



MARCK Messenger

Child Evangelism Fellowship® of

Morrow-Ashland-Richland-Crawford-Knox Counties of Ohio

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Stand Strong

CEF® of MARCK is pleased to welcome **Alex McFarland** as our guest speaker Tuesday, April 13th, 6:30-8:30 PM at Berean Baptist Church in Mansfield, Ohio.

If the picture of Alex is beginning to look quite familiar, that is due to us rescheduling Alex two times! We will have some adjustments with this fundraising event.

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*. This year's theme is:



Dr. Alex McFarland

STAND STRONG (Ephesians 6:10). Alex will bless and challenge the hearts of all those attending. **Please RSVP (419-756-7799) by April 2, 2021.**

Zooming Jesus' Love for Valentine's Day!



Jessica Wicker & Patty Arvidson

Jessica (pictured above) came for her first CEF training since she took Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1. She won this red dog which now belongs to her daughter, Faith (pictured on right). This year we are teaching the kids about "Shawn's

Search for True Love". Many kids are struggling with problems at home due to divorce in their lives. In this powerful lesson Shawn struggles with his parents' divorce. He finds unconditional love in Jesus.

Please pray with us that through Valentine parties many teachers will be able to share Jesus' love and free gift of salvation with children! We still have a few more lesson kits (\$9.99) available for you at the CEF Office (535 Beer Rd., Ontario, OH).



News from Knox By Pauline Bullock

Hello from Knox County!

On January 26, we had our very first on-line Knox Zoom Good News Club®. Ten children joined us online with 27 registered at that time. Two children attended in person for the club at New Castle Ministries Church. I am so thankful for **Patty Arvidson** leading the club, along with three other faithful volunteers.

Volunteer, **Pat Ditmars**, taught on prayer and praise, instructing the children to use our email, if they have any prayer requests, so we can pray for them.

Patty taught a lesson on Moses, we sang songs, and taught a memory verse. We had an exciting first class and all the children were very attentive. Two online children stayed on after the club to have prayer for assurance of their salvation. We are looking forward to a larger club attendance for our 2nd meeting, as 10 additional children have signed up to make a total of 37!

Praise the Lord for hungry hearts from Danville, East Knox and Twin Oak Schools, that want to learn God's Word and about Jesus.



Pauline Bullock, Knox County Coordinator—New Part Time Staff

Opportunity to Invest

Besides investing time in sharing Jesus with children, we also have opportunity to join with In His Steps Foundation to invest in an Endowment fund that will live on beyond the initial investment. In His Steps is an organization that exists to bless many evangelistic Christian organizations every year. Our local CEF Chapter has been given over \$80,000 in grants over

the past 10 years or so, due to businesses and individuals who have invested in this foundation and we are so grateful.

If you have any questions or have an interest in more information about this investment opportunity, please contact Ben Lee, the In His Steps Foundation Executive Director, at 330-528-1785.



Ben Lee, IHS Director

Zoom and Power Point By Patty Arvidson

For several years, we have been encouraged to use PowerPoint for teaching GNCs. I was very resistant. Then there was COVID!! I was very nervous and did a lot of praying before, during, and after teaching my first zoom club. Actually, it went better than I thought it might, in spite of my lack of experience. This past Saturday, we combined our in person training with a Zoom training. It went well. Tuesday, we did a Zoom club in Knox County without PowerPoint. I discovered that I really prefer Pow-

erPoint when doing Zoom clubs, as long as I'm not running the technology! Two kids and one mom stayed on after the club ended to be counseled in assurance of salvation. There actually were two or three moms that attended with their kids. Could PowerPoint and Zoom be a means of reaching whole families for Jesus?!? Who knew?? God did!! He just needed to show me...

"Doubting Patty"



Patty is teaching volunteers in person and on Zoom at the Valentine's Party Training



CEF of MARCK 2021 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Thank God for the Valentine Party Club Training. Pray for parties for kids!
- 2) Praise God for **Pauline Bullock**, our Knox County Coordinator staff worker!
- 3) Pray - **Dale Baer** leading a Zoom Good News Club training in Bucyrus today.
- 4) **Reese Kauffman** (CEF President) and the for CEF Inter. Digital Conf. in May.
- 5) Pray for wisdom for a **Christian Youth In Action®** Planning meeting today.
- 6) Pray **Mary Elkins** as she starts a Zoom Good News Club® in Ashland on Feb. 9.
- 7) Pray for Reese Kaufman's wife, **Linda**, as she has had major back pain lately.
- 8) Pray for **Mary Elkins** as she leads an Ashland Zoom GNC ministry tomorrow.
- 9) Pray for the CEF International Digital Conference (May 3-7). Speakers include CEF President Reese Kauffman, Dr. Richard Blackaby and the world famous musician, Jana Alayra and many more!

- 10) Pray for the **Zoom GNC** starting through Wynford Elem. School soon.
- 11) Pray for **Kyle Latchaw** who is the new CEF of Ohio State Director.
- 12) Pray for **Kathy Horner**, CEF Director of Education for Ohio.
- 13) Pray for **Pastor Walt Keib** and his wife, **Pearl**, as they recover from a car accident on December 24, 2020.
- 14) **Valentine's Day!** "...let us love one another for love is from God" (1 Jn. 4:8).
- 15) Pray for students to register for the **Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1** course starting on August 5, 2021.
- 16) Thank God for our Treasurer, **Mark Boyd**. He's also CEF of Ohio Treasurer.
- 17) Praise the LORD for the "**Fueled By Prayer**" ministry. Info: Call Sue Packard.
- 18) Praise God for 1 child saved & 1 assurance at the Solid Rock GNC in January.
- 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 Manager, Sue Baer**. Lord, guide her steps.
- 22) PTL! 6 kids saved, 2 assurances & 1 child started church at OUMC GNC in Jan.
- 23) Pray for new **church partnerships** to conduct more Good News Clubs.
- 24) Pray for the eleven GNCs currently taking place in the MARCK Chapter.
- 25) Pray for God to raise up teens to serve in Christian Youth In Action® (**CYIA™**).
- 26) Pray for God's blessing on the CEF of Ohio Staff meeting today!
- 27) Pray for **CEF of MARCK Fundraiser on April 13** at Berean Baptist Church.
- 28) "Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!" (Psalm 105:4)



2021 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! (Psalm 103:1)
- 2) Pray for **Pastor Les Vnasdale**, our Church Partnership Coordinator, that God will use him greatly to expand CEF.
- 3) Thank God for providing an wonderful office for CEF. Lord, help us be faithful.
- 4) Thank God for **Shirley Davidson**, our Fundraising Coordinator.
- 5) Ask God for perseverance with joy to all **Good News Club® workers**.
- 6) Pray for the Zoom and "In Person" **Easter Party Training** today (10 AM—12 Noon) at the CEF Office in Ontario.
- 7) "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2).
- 8) Praise God for His mercy and grace.
- 9) Pray for God to provide a **CEF County Coordinator** for Morrow and Crawford counties to further the CEF ministry.
- 10) Pray for endurance for former Committee Chairman, **Mike Mecurio & Ethel** as they have ongoing health issues.

- 11) Pray for the CEF Local Committee/Board meeting tonight.
- 12) Pray for **sponsors** to have support in by today—Spring Fundraising Event deadline.
- 13) **Pray for the Spring CEF Fundraising Evening in one month from today!**
- 14) Thank the good Lord for longer days! (Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hr.)
- 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 CEF board.
- 19) Pray for spiritual discipline for all workers with CEF.
- 20) Thank God for this first day of spring today! "Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone" (Zechariah 10:1).

- 21) Thank God for **Bob Mealy's** effectiveness and faithfulness to serve on the CEF local board.
- 22) Pray for God's blessings on Easter parties all this week!
- 23) Ask God's blessing on **Mary Elkins**, faithful board member & GNC teacher.
- 24) Praise God for his lovingkindness!
- 25) Pray for **Dale Baer** to have discernment in the many plans he must make as Local Director.
- 26) Ask God to bless the Christian Youth In Action® Spring Retreat starting today!
- 27) Lord, help the youth get to know others more 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: "Discovering Jesus"
- 31) Praise God for His excellent greatness!



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Can you imagine hot summer days with lots of kids in your neighborhood all learning and **DISCOVERING JESUS** as their Savior for the first time in their life?

Now is a good time to encourage youth (12 years of age and over) to become involved in **Christian Youth In Action®**. Call the CEF Office (419-756-7799) and sign them up today for the **CYIA® Spring Retreat (March 26-27)**

where they can get excited about reaching kids this summer through 5-Day Clubs®.

- ◆ State wide youth retreat playing games, enjoying good food, worship & more!
- ◆ Location: Inspiration Hills Camp, Burbank, OH.

“Only one life & soon is past. Only what’s done for Christ will last!” (Author unknown)

