



MARCK Messenger

Child Evangelism Fellowship® of

Morrow-Ashland-Richland-Crawford-Knox Counties

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Let the Little Children Come...

The following is a recent story shared from a Good News Club® volunteer.

I'm blessed in so many ways to be part of Good News Club! I want to share with you about a boy who recently prayed to ask Jesus to be his Savior.

Camdyn, a second grader at **Dowds Elementary** in Shelby, shared the following wonderful news with us on Feb. 27th at our weekly after school Good News Club.

One night before going to sleep, he asked Jesus into his heart. He told his dad when he came in to say goodnight to him. His dad was so happy and tucked him in. The next morning when Camdyn awoke, he had tears coming

down his cheeks. His mother asked him why he was crying? He told her that he felt different and didn't know why he was crying. He said that he had asked Jesus into his life, and it just made him happy because he knew **Jesus was inside him.**

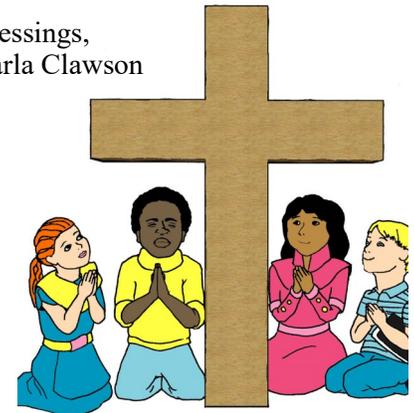
Camdyn was baptized in his church, and he wears a cross necklace now. It was such a blessing to watch him share his story with the Good News Club children on our last day together March 12th.

The children were so attentive, listening without interrupting him. After that, several other kids stood up and shared their testimony of what Jesus meant to them. How amazing it was to hear the kids open up to each other

and to see them intently listening. They all really came together as a group.

Thank you for giving me such a rewarding opportunity to see Jesus in the eyes of so many.

Blessings,
Carla Clawson



Reaching Children Online

Dale Baer

As I have phone conversations with parents of Good News Club kids, it brings to mind that kids are not only missing being at school, but also Good News Club. I am also missing interacting with children and adults face to face, but I am thankful to be able to steer families to online resources available from CEF.

Do you wonder WHY? This short booklet and video (Patty mentions in "Finding Ways to Stay Connected" on Page 2) begins to answer questions that may be on children's minds: Why



do so many bad things happen in the world? Why did God allow this to happen? To watch the 8 minute video or to read the digital copy of the booklet, follow this link: www.cefonline.com/why

Our CEF Chapter has about 1,500 of these booklets. CEF has distributed millions of copies of this booklet over the years. If you would like one of these, email me at daletbaer@aol.com or call the CEF office (419-756-7799) and leave a message.

Good News Club Online! Another valuable tool is a weekly online Good News Club which includes singing, Bible lessons, memory verses and more. The first episode is a short preview of what is to come. Check it out and share it

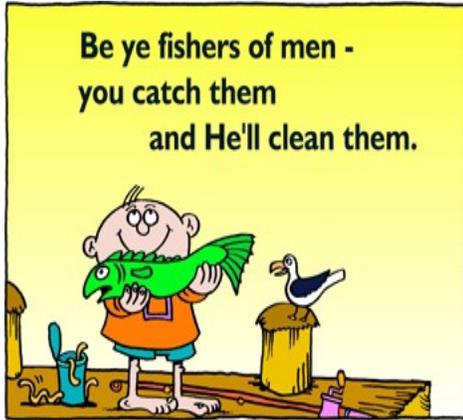
with your relatives, friends and church family. You will find this at:

[youtube.com/unitekids](https://www.youtube.com/unitekids)

The second episode, "GOOD NEWS TV", is available now online and includes a short missionary story with a cliff-hanger to encourage kids to watch again the next week to see what happens.



I Caught One! Patty Arvidson



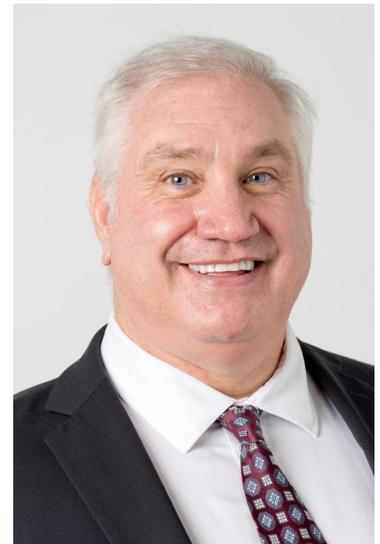
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is always fun. I get to help with the 4 & 5 year olds. I love this age group. It takes a lot of energy and creativity, but the rewards are great! They have fantastic imaginations, and seem to love being able to pretend. Mr. Baer was teaching about Jesus and the disciples fishing. They had fished all night and caught nothing, so Mr. Baer had them act out fishing. They threw their nets out and pulled them in with no fish. After about three times, Mr. Baer again said, "no fish." About that time, Josi-

ah went running up with an imaginary fish jumping around in his hands saying, "Mr. Baer, I caught one! Look! I caught one!" Mr. Baer was proceeding with the lesson and hadn't noticed that Josiah had "caught a fish", so I quietly told Josiah to sit down and hold his fish quietly in his lap! Mr. Baer served a small snack of gold fish crackers for the kids, so the wiggly fish was soon put down. We continue to "fish" for little ones who will grow up to be "fishers of men."

New Member Excited to Serve

The Lord uses different ways to lead people to serve on our local committee with Child Evangelism Fellowship. We are thankful for Bob Mealy, who was introduced to CEF by volunteering at the Morrow County Fair last fall. Bob is a retired businessman who loves the Lord and has a heart to reach out to children who don't know Jesus. He grew up as a shy boy, going to church, believing he was a Christian, but at age 17 a traveling evangelist visited his church and led him to a personal relationship with Jesus. Bob shares in his written testimony, "*My whole life changed...I had become a new person in Christ. I was a child of the King!*" Bob began sharing

his newfound faith and went from being a shy kid to a bold leader in Christian ministry. After attending a Christian college and being involved as a pastor for a few years, the Lord led him to the business world to eventually work in every continent of the world in hardware/software sales. Bob looks forward to serving on the CEF board because he believes children need to know the Lord. He is desiring to use his business experience and help from that perspective. "Bob concludes, "*I don't know what the Lord has in store, but I'm willing to help.*"



Bob Mealy

Finding Ways to Stay Connected Patty Arvidson

I still had three weeks of **Good News Clubs** before they were to be concluded for the school year. The last week would be Easter Party Clubs. The kids had started inviting their friends. My lessons, visuals, games, activities and crafts were prepared. Thursday morning, I contacted all the parents to remind them about Good News Club. About noon, I got a call letting me know that I could have the club that day, but no more for the rest of the school year due to

the **Coronavirus**. I went to the school, and before I got out of the car, I got another call letting me know club was canceled for that day, too. They needed to use the library for a staff meeting. They were calling parents to let them know and making arrangements for pickup. Since I was already there, I volunteered to help with that. All parents were contacted, as well as the teachers and helpers. It went smoothly. I was sad to end that way and not get to see the kids one

more time, but God is in control. I have made contact with all of my students by sending postcards just to let them know I am thinking of them and praying for them. I also have a list of addresses for my Sunday School class so I can keep in touch.

I am now calling the parents of the Good News Club children and I am encouraging them to show the "**Do you wonder WHY?**" video and booklet to their kids.



APRIL 2020 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Praise God for the SPRING season!
- 2) Pray for kids to be blessed by the “**Do you wonder WHY?**” booklet. Pray they watch the video: www.cefonline.com/why
- 3) Pray for more kids in the CEF of MARCK Chapter to come to know Jesus.
- 4) Pray for **Reese Kauffman** (CEF President) that God will bless and protect him.
- 5) Pray for God to raise up 1,000 new CEF missionaries in the next three years.
- 6) Pray urgently for God to raise up 10 Christian Youth In Action® (CYIA™).
- 7) Praise God for His holiness. He is perfect in every way (Isaiah 6:3).
- 8) CYIA Training (June 14-20) at Cedarville is cancelled (due to COVID 19).
- 9) Praise God for 3 youth who are planning to take the CYIA training in June!
- 10) **Good Friday**—Thank Jesus for dying for our sins 2,000 years ago!
- 11) Pray for God’s blessing on preparation for Easter Sunday services. Pray for many people to invite a friend to tune in also!

- 12) **Easter Sunday!** “He has risen!” (Mt. 28:6) Jesus has risen indeed! Pray that Jesus is exalted all around the globe!
- 13) Pray for physical and spiritual health for **Patty Arvidson** as she prepares for summer ministry.
- 14) Pray for wisdom & direction for the CEF Local Committee meeting tonight.
- 15) Pray for those applying for the **In His Steps** grant as the application deadline is today! Pray for wisdom & discernment.
- 16) Thank God for our Treasurer, Mark Boyd. He’s also CEF of Ohio Treasurer.
- 17) Thank God for Jaime Householder, our CEF Office Manager.
- 18) Pray for wisdom for **Mark Horner** who is the CEF of Ohio State Director.
- 19) Pray for **Kathy Horner**, CEF Director of Education for Ohio, as she prepares for the CYIA summer training.
- 20) Pray for children all over the world to watch Good News Club online with this link: youtube.com/unitekids

- 21) **Holocaust Remembrance Day!** Pray also for all the unborn children that many more will have the privilege of being born!
- 22) Praise the Lord for the *In His Steps* grant we are applying for again this year.
- 23) Pray for new church partnerships to conduct more Good News Clubs.
- 24) Pray for people to begin scheduling their summer 5-Day Clubs®.
- 25) Pray for God’s healing touch on those who have the Coronavirus, in Jesus’ Name.
- 26) Pray that soon we will be able to gather in the house of the Lord to praise God together with other believers.
- 27) Pray for God to raise up churches to partner with CEF for the fair ministry.
- 28) Pray for **ENDURANCE** to endure through trials with faith in Jesus (James 1).
- 29) Praise God for His faithfulness! His lovingkindnesses never cease. His compassions never fail. (Lam. 3:22-23)
- 30) Thank God for Ellie Hitchman, our CEF Prayer Coordinator, who calls many praying friends each week!



MAY 2020 PRAISE & PRAYER



- 1) Pray that CEF staff and volunteers will be filled with **JOY** (Romans 14:17).
- 2) Thank God for His faithfulness in providing **Fred Pursley**, Vice Chairman for CEF of MARCK. Pray for good health for Fred.
- 3) Praise God from whom all blessings flow! He is worthy of all our praise!
- 4) Pray for all CYIA to get their full applications mailed in and interviews done.
- 5) **Pray for children to read Your Word, pray daily & walk in VICTORY!**
- 6) Pray for **Patty Arvidson** that God will provide more financial supporters for her.
- 7) Pray for the Lord to revive us as it is the **National Day of Prayer** today!
- 8) Praise God for His mercy and grace.
- 9) Thank God for CEF President, **Reese Kauffman**, in his efforts to cast a vision to double the children reached in three years!
- 10) **Mother’s Day!** Ask the Lord to encourage all mothers caring for little ones, both physical & spiritual.

- 11) Ask God for direction for CYIA and summer ministry
- 12) Pray for God to guide in all decisions made tonight at the CEF board meeting.
- 13) Praise God for the CEF ministry in Knox County and for **Connie Rhodebeck**, a new representative from Knox County.
- 14) **Due to COVID—19 the Volunteer Appreciation is postponed to 4/29/2021.**
- 15) **Pray for all CYIA application forms to be in by TODAY! (Deadline)**
- 16) Pray for the 200 plus CEF volunteers to shine the love of Christ to the children.
- 17) Pray for a **MIRACLE** in your life or in the life of a child. (Mark 16:20)
- 18) Thank God for **Gail Wahl’s** faithfulness to serve as the Ashland County Coordinator.
- 19) Pray for Gail Wahl’s husband, **Bob**, who is on dialysis and needs God’s help.
- 20) Pray for spiritual discipline for all workers with CEF. Help each volunteer to hear, read, study, memorize and meditate on the Word of God each day (Joshua 1:8). Pray that God will raise up 1,600 new CEF volunteers worldwide in 3 years (Lk. 10:2).

- 21) Pray for God to provide more summer 5-Day Club hosts/hostesses to reach kids.
- 22) Praise God for **Bob Mealy** who is the newest member of the CEF local board.
- 23) Ask God’s blessing on **Sue Packard**, faithful prayer warrior & GNC volunteer.
- 24) God’s healing on Sue’s husband, **Cal**, for his recurring prostate cancer.
- 25) Pray for **Dale Baer** to have discernment in the many plans he must make as Local Director.
- 26) Thank God for **Office Manager, Jaime Householder**. Lord, guide her steps.
- 27) Ask God to raise up more trained Good News Club teachers for the fall.
- 28) Pray for more people to take the Teaching Children Effectively™ 1 course.
- 29) Praise God for 2 people already planning to take TCE™ Level 1 and they want to start two new GNCs this fall!
- 30) Pray for CEF Press as they prepare and print materials for ministry.
- 31) Praise God for warmer weather and sunny days to share the Good News!



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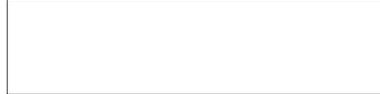
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May 15: CYIA App. Form Deadline
May 30 @ 9-12 Noon: 5-Day Club®
Overview Training
June 1 @ 6-9 PM: 5-Day Club Over-
view Training identical to 5/30
June 9, 10 & 11: CYIA Pre-Training
June 14-20: CYIA Training will be
local & not at Cedarville University
July 18: Ashland Men—Father/Son
Free Field Day (9 AM—1 PM)
July 20-25: Crawford Co. Fair, Bucyrus
July 26-Aug. 1: Knox County Fair, Mt.
Vernon

Camp Good News: Aug. 2-7 at Camp
Burton (Ages 8—12), Burton, OH
Aug. 9-15: Richland County Fair,
Mansfield, OH
Sept. 1-7: Morrow County Fair, Mt.
Gilead, OH
Sept. 12 @ 9-12 Noon: Good News
Club® (GNC®) Curriculum Workshop
Sept. 14 @ 6-9 PM: GNC Workshop
which is identical to 9/12
Sept. 15 @ 6:30 PM: CEF Fundraising
Banquet. Speaker: Alex McFarland
Sept. 18-19: CYIA End of Summer
Retreat at Camp Inspiration Hills