



MARCK Messenger

Child Evangelism Fellowship® of

Morrow-Ashland-Richland-Crawford-Knox Counties

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“Zoom” Prayers lead to 5-Day Clubs



From the right: Lois and David Carter, along with Ping Miller

During the Corona Quarantine, our daily online Zoom Prayer Team has been

praying for children and teens. The availability of pools, playgrounds, church camps and the usual fun summer activities for children and youth are in question. Doors to sharing the Gospel through VBS or fair ministries also may be closed.

That’s when the Lord reminded us that CEF’s 5 Day Clubs® are not dependent on church buildings, playgrounds or camps! They are geared toward small groups of children, and we can hold them in our own back yards!

We decided to call our friend, Dale Baer, and as one can imagine, he was thrilled to partner with us in planning to have 5 Day Clubs. Now the interest to

share the Good News about Jesus with kids has grown to include five other 5 Day Clubs through the Mansfield Alliance Church. Some of our members have been involved with 5 Day Clubs in the past and all of us are excited to have this chance to minister to kids in our own neighborhoods! We pray God will use this to advance His kingdom in a mighty way.

Dave and Lois Carter

Our theme this summer is “ONE WAY” and the kids will start off clubs this summer memorizing John 14:6 which states, “**Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’**”

Blessed Hope and Assurance

As my 5 year old daughter and I laid in bed one evening, a disagreement arose between us. I don’t remember what I was saying “no” to, but my daughter became obstinate in her heart. After a moment of quiet she said, “Mommy, I just raised my fist to you in the dark. Mommy, I have never asked Jesus to be my Savior.” When the Spirit of God moves on the human heart, He first convicts of sin and our lost condition (Jer. 17:9). The steps to salvation:

1. ADMIT our hopeless state
2. BELIEVE God provides the way of salvation only through Christ (Rom. 10:9).
3. CALL on the name of the Lord (Rom. 10:13.) Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

“Mommy, I want to ask Jesus to be my Savior right now,” she said. This blessed transaction between my daughter and God may seem simple, but “it is the power of God unto salvation for all

who believe” (Rom. 1:16). Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18:3).

After praying, my daughter said, “*Jesus is in my heart with the broom and He is cleaning up!*”

Several months later, as I spoke with her about the substitutionary work of Christ, she said, “*Jesus is like Belle in Beauty and the Beast when Belle said, ‘Take me instead!’*” (Belle said this to the beast who held her father in his dungeon). A child can grasp the truths of the Gospel when the Holy Spirit comes in to teach them truth. Several times later, in her young life, she would say, “*Mommy, I didn’t have to walk far away from the Lord to be saved, did I?*” No, Mandy, thank God you didn’t!

My daughter recently passed away from injuries sustained in a snowmobile accident at age 30. I am so grateful I have the **blessed hope and assurance** that her

name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. I do not grieve as those who have no hope (1Thess. 4:13). I know she is with the Lord and I will spend eternity with Jesus and my precious daughter. Please join me in continuing to pray for CEF and the work God is doing through their ministry.

All glory to His Name,

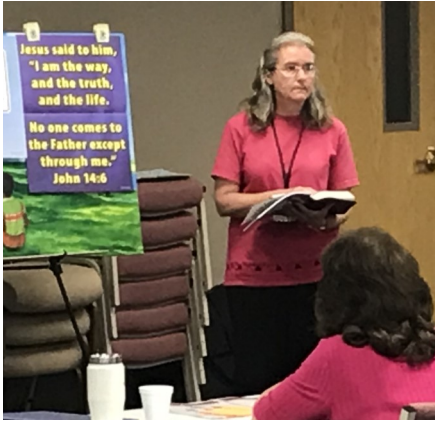
Becky Erhardt



Becky and Mandy Erhardt

Technology and Creation

Patty Arvidson



Patty Arvidson teaching 5DC training

Creation is so amazing to me! I love to teach about it in Good News Clubs®. Kids have an interesting way of looking at things and asking questions. They keep me thinking. One day, I was teaching about how amazing it is that God did not need any materials to create the world. He spoke, and there was light! He spoke and there was water, land, plants and animals. Then I said, “We can’t just speak and have things happen.” Then I heard

Bentley say, “Yes, we can! My dad says, ‘Alexa, make reservations,’ and it happens, or ‘Alexa, get directions; and it happens.’ I had to explain that it seemed that way, but his dad was using something when he was using technology. The kids keep me on my toes! I have certainly missed them. I am looking forward to summer 5 Day Clubs (5DC). I’m not sure what they are going to be like, but they will be interesting and God will continue to work through them!

Organizing...

Patty Arvidson

One of the things I had planned during the weeks of quarantine was to unpack my boxes and get things organized in my “CEF room.” I have found that, for me, the hard part is getting started. As I looked at the room and the boxes of books and materials, I just wanted to put it off. I just decided it has to get done, so I

decided to look at it like someone I know who is very organized. One of the most efficient and organized people I know is Jaime, the CEF of MARCK Secretary.

I decided if I could try to imagine how she might do it, it would go much faster. It worked, at least partially. I was able to get it started. There have

been interruptions and delays, but it is coming together nicely. I still have work to do and shelves to put up, but it already has made other jobs like planning and prep for teaching go much easier. Thank you, Jaime, for your inspiration! I thank God for Jaime.



Talia Byrom



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Christian Youth In Action® Summer Team 2020



Kelsey Vore

We are excited to present to you the Christian Youth In Action (CYIA™) team of 2020 in the CEF of MARCK Chapter! These young people are committed to 40 hours of ministry to children this summer. This summer will be a little different in that more of the ministry will be through 5-Day Clubs, many of which are new ones! Due to COVID 19, two fairs (Richland & Morrow County) have been cancelled so far. It is certainly not too late to let us know if you would like to host a 5-Day Club this summer.

We are thankful for Kelsey Vore who has served in this ministry for six years! This summer she is again serving the Lord, but in a paid position. **If you have an interest in supporting Kelsey this summer financially, please indicate under CYIA on the reply slip enclosed.** We would appreciate your prayers for all of these young people as well as the many 5-Day Club new adult teachers and hostesses, some of whom are mentioned in the **“Praise & Prayer Report”** on the next page.



JUNE 2020 PRAISE & PRAYER



- 1) Praise God for 28 people who came to the 5DC trainings! God is good!
- 2) Pray for kids to read the **“Do you wonder WHY?”** booklet. And watch the video: www.cefonline.com/why
- 3) Pray for the six CYIA workers reaching kids for Jesus this summer.
- 4) Pray for **Reese Kauffman** (CEF President) that God will bless him.
- 5) Pray for God to raise up 1,000 new CEF missionaries in the next three years.
- 6) Praise the Lord for lots of churches opening up again! Hallelujah!
- 7) Praise God! His work is perfect and all His ways are just. (Deut. 32:3-4)
- 8) Pray for the 6 Christian Youth In Action® as they memorize Bible verses.
- 9) Praise God for 6 youth who are taking the **CYIA™ training June 16—18**.
- 10) Pray for God to help **Kelsey Vore** raise her support to be paid this summer.
- 11) Thank God for our amazing CEF Office Manager, **Jaime Householder**.
- 12) Pray for wisdom for **Mark Horner** who is the CEF of Ohio State Director.
- 13) Pray for physical and spiritual health for **Patty Arvidson** as she prepares for summer ministry.
- 14) Pray for God’s leading for a person to come on staff with CEF of MARCK.
- 15) Pray for wisdom & direction for **Patty Arvidson & Dale Baer** as they make final prep for CYIA training.
- 16) Pray that the CYIA will understand afresh how to share the Wordless Book.
- 17) Pray that all 6 CYIA will do well on their **Wordless Book evaluations** today.
- 18) Pray for CYIA as many will be evaluated on **missionary stories** today.
- 19) Pray for **Kathy Horner**, CEF Director of Education for Ohio, as she oversees the CEF ministry of Ohio.
- 20) Praise God for the first day of summer today! Pray for **REVIVAL** in our own lives and all around the world.
- 21) Lord, bless all the **Fathers** today and help them lead their families well.
- 22) Pray for 5-Day Club at **Matt Baer’s** backyard in Mansfield starting today (2:30—4:30 PM).
- 23) Pray for new church partnerships to conduct more Good News Clubs.
- 24) Pray for more people to schedule their summer 5-Day Clubs®.
- 25) Pray for God’s healing touch on those who have the **Coronavirus**.
- 26) Pray for children all over the world to watch Good News Club online with this link: youtube.com/unitekids
- 27) Pray for God to raise up churches to partner with CEF for the fair ministry.
- 28) Pray for **ZEAL!** Excitement is contagious! Pray that the ministry of CEF, its staff and volunteers would stir up other Christians to share their faith.
- 29) Praise God for He is our protector! “He who dwells in the shelter of the **Most High** will abide in the shadow of the **Almighty**” (Psalm 91:1).
- 30) Thank God for **Ellie Hitchman**, our CEF Prayer Coordinator, who calls many praying friends each week!



JULY 2020 PRAISE & PRAYER



- 1) Pray that CEF staff and volunteers will be more **BOLD** for God (Phil. 1:20).
- 2) Pray that CEF volunteers will have the same compassion Jesus had for unbelievers in this chaotic world (Mk. 6:34).
- 3) Praise God from whom all blessings flow! He is worthy of all our praise!
- 4) **Independence Day:** Thank God for **FREEDOM** to share the Gospel.
- 5) Pray for the **Johnsville 5-Day Club®** starting tomorrow (2:30—4:30 PM).
- 6) Pray for **David & Lois Carter** as they host & teach a 5DC this week (10:30—Noon) in Mt. Vernon.
- 7) Pray for many kids to sign up for the **Mailbox Club®** this summer.
- 8) Pray for families to grow in Christ while on vacation this summer.
- 9) Thank God for CEF President, **Reese Kauffman**, in his efforts to cast a vision to double the children reached in three years! (From 22 to 45 million kids/year!)
- 10) Pray for graduates as they venture off in life trusting in God (Prov. 3:5-6).
- 11) Praise the Lord for our newest CEF Local Committee member, Mary Elkins.
- 12) Pray for **Katie Hamilton** who is hosting a 5DC in Ontario this week (6:30-8:30 PM).
- 13) Pray for **Angel Vega** and her daughter, **Karis**, as they host a 5-Day Club this week starting today at 2-4 PM.
- 14) **Pray for children to read Your Word, pray and walk in VICTORY!**
- 15) Pray for **Patty Arvidson** that God will provide more financial supporters for her (Phil. 4:19).
- 16) Pray for more students to register for the TCE Level 1 Course. The deadline to register is July 23.
- 17) Praise God for the **Fueled By Prayer** ministry which supports CEF MARCK!
- 18) Thank God for the **Crawford County Fair** in Bucyrus (July 19—25).
- 19) Pray for the 5DC starting today at **Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church** in Ontario (6:30-8:30 PM).
- 20) Pray for spiritual discipline for the CEF staff and volunteers.
- 21) Pray for God to bless the 5-Day Club hosts and hostesses as they reach kids for Jesus this summer!
- 22) Praise God for the six CYIA™ who are serving the Lord this summer in the MARCK Chapter!
- 23) Pray for more people to register for the **Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1 Course** starting 8/6. Today is the **DEADLINE** for registration.
- 24) Pray for kids to come to know Jesus in 5-Day Clubs® and fairs this summer.
- 25) Pray for **Dale Baer** to have discernment in the many plans he must make as Local Director.
- 26) Thank God for the **Knox County Fair** in Mt. Vernon (July 26—Aug. 1st).
- 27) Ask God to raise up more trained Good News Club teachers for the fall.
- 28) Pray for the people taking the Teaching Children Effectively™ 1 course which starts on August 6.
- 29) Thank God for **Office Manager, Jaime Householder**. Lord, guide her steps.
- 30) Pray for CEF Press as they prepare and print materials for ministry.
- 31) Praise God for one church in Crawford county which is prayerfully considering to partner with CEF to start a GNC this fall in Galion!



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June 16, 17 & 18: CYIA Local Training
July 20-25: Crawford Co. Fair, Bucyrus
July 26-Aug. 1: Knox County Fair, Mt. Vernon
Aug. 6: Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1 begins at 6:30 PM. This is a 12 week course. Call 419-756-7799 to register TODAY! (Cost: \$175/Person)
Aug. 9-15: Richland County Fair, Mansfield, OH (Cancelled)
Sept. 1-7: Morrow County Fair, Mt. Gilead, OH (Cancelled)
Sept. 12 @ 9-12 Noon: Good News Club® (GNC®) Curriculum Workshop

Sept. 14 @ 6-9 PM: GNC Workshop which is identical to 9/12
Sept. 15 @ 6:30 PM: CEF Fundraising Banquet. Speaker: Alex McFarland
Location: Berean Baptist Church, Mansfield
Sept. 18-19: CYIA End of Summer Retreat at Camp Inspiration Hills, Burbank, OH
Sept. 20-26: Ashland County Fair
Oct. 6-10: Loudonville Street Fair

Thanks for
praying!