't figure things out" | I will direct your steps | (Proverbs 3:5-6) |
| "I can't do it" | You can do all things | (Philippians 4:13) |
| "I'm not able" | I am able | (II Corinthians 9:8) |
| "It's not worth it" | It will be worth it | (Roman 8:28) |
| "I can't forgive myself" | I Forgive you | (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1) |
| "I can't manage" | I will supply all your needs | (Philippians 4:19) |
| "I'm afraid" | I have not given you a spirit of fear | (II Timothy 1:7) |
| "I'm always worried and frustrated" | Cast all your cares on ME | (I Peter 5:7) |
| "I'm not smart enough" | I give you wisdom | (I Corinthians 1:30) |
| "I feel all alone" | I will never leave you or forsake you | (Hebrews 13:5) |



Can you spare just 10 minutes of your time to enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program? We have gotten reports that other CEF chapters in Ohio have received **thousands of dollars just**

by using their Kroger cards. The astounding part of all this, is that it only takes about 10 minutes to enroll and it is all FREE.

Right now we only have 9 families enrolled in the program. Think of how much revenue we would gain with your support, by just enrolling in the program for CEF.

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

Please register online at

krogercommunityrewards.com

- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with CEF organization after you sign up.
- If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, you can obtain one at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- On the website listed above, click on Sign In/Register.
- If you are a new online customer, click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer" box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see CEF organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after you as a member register your card.

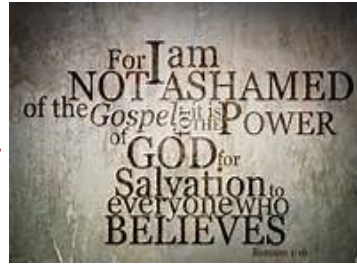
Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Our NPO (Non Profit Organization) number is 81944..

DON'T FORGET TO RE-ENROLL this month!!

Do you have any friends or family who live in any of the following areas that have a Kroger store?? As a supporter of CEF, the opportunity friends and involved by asking them to enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program for CEF Columbus Chapter.



Below is a list of cities where your friends and family can use their Kroger plus cards and enroll into the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

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| <p><u>In Ohio:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athens 2. Bellaire 3. Bowling Green 4. Bucyrus 5. Canal Winchester 6. Chillicothe 7. Circleville 8. Columbus 9. Delaware 10. Dublin 11. Findlay 12. Fortoria 13. Fremont 14. Gahanna 15. Galloway 16. Grove City 17. Groveport 18. Heath 19. Hebron 20. Hilliard 21. Holland 22. Jackson 23. Johnstown 24. Kenton 25. Lancaster 26. Lewis Center 27. Logan 28. Mansfield 29. Marion 30. Martins Ferry 31. Marysville 32. McConnelsville 33. Mt. Gilead 34. Mt. Vernon 35. Nelsonville | <p><u>Con't. Ohio:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 36. Nelsonville 37. New Albany 38. New Lexington 39. Newark 40. Oregon 41. Pataskala 42. Perrysburg 43. Pickerington 44. Port Clinton 45. Portsmouth 46. Powell 47. Reynoldsburg 48. Sandusky 49. St. Clairsville 50. Steubenville 51. Sunbury 52. Swanton 53. Sylvania 54. Tiffin 55. Toledo 56. Trimble 57. Upper Arlington 58. Urbana 59. Waverly 60. WCH 61. Wheelersburg 62. Whitehall 63. Wintersville 64. Worthington 65. Zanesville | <p><u>In West Virginia:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Benwood 2. Moundsville 3. Weirton 4. Wellsburg 5. Wheeling <p><u>In Michigan:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lambertville <p>WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR??</p> <p>As believers our lives and actions are to testify that we belong to Jesus Christ.</p> <p>God is calling us to harvest souls for Him.</p>  <p>People say that a picture is worth a thousand words.</p> <p>Our plead?? Is to be able to reach as many children as possible with the Gospel.</p> |
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