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CEF of Greater Columbus

It's Simple....Jesus is the Reason!!

Before all ages....The wisdom of God's redemption plan was **Jesus**.

There is a story more important than any other that has ever been imagined, spoken, or written. It goes like this: Before man took his first breath of oxygen, God already knew that humankind would one day need rescuing. Sin would enter the human race and cause a break in relationship with the heavenly Father. But in the mystery of divine wisdom, the Bible says that "before the foundation of the world" (1 Peter 1:18-20), a plan for our redemption was already in place.

This plan meticulously devised and executed, has been revealed through the ages and testified to in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation—that in the fullness of time, **Jesus Christ, the Son of God**, would be born to the Virgin Mary and become a sacrifice for all humanity, defeating sin and death. He alone would restore our relationship with the Father. The name "Jesus" means "Jehovah's deliverer." **Clearly stated the purpose for which He came—to "save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21)**

The Lord doesn't do anything haphazardly. Every plan is meticulously carried out at just the right time. And the truth is, He has a specific plan for each of His children. **From the beginning He has had a specific plan for CEF....to reach the children for "Jesus."**

God has placed in our keeping the most powerful and precious message in existence, the Gospel of Jesus. And we are accountable for what we do with it. Our "investment" involves both how we apply its truth to our own life and whether we share it with others.

He has commanded us to share His life-saving message with a hurting and needy world—and to make disciples in every part of the globe. Whether we listen and obey reveals how much we value the Gospel.....

**THE REASON FOR THE EXISTENCE
OF CEF??? IT'S SIMPLE —
"REACHING THE LOST CHILDREN
FOR JESUS"**

The book of Revelation has a definite purpose: To reveal the full identity of Christ and to give warning and hope to believers.

Scattered among the vivid images of the book of Revelation is a large collection of names for Jesus. Each one tells His character and highlights His role within God's plan of redemption:

The Alpha and Omega, the Lord God, The Almighty, the Son of Man, First and the Last, the Living One (Rev. 1). The Son of God (Rev. 2) The Faithful and True Witness (Rev. 3). The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, Lamb (Rev. 5). Shepherd (Rev. 7). Christ (Rev. 12) Faithful and True, The Word of God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords (Rev. 19). The Morning Star (Rev. 22) As the Messiah, He is the "Bright Morning Star," the light of Salvation to ALL!!



We are surrounded by people who are desperately hungry for something, and they don't even know what.

Yet we have the answer to their need — and the responsibility to share it. Never be ashamed of the best news ever offered to mankind. It can change someone's eternal destiny.

**ARE YOU READY FOR SOME
FANTASTIC ANSWERS TO
OUR PRAYERS???** *Read on...*

Praise the Lord for opening up the doors to go into **44 Columbus Public Schools** to share the Good News to Elementary and Junior High students..

We also have in operation Pataskala Elem., Junction City Elem., Circleville-Washington Elem. Schools and Avondale Elementary. Parsons Elementary will be starting in January. A BIG thank you for all of the prayers and for the willing servants to teach the clubs.

Some of the highlights in the GNC curriculum include: **Elijah**—God is our provider; God is faithful; God wants us to serve Him; Jesus is God’s son - Listen and obey.

Elisha—God wants us to show respect to others; Trust God to bring good out of bad situations; Be a witness for Jesus.

WHAT ABOUT OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS???



JYou Connection (JYC) they have a place in CEF

A place for middle-schoolers and young teens (age 11-15) to enjoy faith, fun and friends.

This CEF age group material originated in Europe and have been available in recent years.in the USA.

SPECIAL NOTE: We have had a request from our Circleville teachers to provide continued training for their graduates from elementary school. CEF of Columbus is very

enthused with the curriculum that addresses so many issues facing middle-schoolers. This years theme in JYC is “God’s Way”.

As in GNC there is a 5 yr. rotation curriculum. It uses a variety of teaching methods that appeal to older students and is a much deeper discipleship program. Clear presentations and His ways are given. There are very well done application activities.

This is an awesome program and we would love to provide training.

KUDOS FOR CEF MATERIALS

Vignette from Linda...

Parents of a student in her club said they’ve seen a variety of S.S. curriculums and liked CEF’s the best. So glad to have their child receiving this teaching.

Vignette from Harpers...

Have been helping teach and 1st and 2nd grades at their church. The children and other teachers also enjoy the CEF Bible lessons and missionary stories. They may buy all the curriculum.



IMPORTANT QUESTION FOR ALL OF US READING THIS NEWSLETTER!!

DO YOU FEEL INADEQUATE, UNWORTHY, OR UNQUALIFIED FOR THE TASKS THAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO??

YOU ARE NOT ALONE. BUT WE BASE WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE CAN DO ON GOD’S WORD.



Remember Moses? When God approached him from the fiery bush, Moses was 80 yrs. old and felt very unqualified and inadequate. Moses offered up many excuses. Moses was forgetting three important things about God. First, God himself was with Moses. Then, he could always trust God. Third, God was all-powerful. It always pleases God to use people who feel inadequate. God wanted Moses. Yes, Moses felt weak. He felt inadequate. But God knew that Moses was the right man to do the job. God is familiar to excuses. He called Gideon (Judges 6:12-16). He called Jeremiah too. (Read Jeremiah 1:6-8.) Do not forget Paul’s words in 2 Corin. 3:5; 4:7.

Notice Moses’ 5 excuses in the book of Exodus.

1. I am not important enough (3:11)
2. What shall I say? (3:13)
3. They will not listen to me (4:1)
4. I am not a good speaker (4:10)
5. Please send someone else (4:13)

Perhaps we try to avoid God’s work in the same ways. We defeat our feeling of weakness when we act. This is why God often makes his servants do something. ‘Now therefore go..’ (Exodus 4:12) But this is the hardest thing to do. We all want to feel capable before we act. However, this does not often happen. That sort of confidence could easily become trust in oneself.

How kind God is. He sends Aaron to meet Moses. The Lord always deals with us in love. He knew

that Moses could not do this work alone. So, God sent a helper for him. He sends this same kind of help for us at CEF. God knows what we can do. And he knows what we cannot do. He does not deal with us in a hard way. He is patient with us. He is gentle too. We should always be glad of this. David knew about it. He said 'Your gentle help has made me great' (read 2 Samuel 22:36) It was like that for Elijah. He needed to have a helper. He needed someone who would encourage him. So, God gave him Elisha, who was young. He was able to help the older man, who was the leader. (1 Kings 19:16)

God is loving and kind. He cares about us very much. He provides us with helpers and partners. He gives us loyal CEF members. Nobody needs to feel inadequate.

GOD WORKS THROUGH OUR WEAK EFFORTS AND OUR CLUMSY ABILITIES, HE ACCOMPLISHES A GREAT WORK AND HE RECEIVES ALL THE CREDIT.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul compares the body of Christ to a human body. Each part has a specific function. We are

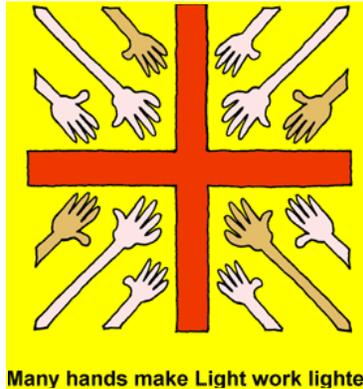


different with our own gifts and abilities. But ALL believers have one thing in common—*faith in Jesus Christ*. We all have a common goal to reach the unsaved and to bring them into a relationship with Jesus. We do Praise the Lord for opened doors for us to go into schools and teach the gospel.

Each new day brings new and exciting opportunities for CEF OF GREATER COLUMBUS.

What an HONOR to be serving our Lord. What a privilege we have to share the Gospel to children in Ohio

and around the world. But with that privilege comes the responsibility of training dedicated Christians to teach or to become involved.



CEF of Columbus needs your help. Please pray earnestly about becoming a teacher or helper for our Good News Clubs. Can you help make the difference in a child's eternal destiny???

We are ready and willing to train and equip you with the resources that God has provided. IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU TO ANSWER THE CALL!!!!

Pray....Listen....Obey...Learn.

Then call Laura Gardner at 614-272-8217 or Sandy Harper at 614-937-9075 for more information about our training.

Trust God to fill you. God will make it work...

Know the joy of being a "FRUITFUL FIG TREE" (Luke 13:6-9)

Prayer: Our Time Saver

What do you think about when you wake up?? Are your thoughts instantly focused on the day ahead, or are they centered on the Lord? The most important and time—saving part of each day is that spent in quiet solitude with God. Even if your desire is to follow God, you won't know where He is going, or God's direction for the day unless you invite Him to control your life, He'll accomplish more than you could do by yourselves.

We have many needs for CEF also. Prayer is the answer for our needs and for the needs of the world:

1. Pray for the families who have lost loved ones in CEF of Columbus.
2. Pray for the Health of Committee Members and their families.
3. Prayer for our search committee as they look for a new Director for CEF.
4. Pray for funds for the New Director to come in.
5. Pray for God's Glory to be seen in the national and international tragedies recently.
6. Pray for Israel, God's chosen people.
7. Pray for Teachers for our Good News Clubs.

CALL OUR PRAYER TEAM FOR REQUESTS THAT YOU MAY HAVE...WE ARE THERE FOR YOU TO INTERCEDE ON YOUR BEHALF. REMEMBER WE ALL HAVE A COMMON GOAL....WORKERS TOGETHER!!

Marilyn Weidner (our prayer team leader) is ready to call her team and pray for you and your family. CALL her at 614-279-1456.

Do you shop at Krogers??? Did you know that CEF gets FREE money from Kroger when anyone enrolls in the Reward Community for CEF?? We recently got a letter from Kroger Stores and I want to share it with you....we only have 9 households who are participating so far for CEF...but just read how much of a reward we have earned, and it hasn't cost them any extra money out of their pockets. All they did was enroll and swipe their Kroger cards when they went shopping.

Prepared for CEF OF GREATER COLUMBUS NPO #81944 (Cycle 12, Qtr. 2)

Dear CEF OF GREATER COLUMBUS,
 The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and Kroger's unique Community Rewards Program. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, Kroger has adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.
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God's Viewpoint about Money
(1 Timothy 6:17-19)

To gain a proper perspective of money, Christians must understand what the Lord thinks about it.

- **God is our source. Since everything originates from the Creator, it all belongs to Him (Ps. 24:1) This means we are merely stewards of the wealth He's entrusted to us.**
- **God uses money for His purposes. We can't separate our finances from our Christianity. The Lord doesn't provide money for just our physical needs; He uses it to transform us spiritually.**

Take a dollar bill from your wallet and look at it —that piece of paper is a powerful instrument in the Lord's hand when you give Him authority over it and cooperate with His spiritual transformation program. When you see a dollar, be reminded that what you do with it reveals your character. Please consider a year end giving to CEF of Greater Columbus.

*We wish you a peaceful Merry Christmas
 and a Blessed New Year
 from CEF of Greater Columbus*