



MARCK Messenger

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Morrow-Ashland-Richland-Crawford-Knox Counties

June/July 2023

CEF Conference Highlights

25 Years as Director



L to R: CEF President Jeremiah Cho, Dale Baer, CEF Vice Pres. Fred Pry

25 YEARS AS DIRECTOR

CEF International Conference was held once again at Ridgecrest Conference and Retreat Center in Ashville, NC. Dale Baer and Patty Arvidson enjoyed the week of fellowship, refreshing speakers and enlightening seminars. Many staff were honored for their years of service with CEF and Dale was honored for 25 years of service as Local Director of CEF of MARCK.

Dale shares that the conference theme was “**Our LORD our Anchor**” which is very fitting, considering the culture we are living in today. An anchor steadies the ship in the midst of the storm. Our country is going through many different kinds of storms affecting the children these days, such as social unrest, gender

confusion and the break down of the family structure. God’s Word encourages us as children’s ministry workers in these storms with these words of hope: “...we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a **SURE AND STEADFAST ANCHOR of the soul...**” (Hebrews 6:18-19). Not only can we be encouraged by these truths, but we can continue to reach children with our only true hope, Jesus Christ, our anchor.

Some of Patty’s highlights from the conference were not only the beautiful setting at Ridgecrest in NC, but also catching up with people who had been

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Good News at Bellville Blossoms!

A Christmas Party was the “kick off” for the Bellville Good News Club this school year. They actually have three clubs, due to the number of registered children being 135. Ann McKinley is pictured to the right with her group of 4th and 5th graders. With the entire group of kids at the Bellville clubs, \$249 was raised toward a CEF missionary in India, Sister Anna (not real name). Ann’s group had a “boys against girls” contest to see who would



raise the most money and the girls won. Laughter and shrills of joy came forth as the “pies” of whipped cream were placed in the boys’ faces! Over \$1,000 was raised for Sister Anna in India in our MARCK area during the GNC school year and 5-Day Clubs® last summer. When asked about ways she saw God working in the Bellville GNC this year, Ann said that the prayer requests were the greatest area of progress in 4th and 5th graders. The growth was

Overall Missions offering of GNC was that the girls won! The boys all decided to get “pie in the face”!



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both in numbers of kids participating and in the heart of the prayers. She also saw growth in the junior helpers. They took on a lot of responsibilities with role call, games, music leaders, quieting the crowd, and helping in a very huge dismissal process of over 90 kids at times. Ann recalled an encouraging story: Last school year, a fourth grader came up and said, "I don't have a Bible and I don't think my family would get me one." So Ann got one for her. This was not a part of our usual, giving out of multiple Bibles at the end of the year. This was just her independently coming up to ask for one. At the beginning of this Good News Club year, as a fifth grader she ran up to me and showed her Bible to Ann, thanked her for giving it to

her, and said she'd been reading it so much! At the end of the school year she told Ann that she "cant wait to be a helper next year"! Ann said that it was pretty inspiring to hear!

PASTOR MIKE's summary of last day of GNC for the school year

The last GNC was supercharged with energy and joy. 103 kids plus 10 student helpers were present. So 113 youngsters heard the Good News! Your prayers were felt in that the club ran so smoothly and the helpers were terrific and in my group 7 children prayed to ask Jesus into their hearts. In addition, we recorded 10 prayers for assurance of salvation. When we signed out the

children, the parents were so gracious, thanked us numerous times for providing the ministry of Good News Club. What a great way to end Good News Club!

The kids all signed a posterboard card, thanking the principal Mrs. Stacey Swank for the support and privilege of meeting at Bellville Elementary School.

It was the prayers of our prayer support team and our prayer vigil persons who prayed during club meetings that have given us success beyond what we could ever imagine and even now beyond what we actually know (Ephesians 3:20).

To God be all the glory! I love you Lord!

Pastor Mike Stine,
Clearfork Alliance Church

Centerburg Ends with Some Tears

Easter party was the concluding meeting of GNC with the story of Jesus raising Lazarus. The kids were familiar with Jesus' resurrection, but not Lazarus! They seemed to enjoy the lesson and they love Pastor Mark. When asked what they were going to miss about Good News Club? Games and prizes were a lot of answers. But one child was so emotional about it being the last class

that he was in tears most of the club. He even made his mom tear up when she picked him up. (The person who reported this was praying that God would use this young child in a mighty way!)

To the right is Pastor Mark from Centerburg Freewill Baptist Church with some of the children who received special certificates at Centerburg Good News Club.



Please Pray for these Students!

By Dale Baer



Gabe Pimenta



Sam Santos

Finding teens willing to take even two or three weeks of their summer to share the Gospel with children has become a very difficult task this year. I have about 40 youth on my list who either were involved before or would prayerfully consider it this year. As the deadline approached I asked God, "Is there anyone You want to be involved with CYIA this year, Lord?" Then God reminded me of Stefen Santos who attends our church (Berean). I reached out to him and he said, "Yes! My son, Sam, and nephew, Gabe, would like to be involved this summer in reaching children with the Gospel". So please pray for Gabe and Sam as they take the week long CYIA training (June 11-17) and that God will bless their ministry this summer!



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June 2023 Praise and Prayer

- 1) Praise God for 4 Christian Youth In Action® (CYIA™) being trained at our office tonight (2 from Columbus).
- 2) Praise God for 18 summer 5-Day Clubs planned so far to reach children for Jesus!
- 3) Thank God for our Treasurer, Mark Boyd. He's also CEF of Ohio Treasurer.
- 4) Pray for people graduating from schools and for God's blessing on them.
- 5) Thank God for 34 people who came to the two 5-Day Club® trainings in May.
- 6) Thank God for 15 people who came to a Gospel Seminar led by Patty A. and Dale Baer at the Faith Baptist Church on 5/21.
- 7) Thank God for Sue Packard, Mary Elkins, Nancy Ryan and Connie Rhodebeck who serve on our prayer sub-committee.
- 8) Pray for the CEF of Ohio staff as they make final preparations for the CYIA state wide training on June 11-17 at MVNU.
- 9) Pray for the 1-Day Club Hostesses as they invite kids for the June 16 (2-3:15 PM) event. CYIA teaching the kids!
- 10) Pray for **Kathy Horner** for wisdom as she leads the CYIA training all next week.



- 11) Praise God for students being trained at the CEF state-wide training this coming week at Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU)!
- 12) Pray for TWO 5-Day Clubs going on this week (Steve Jackson & Katie Hamilton).
- 13) Pray for wisdom for **Kyle Latchaw** who is the CEF of Ohio State Director and for the many decisions he needs to make.
- 14) Pray for the CYIA as they do many practicums this week and be evaluated.
- 15) Praise God for 31 students involved with CYIA training this week at MVNU.
- 16) Pray for all the CYIA today as they will be conducting 1-Day Clubs.
- 17) Praise the Lord for all those CYIA students who will finish training today!
- 18) Father's Day! Pray for God's blessing on fathers as they discern their role in life. Help fathers to take their role seriously as the spiritual leader of the family.
- 19) Pray for FOUR 5-Day Clubs going on this week! Those hosting clubs are: Beth Wells, Becky Winger, Journey Church in Howard and Heather McFadden.
- 20) Pray for the children that they will invite their friends to 5DCs this week!

- 21) Pray for new church partnerships to conduct more Good News Clubs.
- 22) Praise God for Mansfield Alliance Church as they are leading SIX 5-Day Clubs this summer!
- 23) Pray for more people to host & help with the summer 5-Day Clubs®.
- 24) Praise God for 314 children who prayed to be saved so far this year in our local CEF chapter!
- 25) Praise God for Dan & Melissa Fruth receiving their TCE 1 certificates today!
- 26) Pray for Ron & Jan Bolesky as they are hosting a 5DC this week also.
- 27) Pray: Patty Arvidson, leading a 5DC this week at Come Alive Church, Ashland.
- 28) Pray: Dale Baer leading a 5DC at First Baptist Church, Shelby (6/26).
- 29) Pray for more kids all around us to come to know Jesus as their Savior!
- 30) Pray for strength and wisdom for Shirley Davidson, CEF of MARCK Chairman.



July 2023 Praise and Prayer

- 1) **Canada Day!** Praise God for the many supporters of CEF of MARCK in Canada!
- 2) Pray for safety for those who are traveling this summer for God's blessing!
- 3) Pray for **Dave & Lois Carter** as they host/teach a 5DC this week (Mt. Vernon).
- 4) **Independence Day!** Praise God for the religious freedom we have in the USA.
- 5) Pray for God's blessing on **Ellie Hitchman**, former CEF Prayer Coord.
- 6) Praise: **Velma Kunze** is planning to help with all six of our fairs this year!
- 7) Praise God for amazing LOVE!
- 8) Praise the Lord for the *In His Steps* grant we are applying for again this year.
- 9) Thank God for CEF President, **Jeremiah Cho**, in his efforts to continue a vision to pray for more workers (Luke 10:2).
- 10) Pray: **Patty A.** leading a 5DC at Angie Liette's backyard this week (6:15 PM).
- 11) Pray: Solid Rock 5DC in Johnsville this week & for kids to be saved!

- 12) Praise God for **Craig Hamm** who is willing to help for 3 days at each fair this year sharing the Gospel with children!
- 13) **Praise: Kelsey Vore** and her cousin, **Rachel Cowles**, helping with the fairs!
- 14) We are thankful for fair coordinators this year calling people to help with fairs!
- 15) Pray for these fair coordinators: Laurie Meggitt (Morrow); Mary Elkins (Ashland); Nancy Ryan (Richland); Gerry Sherman (Crawford); Lois Carter (Knox).
- 16) Praise God for all the volunteers that are already signed up to help with the fairs!
- 17) Pray God's blessing on the **Crawford County Fair (July 17-21)** in Bucyrus.
- 18) Praise God for His amazing grace!
- 19) Pray for a new potential CEF staff person considering as Ministry Coordinator!
- 20) Today is "Mr. O Day". Mr. Overholtzer is the founder of CEF. People often do Open Air evangelism on this day!
- 21) Pray: Kids who get saved this summer to join the Mailbox Club to grow in Christ!

- 22) **Pray for kids to read God's Word, pray every day and walk in VICTORY!**
 - 23) Pray for the Knox County Fair which starts today! For many kids to be saved!
 - 24) Pray for more students to register for the Teaching Children Effectively™ course scheduled to start on August 15.
 - 25) Pray for more church partnerships to do fair ministry this summer!
 - 26) Aug. 1 is the **DEADLINE** for TCE 1 registrations to be delivered to CEF.
 - 27) Praise God for His faithfulness!
 - 28) Pray for extra strength and boldness to share the Gospel at the Knox County Fair!
 - 29) Praise God for His beautiful creation!
 - 30) Praise God for His mercies that are new every morning! (Lam. 3:22-23)
 - 31) Pray for Dale B. leading a 5DC this week at Ontario UMC this week (6-8 PM).
- Also Pray: Dale B. & Ann McKinley leading a 5DC at Little Blessings starting 7/31 in the mornings! (9:30—11 AM).

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in her class at Children's Ministry Institute at CEF Int'l Headquarters in Warrenton, MO. Her favorite part of the conference was Bible teaching from Dr. Erwin Lutzer and Dr. Crawford Loritts. Great encouragement was given on prayer and emphasis to be praying for families as well as individual children we work with in our clubs. A workshop called "Creating A Culture of Enthusiasm" gave helpful ideas on how to help children feel included and special throughout the club by getting to know

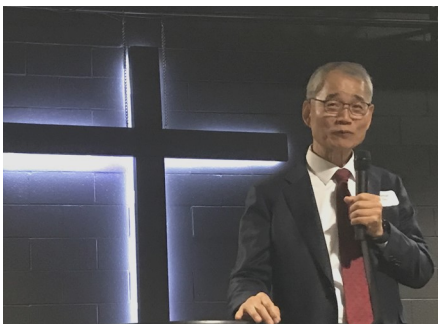
them better and praying with them and for them. A reminder was given for the importance of prayer in everything we do in CEF, such as in fundraising, showing appreciation for volunteers, individual needs of children and for God to provide more workers.

Dale was also excited to have lunch with the Mulvihills (CEF Missionaries in Belize) at the CEF Conference. We are supporting Janelle, their daughter, in the 5-Day Club offerings this year!



Jim & Jan Mulvihill & daughter, Janelle

Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day



Jeremiah Cho at "Meet and Greet" with the CEF of Ohio Staff and CEF board members

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPRING BANQUET

We were so privileged to have the President of CEF Int'l., Rev. Jeremiah Cho as our speaker at our annual fundraising banquet on April 18th. The theme was "Every Child, Every Nation, Every Day". It is CEF's vision and prayer to reach children with the Gospel in every nation of the world. What a blessing to have Jeremiah Cho who is from South Korea, to share about the burden he has to reach children.

As a result of the annual fundraising banquet, the Lord blessed with \$43,000 to further the ministry of CEF of MARCK, reaching more children with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ!



God blessed us with our largest banquet ever with approximately 250 people attending

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Crawford County Fair

July 17-22

Knox County

July 23-29

Richland County Fair

August 6-12

Morrow County Fair

August 29-Sept. 4

Ashland County Fair

Sept. 17-23

Loudonville Free Street Fair

Oct. 3-7