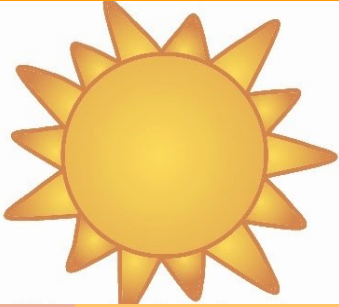


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CEF of Morrow-Ashland-Richland-Crawford-Knox

MARCK Messenger

The Son is Still Shining

Lois Carter



Seven “grandparents for Jesus” from the Mansfield Alliance Church teamed up to teach four individual

5-Day Clubs® during June and July. “Praise God we were able to share the good news of

Jesus with a total of 50 children,” stated David Carter, one of the Bible teachers. “As an added bonus, our team left each club feeling blessed and buoyed up by the Holy Spirit!”



Lois and Meg register the children at 5-Day Club

COVID isolation led their church to daily Zoom Prayer meetings during the months of April and May. Concern for children became a focus of prayer. God answered prayer by directing them to the idea of outdoor 5-Day Clubs.

“The curriculum is wonderful! The songs, games, verse memorization, Bible lessons and missionary stories are (continued on page 2)”

CYIA Share His Light

Take a close look at this picture of the parachute and balls. The kids had a BLAST with this “Popcorn” game! We must have had at least 50 balls bouncing for a while! God provided wonderful sunny weather for this club at Angel & Karis Vegas’ house. On the last day at this club they enjoyed playing “Drip! Drip! Drench!”



Four girls prayed to receive Christ as their Savior throughout the week! The kids worked very hard memorizing their verses all week.

The CYIA (Christian Youth In Action) did a great job all week! We have a One Way Racing theme all summer and we use racing flags to share with the kids the meaning in racing as well as the meaning of these colors with the Wordless Book.

We are thankful for about fifteen 5-Day Clubs this summer and the kids come and discover that Jesus is the ONE WAY to heaven! (John 14:6)



On left: Dale, Susie, Sophie and Karis pose for a quick photo with the Wordless Book flags at Matt Baer’s 5-Day Club in Mansfield.

Praises from the Parsons Pastors!

Praise the Lord for the recent baptisms of **Amanda and Emily!** They were both saved this year while attending the Lucas Good News Club®. They have been attending **Zion's Refuge Baptist Church** where David Parsons pastors. He also teaches the Lucas club and had the privilege of leading these young ladies to Christ. His son Timothy is the Youth Pastor at Zion and also leads a Good News Club at Mifflin Elementary. Following the shutdown due to COVID, the church was able to gradually reopen and have a special baptism service for the new Christians!



Pastor Tim (left) and his father,
Pastor David Parsons

Emily (bottom left) Amanda (right)
Both were baptized recently.

"When I heard they had been saved, I was so excited for these two girls. They have been in our youth group for the past two years and they truly hunger to learn about Jesus. It was icing on the cake to see these two young followers get baptized. I look forward to seeing where God will take them," exclaimed Youth Pastor Tim Parsons.



Note from the Director: On Sunday, June 28 I had the wonderful opportunity to present Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1 certificates to Pastor David and his son, Pastor Tim. *It is exciting to see these two men of God leading Good News Clubs and establishing children in the church.* We are excited that we have six students planning to take this year's **TCE™ Level 1** course to hopefully start more Good News Clubs!

TCE
Level 1



The Son Shines (continued from Page 1)

well received by the kids." The vital theme of Jesus being the Only Way was well thought out and easy to teach", stated Carter.

Highlights included:

- Three children prayed to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. Four others prayed for assurance of salvation.
- At least 15 of the students who attended the 5-Day Clubs do not attend church regularly.
- Children from at least five different churches attended the clubs.
- This was the first time in

four months that the children were taught in person.

- For a few of the children, it was the first time they had spent time interacting with other children since March.
- Some of the parents stayed and were able to hear the Gospel message along with their children.
- The hosts are excited because this has opened up conversations about Christ with their neighbors.
- The hosts asked for prayer for more open doors to share Jesus with their neighbors.

May God continue to nurture the seeds that were planted.

Anecdote:

"I was at swim lessons and watched an older girl who was scared to jump in the deep end. She wouldn't jump for her mom or the teacher. God told me in my heart to be kind and what to do. So, I went up and took her hand and said, "I will jump with you if you hold my hand. And just like that, we jumped together! I know it was God talking to me!"

From a seven year old who accepted Jesus at one of the clubs.

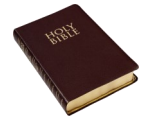


August 2020 Praise and Prayer



1. Praise God for our **5-Day Clubs®** taking place next week in our chapter!
2. Praise the Lord for nine 5-Day Clubs which have taken place so far this summer!
3. Praise the Lord for the **Shelby Alliance Church 5-Day Club** each day this week from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Pray for kids to come, for salvation decisions and growth.
4. Thank God for **Patty Arvidson** and her **CYIA™** (Christian Youth In Action®) team helping her lead a 5-Day Club this week at the Ashland Village Church.
5. Pray for **Kelsey Vore** (CYIA Summer Missionary) as she teaches the Amy Carmichael missionary story at the Ashland YMCA today (9:30 AM—11:30 AM).
6. Please pray for the 5-Day Club at **Ontario UMC** each day this week in the evening from 6:00—8:00 PM. Pray for kids to come, get saved and grow in Christ.
7. Praise the Lord for a grant application given to In His Steps Foundation again this year to help CEF reach more children with the Gospel with an added staff person.
8. Pray for **BOLDNESS** to the ministry of CEF, its staff and volunteers, to honor Christ even in dangerous situations. (Philippians 1:20)
9. Thank God for **Kelsey Vore** and for her willingness to teach 5-Day Clubs this summer. This is her 7th year working with CEF and her first summer being paid!
10. Pray for the 5-Day Club this week at **Mansfield Grace Village Church** this week. Pray for **Patty Arvidson**, **Kelsey Vore**, **Talia Byrom** and **Karis Vega** as they lead.
11. Pray for the 5-Day Club this week at the **Taylorstown Community Church** in Shelby this week each night from 6—8:00 PM. This is the last 5DC of the summer.
12. Praise God for the **Teaching Children Effectively™** (TCE™) Level 1 course which starts tomorrow night! We have six students taking this 12 week course!
13. Pray for **Dale Baer** and the six TCE Level 1 students starting this course tonight.
14. Pray for people willing to teach virtual (online) Good News Clubs this fall as we may not be allowed to do the after school ministry due to COVID-19.
15. Pray for the Lord to provide an **additional staff person** for the CEF of MARCK Local Chapter. We are asking God to provide a person to be a Ministry Coordinator. This person will assist Dale Baer in coordinating the Good News Clubs and 5-Day Clubs throughout the year. Job description available upon request.
16. **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!** We are very thankful to God for making it possible for us to hold sixteen 5-Day Clubs this summer! Many children heard the GOOD NEWS that Jesus loves them and died on the cross for their sins! Many also discovered that Jesus rose from the grave and He is the only way to heaven (John 14:6).
17. Pray for the Lord's blessing on the **Sub Committee** meeting today at the CEF Office at 10:00 AM. Pray for wisdom as they plan for the future.
18. Pray for God's blessing on the **CEF Local Committee Meeting** (6:30—8:30 PM) at the Bob Mealy's home at Candlewood Lake.
19. Pray for **Mary Elkins and Kelsey Vore** as they lead the last day of 5-Day Club today at the Ashland YMCA. Pray that kids will grow in Christ.
20. Pray for **Reese Kaufman** as he speaks "live" online (10 AM) with CEF workers around the world. Pray that this will be another up-lifting time together.
21. Pray for **Mark & Kathy Horner** as they prepare for the CEF of Ohio Good News Club® **Curriculum Workshop** (Aug. 24-26) at Beulah Beach.
22. Pray for public school administrators and staff as they prepare for students going back to school this fall. Pray that God will protect people from COVID-19.
23. Pray for churches as they meet online and in person that the Name of Jesus will be lifted up and people drawn to the Lord (John 12:32).
24. Pray for spiritual and physical protection over all staff, CYIA members, volunteers and especially the children (Ephesians 6:12).
25. Pray for the TCE students as they study and prepare to be evaluated on their ability to demonstrate the Wordless Book.
26. Praise God for the **Fueled By Prayer** ministry and for Jimmy Borders who is willing to give \$2 million to non-profit organizations who take time to pray!
27. Pray for the **Richland County Pastors' meeting today** at 12 Noon at the Mansfield Alliance Church with **Pastor Dale Patrick** leading the devotion.
28. Pray for sound Christ-like minds (2 Timothy 1:7) for all CEF staff and volunteers reaching children with the Gospel wherever we go.
29. Praise the Lord for 5 children saved so far at the **Ashland YMCA 5-Day Club** and one assurance! The assurance was an adult. We thank God for Kelsey Vore who counseled all these kids and the one adult as well.
30. **I will enter His gates with THANKSGIVING in my heart.** I will enter His courts with praise. I will say "This is the day that the Lord has made". I will rejoice for He has made me glad! (Song based on Psalm 100:4)
31. **Pray for the children in Morrow county.** We usually have the fair in this county at this time of the year, but it is cancelled due to COVID-19. Pray that we will be able to start another Good News Club in Morrow county soon!

September 2020 Praise and Prayer



1. Pray for the strength of the Lord Jesus for each person involved in serving. Philippians 4:13 states; "I can do all things through Christ..."
2. Praise our **JEHOVAH JIREH—Our Provider!** God has provided 50 prayer partners for **Patty Arvidson**. Pray for 200 Prayer Partners for her.
3. Pray for the TCE students as they do their homework and prepare for their Scripture Memorization and Wordless Book practicums.
4. Pray for God's blessing on the **Good News Club® Curriculum Workshop** on Sept. 12 (9-12 Noon) and Sept. 14 (6-9 PM). Location: TBA
5. Thank God for the PLANS God has for us. He has "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).
6. Praise God that He forgives all our iniquity, and heals all our diseases and He redeems our life from the pit (Psalm 103:3-4).
7. Pray for the **CEF International Headquarters** in Warrenton, Missouri, that God would give them wisdom as they prepare material for us on the field.
8. Praise the Lord that the **Mailbox Club®** is still active and providing FREE lessons in the mail for children, teens and adults through our office.
9. Thank God for our **Mailbox Club Coordinator, Cindy Fagan**, who is doing a fantastic job mailing out Bible lessons to the children.
10. Pray again for the TCE students as they work on preparing an evangelistic Bible lesson. Pray that God will help them to concentrate in study.
11. Pray for Dale Baer and Patty Arvidson as they make final preparations for the Good News Club (GNC®) Curriculum Workshop tomorrow.
12. Bless the **GNC Workshop** today (9—12 Noon). Party club called "**Blast Off!** The Story of Johannes Kepler. GNCs start with "**God's Love—Hope for the Outcast**" which is six weeks of lessons to encourage & evangelize kids.
13. In this ever changing world we can praise God that "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever**" (Hebrews 13:8).
14. Pray for God's blessing on the **GNC Training** tonight (6—9 PM). It will be identical to the Sept. 12 training. Location: TBA
15. The CEF **Fundraising Banquet** scheduled for this evening has been postponed to the spring due to COVID-19. Date will be given later.
16. Praise the Lord for the faithfulness of Christian businesses who generously support CEF financially.
17. Pray "earnestly" for laborers to be raised up; youth that will have a heart to follow the Lord throughout all of life. Pray Luke 10:2 every day!
18. Praise the Lord for **Mark Boyd** who serves faithfully as Treasurer for CEF of MARCK Chapter as well CEF of Ohio. We are blessed to have Mark!
19. Pray for more young people to get excited about CYIA.
20. Today would have been the first day of the **Ashland County Fair** but it has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The CEF ministry at the Loudonville Street Fair has also been cancelled for this year.
21. Pray for many children to be saved this week at the Ashland Fair!
22. Pray for God's blessing on the fair ministry next year.
23. Praise God for his faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22-23) in helping us to reach children this summer through 5-Day Clubs!
24. Pray for **Fred Pursley** who faithfully serves as our Vice Chairman.
25. Praise God for **Sue Baer** who is doing a great job as our new CEF of MARCK Office Manager.
26. Pray that we will be allowed to start after school **Good News Clubs®** in the public schools this fall or in January.
27. Pray for the Lord's direction and help to start **Good News Clubs®**. We may have to learn how to do "Virtual" (online) clubs.
28. "May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make His face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations." (Psalm 67:1-2)
29. Praise the Lord Jesus who shed His blood on the cross for our sins.
30. **Praise God for His sovereignty.** He is always in control (Prov. 16:1-4).





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Karis & Talia-about to get wet.

Pictured above are our amazing summer CYIA™ (Christian Youth In Action®) right after finishing their training. L to R are: Sophie Coffman, Talia Byrom, Karis Vega, Susie Coffman and Kelsey Vore. Please pray for these youth as they continue to share the love of Jesus with children in 5-Day Clubs. Pictured on right is Dale Baer taking the pie because the girls won the missionary offering contest. We raised \$277 so far for Diane Pomroy, CEF Missionary in Middle East.



Mr. Baer loves pie!