



MARCK Messenger

Child Evangelism Fellowship® of
Morrow-Ashland-Richland-Crawford-Knox Counties

October/November 2021

Sharing The Word at Ontario After School Club

Last year many kids from Stingel Elementary in Ontario met at the Ontario UMC church for an after school Good News Club. They were escorted from the school and brought to the church to meet, due to COVID restrictions at Ontario School. This school year, Stingel Elementary is allowing them to meet at school. The first week back they were not sure how many would come out and they

had **41 Kindergarten-5th grade kids attend!** *7 more registered for the next week.* Melinda Shaum is grateful for her team of faithful volunteers helping from her church family to help it all run as smooth as possible.. They equipped each child with a newly published Gospel of John from CEF Press with great pictures too! Note the booklet pictured to the right. *(cont'd on Page 4)*



At the conclusion of the Gospel of John booklet is an explanation of how to pray to receive Christ as Savior. These lovely booklets are available in both ESV and KJV for purchase at the CEF Office for just \$1.00 each.

Counting Blessings

Gerry Sherman, CEF Volunteer

Teacher Trainings

CEF has been dear to my heart since I began attending teaching training back in 1975 with my mentor, Verna Laughlin. Some precious truths from His word that I learned:

- ◆ I am eternally secure in Christ. (Ephesians 1:13)
- ◆ With centrality of the

LORD Jesus in every lesson, children are drawn to love Him more and more.

- ◆ I was taught how to share the Gospel to children and adults.
- ◆ I built a bond with many believers who are also burdened for lost souls.

Crawford County Fair

This summer I had the blessing of sharing Jesus with young people at the Crawford County Fair. I was kind of rusty in sharing the Gospel, but the Holy Spirit gave me the words to say. I was able to share Christ with two teenage girls, and the younger one had just recently received the Lord Jesus as her Savior at her

church youth retreat. Her eyes lit up when I was telling what the Lord did for her! The older one was not ready to receive Christ, but both of them signed up for the Mail-box Club Bible correspondence lessons. I know God is working in their hearts. I prayed with them before we said good bye. Please join me in praying for these teens.

J You Connection™



L to R: Pauline Bullock, Lianne Caplinger, Lois Carter & Pastor Bill Barton

Five people attended a two day J You Connection training in Mount Vernon in August. (Four of them are pictured to the left.) Those attending have plans to be involved in outreach within public schools to Junior High aged kids to lead them to Jesus or to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus.

One J You Connection has be-

gun at Ontario Middle School. The Ontario Junior High Principal popped in to say hello and to encourage them as they met the first week for J You Connection. He said he hopes they fill the place! He is pictured with Melinda, the leader of the J You Connection group.

Pictured to Right: Melinda Shaum and Ontario Middle School Principal, Keith Strickler



Summer Concludes with Celebration!

Dale Baer

CEF Staff and Christian Youth In Action (CYIA) gathered at Inspiration Hills Camp in September for an end of the summer celebration. Included in the time together was food, fun and worship together. "Exit interviews" were also part of the weekend to receive feedback of evaluation for future CYIA.

From our local chapter, trained volunteers Nick Nagel, Hannah Pierson, and Ann McKinley attended. They were all involved this summer helping with 5-Day Clubs® and some fair ministry as well. During the school year, they plan to also help with after school Good News Clubs®. It is such a blessing to have them come with enthusiasm and commitment to love the children.



Christian Youth In Action Summer Celebration 2021

Talking with God

Patty Arvidson

It was the Knox County Fair, and I had been there for about an hour. I had painted faces and shared "**The Greatest Story Ever Told**" ("The Wordless Book") with about five kids. Three were already saved. They had been in one of my GNCs for about three years. One said they did not want to pray with me, but would take a tract and do it at home; another just said they were not ready. A little girl walked in and sat down in front of me; she was about 5 years old and as cute as could be with

big blue eyes, blond hair and a very contagious smile. I asked her if she had ever talked to God. She said, "**You can talk to God?!!**" I said, "Yes. Let's talk to Him right now! Say, 'Hi, God!'" We did. Then she said, "**I just talked to God!!**" I shared "The Wordless Book" with her. When I got to the clean page and asked if she wanted to pray, she stood up straight and tall with hands by her side and said, "**Dear God, I'm so, so sorry**

"God just gave me a clean heart!"

for all my sin! Please forgive me and give me a clean heart!" Then she stopped and looked at me with wide eyes and a big smile and said, "**God just gave me a clean heart!!**" Then I finished counseling her, prayed with her, and sent her on her way. Please pray for "these little ones, who believe," that God will continue to work in their hearts and lives to help them grow.

New Subcommittees Formed

Sue Baer

We thank God for His faithfulness and provision in so many ways. We are so blessed to have a supportive Local Committee for our local chapter of CEF of MARCK that Dale directs. They meet most months of the year to pray and discuss the many facets of CEF. Even during the pandemic, we have continued to meet with some in person and others online. We are spread out among the counties, so it's nice to have "Zoom" as an option to attend a meeting! We legally could not exist without our local committee, but also we couldn't do what we do without them!!

Earlier this calendar year, we began to form subcommittees to more effectively carry out the functions of our local area. They meet about once a month. These vital committees include: **Personnel, Ministry, Finance and Development and Prayer.** We see answers to the faithful prayers of Sue Packard, Mary Elkins (pictured to the right) and Connie Rhodebeck as they meet together for prayer. Our **October and November Prayer and Praise** on Page 3 has a refreshing change to it, as it includes prayers and praises specifically written from our three Prayer Subcommittee ladies.



From the left: Mary Elkins, Sue Baer and Sue Packard doing food prep during our spring volunteer appreciation gathering.

October 2021 Prayer and Praise



1. Praise God for every child who heard the Good News in summer 5-Day Clubs.
2. Pray for GNC training today (9 AM) at the CEF Office and on Zoom. (God Creator King)
3. Prayer at Lexington School parking lot today at 4:30. Ask God to bless this time.
4. Praise God for Reese Kaufman who has served CEF Int'l as president for 32 years.
5. Loudonville Street Fair begins today.
6. Ask God to restore to good health CEF Board member, Bob Mealy.
7. Solid Rock GNC begins today. Pray for strength and wisdom for leaders.
8. Pray for a Ministry Coord. for our chapter.
9. Give Dale and fair workers strength and leading of Spirit for the last day of the fair.
10. Praise God for all of the fair volunteers

who shared the love of Jesus with children!



11. Local Committee Meeting tomorrow. Pray for guidance and wisdom.
12. Dale and Patty teach at Berean MOMS this morning. May God be glorified.
13. Pray for more churches to adopt public school Good News Clubs.
14. Pray for the GNC Twin Oak plans.
15. Thank the Lord for the new J You Connection starting in Ontario.
16. Pray for CEF to get into North Korea.
17. Praise God for Fueled By Prayer which supports our chapter with prayers/finances.
18. "Let us love one another" (1 John 4:7).
19. Thank God for Pauline Bullock, Knox County Coord. and ask for strength for her.
20. Pray for creative ways to invite kids to Good News Clubs.
21. Teaching Children Effectively™ class meets this evening. Pray for students to finish well.

22. Thank God for his provision of a car for Patty Arvidson!
23. Good News Club training today (9 AM).
24. Pray for favor for CEF in the schools.
25. Ask God to bring out many to Good News Club training again today (6 PM).
26. Thank the Lord for churches willing to partner with a Good News Club and provide workers and finances.
27. Thank God for Carters opening their Mount Vernon home for Good News Club.
28. Praise God for Shirley Davidson writing a grant for In His Steps.
29. Pray for God's blessing on the CEF of Ohio State Staff meeting today!
30. Pray for children to grow in their faith after giving their heart to Jesus.
31. Dale's BD! Praise God for his cheerful and faithful leadership.



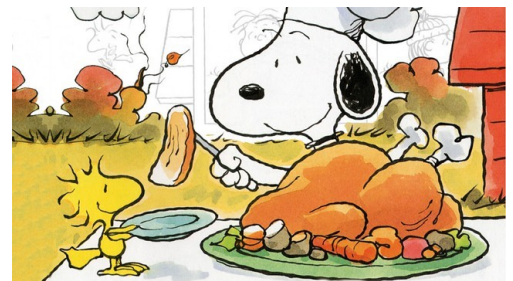
November 2021 Prayer and Praise

1. Ask God to guide regarding a Ministry Coordinator for our chapter.
2. Praise God for open doors to get into elementary public schools with GNCs.
3. **CEF World Day of Prayer.** We meet locally at Zion's Refuge Baptist Church.
4. Pray for Nancy Krieger leading a GNC starting at Eastern in Lexington.
5. Pray for relationship building opportunities for all of us as we share His love.
6. Rejoice in God's Spirit, not one of fear, but of power, love and self-control.
7. Pray for Godly wisdom and unity for Local Committee as we meet Nov. 9. **Daylight Saving Time Ends today!**
8. Pray for Patty Arvidson as she starts the Western GNC in Lexington today!
9. Pray for Godly wisdom and unity for Local Committee as we meet today.
10. God's love is strong! If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom. 8:31)
11. Praise God for healing of dear Ellie Hitchman, former Prayer Coordinator.
12. Pray for children and families in Afghanistan to hear the Gospel.
13. Praise God for a free country in

which we can proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the public schools to the precious children!

14. Thank You LORD for always helping us prepare to teach. The LORD is my helper (Hebrews 13:6).
15. Lord, draw each Good News Club (GNC) family to a body of believers (Psalm 26:8).
16. Some of our children face tough challenges. Do not fear little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom (Luke 12:32).
17. Pray for volunteers for the JYC™ ministry to teens in Knox County.
18. Ask God for ambassadors for CEF in churches, as we partner to reach families.
19. Thank You for the joyful songs of children at GNC's. Oh, sing praise to the LORD! (Psalm 68:32b)
20. Pray for God's blessing on today's Christmas Party Training at 10:00 a.m.
21. Praise God for angels round about us, guarding us in all our ways (Ps. 91:11).
22. Ask God for more church partnerships to reach children of MARCK.
23. Pray for children to hide God's Word on their hearts, that they might not sin against Him (Psalm 119:11).

24. Mercy has triumphed over judgment! Your Grace is truly amazing (James 2:13).
25. **Thanksgiving!** "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!" Psalm 107:1a
26. Lord, help me have an attitude of contentment (Phil 4:13).
27. Praise God for open doors to get into public schools with the GOOD NEWS of Jesus and the after school GNC ministry!
28. Kids love to run! May they run with endurance the race You have marked out for them (Hebrews 12:1).
29. Our world is in a battle. Help the multitudes who are in the valley of decision. Draw our club children to hear and understand (Joel 3:14).
30. We praise You for Your SPIRIT and power living in those You have called to the ministry of CEF!

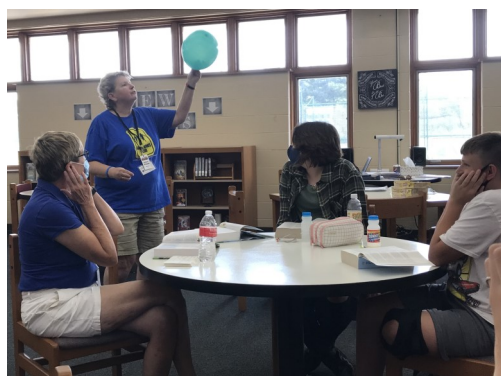


Melinda was excited to share that a 6th grade young lady who was involved with GNC last year is helping now with GNC this year. She is also part of the newly started Junior High Club which is called J You Connection (see article on Page 1) She hopes to be part of Christian Youth In Action in the future .

There were also some children attending the Good News Club for the first time that had come to the 5 Day Club that Ontario UMC

hosted in the summer! In a time when our world needs Good News more than ever, God is doing great things in the hearts of children! To Him be the glory!

Dale Baer visited this first JYC (pictured on right) at the Ontario Middle School on September 14. Melinda did an excellent job leading as discussion with the students on how this world started! Big Bang Vs Creation! She used a balloon which she popped to illustrate her "point" very well.



JYC First Club at Ontario Middle School

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Time: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Come join us for this "in person" prayer gathering to hear livestream Reese Kaufman, President of CEF! Or sign up to pray for 15 minutes anywhere you are during our 24 hour prayer vigil on Nov. 3. Call today for your prayer slot! (419-756-7799)