



MARCK Messenger

Child Evangelism Fellowship® of

Morrow-Ashland-Richland-Crawford-Knox Counties

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Stand Strong

CEF® of MARCK is pleased to welcome Alex McFarland as our banquet speaker Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 6:30-8:30 at Berean Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ohio.

Alex's wife came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through the ministry of CEF, and she in turn led Alex to Christ.

Speaker, writer, and advocate for Christian apologetics, Alex McFarland has spoken in hundreds of locations throughout the US and abroad and has been featured in conferences associated with Billy Graham, James Dobson, and Josh McDowell. Alex has been interviewed by numerous media outlets including Fox and Friends, Chuck Colson's Breakpoint broadcast, The New York Times, The Washington Post and many more.

He pioneered "Truth For a New Generation" events. In his "Tour of Truth," he preached in all 50 states in only 50 days. Alex has served as Focus on the Family's Director of Teen Apologetics and was the third president of Southern Evangelical Seminary and College.

He is presently the co-host of American Family Radio's "Exploring the Word."

Some of his books include *Abandoned Faith, Stand Strong America (Courage, Freedom, and Hope for Tomorrow), Exposing 10 Biggest Myths--The GOD You Thought You Knew, 21 Toughest Questions Your Kids Will Ask About Christianity and How to Answer Them, and 10 Issues that Divide Christians.*

A new book to be released this spring is called, *Moral Decay: The Real Cultural Threat No One Talks About.*



Dr. Alex McFarland

This year's fundraising banquet theme is: **STAND STRONG** (Ephesians 6:10). Alex will bless and challenge the hearts of all those attending. RSVP by Sept. 4, 2020.

Dream Home for Good News Club!



**Solid Rock Good News Club,
Hickory Grove mobile home park in Johnsville.**

God blessed us with \$30,000 through the Christian and Missionary Alliance Dream Grant program. We saw God work miraculously and bring our seller right to us! The dear lady passed away on December 26, very suddenly. We believe God allowed her to perform her last act of obedience by selling her doublewide mobile home to us for far less than she could have received.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord... that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them"
Revelation 14:13.

We are hoping to be in our new "Dream Home" within the next two weeks.

Linda Hagar

GNC Coordinator at Solid Rock

(an outreach of North Woodbury Alliance Church)

Jesus Loves All

By Patty Arvidson

I was busy “wrapping things up” at the end of **Good News Club®**, making sure I made announcements, and awarded the “Quiet Seat Prize”. We had a new girl who had only been there twice. She reminded me several times that she had not received the “Quiet Seat Prize” ever. I explained again how it works.

Then several children said in a negative tone of voice, “Miss Patty, she has OCD!” I said, “That’s great! God loves little girls with OCD, and I do

too.” She looked at me with amazement, as if she had never heard that before. At the end of Club, she came over, gave me a big hug and said, **“You’re the best teacher ever!”** What a great reminder that actions are important, and reactions are important as well.

Please pray for this little girl. She responded to the invitation, but does not really comprehend the Gospel message yet. She loves Club and is gaining understanding each week. I

love having her in the club. She likes to help pick up trash at snack time and always volunteers to sweep up the crumbs.



A New Board Member

As a child, I was a “lonely only” who grew up in an adult world. Church attendance was sporadic, at best. Personal devotion and prayer were not modeled to me.

I attended the Ohio State University in Columbus and graduated with a degree in sociology. My husband and I were married a few weeks after graduation. A few years later, as a young mom, I was invited to attend a weekly women’s Bible study in our community. It was through this Bible study I was saved in 1979.

After our four sons graduated from Mansfield Christian School my husband (Mike) and I moved to Jacksonville, FL. In 2011, Mike went Home to be with his Lord. I moved back to **Knox County** in 2017. I know the Lord has

brought me back for His purpose – grandchildren, of course! – and the ministry of CEF is significant, as well. I believe due in part to loneliness and lack of spiritual guidance in my childhood, I have had a heartfelt longing to reach children with the Love of Christ. I have been involved in ministry to children and teens for years, so when a friend asked if I would like to help with a **Good News Club**, I felt an immediate connection. I am still learning about CEF and am very impressed with all I am seeing. It is a privilege to be a part of this organization and to serve alongside so many wonderful people. I’m looking forward to meeting more of you and to discovering where I can most effectively be used.



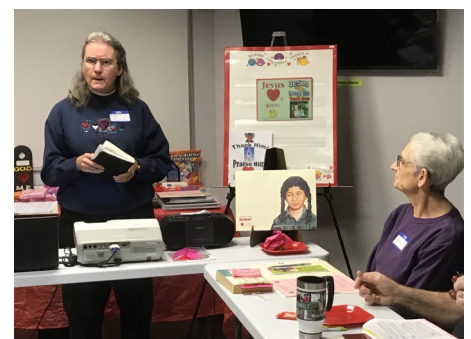
Connie Rhodebeck

God Answers Prayer

By Patty Arvidson

I was a little discouraged with the GNC at Twin Oak Elementary. We weren’t allowed to give out registration slips to all the kids. We had to leave them in the office and hope they would be found. Kids don’t tend to pick them up, not knowing the slips are there, and they also may not even know anything about Good News Club. I have three very faithful volunteers whose grandchildren go to that school, so we had three kids the first week. They invited friends, and the next week we had six. The next week we had seven. A mother called me and said she wanted her 5 year old son to come and asked if she could come and bring her 4 year old

daughter as well. I said they were all welcome and hoped maybe she was a potential volunteer. They did not come back; it seems she thought they were a little too young for such a long school day. Maybe next year they can try again. The beginning of January, with sickness going around, we only had 3 or 4 each week. Yesterday, my husband and I prayed for more kids to sign up. When I got to the club yesterday, the secretary handed me three new registrations. Several children took Valentine Party Invitations to give to friends. Please pray that more kids will come. We have grown from three to



Patty Arvidson Teaching at the Valentine’s Party Training

as many as eleven. We thank God for His faithfulness.



CEF of MARCK 2020 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Thank God for the Valentine Party Club Training. Pray for parties for kids!
- 2) Praise God for Connie Rhodebeck, our newest board member from Knox county.
- 3) Pray for follow up of 31 letters sent to 31 pastors in Crawford county.
- 4) Reese Kauffman (President) as he prepares for the CEF Inter. Conf. in May.
- 5) Pray for wisdom for the CEF of MARCK Strategy meeting today.
- 6) Praise God for 1 or 2 volunteers needed at the Loudonville GNC on Mondays.
- 7) Pray that each host/hostess will fill their table with 8 people who will support and get involved with CEF.
- 8) Pray for the CEF teacher training workshops and courses locally and abroad.
- 9) Pray for the CEF International Conference which has been postponed until May of 2021 due to the Coronavirus GobaI Pandemic.

- 10) Pray for the GNC starting today at the Wynford Elem. School in Bucyrus.
- 11) Pray for Mark Horner who is the CEF of Ohio State Director.
- 12) Pray for Kathy Horner, CEF Director of Education for Ohio.
- 13) Pray for Pastor Mike Stine as he oversees 3 GNCs at the Bellville Elem. School.
- 14) **Valentine's Day!** "...let us love one another for love is from God" (1 Jn. 4:8).
- 15) Pray for the Upward face-painting ministry at Grace Brethren Church in Ashland today from 9 AM to 5 PM.
- 16) Thank God for our Treasurer, Mark Boyd. He's also CEF of Ohio Treasurer.
- 17) Pray for people to register for TCE™ (Teaching Children Effectively™) Level 1 starting 8/6/20 (12 week course).
- 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, as he recruits young people for CYIA and meets with pastors and plans summer ministry.

- 20) Thank God for Ellie Hitchman, our CEF Prayer Coordinator. Lord, thank You for the faithful prayers of many.
- 21) Thank God for office worker, Jaime Householder. Lord, guide her steps.
- 22) Salvation needs of the children in the CEF of MARCK Chapter.
- 23) Pray for new church partnerships to conduct more Good News Clubs.
- 24) Pray for the two dozen Good News Clubs in the MARCK Chapter.
- 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 (Psalm 119:90).
- 27) Pray for Moises Esteves who is the Vice-President of CEF International work.
- 28) Praise the Lord for the *In His Steps* grant we are applying for again this year. This year we are providing funding for 10 people to take the CYIA week long training at Cedarville University in June.
- 29) "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! (Psalm 103:1)



2020 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Pray for the "March of Prayer" (March 1-April 12) each evening from 6-8 PM at 40 different sites in Richland county!
- 2) Pray for Pastor Les Vnasdale, our Church Partnership Coordinator, that God will use him greatly to expand CEF.
- 3) Thank God for providing a wonderful office for CEF. Lord, help us be faithful.
- 4) Thank God for Shirley Davidson, her servant heart and her vision for ministry.
- 5) Ask God for perseverance with joy to all Good News Club workers.
- 6) Pray for God to provide a CEF County Coordinator for Morrow, Crawford and Knox counties to further the CEF ministry.
- 7) Pray for lots of people to come out to the Easter Party Training today (10 AM—12 Noon) at the CEF Office in Ontario.
- 8) Praise God for His mercy and grace.
- 9) Thank God for CEF President, Reese Kauffman and for his willingness to follow God's call on his life.
- 10) Pray for endurance for former Committee Chairman, Mike Mecurio and Ethel as they have ongoing health issues.

- 11) Thank God for a wonderful Local Committee. We are blessed!
- 12) Ask God for direction for CYIA and summer ministry.
- 13) **Pray for the Lord to STOP the Coronavirus global pandemic!**
- 14) Pray for God's blessing on the CEF face-painting ministry today at the Ashland County Fair (1—4 PM).
- 15) Pray for new believers to be growing in their faith.
- 16) Pray for Good News Club leaders to shine the love of Christ to the children.
- 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.
- 19) Pray for spiritual discipline for all workers with CEF.
- 20) Please pray for God to provide 3 volunteers to help Vickie Luster start a Jr. High ministry at Shelby Middle School. We have funding for this club to start. We just need 3 helpers!

- 21) Thank God for Gail Graham's effectiveness and faithfulness to serve on the CEF Local Committee.
- 22) Pray for God's protection for the children and ministry of CEF.
- 23) Ask God's blessing on Sue Packard, faithful prayer warrior & GNC volunteer.
- 24) **CEF Banquet has been postponed to Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020!**
- 25) Pray for Dale Baer to have discernment in the many plans he must make as Local Director.
- 26) Ask God to continue to encourage committee member Randy Boquist.
- 27) Pray for God's blessing on the CYIA Spring Retreat today at Inspiration Hills.
- 28) Pray that many youth will want to reach kids for Jesus this summer with CEF.
- 29) Pray for CEF Press as they prepare and print materials for ministry.
- 30) Pray for the summer 5-Day Club® ministry. Our theme this summer is "**One Way**" and the missionary story is "**Amy Carmichael**".
- 31) Praise God for His excellent greatness!



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Feb. 15: Face-Painting at Grace Brethren Church Upward in Ashland (9 AM—5 PM)
March 7: Easter Party Training “Jesus Gives Life & Hope at CEF Office (10-12 PM)

March 14: Face-Painting at Ashland County Fair (1-4 PM). Help Needed!

March 24: CEF Fundraising Banquet POSTPONED to Sept. 15, 2020

March 27-28: CYIA Spring Retreat— This retreat has been cancelled.

May 4-9: CEF International Conference **This has been postponed to 2020.**

May 14: CEF Volunteer Appreciation 6:30-8:30 PM at Berean Baptist Church
Guest Speaker: Dale Hudson

June 9, 10 & 11: CYIA™ (Christian Youth In Action®) Local Pre-Training

June 14-20: State wide CYIA Training at Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH



CEF® of MARCK

Staff and Local Committee

Local Director: Dale Baer
Missionary Fieldworker: Patty Arvidson
Vice Chairman: Fred Pursley
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Secretary: Gail Graham
Fundraising: Shirley Davidson
Assistant Secretary: Sue Packard
Members: Randy Boquist, Greg Jevnikar
Knox County Rep: Connie Rhodebeck
Office Manager: Jaime Householder

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