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Christmas Message: Jesus Our Hope

"May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you." Psalm 33:22 (NIV)

For millions of people, the Christmas season means nothing more than parties, gifts, decorations, and time off work. For Christians, however, this time of year is a happy reminder of the hope we have because of Jesus Christ.

Before Jesus came, God seemed distant, hidden in the Holy of Holies in the temple, accessible only to the high priest. Worshipers wondered whether their sacrifices were acceptable. They doubted their salvation.

Christ means hope—to the person out of work, to the struggling single mother, to the dying believer. Even if you're just slogging your way through the disappointments of life, if you have Jesus, you have hope. And he is not a false hope, a childish fairy tale that we wish will have a happy ending. When Christ rose from the dead, that ended the argument. Period. Our hope in him is solid and it is real.

Christmas is a renewal of that hope. It reconfirms it for us if our vision has grown dim. It was settled long ago, so we don't have to doubt anymore. Jesus is the fulfillment of our hope, our deepest longings come true.

by Jack Zavada



"We have lasting hope through the salvation we have in Christ ... Hope means that even when it looks like it's all over, it's not all over yet. That's why the Bible says we can rejoice even in our tribulations. God is working in our hard times to produce proven character and hope in us."

-Dr. Tony Evans, *Totally Saved*



Annual Fund-Gathering Banquet

“Reaching the Heart of a Child”

On October 15, 2019, the local chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), held its annual fund-gathering banquet at the Kenneth Monroe Transformation Center in Rock Hill raising over \$17,000 of the \$70,000 annual budget for the work of the local ministry. This would not have been possible without the prayers and financial donation from the local businesses and friends from our communities. We especially want to thank our testimonial speakers, Pastor Tim Blue, Greater Life Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC. Pastor Blue is also active in the Harrisburg Elementary School Good News Club; Mrs. Judy Mobley, Coordinator of the Chester Park Elementary School, Chester, SC and member of Fountain of Life COG; and Mrs. Michelle Campbell and Sydney Campbell, parent and student of Emmett Scott Good News Club and members of New Mt. Olivet AME Zion Church. All testimonies were Spirit-led and gave us heart-felt insight at the impact of Good News Clubs in their personal lives and the lives of children they minister to each week. We were also blessed by the anointed singing of



Monica Frazier.

Never before in the history of America have we witnessed



such a cultural assault on our children. The

future of any society can be predicted by one factor: how it raises its young. Child Evangelism Fellowship of SC partners with churches to take deliberate steps to correct the cultural assault on our children right here in our own communities. Child Evangelism Fellowship supplies, at no cost to churches, all the training and support necessary to begin and maintain Good News Clubs (GNC) in elementary schools and Jesus & You Connections (JYC) in middle schools.

Chartered in 1995, the Catawba River Chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship serves York, Lancaster and Chester counties and has a long-range goal of operating a Good News Club in every elementary school in our three-county area. We currently have fifty-six elementary schools in our area; but only eleven of these schools have Good

News Clubs. Thank you so much for helping us to reach the hearts of 586 children and 28 salvations thus far in the 2019-2020 school year.

We are in need of new church partners, volunteers, committee members, business partners and support staff.

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"

(Matthew 19:14)
Will you help us reach the children with the hope that

can only be found in our Lord Jesus Christ?





The words of the late Bishop Clarence Carr still ring true today. “Working together Works”.

The greatest partner Child Evangelism Fellowship has today is the local church. With CEF and the church striving together with the same vision and passion . . . moving as one body toward the same goal, they become the most powerful, untapped resource in reaching lost children of America with the Gospel. Therefore, we are unequivocally convinced that we must wholeheartedly pursue relationships with local churches and community partners to recapture our public schools and local neighborhoods for Christ.

If we in Child Evangelism Fellowship are doing the work alone, the work can only grow as big as the amount of work we can handle. But if CEF partners with local churches we have the opportunity to grow to an unlimited capacity! Through church partnerships we can effectively equip local churches to reach their communities through evangelistic outreach to children. What an effective way to see great numbers of children evangelized, disciplined in the Word of God and established in the local church!

God has established the Church to fulfill the Great Commission. CEF’s purpose is to evangelize, disciple and establish children in the local church. Many churches have capable workers who just need to be equipped and mobilized. The heart’s desire of most pastors is to see their congregations involved in fruitful outreach. By taking ownership, the church assumes its God-given responsibility for the lives of the boys and girls in their communities through the Good News Club program. Why look elsewhere! It is imperative that local CEF chapters work more closely than ever before with and through the local church. The mission is urgent—partnership is crucial.

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While we truly appreciate all of church partners, we must also work with our community partners. They share the vision for the future and are a vital part of this ministry. We are blessed beyond measure to have corporate sponsors that are committed to ensure our children have an opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. This enables the children to make wise choices for themselves, family, their school, and communities which they live.

Through working together, we have been able to open new Good News Clubs, improve outreach efforts by personal visitations and participating in community block parties; enhance our programs and training services; and hire a part-time office assistant.



We praise God for our faithful partners helping us reach children in Chester, York, and Lancaster County. Thank you for Volunteer workers that impact the children and community for Christ through effective ministry in the GNC and Christian Youth in Action programs; Maintaining a vision for lost souls; Building trust and visibility in the community; Monthly donations and sponsorship donations to the CEF Ministry; Praying for the needs of the ministry; and Recognizing “It’s Time” to invest in our children.



Christian Youth in Action

Christian Youth is Action (CYIA) team is looking for youth 15 yrs old – College aged. If you have a heart for ministry and want to team up with other young people to reach the children in your community, then CYIA is for You!

Training School Dates: June 14-20, 2020

Training School Location: Columbia International University, Columbia, SC

Training School Cost: \$340 + \$85 Kit

Applications deadline: March 6, 2020. Go to State website at cef-sc.org for online application.

Parent Meeting will be Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Rock Hill Office.

Hosting a 5-Day Club

For 5 consecutive days, one hour each day, children gather to hear Bible stories, sing songs, learn Bible verses, listen to a missionary story and hear the Gospel clearly presented. The clubs are taught by the CYIA team.

Consider hosting a 5-Day Club in your own backyard or talk to your pastor and church leaders about partnering with CEF to reach your community for Christ. Contact Donna Robbins, at 803-324-9888 or donna@cefcrc.org and ask for a team to teach a club in your community.

Pray that doors will be opened for 5 Day Clubs in Lancaster, York and Chester Counties. Also pray for the youth that will be committed to teach the Gospel this summer.



*****Upcoming Class*****

Teaching Children Effectively Level 1, a 30-hour course, is designed to offer a fresh approach to evangelizing and teaching children. Based on Spiritual and educational principles, the course provides the methods and procedures to lead children to Christ and immediately equips the believer to begin and sustain a ministry where he lives. Student practicums are a vital part of the instructional procedure making TCE a refreshing way to train Christians in child evangelism.

Course is designed for Good News Club, Volunteers, Ministers, Sunday School Teachers, Child Care Workers, Christian School Teachers

January 28 – March 31, 2020

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays Only

Rock Hill CEF Office

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Cost: \$125.00

Please go to chapter website for more details



SAVE THE DATE

The 10th Annual Fore the Kids Golf Tournament will be held on April 24, 2020 at the Edgewater Golf Course, Lancaster, SC. Registration and sponsorship information can be found on our website, cefcrc.org. Pray for the success of our Annual Golf Tournament. We need sponsors and 120 golfers!

Merry Christmas!

. from the Catawba River Chapter

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. The volunteering of your time, prayers, finances, and sometimes a simple word of encouragement is greatly appreciated.