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# East Central Notes

*Child Evangelism Fellowship of Missouri, Inc. – East Central Chapter*

## February/March 2024

### Chapter Information

#### Mail contributions to:

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<https://www.cefmissouri.org/cef-east-central>

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### Easter Party Club Training

Training on teaching a memory verse and other things helpful for holding an Easter Party Club will be held in Villa Ridge, on March 20, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

Any and all volunteers are welcome to come and “brush up” your skills. [Email us](mailto:matthew.ernst@cefmissouri.org), or text 636-751-0231, to register.

Dear Friends,

More than 90 faithful volunteers are this year serving over 350 children at the East Central Chapter’s 18 *Good News Clubs*®. We praise God for numerical growth this year; but numbers don’t tell the whole story. That is told one by one, child by child, household by household.

Take “Christine,” for example. Her parents are out of the picture: one incarcerated, the other dead. Her guardians don’t attend church regularly but are Christian. Although surprised a “Bible club” was held after school, they didn’t hesitate to enroll her.

Christine started attending in 2022. A club leader that went to the home to pick up her registration slip found out the four kids needed clothing. A local businessman provided funds.

A month or two later, one of Christine’s GNC leaders, by God’s grace, was matched as her reading tutor. Now, twice a week, this little girl was around Christian volunteers *in her school* who love and care for her.

Then, a new note on this year’s enrollment form: Christine’s guardians listed a church home. Christian friends, from a church in a neighboring town, were picking up her and siblings for church when the whole family couldn’t get there.

Christine professed faith in Jesus at Good News Club. This February, Christine told her club leaders she had been baptized the Sunday before. “I want to always, always go to church and come to Good News Club!” she said.

Her journey has just started. It is already challenging, filled with trauma and brokenness. Through ministry at her after-school Good News Club, and connections with local churches, “Christine” and her family are encountering the Father’s love and meeting the Son who promises her the Spirit’s comfort. This is God’s power of the Gospel -- the Good News.

Thank you for your partnership in this Gospel work.



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### CALLING ALL TEENS!

**Christian Youth in Action®  
(CYIA™)**

<https://www.cefmissouri.org/cyia>

Christian Youth in Action is a summer ministry experience for teens.

Complete information and applications are online at:

<https://www.cefmissouri.org/cyia>

Older teens will complete a week-long training, beginning June 2, at the CEF headquarters in Warrenton.

Teens under 14 can attend two days of training for Junior CYIA. There is a one-day training on May 4, in Columbia.

The East Central Chapter is offering partial scholarships, for teens from our five counties accepted to CYIA, on a first-come basis.

<https://www.cefmissouri.org/cyia>

### Give Thanks and Praise to God!

More than 250 children have attended 19 party clubs held in the East Central Chapter since August 2023.



A Valentine's Day party club at the Wright City Community Church of the Nazarene Good News Club on February 21.

### East Central Chapter GNC® Roster Thanks for faithfully praying for every club!

Franklin County	Warren County
Augusta Elementary	Warrenton - Daniel Boone Elem.
Pacific - Zitzman Elementary	Warrenton - Rebecca Boone Elem.
Pacific Intermediate School	Warrenton - Warrior Ridge Elem.
Pacific - Truman Elementary	Wright City West Elementary
Saint Clair - Edgar Murray Elem.	Wright City - Church of the Nazarene
Saint Clair Elementary (3 clubs)	Montgomery County
Union - First Baptist Church of Union	Jonesburg Elementary
Villa Ridge - Coleman Elementary	Montgomery City Elementary (meets at Reach Community Church)

### Financial Update

Calling more regular monthly donors! Please consider pledging a regular monthly gift of any amount for the rest of 2024 at:

<https://www.cefmissouri.org/cef-east-central>

We praise God for \$10,000 anonymously granted to the chapter in December. Our chapter committee plans to use this to supplement monthly giving and fund ministry growth this year. We are closely monitoring chapter expenses to maintain modest deficits while monthly support grows.

	Jan.	Feb.	2024 to Date
Monthly giving	\$1,135	\$ 1,325	\$ 2,460
Expenses	\$1,177	\$ 2,200 (est.)	\$ 3,377
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(42)	\$(875)	\$ (917)