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PRAISE HIM!

We are overjoyed to share the incredible results of our 6th Annual Nashville Praise Symphony Benefit Concert, held on February 15, 2025, at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Lebanon. This special evening of music and giving surpassed all expectations, **raising just over \$19000 in support of CEF ministries** across our chapter.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, helping us meet the \$2,500 matching grant from Swanson Companies. It was wonderful to see so many faithful volunteers and friends. What an unforgettable night filled with unity, purpose, and beautiful music!

Thank you for being part of this incredible evening.



Nashville Praise Symphony

A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

Is there a teen in your life who wants to grow in their faith and make an impact for Christ? Christian Youth In Action (CYIA) could be the perfect opportunity! A unique summer missions program designed especially for teens, CYIA includes:

- **Evangelism Training** – Teens learn to teach Bible lessons, lead songs, and engage children, as well as how to counsel a child for salvation.
- **Spiritual Growth** – Camp & ministry weeks include daily devotions, group Bible studies, and prayer to deepen their relationship with Christ.
- **Life-changing Impact** – Leadership, teamwork, and public speaking are key aspects of CYIA.
- **Ministry Experience** – Teens lead Bible clubs right here in Middle Tennessee, gaining practical ministry experience.

Alice & Asafu leading 5-Day Club at local Boys & Girls Club



The full CYIA program includes a week of intensive training at Linden Valley Conference Center, where students gain confidence in sharing their faith. Then, they return home to serve in VBS-style 5-Day Clubs, working as teams to share Christ's love with children across the area. Last year, eleven teens shared the Gospel with 430 children—and **13 made first-time professions of faith!**

Know a teen who would love this opportunity? Share CYIA with them—it's more than a summer program; **it's a life-changing experience!**



2024 CYIA missionaries headed out for a day of clubs last summer

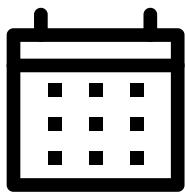
HANNAH'S TESTIMONY

I didn't know I was adopted until I was eight years old. My mom always told me that I could ask her anything and she would tell me the truth. I soon learned that my birth mother had planned to sell me. It was hard to hear, I believed it was my fault. I was hurt and angry. I treated my mom awful; we fought a lot because I was so angry.

When I attended CYIA this year, I heard the Amy Carmichael missionary story and how she rescued girls sold to be temple prostitutes. That stirred something in me. I began to understand just how much God loved me that he would send my mom to adopt me. My birth mother made a terrible choice, but it was her choice and had nothing to do with me. My CYIA cabin mates and leader prayed for me and helped me process my pain and anger. The next day, with God's help, I testified to the whole group, including my mom, what God had done in my heart. I am thankful for CYIA and my mom."

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THE GREATEST NEED

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 8 - Wordless Book Training
First Baptist - Woodbury

April 25 - Boro BBQ Festival Face Painting, Murfreesboro
- JazzFest Face Painting, Murfreesboro

May 3 - CYIA Pretraining

May 19-23 - CEF International Conf., Ridgecrest, NC

May 25-30 - CYIA Training Camp, Linden Valley Conf. Ctr

June 9-27 - 5-Day Club ministry

July 26 - Good News! Training Conference, Mt. Juliet

August 14-23 - TN State/Wilson County Fair Face Painting, Lebanon

As I watch the never-ending news cycle, it can feel overwhelming. I see news story after news story of children whose most basic needs - food, shelter, security - are not being met. I read article after article about children experiencing gender confusion, bullying, or record levels of anxiety. I personally have seen young people in my own home and church wrestle with suicidal thoughts, addiction, and hopelessness.

These problems are real, pressing, and not to be minimized, but the greatest need faced by children - or anyone, for that matter - is to know Jesus, the One who loves them eternally and perfectly, so that they might have a life characterized by the hope only Jesus can give. Saved children can experience the God-given promises in Hebrews 13 - He is always with them and He will help them do what's right. This is the heart of Good News Club - that lost children would move **from death to life** and saved children would grow in their blossoming relationship with the Lord.

This school year, **more than 50 children** have put their trust in Jesus as their Savior. It's children like Arthur* whose mom greeted me excitedly in the parking lot after he was saved in club that day and shared how much she had been praying for this very moment. It's children like Moses* who begged to come to Good News Club for months and on the very first day, saw his sister Erica* pray to receive Jesus. It's children like kindergarteners Austin* and Jordan* who have been soaking in the truth of the Gospel all school year and put their trust in Jesus just this past week.

In the words of Paul in Ephesians 1:16, "I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." You are a vital part of CEF's ministry to children. Whether you are a volunteer or a donor or a prayer or a church partner, **it takes all of us to reach all of them**. Thank you for the work you do to help meet The Greatest Need.

-Joy



PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE

- Pray for the following elementary schools, that we might successfully navigate any hurdles & start Good News Clubs in them in the fall: John Coleman (Rutherford), Mt. Juliet (Wilson), Rutland (Wilson), Byars Dowdy (Lebanon), & Castle Heights (Lebanon).
- Pray for new church partners, especially in Cannon and Maury Counties.
- Pray for 10 more CYIA missionaries to be called to serve this summer.
- Pray for chapter leadership as we search for additional staff & summer interns.
- Praise Him for the children present each week in Good News Clubs in our chapter, our state, our country and around the world.
- Praise Him for the doors He continues to open and the hearts He continues to call to himself. He is good!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6 (ESV)