



Planting seeds through Good News Club!

News from Eastern Elementary

Good News Club is underway at Lexington's Eastern Elementary School! 20 students attended a roaring-good-time "Dinosaur Tracks!" kickoff party, where they heard Biblical truths. Through a song, a memory verse, and a Bible lesson, students learned not only about these magnificent creatures that our all powerful, all knowing God created but also about God's love for every student and God's plan for salvation through his Son,

Jesus Christ. At the end of our club, a student pulled me aside and eagerly shared how she had learned about our Creator God just days earlier at church! As a GNC volunteer, I appreciate being able to reinforce the Biblical truths in the public school that some students learn about at church, home or elsewhere. I also love to introduce those truths and God's love to others who may not hear about Jesus anywhere else and who do not know Him yet.

Kara Kapustar, GNC Volunteer

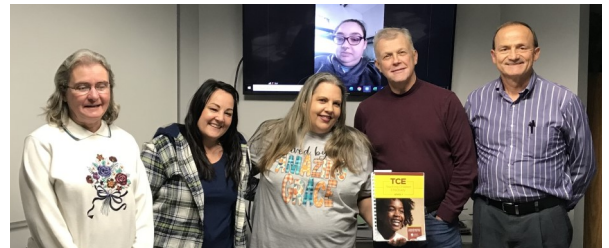
News from Twin Oak, Mt. Vernon

Discussions at home about Jesus: A girl was counseled for salvation and came back to club sharing that her 11 year old brother does not believe and told her he never will. She said her dad believes in God but told her that he "just can't believe in Jesus." We praise God that the Holy Spirit is working in them and pray for God to continue the work He has begun.

Lois Carter
GNC Volunteer

More Volunteers Equipped to share!

The **Teaching Children Effectively™** Level 1 class in our chapter had four students pictured on the right between instructors Patty Arvidson (left) and Dale Baer (far right). The students (L to R) are: Hillary Diehl, Angie Harris, Dan Fruth and Star Garza (on Zoom). Dan and his wife, Melissa, are leading a Good News Club in Loudonville at the Budd School. Hillary & Angie are planning to help with the Solid Rock GNC in Johnsville & Star may start a club soon! Pray for these students as start teaching GNCs.



Teaching Children Effectively® Level 1 Class of 2022
Kyle Latchaw (Photographer & CEF of Ohio State Director) also helped to teach this course.

A note from our Treasurer . . .

This is the first time in my 18 years as the treasurer of CEF of MARCK that I've written about our finances. We've been blessed by God financially for all of these years and never really had to be concerned about our finances, but now we are being stretched financially.

In the past two years with COVID, our ministry was somewhat restricted and so our expenses were reduced. During those same years, our income actually increased. So we actually accumulated a bit of excess funds.

But now the opposite is actually happening. We are back

doing ministry stronger than ever so our expenses are up, and our income has actually declined somewhat. So we are using up the financial reserves that were built up during COVID at a pretty quick pace. At the current rate, we'll be in a serious financial pinch within a few months.

With the economic situation today, many folks are being a little cautious with their spending. I think that caution is impacting charitable giving as well. Certainly CEF is seeing a decline in giving. But as followers of Jesus, we are commanded to fear not!

I'm asking you, encouraging you, to fearlessly consider increasing your financial support of CEF of MARCK. We need new donors and we need our current donors to increase their giving. Please trust God and fear not.

Mark Boyd





Fruit from 5-Day Club®

A 10 year old boy named Cole decided to trust in Jesus at a 5-Day Club® in Mount Vernon this past summer. Afterwards, Cole and his little sister asked their parents if they could attend our church on a regular basis and make it their home church. The parents agreed and now the family attends regularly

and are even getting involved in leadership. In November, Cole chose to be baptized and even had written out and shared his testimony on a video for the congregation to see. He included the name of both CEF volunteers who counseled him for his salvation decision at 5-Day Club.



Kroger Rewards at Christmas!

With holidays approaching, consider linking your Kroger card to CEF of MARCK when purchasing your Christmas items. Not sure how the program works? It's simple. Each time you swipe your shopper's card, CEF of MARCK earns a percentage of the sale **when your Kroger card is linked to "CHILD EVANGELISM FLWSHIP OF MARCK"**.

If you have a Kroger card but aren't sure if you have connected it to our organization, follow this link: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>. You may search for our name above or use the organization code CP015 to get started. Call our office with any questions regarding this opportunity.

Coins 4 Kids donation in memory of loved ones

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December 2022 PRAISE & PRAYER



- 1) Pray for wisdom for the local CEF Office Manager, **Sue Baer**.
- 2) Praise God for the **Budd** Good News Club® (GNC®) in Loudonville and for **Dan & Melissa Fruth** leading this club.
- 3) Pray for the Lord to provide two or three volunteers to help at the GNC at Budd Elementary in Loudonville.
- 4) Pray for CEF President, Jeremiah Cho as he continues to strive to get the CEF ministry in every country of the world!
- 5) Pray for the Western (Lexington) GNC that those attending would invite friends to club to learn about Jesus' love.
- 6) Pray for wise use of time for Dale as he strives to be an effective Director.
- 7) Praise God for 1,353 kids reached and 96 kids saved so far this year (since Sept) in the CEF of MARCK chapter!
- 8) Praise God that "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty" (Ps. 91:1).
- 9) Pray for God's blessing on the CEF of Ohio Christmas Staff meeting today.
- 10) Praise God for **Shirley Davidson &**

all her work to get 21 churches involved in the **Coins 4 Kids Fundraiser this fall raising \$8,744 for the CEF ministry!**

- 11) 11 more churches will be involved with Coins 4 Kids in January 2023!
- 12) Pray for Dale Baer as he leads a Christmas party today at the Mansfield Salvation Army (4-5:30 PM).
- 13) Pray for the Local CEF Committee meeting tonight in Mansfield.
- 14) Pray for the Christmas party at the Loudonville Library today (3-4:30 PM).
- 15) Pray for the NEW GNC starting today with a Christmas Party at the Centerburg Elementary School (3:30-5 PM).
- 16) Praise the Lord for the Christmas season and for all God's many blessings!
- 17) Thank God for more people willing to join the CEF Local Committee!
- 18) Pray for **Patty Arvidson** as she leads five Good News Clubs/week.
- 19) Please pray for more helpers and teachers for after school GNCs.
- 20) Thank God for His provision of finances for CEF of MARCK.

- 21) Thank God for **Pauline Bullock**, our CEF Knox County Coordinator.
- 22) Pray for the Berean MOMS ministry & the preschool GNC meeting today.
- 23) Praise God for a \$7,500 grant received from **In His Steps Foundation**.
- 24) Christmas Eve: Pray for families.
- 25) Christmas Day! A King is born! Happy Birthday Jesus!
- 26) Thank God for our Treasurer, Mark Boyd. He's also CEF of Ohio Treasurer.
- 27) Praise for **Ann Hulver**, coordinator of the Mailbox Club® ministry.
- 28) Pray for many children to be saved at Good News Clubs this coming year.
- 29) Praise God for a wonderful year!
- 30) **Praise God that He is our Jehovah Jireh, our PROVIDER!**
- 31) Pray for safety for children tonight.



January 2023 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) **Happy New Year!** Pray for God to do many new things in children's lives!
- 2) "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!" (Psalm 103:1)
- 3) Praise God for His unfailing love!
- 4) Thank God for **Laurie Meggitt**, committee member who also teaches 2 GNCs.
- 5) Pray for lots of kids to come to the first GNC meeting of the year today at **Centerburg Elementary School**.
- 6) Lord, help children today be thankful and content (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
- 7) Be their shield in mind, heart and body (Psalm 28:7).
- 8) Lord, help parents to raise their kids in the discipline & instruction of the Lord.
- 9) Pray for a CEF Committee rep from Crawford county.
- 10) Pray for the Berean Moms Preschool Good News Club meeting today.

- 11) Pray for Good News Clubs to start in the country of **North Korea!**
- 12) **Praise God for VICTORY in Jesus! (1 Corinthians 15:57)**
- 13) "Oh sing to the Lord a NEW SONG..." (Psalm 96:1)
- 14) Pray for the CEF New Year Prayer Meeting today (10-11 AM) at Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church in Ontario.
- 15) Thank God for His faithful financial provision for all our ministry needs.
- 16) Thank God for Martin Luther King Jr. Day today and for his legacy.
- 17) **Pray for children to read God's Word, and walk in VICTORY!**
- 18) Thank God for **Kaye Hahn**, our newest Local Committee member.
- 19) Spiritual discipline for all workers.
- 20) Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! (Psalm 107:5)
- 21) Thank God for snow to play in for all

- the children and the snow lovers!
- 22) Thank God for our CEF Prayer subcommittee: **Sue Packard, Mary Elkins, and Connie Rhodebeck**.
 - 23) Pray for godly friends for the kids.
 - 24) Praise God! He is mighty to save!
 - 25) Pray for wisdom for **Kyle Latchaw**, our CEF of Ohio State Director.
 - 26) Pray for **CEF Press** as they prepare and print materials for ministry.
 - 27) Please pray for great faith in kids.
 - 28) Pray for the Valentines Party Training today at CEF Office (10-12 Noon).
 - 29) "I was glad when they said unto me 'Let us go unto the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1)
 - 30) Pray for more churches to partner with CEF to start more school GNCs.
 - 31) Pray for **Gail Graham** (Local Committee Secretary) as she volunteers with CEF and cares for her husband, Dick.

Lime Jello, leftover pizza, beef tongue, and kohlrabi. What's a chef to do with four ingredients that should never be on the same plate? Such is the premise of the popular television program "Chopped". The January 2009 TV show became a hit - beyond the finished plates, the fun was the astonishing combination of wacky food items that the chefs had to combine for a new dish.

Creativity and execution elevates winning chefs - but - what's in the basket matters.

My life is a "Chopped Box".

If you have seen the show, as soon as the basket ingredients are revealed, the wheels start turning - what can a chef (often food service professionals) do with these unusual, perhaps bizarre food items. Viewers do the same thing in their minds. It can be amazing what these chefs turn out on a plate in just 30 minutes - mere mortals take four disjointed food stuffs and create a restaurant worthy entree. Sure, they can add some pantry items to supplement their creativity. But the fine-dining quality of their finished product is nye unto miraculous.

Well, maybe not a miracle - but it certainly shows the touch of a master.

Do you ever feel like a Chopped Basket? If The Lord God were a chef, and you a Chopped Basket, when He pulls the lid off the basket what will He find? If your spiritual gifts are honed - He might find sirloin steak. If you are serving others - He might find Russet potatoes. If you actively support "Love in Actions and in Truth" (1 John 3:18) - He might find prized truffles. Conversely, if your basket reveals haggis, chicken feet, and bitter melon, perhaps this is a reflection on your Christian disciplines. The fruit of the Spirit makes a great "Chopped Box" or "Life Box" components.

CEF offers so many opportunities to *improve your basket*. Child Evangelism Fellowship is a beautiful program - communicating Christ's love, and God's redeeming plan of salvation to young people at a time when they are most receptive to it. Children are eager to learn and pleased when caring adults invest in them.

Now, more than ever, CEF is in need of good people - Christians who are serious about challenging the culture - one child at a time. CEF needs teachers, Backyard Bible Club hosts, board members, and more. The opportunities available through CEF are close to the heart of God.

If you think you're not material worthy of service at CEF - you need to watch an episode of Chopped. Our God is infinitely more capable of taking the ordinary - the available - the plain, and create something more remarkable than mere chefs can make from a food basket.

The simple investment of volunteering for the kingdom may make you feel less like a slab of beef tongue and more like a prime sirloin - with the eternal benefit of bringing others along to heaven. Give God the opportunity to "open your Life Box" and experience his transforming power.

J. Todd Snyder is a Christ follower who approaches his professional work as ministry. He is married with two grown children and three adorable grandsons.

Happy New Year!

CEF® of MARCK

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Local Director: Dale Baer

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New Year

CEF Prayer Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023

Cornerstone Grace
Brethren Church

1905 N. Lexington-Springmill Rd.,
Mansfield, OH

Time: 10—11:00 AM

“Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Luke 10:2)