

SERVING WITH THE DREAM TEAM

Official Newsletter of CEF of Southwest Florida



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We're 10 for 10! Let's Celebrate!

For the first time in the history of the Southwest chapter, we have a **Good News Club in every public elementary school in Charlotte county!** We thank God and His perfect timing for this incredible opportunity! We have prayed for this for a long time and ask you join us in praising the Lord. Thank you to our amazing church partners and volunteers for partnering with us to impact Charlotte county with the Gospel!



The club at Peace River Elementary is so excited that we're 10 for 10 in Charlotte county!

Deep Creek
East
Kingsway
Liberty
Meadow Park



Myakka River
Neil Armstrong
Peace River
Sallie Jones
Vineland



314 students attending weekly
25 salvation decisions
100 volunteers serving weekly
11 church partners
1 ministry coordinator



The local staff (above) worked hard on planning this event, and it was a great success! Thank you to all who came!



Linda and Bucky Kauffman (right), wife and son of CEF President Emeritus Reese Kauffman, were the guest speakers and did a great job sharing the impact our ministry has.

Our local committee was essential to this event! From left to right: Adam Winkle, Stephanie McDermott, Mike Gravesen, Laurie Anderson, Melinda Means, Pat Thompson.



Our servers did a wonderful job! Many of them are involved in Christian Youth in Action program.



2025 Strategic Plan

Our plan boils down to simply “do more of what we are doing now.” We want to continue to grow, especially in Lee County. There are 50 elementary schools, and we are currently reaching children in 9 of them. We want to do our part to achieve CEF’s vision of reaching:
Every Child. Every Nation. Every Day.

Why reach kids?

Kids in our local communities have needs physically and spiritually:

- **11 million children in America live in poverty** (Children’s Defense Fund)
- **Of the 2,137 reports of human trafficking in Florida, 82% involved children living at home with their parent/guardian** (Department of Children and Families)
- **46,470 children in Southwest Florida are food insecure** (Harry Chapin)
- **Lee County had an increase of 3,000 students who are homeless** (NBC)

Will you help us?

As the end of the year approaches we are praying for:

- **GIVERS** to help us raise \$10,000 to support new growth in Lee County
- **PRAYER WARRIORS** to join our prayer team to pray for this ministry
- **WORKERS** to join us in reaching the lost

Let us know how would want to partner with us with the enclosed slip or visit cefsouthwestfl.org/getinvolved

Monthly CEF Prayer Call

1st Wednesday of the Month
10am - 11am

Find Prayer Call Info & Resources at
cefsouthwestfl.org/pray

"For where two or three are
gathered in my name, there am I
among them."

Matthew 18:20 ESV

2024-2025 Ministry YTD

15 Active Clubs

425 Children Attending 39 Salvations

160 Volunteers Serving 19 Church Partners



SAVE THE DATE

Good News Club Conference

JANUARY 10 - PORT CHARLOTTE

JANUARY 11 - FORT MYERS

cefsouthwestfl.org/events