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SPRING FORWARD WITH STEVE GREEN!

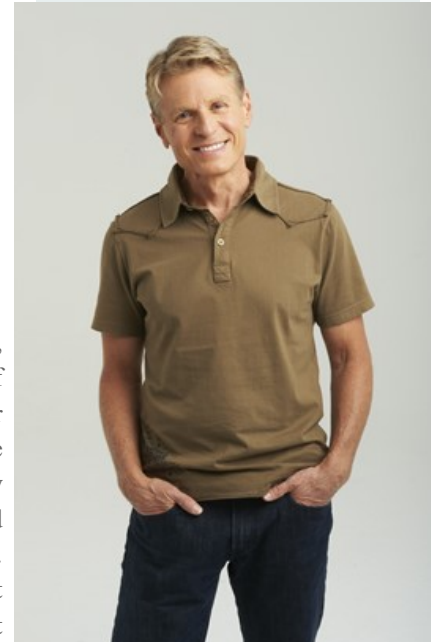
CEF® of MARCK has had a fundraising banquet every year for many years. This spring on April 13, our Local Committee decided to have a fundraising concert with Steve Green as our guest performer. Steve is a Christian music singer, notable for his tenor vocal range and flexible solo style. Over his 35-year career, Green has been honored as a four-time Grammy Award nominee, seven-time Dove Award winner. He also has a heart for teaching children about the truth of God's Word in his music and is familiar with the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship®.

A BABY BAER STORY by **Mama and Papa Baer (Sue and Dale)**

We sang Steve Green's scripture songs with our children as they were growing up. In fact, we sang one of Steve's songs to our son, Matthew, months before he was born! Sue was pregnant with Matt while Dale was in his last semester at Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg, VA. He sang "You Knit Me Together" (Psalm 139:13,14) while Matt was still in Sue's womb. For our first baby, we only had ultrasounds and no tests done. Therefore we did not know Matt had Spina Bifida until he was born. The

day after Sue's emergency C-Section, Matt was taken to the University of VA hospital to have a six hour major surgery to close his open spine. We soon became familiar with the many aspects of a "birth defect" we had previously known just by name. Family was far away and for almost three weeks, Sue and Matt were at UVA hospital an hour away from Dale's seminary. Matt had a large bandage on his back, along with tubes and wires, but we were allowed to hold and feed him. During the first week after surgery, while Matt was nursing, we sang, "You knit me together in my mother's womb..." and while we were singing, Matt stopped eating and gave us a first, big toothless smile! We were so surprised! We believe it was his way of saying, "Hey, I know that song!" He likely recognized it from when he was still in Sue's womb! It was such a blessing to see him respond to the song and our voices, and to know that he was comforted by it. He did this on several occasions when we sang that song during his stay at the hospital. The peace that comes from the Word of God transcends our understanding, and this was a reminder

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Steve Green

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 17 at 10-12 Noon: Easter Party Club Training
- Feb. 19 at 7-9 PM: Easter Party Training (identical to 2/17).
- March 17-19: CYIA™ (Christian Youth In Action®) Spring Retreat Camp Inspiration Hills, Burbank.
- April 13 at 7:00 PM: Steve Green CEF Fundraising Concert. Doors open at 6:00 PM.
- April 23-27: CEF Regional Conference in Brantford, Ontario or Warrenton, Missouri.
- May 3 at 6:30-8:30 PM: CEF Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Berean Baptist Church.
- June 5, 6 and 7: CYIA Pre-Training.
- June 10-16: CYIA Summer Training at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio.

THE SAVIOR IN A MANGER

BY PATTY ARVIDSON



I am always amazed and humbled at how readily children respond to the Christmas story. Maybe it is because children love birthdays or babies. Maybe it's just the whole idea and wonder of the Savior in a manger. In one of my clubs, I used the words, "**He was born to die.**" A little boy said, "**Oh, no! That is so sad.**" I said, "Yes, it is sad in a way; but listen and you will find out why it's the best news ever. It got his attention. I don't think his eyes ever left mine as I explained how the Creator King came into the world to be the "Light of the world," so that He could die and come alive again for us. I explained the Gospel and then

how we can be a light to those around us. I gave the invitation, and that little boy stood and went with a counselor to accept Jesus as His Savior. This could not happen without the prayers of God's people and the helpers and counselors of regular Good News Clubs® and party clubs. I'm so thankful for our prayer coordinator, **Ellie Hitchman**, and for all of those who give, pray and volunteer. You are all such a blessing to me. Keep up the great work for the Lord!

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son...1 John 4:10

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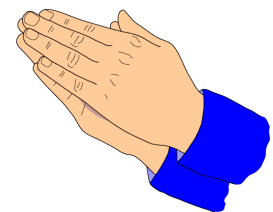
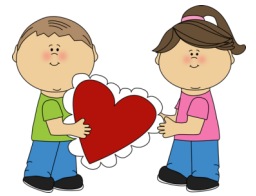
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February 2018 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Pray for Bellville, Madison South, Sherman & Solid Rock GNCs meeting today!
- 2) Pray for new children to come out to Good News Clubs to hear the Gospel.
- 3) Pray for **Kaye Hahn** (our Church Partnership Coordinator)
- 4) Pray for **Berean youth** to be open to doing summer ministry with CEF. Dale presents CYIA at Berean today!
- 5) Pray for Bud/McMullen, Central and Edison Good News Clubs.
- 6) Praise the Lord for his mercy.
- 7) Pray for **Cindy Fagan** our Mailbox Club® Coordinator
- 8) Pray for Dowds (Shelby) and Eastern (Lexington) Good News Clubs.
- 9) Pray for **Mark Horner** who is the CEF District Director. He oversees Ohio, Upper Michigan and Kentucky.
- 10) Pray for **Kathy Horner**, CEF Director of Education for Ohio.
- 11) Pray for **Patty Arvidson** as she teaches 5 Good News Clubs per wk.
- 12) Pray for wisdom & direction for the CEF Local Committee meeting tonight.
- 13) Pray for Auburn (Shelby) and East Knox Good News Clubs today.
- 14) **Happy Valentine's Day! Pray for the children to love one another!**
- 15) Thank God for our Treasurer, **Mark Boyd**.
- 16) Praise God for His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 17) Pray for the Easter Party Training today (10-12 Noon) at CEF Office.
- 18) Pray for Stingel, and Danville Good News Clubs.
- 19) Pray for the Easter Party Training tonight (7-9 PM) at the CEF Office.
- 20) Pray for Mifflin, Reagan, and Western Good News Clubs today.
- 21) Pray for Shelby MOPS and Taft Good News Club.
- 22) Pray for **Fred Pursley** (CEF Local Committee Vice Chairman).
- 23) Pray for new church partnerships to conduct more Good News Clubs.
- 24) Thank God for **Gail Graham** (CEF Local Committee Secretary)
- 25) Praise the Lord, for God is good!
- 26) Give thanks to God, for the Winter Coins 4 Kids Fundraiser ending today.
- 27) Pray for more volunteers to start the Butler Good News Club soon.
- 28) Thank God for **Ellie Hitchman**, our CEF Prayer Coordinator.

March 2018 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Praise God for the kids saved this year!
- 2) Pray for **Patty Arvidson** as she teaches Good News Clubs.
- 3) Praise God for all CEF supporters!
- 4) Pray for Godly wisdom to enter the hearts of the children around the world.
- 5) Pray for **Doug Yoho** (CEF Local Committee newest member).
- 6) Pray for spiritual discipline for all workers with CEF (2 Timothy 2:15).
- 7) Pray for **Shirley Davidson** our Fund Raising Coordinator.
- 8) Praise God for His mercy and grace.
- 9) Pray for **Office Manager, Jaime Householder**.
- 10) Dale & volunteers sharing the Gospel at Grace (Upward) today in Ashland.
- 11) Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
- 12) Pray for **Sue Packard** (CEF Local Committee Assistant Secretary).
- 13) Please pray for continued healing for **Jeanie Cushing**.
- 14) Thank God for the open doors in the schools to hold Good News Clubs.
- 15) Pray for children to read God's Word every day!
- 16) Pray for Good News Club leaders to shine the love of Christ to the children.
- 17) Pray for the CYIA™ (Christian Youth In Action®) Spring Retreat this weekend in Burbank, Ohio.
- 18) Pray for God blessing on the CYIA retreat that youth go home all excited about doing summer ministry!
- 19) Pray for **Randy Boquist** (CEF Local Committee member)
- 20) Pray for more church partnerships!
- 21) Thank God for our "behind the scenes" helpers who help many hours for CEF.
- 22) Pray for God's protection for the children and ministry of CEF.
- 24) Praise God for the many Volunteers willing to share the good news!
- 25) **Palm Sunday!** "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD!" (Matthew 21:9)
- 26) Pray for many new opportunities to continue to happen in our communities and schools to share the Gospel.
- 27) Pray for **Gail Wahl's** (Ashland Good News Club Coordinator).
- 28) Praise God for his faithfulness!
- 29) Pray for **Cindy Fagan** and all the children in the Mailbox Club!
- 30) Pray for our State Director and his wife, Mark and Kathy Horner.
- 31) Pray for the Steve Green CEF Fund-raising Concert!





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Steve Green concert

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from our Lord of His sovereignty in the midst of a difficult time. "I praise You, I praise You, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (from "You Knit Me Together"). God was already showing His tender love through our new little boy and by using Steve Green's scripture song!

Now Matt is 23 and the Lord is using him to bless others with his musical gifts. Occasionally, we find both of our adult children recalling the Hide Em' In Your Heart songs by Steve Green.



FRESH OFF THE PRESS!

We will be honored to have **Heidi Zentz** directing the Mansfield Christian School's sixth grade choir for some songs as they sing along with Steve.

We sure hope to see you there on **Friday, April 13th at 7:00 PM at Berean Baptist Church**. There will be a love offering to support Child Evangelism Fellowship. You may purchase tickets at The Bookery, Berean Baptist Church, the CEF Office, or online at cefmarck.org.

The tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Doors open at 6:00 PM.