



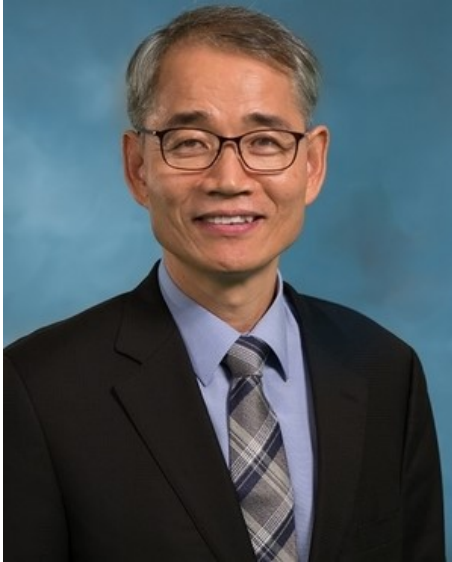
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# MARCK Messenger

Child Evangelism Fellowship® of

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

## CEF® President Coming to Mansfield



**Rev. Jeremiah Cho**

Child Evangelism Fellowship President

### Jeremiah Cho to speak at CEF of MARCK Fundraising Banquet

Rev. Jeremiah Cho became the new CEF President in August 2022. Jeremiah was previously one of the eight CEF international Regional Directors. He and his wife Sarah relocated from Seoul, South Korea to Warrenton, Missouri which is the location of CEF International Headquarters. **Did you know that CEF is the world's largest children's ministry?**

Jeremiah brings a wealth of experience in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children of the world. He has served full time with CEF over the past 34 years in a number of roles including Local Director and National Director for CEF South Korea where he directed a staff of over 200 workers reaching 325,000 children. He was a missionary to Sri Lanka and

opened the country to CEF ministry. From 2014 to 2022, he has served as Regional Director in a sensitive region with 28 countries, expanding that ministry from 137 to 387 workers, and expanding the reach of children from 700,000 annually to approximately 7.5 million children annually, pre-COVID.

We are very privileged to have Jeremiah share with us at our Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet on Tuesday, **April 18, 2023 6:30-8:30 PM** at Berean Baptist, 2145 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield, OH. Our banquet theme is: **Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day.**

We invite you to be a part of this special evening.  
**RSVP by March 31st by calling CEF office at 419-756-7799.**

## Budd Sprouts New Life!

Melissa Fruth was a public school teacher in Akron. She was excited and curious to see that a group of children were learning about Jesus in her public school! Melissa found out it was a Good News Club® (GNC®) and wanted to see if this kind of ministry was happening in her hometown area of Loudonville. She found out about CEF of MARCK, and began helping with Budd Elementary's GNC in Loudonville. This led to her decision to take the Teaching Children Effectively™ 1 class to help her communicate the Gospel to children. As Melissa rehearsed her TCE homework/practicums with her husband Dan as her audience, he loved it! He also began helping with Budd GNC.

Dan and Melissa Fruth were saved later in life, and God has

given them hearts to help young people to come to know Jesus so as to spare them from not knowing him and living for the world.

Eventually this couple agreed to head up the Budd Elementary club last fall and were asking God for helpers, and He provided two temporary helpers till December. The Fruths recently were praying to find a church close to home, so they began attending Perrysville Baptist Church. The last Sunday of November during their congregational prayer/sharing time, Dan shared about the vision of Child Evangelism Fellowship to reach children with the Gospel, along with their dire need for volunteers at Budd Elementary. By mid December, four people stepped forward to help them: Pastor Barry and Denise Williams, along with a homeschool mom Jennifer and a teen named Zeb. The club

began in the fall with 7 kids and in December they doubled to 15. The church has considered purchasing a van to help with transporting some children home. Dan and Melissa are thrilled to be a part of this vital ministry to children.



Dan and Melissa Fruth (left), Pastor Barry and Denise

The MARCK chapter of CEF of Ohio finished 2022 in good financial condition. Our expenses did exceed our income by just a few hundred dollars, but that was significantly better than we expected going into the fourth quarter of the year. The good ending was due to a few donors who made significantly large donations and many donors who gave additional donations in the month of December.

**We are very thankful for all of our donors. We are thankful to have them partnering with us in the ministry to children.**

Now looking toward 2023, we are trusting God to help us make up a \$14,000 budget deficit. We felt we needed to give our employees the pay increases they deserve and needed in order to keep up with inflation, and trust God to bring the increase in giving. We have many faithful donors who've been giving

regularly every month for many years. If those donors would simply increase the monthly amount they give by 5 percent, our budget deficit would be resolved.

Also, we are always grateful when God spurs the heart of donors who have the financial ability to make large donations. We never know who or when, but are always so thankful when it happens.

It's always exciting and encouraging to see how God works in helping us meet our needs, including our financial needs.

## Centerburg: Open Doors and Hearts



Centerburg Good News Club bursting with life!

Centerburg Freewill Baptist Church has "taken the ball and run with it" with 15 GNC volunteers at Centerburg Elementary School. The church had never heard of CEF and this is the first GNC that this school has ever had. The following is one of the weekly email prayer reports sent to

us from a volunteer mom:

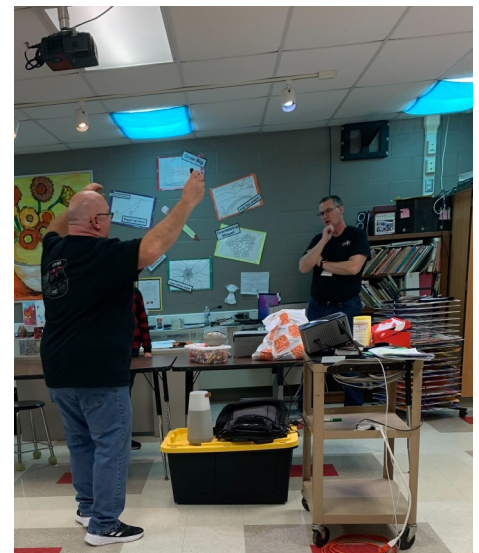
*"Good morning, Ladies! It was another good night at the Good News Club! Another child gave his heart to the Lord! Always pray hard for these young ones. And pray for us, that we will let the Holy Spirit lead in helping the kids to understand and believe. .*

*We have a number of prayer requests from last night. Pray diligently for them:*

- J- pray for my sister. She doesn't believe in Jesus.*
- C- I'm having bad dreams and they scare me.*
- E- pray for Mom*
- B- pray for my mom*

*Have a good day,*

*Sandy" (volunteer mom)*



Pastor Mark Tuggle at the Good News Club at Centerburg Elementary

## Sharing God's Love at Solid Rock

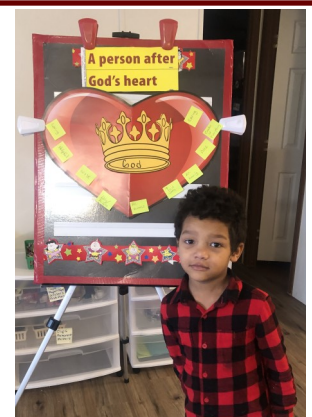
Linda Hager

The Lord continues to bring new children and volunteers to the Good News Club at the Solid Rock Ministries trailer in Johnsville, Ohio. We'd like to share a comment from one of our leaders recently, "I received a huge blessing on Thursday when Payton attended the club for the first time. When I said, "Payton, I'm so glad you came", she smiled a big smile with a light in her eyes and said, "I'm so glad I came too!". May God meet the need in Payton's heart, as well as to all the children in which we minister the Gospel message. I know we have our ups and downs with discipline at our club, and just when discouragement wants to set in because things were a little wild at club, a child will pray a prayer that makes

us weep; or be stilled because we spent time with them trying to talk them down from their outburst.

**These little folks deal with things we adults may have never faced. I'm so thankful that Good News Club gives them the opportunity to know that Jesus loves them and cares about what they go through. One word shines bright in all of this: "HOPE!"**

Please continue to pray with us that the Lord will bring His salvation to many families in this community, as they observe how their children are blessed and changed through the power of the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



At Solid Rock GNC



## CEF of MARCK 2023 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Praise God for **Edison Enterprise Baptist Church** willing to start a GNC!
- 2) Pray for the GNC at Twin Oak Elem. School in Mt. Vernon starting today.
- 3) Pray: Kathy Horner, as she leads a TCE 1 Zoom course! (Reg. Deadline: 2/3)
- 4) Please pray for **Jeremiah Cho** (CEF President) and for the planning of CEF National Conference in May.
- 5) Praise God for the 20 children saved at our 10 Christmas parties reaching over 200 children with the Gospel.
- 6) Planning for summer 5-Day Clubs.
- 7) Pray for wisdom in all decisions made for the CEF board meeting tonight.
- 8) Pray for the JYC starting tomorrow in Johnsville.

- 9) Pray for Dale Baer as he speaks at MCS today.
- 10) Pray for a CEF Ministry Coordinator to join our staff with CEF MARCK.
- 11) Pray for **Kyle Latchaw** who is CEF of Ohio State Director.
- 12) Thank the Lord for Committee Member Laurie Meggitt who helps with GNCs Morrow County.
- 13) Thank God for Gail Graham. Pray for daily strength and wisdom for her.
- 14) **Valentine's Day!** "...let us love one another for love is from God" (1 Jn. 4:8).
- 15) Pray for the Quick Start GNC Training today in Mt. Gilead.
- 16) Thank God for our Treasurer, **Mark Boyd**. He's also CEF of Ohio Treasurer.
- 17) Praise the LORD For Sue Packard and for the **"Fueled By Prayer"** ministry.
- 18) Last year God helped us reach almost 4,000 kids for Jesus & 373 saved! God blessed us with 6 fairs, 25 Good News Clubs & 18 5-Day Clubs!

- 19) Ask God for wisdom for **Dale Baer** as he recruits young people for CYIA.
- 20) **Presidents' Day:** Prayer needed!
- 21) Pray for **Office Manager, Sue Baer**. Lord, guide her steps, give her wisdom.
- 22) Pray for new **church partnerships** to conduct more Good News Clubs.
- 23) Ask God's blessing on the **Butler Elem. School GNC** starting today!
- 24) Pray for God's blessing on the **CEF of Ohio Staff meeting today!**
- 25) Pray: God to raise up teens to serve in Christian Youth In Action® (CYIA™).
- 26) Pray for **Mary Elkins**, board member, as she reaches children in Ashland.
- 27) Pray for **CEF of MARCK Fundraiser** at Berean Baptist Church this spring.
- 28) "Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!" (Psalm 105:4)

## MARCH 2023 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me..." (Psalm 103:1)
- 2) Pray for the **GNC starting today at Wynford Elem. School in Bucyrus.**
- 3) Thank God for providing an office for CEF. Lord, help us be faithful.
- 4) **Easter Party Training** (10-12 Noon) at Mansfield Alliance Church today!
- 5) Ask God for perseverance with joy for all **Good News Club® workers.**
- 6) Praise God **Barb Long, our** newest board member.
- 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) CYIA Zoom planning meeting today!
- 11) Happy birthday to Matt Baer! Thank God for him!

- 12) Thank the good Lord for longer days! (Remember to turn clocks ahead 1 hr.)
- 13) Thank God for **Shirley Davidson**, our Fundraising Coordinator/Chairperson.
- 14) Pray for the CEF Local Committee/Board meeting tonight.
- 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) **St. Patrick's Day!** Share your faith!
- 18) Pray for new opportunities to share the Gospel in our communities.
- 19) Pray for spiritual discipline for all workers with CEF.
- 20) **Thank God for the 1st day of spring!**
- 21) Pray for the Central GNC Easter Party today! Last meeting of school year.
- 22) Pray for God's blessing on Kaye Hahn who serves with Ministry Sub Committee.
- 23) Pray Dale would teach with excellence as he does TCE 1 Zoom today.

- 24) Pray for strength for Patty as she teaches up to 5-6 GNC's per week.
- 25) Ask God to guide Ann Hulver as she grades/sends out Mailbox Club lessons.
- 26) Praise God for his lovingkindness!
- 27) Pray for many **5-Day Clubs** this year to be scheduled and many church partnerships to reach the children for Jesus!
- 28) Pray for churches to partner with CEF to reach kids this summer.
- 29) Pray for CEF Press as they prepare and print materials for ministry.
- 30) Pray for the summer **5-Day Club®** ministry. **Our theme: Jesus: Our Savior & Friend.**
- 31) Lord, help the youth get to know others more on the **CYIA Spring Retreat starting today at Inspiration Hills.**





# Two wonderful additions to our Local Board



Kaye Hahn

We are so thankful to have **Kaye Hahn and Barb Long** join our local Committee. They both have been wonderfully influential as employees at the Mansfield Christian School for many years. Kaye has previously served on our Local Committee and has helped with CEF church partnerships and with grant writing. The Lord has led her to come back on our local committee in October of 2022 and to serve on the Ministry Sub-Committee. We are so thankful for her return!

**Barb Long** has recently retired from working at Mansfield Christian School (MCS) for 31 years. She continues to volunteer there and seeks to please the Lord in service in whatever way she can.

She and her husband John attend Crossroads Church. They have two daughters and sons in law, along with six grandchildren. She enjoys time with her family and also reading and some knitting.

Having worked with kids for so long at MCS, and spending time with her own grandkids, Barb is reminded of how important it is for children to have a relationship with Jesus at a young age. She has always had a passion that kids would know the Lord.

In the season of retirement, Barb has been asking the Lord for guidance as to what would be next and one of the doors God opened was serving on the CEF Committee. We are grateful to God that Barb will be assisting our CEF chapter on the Finance Sub Committee and with some office support. A favorite verse of Barb's is:



Barb Long

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight”.* Proverbs 3:5,6.

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### CEF® of MARCK

#### Staff and Local Committee

**Local Director:** Dale Baer

**Missionary Fieldworker:** Patty Arvidson

**Office Manager:** Sue Baer

**Chairman:** Shirley Davidson

**Treasurer:** Mark Boyd

**Secretary:** Gail Graham

**Assistant Secretary:** Sue Packard

**Fundraising:** Shirley Davidson

**Ashland County Rep:** Mary Elkins

**Morrow County Rep:** Laurie Meggitt

**Committee Member:** Kaye Hahn

**Committee Member:** Barb Long

**Mailbox Club Coordinator:** Ann Hulver



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Can you imagine hot summer days with lots of kids in your neighborhood all learning about Jesus, My Savior and Friend?

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 **CY-IA® Spring Retreat (March 31-April 1)** where they can get excited about reaching kids this summer through 5-Day Clubs®.

- ◆ Ohio youth retreat to include new friends, games, good food, worship & more!
- ◆ Location: Inspiration Hills Camp, Burbank, OH.



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