



MARCK Messenger

Child Evangelism Fellowship® of
Morrow-Ashland-Richland-Crawford-Knox Counties



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Good News Club® in Action!



Valentine's Guard Your Heart Lesson!

I am always in awe of how God works in the lives of the children in Good News Clubs. The powerful Valentine lesson was on guarding one's heart. After I taught that

lesson at a local elementary school, three children responded to the invitation to receive Christ. Two of them were kindergarteners, and volunteer, Risa, said they did not really understand as she was asking them why they came forward. We will continue to explain until they reach the point of understanding. I am thankful that they are listening and God is working in their hearts. The other boy was

in third grade. When Risa asked him why he came, he said he was not a child of God, but he wanted to be one. He answered her questions and understood why he needed to trust in Jesus and how he could become a child of God. One more child has become part of God's forever family!

I am so grateful for those who pray for God to work in the hearts of children through GNC's, and for volunteers like Risa who take time to learn how to lead a child to Christ and to put faith into practice.
By Patty Arvidson

New Song & New Committee Member!

"With God" by Jenna Halfhill

While sick with strep throat in December, seven year old Jenna wrote this song about God. Jenna is a regular attendee at the Good News Club at Central Elem. School in Lexington.

"God is my friend. He can be yours too. All you have to do is just let Him in. You can pray and sing up to Him forever. His is the way to heaven. He is mighty and strong. He loves everyone, so we can too. He is the light for you and me for every day. We should love Him as long as we live and if you go to heaven, you can praise Him there. If you get sick you can pray that you get better. God will find a way for you and me."

Linda Shira was just voted and approved as our newest member of the CEF of MARCK Local Committee. Linda became a Christian as a teenager and attended Grace Gospel Church which is currently called Mansfield Alliance Church in Mansfield. The Lord has led her and her husband, Dean, to the North Bend Church of the Brethren.

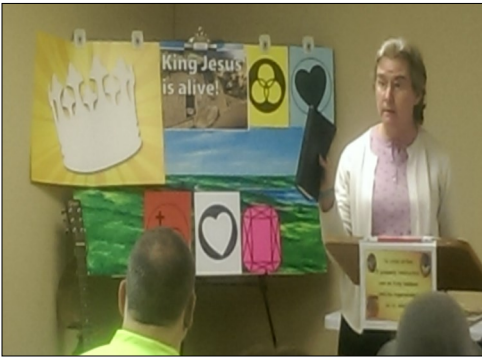
Linda and Dean have four children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild, plus 50 nieces and nephews.

We are excited to have Linda on our local committee because she not only has many gifts and talents, but she knows many contacts in Knox county where she resides in Fredericktown.



Linda Shira

Peer Evangelism



Patty Arvidson demonstrates how to teach a verse at a February Easter training.

J. I. Overholtzer said, "At every step in leading a child to Christ, pray for, look for, and expect the Holy Spirit to convict of sin, to reveal the truth of the Gospel, and to illumine the child's mind so he can grasp the saving truth." I would add, "Stand back, and be

amazed at what God can do in Savior. She then asked Sue if she children's hearts and lives.

I am so thankful for the excellent teaching materials, training and instruction provided by CEF. God uses these tools in the hands of mere men and women to touch the hearts and lives of children as we yield ourselves to Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work.

In one of my GNCs, a little girl responded to the invitation. Sue Packard counseled with her, and she prayed to receive Jesus as her

Savior. She then asked Sue if she could bring her cousin over. She said she needed to accept Jesus also but was too shy to respond to the invitation. Sue told her she could and allowed her to share the "Wordless Book" with her cousin. She did, and her cousin prayed to accept Jesus as her Savior too. If each one, wins one, God's Family grows faster. Thank you for praying!

God is at work!
By Patty Arvidson

Bold for God



Eric stops to pray!

Eric, a student of Eastview Elementary School in Mansfield stopped to give thanks to God for the ice cream he was served for being named to the honor roll back in November of 2016. Eric attends the After School Good News Club at Eastview, along with about 35

other children. It is encouraging to know that children can still be free to pray on their own initiative and to know that there are other children at their school who hold to the same beliefs.

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CEF of MARCK MARCH 2017 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) **Ash Wednesday:** Lord, help us to always have a contrite heart towards You.
- 2) Praise God for all the individuals and businesses who sponsored the banquet!
- 3) Salvation needs of all the children in the CEF of MARCK Chapter.
- 4) Reese Kauffman (President) as he prepares to speak at the 80th Anniversary CEF Conference (May 8-12) in NC.
- 5) Pray for the prayer meeting today in Lexington. Always 1st Sunday @ 3 PM.
- 6) **Pray for all RSVPs (419-756-7799) for the CEF of MARCK banquet to be in by TODAY!**
- 7) Pray for Moises Esteves who is the USA Ministries Vice-President of Communications and Marketing.
- 8) Pray for the CEF teacher training workshops and courses locally and abroad.
- 9) Praise God for the fact that He is our Jehovah Jireh, our PROVIDER!
- 10) Pray for the CEF of Ohio Staff meeting today at the CEF of MARCK office.
- 11) Pray for Kathy Horner, CEF Director of Education for Ohio.
- 12) Thank God for our Treasurer, Mark Boyd. He's also CEF of Ohio Treasurer.
- 13) Pray for Robert Morgan as he prepares to speak at the CEF Banquet this evening.
- 14) Pray for the CEF Local Committee meeting this evening for wisdom & vision.
- 15) Pray for people to register for TCE™ (Teaching Children Effectively™) Level 1 starting this summer (12 week course).
- 16) Pray for the kids in 22 GNCs in the MARCK Chapter to grow in Christ.
- 17) **St. Patrick's Day!** Pray for opportunities to share the GOOD NEWS today!
- 18) Pray for saved children to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus.
- 19) Ask God for wisdom & guidance for Local Director, Dale Baer.
- 20) Thank God for Ellie Hitchman, our CEF Prayer Coordinator. Lord, thank You for the faithful prayers of many.
- 21) **First Day of Spring!** Praise the Lord for new life in Christ and in the world too!
- 22) Pray for new Easter parties this year reaching lost children with the Gospel.
- 23) Pray for new church partnerships to conduct more Good News Clubs.
- 24) Pray for the CYIA Retreat at Pleasant Valley Ranch! (March 31—April 1)
- 25) Pray for God to raise up teens to serve in Christian Youth In Action (CYIA).
- 26) Praise God for His faithfulness to all generations.
- 27) Thank God for office worker, Jaime Householder. Lord, guide her steps.
- 28) Praise God for the fact that He is sovereign and He is in control in this world.
- 29) Pray for the CEF Guide Retreat (March 30-April 2) in Missouri.
- 30) Pray for Pastor Phil Leineweber who will be speaking at the CYIA retreat!
- 31) CYIA™ Spring Retreat starts today! Pray for spiritual revival for all attending!



APRIL 2017 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Thank God for a very mild winter.
- 2) May our children understand that You are good to those who wait for you and seek You! (Lamentations 3:25)
- 3) Pray for the summer 5-Day Club® ministry and for many volunteers to help
- 4) Praise God for **Cindy Fagan** who is the volunteer Mailbox Club Coordinator.
- 5) Praise God for over 100 children involved in the local CEF Mailbox Club.
- 6) Pray for wisdom for the CEF of MARCK committee in decision making. Pray for Mark Horner who is the CEF of District Director. He oversees Ohio, Upper Michigan and Kentucky.
- 7) Pray for God's blessing on the CYIA web call taking place today at 10 AM.
- 8) Praise God for His mercy and grace.
- 9) **Palm Sunday! Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Jesus is the King of kings!**
- 10) Pray for more people to register for the CEF International Conference (5/8-12).
- 11) Pray for the Lord's direction for a Chairman for the **CEF of MARCK** committee.
- 12) Ask God for direction for CYIA and summer ministry.
- 13) Thank God for growing ministry in Knox County. Ask God to continue to bless and guide the ministry there.
- 14) **Good Friday!** Pray that more children would believe that Jesus died for them.
- 15) Pray for the newest member of our local committee, Linda Shira.
- 16) **Easter Sunday!** Christ has RISEN! He has RISEN INDEED! (Tell everyone!)
- 17) Pray for new opportunities to continue to happen in our communities and schools to share the Gospel.
- 18) Thank God for Fred Pursley's faithfulness to serve on the committee and in Good News Clubs.
- 19) Thank God for Mike Mecurio who is no longer our committee chairman but he still helps in many ways with CEF!
- 20) Pray for the CEF State Board meeting today and for safety for those traveling.
- 21) Thank God for Sue Packard and Gail Graham's faithfulness to serve on the CEF Local Committee as secretaries.
- 22) Pray for God's protection for the children and ministry of CEF.
- 23) Ask God's blessing on Randy Boquist, a committee member & GNC volunteer.
- 24) Thank God for the open doors in the schools to hold Good News Clubs.
- 25) Pray for our Local Director, Dale Baer, to have discernment in the many plans he must make.
- 26) Ask God to continue to bless our committee member, Kaye Hahn, as she faithfully serves.
- 27) **CEF Volunteer Appreciation!** Pray for God's blessing on the evening tonight!
- 28) Pray for another CEF staff person to help with our chapter.
- 29) Pray for CEF Press as they prepare and print materials for ministry.
- 30) Thank God for Shirley Davidson, her servant heart and her vision for ministry.



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“He is not here; for
He is RISEN!” (Mt. 28:6)

Events and Trainings Coming Soon!

- March 13: CEF Fundraising Banquet at 6:30 PM (Berean Baptist Church, Mansfield) RSVP (419-756-7799) Deadline: March 6.
- March 31—April 1: Christian Youth In Action® (CYIA™) Spring Retreat (Pleasant Valley Ranch, Perrysville, OH)
- April 27: Volunteer Appreciation at 6:30 PM (Berean Baptist Church—2145 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield, OH)
- May 8—12: CEF 80th Anniversary International Conference in Asheville, NC (All born in 1937 get to go FREE!)
- May 30: 5-Day Club® Overview Training at 6—9 PM (CEF Office—827 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, OH)
- June 3: 5-Day Club Overview Training at 9 AM—12 Noon (CEF Office—827 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, OH)
- June 11—17: CYIA Training at Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH (Pre-Registration form on website under “Downloads”)

**Child Evangelism Fellowship®
of MARCK
Staff and Local Committee**

- Local Director: Dale Baer
- Missionary Fieldworker: Patty Arvidson
- Church Partnership Coord: Kaye Hahn
- Vice Chairman: Fred Pursley
- Treasurer: Mark Boyd
- Secretary: Gail Graham
- Fundraising: Shirley Davidson
- Assistant Secretary: Sue Packard
- Member: Randy Boquist
- Member: Linda Shira
- Office Manager: Jaime Householder
- Office Associate: Sue Baer
- Prayer Coordinator: Ellie Hitchman
- Ashland County Coord: Gail Wahl
- Mailbox Club Coord: Cindy Fagan

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