

DELAWARE COUNTY CHAPTER OF
CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF PA, INC.

Love is patient,
Love is kind.



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A photograph of four young men sitting on a grassy field. They are all looking down at a yellow bag on the ground. The man on the far right is wearing a blue shirt and has his hands clasped in front of him. The other three men are wearing red and orange shirts. The background is a blurred green field with a person walking in the distance.

Spring Clubs have Sprung!



Our Spring Good News Clubs are off and running! This semester we have 5 community clubs and 6 in-school clubs, including the original Cyber Club at the PA Virtual Charter School.

Some of our clubs have already begun and others are getting ready to launch! We are so excited to have the opportunity to continue sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the boys and girls in Delaware County.

For some of the kids attending our Good News Clubs, they are well-saturated in the Gospel. When a club has more believing than non-believing children, we simply turn our focus from evangelism to discipleship. These children are given the opportunity not only to hear the Gospel but to grow in their faith through small groups, one-on-one conversations, and simply asking questions as well as learning to share their own faith.

If you are interested in registering your child for a *Good News Club*, visit cefdelco.com and click on the Good News Clubs button at the top of the page, or call 610-449-9564 for more information.

Backyard Missions

As we brave the next few months of cold weather, we eagerly await the warmer months that follow. Many church youth groups participate in summer mission trips, but what if the mission field didn't require a plane ride and visas? What if the mission field was right in your backyard?

This summer, teens from all around the state will be gathering from June 17th-23rd in Hooversville, PA at Camp Harmony as they learn how to share the Gospel with children, teach Bible-centered lessons, exciting missionary stories, and more. For the rest of the summer, the teens return to their respective CEF chapters to conduct 5-Day Clubs and VBS programs in their ministry area.

Teens who have participated in the *Christian Youth in Action*® program have learned life-changing skills from time management to teamwork and more as they grow their faith. If you are interested in participating, or if you know a teen who is interested, please email cefordelawarecounty@gmail.com for an application.

Applications are due April 1st and applicants be 13 years old by June 17th. Along with the week of camp, there will be two mandatory pre-training sessions to be held at the Delaware County office on April 22nd and May 6th, as well as a second week of training from June 26th-30th.

This could be your summer to make a difference in your backyard!

Director's Desk



Most of the children we reach in our programs are from what researchers call Gen Z and Gen Alpha. They range from birth through early twenties and most of the children in these generations have used the Internet since a young age; they are generally comfortable with technology and interacting on social media. But studies show that today's kids are 6 times more likely to have anxiety and depression than their grandparents did at their age. What is causing the rise of anxiety among kids? Why are they nervous? From an article written by Dale Hudson, a prominent children's ministry leader, some of the contributing factors include social media, living in a culture of volatility, and the pressure to succeed.

The good news? We have a great opportunity to minister to them and bring hope, encouragement, and God's promises. We can teach Gen Z and Gen Alpha that they are valuable to God. We must be intentional about showing them how much God, the Creator of the universe, cares for them and that God controls the future. We can show them that this same God holds their future in His hands. "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Luke 12:25)

We can teach them there is no need to stress and be anxious about the future. We can also show Gen Z and Gen Alpha what they can accomplish through God's power rather than their own. Much of the anxiety children are facing is coming from the voices inside their own head. Doubt. Insecurity. Fear. These things can dominate their thoughts, unless you come against them with the promises of God. These promises can help remove the pressure of "performing" and replace it with simple dependence on God's promises. Just as Jesus calmed the stormy waters so many years ago, He can calm the worries, fears, and anxieties of these generations if we turn their gaze upon Him.

~ Brenda Smith

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Our Mission:

To evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, to disciple children in the Word of God, and to establish them in a Bible believing church for Christian living.



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