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Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day



From the Director, Rod Peyton

As a new school year begins, so do the final steps of our Good News Club® preparations. Schedules are confirmed with schools, volunteers are trained, registration forms are submitted, and clubs are underway. It's a busy and joy-filled season—one where, time and again, we see God at work.

Each year, we ask God to expand this ministry—to **reach more children with the Gospel**. Over two years ago, God placed Center Point-Urbana Primary School on the hearts of CEF staff and volunteers. At that time, Jenny Smid, then coordinator of the Alburnett Good News Club, even began training a new coordinator to take her place so she could help start the new club at Center Point. Many prayed faithfully for God to open the door—and though the path was not without challenges, **He did**.

This fall, we rejoice as God has made a way for four **new** Good News Clubs to begin:

- 📍 Boulder Peak (Linn-Mar)
- 📍 Center Point-Urbana Primary
- 📍 Cleveland Elementary
- 📍 Hiawatha Elementary

These four new clubs have already welcomed 47 students.

We are in awe of God's kindness and faithfulness in answering prayers and drawing children to Himself. We give thanks for you—your prayers, financial support, and faithful service which are all helping plant and nurture the seeds of the Gospel throughout our communities.

To God be the glory!

*Pictured above:
The Cleveland
Elementary Good
News Club Volunteer
Team from Good
News Baptist Church
(Left)*

*Cleveland Team
praying God would
bring more students
after the first night of
Good News Club at
Cleveland Playground
(Right)*

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Ministry Update:

Each ministry site carries its own story of God's provision—how He called volunteers, He opened school doors, He brought children, and He continues to work in hearts through the Gospel. One of these stories stands out from the new Cleveland Elementary Good News Club. Twenty-five members from Good News Baptist Church felt led to begin a club at Cleveland Elementary (pictures of team on front page).

They completed the CEF screening and training process and began praying for students to attend. **On the first day of club, only one student came.** Though it was discouraging, the volunteers and CEF staff gathered together on the playground and **prayed—asking God to bring more children.**

The 2nd week, 5 students attended.
The 3rd week, 20 students attended.
The 4th week, 24 students attended.

The Harvest



By the 5th week, **27 students attended and heard the Gospel!**

Of these students, **four students put their faith in Christ as Lord and Savior!**

What is a Good News Club?

For one day a week for six weeks (fall & spring), children gather in public schools for a fun 90-minute club featuring Bible lessons, missionary stories, songs, Scripture memory, and activities—all led by trained volunteers.

To learn more about Good News Clubs, scan the QR Code or visit: <https://www.cefhawkeyechapter.com/hawkeye-chapter-gncs.html>



Beautiful feet

Good News Clubs are led by a dedicated **Coordinator** and a team of trained **CEF Volunteers** who joyfully serve together to share the Gospel with children. Every volunteer completes a thorough **application, screening, and training process** to ensure safety and excellence in ministry. Coordinators go a step further—participating in additional leadership training, organizing club logistics, and guiding their teams each week.

We are deeply grateful for our Coordinators' servant leadership, faithfulness, and commitment to being the hands and feet of Jesus to children in our public schools. Their love and dedication make Good News Clubs possible!

Please pray
for the
2025-2026
Good News
Clubs and
Coordinators

GNC Location/Coordinator:

Alburnett Elementary School (Shannon Dent)
Boulder Peak (Ashley Slater)
Center-Point Urbana School (Jenny Smid)
Cleveland Elementary School (Tahsha Jones)
Francis Marion Intermediate School (Rod Peyton)
Grant Wood Elementary School (Laura Hall)
Hiawatha Elementary School (Sara Brownell)
Johnson STEAM Academy Magnet School (Karen Wilson)
Kenwood Elementary School (Erin Howard)
Parkview Elementary School (Sara Brownell)
Wright Elementary School (Beth Ross)

GOOD NEWS CLUB:
SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Volunteers Arrive to Set up and Pray

Kids arrive

Opening prayer

Fellowship

Worship

Bible Lesson

Small group lesson review

Small group prayer

Memory verse

Missionary story

Game

Clean up

Dismiss

Ways to Partner in 2025-2026



The mission of Child Evangelism Fellowship is to share the love of God and the hope of eternal life in Jesus with the children of East Central Iowa.

To those who are already faithfully serving, giving, or praying—thank you.
Your partnership in the Lord's work is making an eternal impact.

If you are not yet involved but feel led to join us, there are several meaningful ways to partner with Hawkeye CEF during the 2025-2026 school year—through prayer, volunteering, & financial support.

Together, we can continue reaching the next generation with the Gospel.



PRAYER

To partner in **prayer**, please sign up using this link:
<https://www.cefhawkeyechapter.com/prayer-team.html>



PEOPLE

To partner in **person**, please complete the volunteer application process using this link:
<https://www.cefhawkeyechapter.com/volunteer-paperwork.html>



PROVIDE

To partner in **gifts**, please mail checks to:

CEF of Iowa, Inc.
Hawkeye Chapter
P.O. Box 10493
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52410

OR

Give online using this link:
<https://www.cefhawkeyechapter.com/give.html>

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21

