

His Marvelous Works

CEF ORANGEBURG/LOWER SAVANNAH DISTRICT

Kids Share What They Learn in Good News Club!

With schools currently closed due to coronavirus, our Good News Clubs have ended for this school year. It is hard to believe that another school year has passed! Even closing early, hundreds of children were able to hear the Gospel this year in Good News Club!

Michelle Grimes, a Bamberg County Good News Club volunteer, recently shared the impact that Good News Club has had on one little girl from the Richard Carroll Elementary Good News Club:

"Oh how I love Good News Club! I love to see how God transforms the lives of the children from the beginning of the year until the end of the year. In GNC, the children are evangelized and taught how to grow in their relationship with God. Many of the children received Jesus as their Savior and Lord in GNC. It has been so exciting and rewarding seeing them grow in the Lord. Sometimes, I even see the parents in the stores and they share with me how their children love GNC and some of their positive actions that come as a result, such as sharing what they learn with others.

A week before our GNC ended this year, my heart was truly broken so much so that I cried like a grieving person. God's work was so strong, evident, and needed in the children's lives that I wanted GNC to continue for a few more weeks. On the last week of club, I had a brief conversation with one of the fourth graders. She said, "I really don't want GNC to end." I told her I felt the same way, and that is why I was crying last week.

She immediately told me with joy in her heart and a spark in her eye "Well you don't have to worry about the GNC because at our church we have something like the GNC. I take the memory verses and the games we play in Good News Club back to my church, and we do them in my Sunday School class just like we do here!" She looked at me as if to say don't worry; I have you covered because God is using me to share what I learn here with the children in my church. And guess what, I was so pleasantly shocked, happy, and excited. That immediately put joy in my spirit! God will surely work it out!!!"

Pray that the Lord will give each believing child who attended Good News Club this year the opportunity to share what they learned with others!

First Teaching Children Effectively Level 1 Class Held in Barnwell County

This spring, we have had the opportunity to hold our Teaching Children Effectively Level 1 course for the first time in Barnwell County! Teaching Children Effectively is a college level course offered by CEF that provides believers with the tools and methods needed to lead children to Christ and equips them to begin ministry to children wherever they are.

We have had the privilege of teaching 5 ladies from Seven Pines Baptist Church in Snelling over the last 10 weeks. These ladies are currently involved in their church children's ministry as Sunday School teachers and Vacation Bible School workers.

One of our students, Theresa Moore, shared how the course has benefitted her:

"The class has shown me how to share God's Word to the children I will teach. As I am preparing lessons for our VBS, the CEF process has made me more aware and comfortable in planning. I pray that I may be a blessing to all that God puts in my path! I currently teach senior ladies, and I have grown so much in my Bible Study. I pray that what I have learned encourages theirs and my spiritual growth. This class has opened my heart to new skills for sharing God's Word, a prayer answered!"

Praise God for the opportunity He has provided to equip and encourage believers in their ministries to children!

Hope During Coronavirus Pandemic

Our Good News Clubs were forced to end earlier than planned this spring due to school closings as a result of the coronavirus pandemic; however, God, in His providence, provided a timely lesson in the Brookdale Elementary Good News Club in their final meeting for this year.

The story being shared was the story of how Jesus healed the Samaritan leper. As the teacher taught about how the Samaritan could not be near others because leprosy was contagious, one Good News Club student commented, "Oh! So kind of like the coronavirus!"

The children listened as the teacher shared of how Jesus is our help, both for our greatest problem - sin - and also in problems that may happen in our world. That afternoon, two little girls in this Good News Club believed in Jesus as their Savior from sin!

Praise God for His work in the hearts of the children. Even though clubs ending early was not our plan, we know and trust that God is in control and that as His Word has gone out this school year, it will not return void without accomplishing the purpose He intends for it! (Isaiah 55:11)

