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LONE STAR LIFE

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What's Happening Locally:

- **Quick Start** Training for *Good News Club*® — for all new leaders
- February 29, 2020
- April 4, 2020

Register by phone or online

lonestarcelf.com/calendar/

Local Summer Missions

Christian Youth in Action.

We train adults and Teens and connect you with local ministry opportunities with children!

(see article on the back)

Make Summer 2020 Count!

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A Heart for God

On Valentine's day we were notified our GNC teacher **Maridelle Crake**, went home to be with the Lord. She lived in Kerrville, was truly a lady with **A Heart for God**. In 2004 our state director had a call from her. She had heard about after school *GNC* & wanted help to start in a Kerrville school. She had already spoken to the principal & superintendent & had approval. She had a team of 8 people. She wanted us to train them. Donna & I were invited to her beautiful home in Kerrville in a neighborhood where the deer roamed freely. She was very familiar with CEF materials. There was no *CEF* work there & we were glad to assist in any way. I sent videos so she could train more workers. By the next year she was working other schools. She got clubs in all Kerrville & in some small surrounding towns. We kept in touch by phone & email. We sent the same things we used in *LSP* for her clubs use. We made three trips to encourage her teams. She was an excellent leader. She became ill in March 2019 & had surgeries & treatments. When she called me she was not

sure she would be able to go back to club in the fall & she began crying. She loved the children so much. It was heart breaking for her to think she could not go back. But as she began to feel a little better she planned to start. She helped one more church get a club in another town. In November she told me she would have more surgery, but she had found someone to take her place. Her passion was to see the clubs continue with out her so children could hear the word. We texted a few times just to see how she was. Although she never complained to me, I could tell she was not doing well. She worked until she no longer could work. She truly had **A Heart for God**. As I see others like **Maridelle**, I am encouraged to keep going when things are hard & I want to give up. When I think of **John Scott, Alice Smith Anita Lightfoot**, (all from Texas) I know we belong to an army of warriors who have **A Heart for God**. We need to march on for the sake of lost children. Do you have **A Heart for God**; a heart to reach the lost children in your area? There is a job for each person to reach these precious children. Time is short. The Lord may come again anytime. Ask Him what you can do.

~Annie Falconer

Concert Update!



We witnessed **A Heart for God** at the McNeills benefit concert for *CEF* of Lone Star Prairie. For 2 hours this family blessed us with their testimonies & music. Those in attendance displayed their **Heart for God** as they generously gave \$6150 to benefit *CEF* of *LSP*. But there were more donations sent after the concert: \$11,000 more. (More evidence of **A Heart for God**) Your gifts are tax deductible. **A BIG Thank You!! Let's Watch God Work!**



GNC team Serving at the concert

Every Day!

In Lone Star Prairie:

- 7 clubs run on Mondays
- 7 clubs run on Tuesdays
- 7 clubs run on Wednesdays
- 4 clubs run on Thursdays

AND Someone's sharing the Gospel all year.

Good News Club®
September thru April

Christian Youth in Action®
is 5 Days a Week in June and July.

Year-around workshops for teachers and GNC Workers!

Display Your Heart For God This Summer

Are you a teen with **A Heart for God**?

Are you thinking about what you could do to show Him your love? Would you like to learn how to reach children for Christ?

We have just the thing for you!

Christian Youth In Action®, (**CYIA™**)

training is just around the corner. It involves training camp in early June to learn how to reach children with the Gospel & to prepare for summer 5-Day Clubs held in June & July. Then we go to many day cares, apartment complexes, churches & homes where the children are. Children are hungry to know God. They love having teens as their teachers & listen to their every word. For more information check our website Lonestarcyf.com or call Amber Pitts, 903-453-5599. It will be an unforgettable summer & will display your

Heart for God.

We would love to share with your teen or Youth Group!



Quiz

What was the name of the first school to have a GNC in the LSP chapter area?



CYIA 2019 makes a difference!

Meet 3 More Clubs and their sponsoring churches!

Lamar Elementary Greenville was the third club started in the LSP area. It has been in existence since 2002. The whole school was adopted by Greenville Bible Church & most workers have been church members. When the team was short of workers the team leader was heard to say, "If no one else can help, I will go by myself & just teach the lesson. I want these children to hear the Gospel". This church also shows **A Heart for God** by bringing snacks for school staff once a month. They provide gifts for children the counselor says are needy at Christmas. On one occasion the lead teacher was notified a family had lost their home in a fire. God used the church to minister to the family. This club has had between 40 & 50 children every year. This year there was a problem getting registration forms to every child & they have only 25. Many, many children have received Christ as Savior at Lamar GNC. It is exciting when a Lamar worker sees a child all grown up who says, "Do you remember me? I was in your GNC at Lamar". Pray for the Lamar children & the faithful team ministering to them.

Ladonia Good News Club is a church community effort to reach all the children in that area Wednesday evenings. They meet at Ladonia High School. The team leader was searching for materials for this outreach & when they discovered CEF materials they were very excited. They gladly received training. A person has to truly have **A Heart for God** when there are troubled lost children in a club. There are some amazing stories of how God has worked in the hearts of these children. This group has met for years, but is in its third school year as a GNC. They meet year-around with very few breaks...."because the children need it!" Pray for more workers for this club.



A.C. Williams Elementary, Commerce is one of our very newest GNCs. Several years ago we had a club in the after school care *Boys & Girls Club* in the A.C. Williams building. There came a time we were no longer able to do this. Ridgecrest Baptist Church Commerce sponsored the club. And they did not want to give up that outreach. So began the struggle of finding a way to have GNC in the school. Ridgecrest Baptist Church Commerce truly has **A Heart for God** to be so determined not to give up with all of the delays and meetings and discussions as to how a club could be started in that school. They continued believing

God would open the door in His time. At long last they were able to start in the fall. They have 25 enrolled. Pray for that club to grow & to make an impact on the school and in the school district as well.

Quiz Answer. Phoenix School. Fall 2000. School no longer exists.

Lone Star Prairie Local Committee: Gary Greenwood, Chairman; Mike O'Conner, Vice Chairman; Bonnie Greenwood, Sec., Larry Butler, Steve Mitchell, Cindy Myrick, Patrick Pettibon; Dena Callahan, Treasurer

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