

# FOCUS

Official Newsletter of CEF of Southwest Florida



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## Regional Conference

A number of our staff and local committee members had the opportunity to attend the CEF North America/Caribbean Regional Conference held in Leesburg, Florida. This was an incredible time of fellowship and encouragement with the CEF family.



The Southwest chapter was able to participate in a few ways in the conference. Our chairwoman, Stephanie McDermott, sat on a panel for “*Being an Effective Board Member*”. Nathan and Christina had the opportunity to lead workshops on the *Christian Youth in Action* program which went very well. We even had CEF President Jeremiah Cho attend one of them!



## Local Committee Members

Stephanie McDermott  
CHAIRWOMAN

Ann Dreyer  
SECRETARY

Laurie Anderson

Mike Gravesen

Melinda Means

Patricia Thompson

Adam Winkle

## 2024 Ministry

as of April 2024

**30 Active Clubs**

**940 Children Attending**

**235 SALVATIONS**

**228 Volunteers Serving**

**22 Church Partners**

# Giving Challenge

We are in awe of the generosity of our community and how the Lord has blessed our most successful Giving Challenge yet! **We are so thankful to each and every one of our donors who supported this event.** We also had a lot of fun at our first ever pie auctions! We'll definitely be doing that again next year!



Thank you Community Foundation of Sarasota County and The Patterson Foundation for this incredible opportunity!

# Christian Youth in Action

We are so excited for our Christian Youth In Action ministry this summer! We will be having 10 students from our chapter attending CYIA training and can't wait to see what God is going to do. You can support us by donating on the insert included to help reach children with the gospel and by praying for our summer teens. If you would like to find more ways to be involved this summer be sure to reach out!



# Upcoming Events

**Christian Youth in Action Training @ Warner University**

JUNE 9-15

**Fall Good News Club Conferences**

AUGUST 9

AUGUST 10

SEPTEMBER 7

**Fall Banquet**

NOVEMBER 14

**CEF International Conference**

MAY 19-24, 2025

[CEFSOUTHWESTFL.ORG/EVENTS](https://CEFSOUTHWESTFL.ORG/EVENTS)

# Address Change

We have been notified by USPS that our unit number does not match property records. **The only change is to our unit number from 115 to 105.** Please update your records.

25166 Marion Avenue  
Unit 105  
Punta Gorda FL 33950



# VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS



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**28% of sales will be donated to:  
CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP®.**  
Serve the spiritual needs of children from  
all backgrounds and circumstances, around  
the world.



## WHEN

**Friday, July 26, 2024**  
Place your order for pickup  
or delivery on **Friday, July 26!**



## WHERE

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locations nationwide!  
[pandaexpress.com](https://pandaexpress.com)



## HOW

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This summer we want to send every child home with a different gospel tool or discipleship resource each day of 5-Day Club. For just \$5 you can provide these resources for a child. Will you help us?

**\$5 for 5-DAY CLUB!**

Last summer we reached 395 children so our goal to raise for these resources is \$1,975. Return this slip with your donation or give online today with the QR code or at [cefsouthwestfl.org/donate](https://cefsouthwestfl.org/donate)



## Monthly Prayer Call

1st Wednesday of the month 10 - 11am

Conference Call (667) 770-1560

Access Code 134605#

Prayer Call Sheet & Resources at  
[cefsouthwestfl.org/pray](https://cefsouthwestfl.org/pray)

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20 ESV*

*Join Us!*



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# FALL CONFERENCE 2024



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace 1 Peter 4:10 ESV

**MURDOCK BAPTIST - AUGUST 9**

**NEW HOPE EPC - AUGUST 10**

**CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH - SEPTEMBER 7**