

Family & Community Education

(Est. 1936)

This organization is dedicated to identifying and understanding the needs of families and working toward achieving a better way of life for all families in our communities. We develop and deliver programs that focus on Health, Family, Literacy, quality TV and global issues. We're committed to preserving, maintaining our environment. We take part in community leadership. We believe all areas of learning are beneficial to personal growth. As an FCE member you will share in the wonderful experience of giving to our world and receiving a lifetime of inner wealth in this precious partnership.

How do you get started?

Attend a meeting (as a guest) with a friend or attend a local event to meet our club officers and members. You may join a club any time during the year.

County Membership fee is \$5.00
(\$2-Region, \$2-State, \$1-County)
 (Plus club dues)

FCE clubs meet once a month to discuss business, plan activities, conduct workshops, share leadership programs, teach/learn crafts, enjoy delicious food, share recipes, and have great fellowship.

County, regional, and state retreats, conferences, meetings and workshops held throughout the year.

Programs in which we are involved:

Recycling: We don't just save plastic and paper. We recycle clothing, furniture, housewares, etc. many things we share with those in need. (ie: Haven of Hope, Shepherd's House, Good Samaritan, individual families). We make book bags for local libraries, wheel chair caddies for the elderly and disabled, bibs, and book marks. Many from recycled materials. Each year we collect and donate aluminum pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Nashville.

Literacy: Book bags and book marks are given to young readers at local libraries to encourage reading. FCE members go into schools and read to students. Reading and creative writing is encouraged and rewarded within the FCE organization.

Health: BooBoo dolls are made and provided to health centers to provide young children with added security and comfort during stressful times. Blankets, clothing and bedding are provided where needed. Items sewn, quilted, knitted, or crocheted for infants, elderly, abused women, those disabled and hospitalized, include: tote bags, aprons, gowns, bibs, caddies, lap throws, quilts, bedding, dresses, caps, and robes.

Community Action: This includes donations to Food banks at local churches, Christmas cards and gifts to the elderly, gift bags and treats for Special Education students at local schools, and supplies donated to Haven of Hope. Members volunteer hours during local elections, deliver meals-on-wheels, and provide activities at senior citizens and nursing homes.

Cultural Arts: Heritage skills are preserved through local, regional, and state competition for members in 53 Cultural Arts and Fashion Revue categories.

Club President/ County Council Member	Club Vice President
ASBURY ~ 2nd THURSDAY-1:00 PM ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH	
Jeanne Hunter 4703 Hickerson Rd Hillsboro, TN 37342 207-691-2432	Sonja Clouse 184 Eaton Heights Manchester, TN 37355 931-728-3135
MANCHESTER ~ 1st WEDNESDAY-10 AM FARM BUREAU BUILDING	
Jackie Barnes 462 Sheltontown Rd Manchester, TN 37355 931-952-1839	Marilyn Wilt 541 Bains Rd Hillsboro, TN 37342 596-3195 or 315-9846
NOAH ~ 2nd WEDNESDAY-10 AM NOAH COMMUNITY CENTER	
Jeannie Freeze 3240 Farrar Hill Rd Manchester, TN 37355 394-2578 or 841-1114	Judy Bowers 42 Eldon Drive Manchester, TN 37355 931-315-9120

County Council Officers			
President	Carol Vanattia	1228 Cole Ridge Rd Manchester, TN 37355	394-2249 273-5730
Vice President	Jackie Barnes	462 Sheltontown Rd Manchester, TN 37355	952-1839
Secretary	Karen Tate	657 Earl Warren Rd Beechgrove, TN 37018	273-5153
Treasurer	Lisa Hunter	3292 Powers Bridge Rd Manchester, TN 37355	581-3405
Reporter/ Membership	Jackie Barnes	462 Sheltontown Rd Manchester, TN 37355	952-1839
Chaplain	Marjorie Anderson	176 Beth Lane Manchester, TN 37355	394-2253

Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Agents across the state work closely with the Tennessee Association for Family and Community Education (FCE) serving as advisors and educators, providing leadership training and educational programs. Local FCE club members provide volunteered service to local communities. In 2022, 30 members reported over 1,200 hours in public service hours at a value of \$31,952.00.
(Independent Sector value of volunteer time in TN)

Club Creed

Keep us, O God from pettiness
 Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
 Let us be done with fault finding and self seeking.
 May we put away all pretense and meet each other
 face to face without self pity and without prejudice.
 May we never be hasty in judgment and always
 generous.
 Teach us to put into action our better impulse,
 straight forward and unafraid.
 Let us take time for all things; make us more calm,
 serene, gentle.
 Grant that we may realize it is the little things that
 create differences;
 that in the big things of life we are one. And may we
 strive to touch and
 to know the great common woman's heart of us all;
 and O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

Programs in agriculture and natural resources,
 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences,
 and resource development.
 University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture,
 U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.
 UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.



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