



Good News Gazette

An update of the Panhandle Chapter, CEF® of West Texas
Reaching out to boys & girls with the Good News of Jesus Christ



And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6

Merry Christmas to all,
Our local committee of Lisa and Lamar Thomas, Bruce Hunt, Pastor Don Speedy, Reagan Williams, Jalayn Martens [Office Manager] and I want to extend to you our most sincere appreciation for your prayers and support through the past year. Our mission to children is of the utmost importance and there is so much we must do to grow and reach the unreached families. We ask for your continued prayer and support as we seek to honor the Lord through Child Evangelism Fellowship.
Serving until He Comes,
Jan Johnson



Gruver Good News Club meets on Wednesdays at the Gruver United Methodist Church across the street from the school. This makes it easy for the kids to walk over and have their afternoon snack and play on the playground for a few minutes before coming in for the story. We average about 65 kids. Our church has a thrift store that is called the Open Door and they pay for all the snacks. Our kids eat very well!

We meet in the sanctuary and I teach with the PowerPoints so everyone can see the big screen. This fall we learned the story of Esther, (one of my favorites to teach) and the kids loved it! At the end of the 6 weeks my helpers & I planned a royal banquet for the kids in the fellowship hall. They received crowns and ate like Kings and Queens. I shared with them that there would be a Heavenly banquet and talked of the crowns that we would lay at the feet of Jesus. Many of the children had never heard the story of Esther and I hope they will never forget the banquet. We also did an emphasis on prayer and the kids learned about fasting from our story, they prayed for each other in class and put prayer requests in the God Can.

Our church is very supportive of Good News Club. My helpers really share the desire for the kids to hear the Gospel and our Pastor comes and plays on the playground each week with the kids. For many it is the only time they will ever be in a church all week. Many of my 5th & 6th graders still come to hear the story and sit with the younger kids. I feel blessed each week to see them learn about God's love and grace.

Vicki Urban [Lead Teacher]



Community Outreach Team

The Panhandle Chapter has formed a new ministry team to plan and pray about reaching churches and individuals to help them see the vision of taking the Gospel to the children in the Elementary Schools. The first meeting was on November 19th. The team has 3 volunteers and 1 staff person.



Lunch & Learn was held on November 2nd at Westcliff Bible Church in Amarillo. There were 16 people who attended. We learned about this year's Christmas Across America lesson. "Joy to the World" Good fellowship and a time of prayer for the ministry.

Thank you for Praying for the Panhandle Chapter!

Please pray for these request:

- ✦ God's provision of a Local Director
- ✦ More church partners to reach more children
- ✦ GNC team coordinators to recruit teams for school clubs
- ✦ Pray for the newly formed Community Outreach Team as they meet and work together to promote the ministry here in the Panhandle.

Chapter Ministry Statistics

Each child is precious, and it is a privilege to take the Word of God and His message of salvation to boys & girls in schools, at apt. complexes, churches, Maverick Clubs, and wherever the door is open.

So far this ministry year ...

Clubs — 18
 Children reached — 813
 Professions of faith — 12
 Children who began going to church — 5