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MARCK Messenger

Joy In Winter

Sharing from Pastor Mike Stine

Pastor Mike Stine of Clearfork Alliance Church has been involved in After School GNC® for about 20 years. The following is from December 2023 and January 2024.

It was (in my estimation) an amazing Christmas Party for Bellville Good News Club® with about 70 kids attending. I say, in my estimation, because I did a dramatic portrayal of the shepherd who was there the night Jesus was born. Because of this, I was hidden away during all the preliminaries. I could tell there was a lot of fun and enthusiasm but I guess there was also

The overriding word for me to describe the first club meeting for this year was "JOY." I felt a supernatural joy as in a fruit of the Spirit as I saw the joy in the children's faces. (Pastor Mike about their first club in January 2024)

some rowdiness with some of the older boys. Miss Leedy did an AMAZING JOB with song leading! We had a nice group of kids come for counsel time. Most of who were just wanting prayer (and Wordless Books!). But there were three inquirers who stayed for more in depth counseling and TWO FIRST TIME DECISIONS! What was precious was that the two



girls who made professions seemed so sincere and during the follow up when I asked them if they went to church they both said: "No, we don't go to church, that is why we come to Good News Club." (So pray for kids and families who don't go to church, that they'd find a solid church family.) The third inquirer was my grandson Clayton who has now had about 100 times praying for assurance of salvation! But the precious thing was that he and I were like a team when I counseled the two girls. I would introduce the page of the Wordless Book and Clayton would give the explanation. And he did it flawlessly I might add! Club concluded with the kids making a (continued on page 2)

A JOY to be a Helper

Patty Arvidson

When I am teaching a Good News Club, I don't usually get to do the "counseling" for kids who respond to the invitation to receive Jesus as Savior. I have sometimes taken those counseling volunteers for granted. Helping Nancy Krieger with Eastern Elementary in Lexington has given me a renewed appreciation for how wonderful it is to have helpers who are trained to do that. It also reminded me of what a joy it is to help children begin their walk with Jesus and continue to help them grow.

Before Christmas, I had many opportunities to answer kids' questions. At the Christmas party club, one fourth grader said, "I want to believe, but I don't know if I really believe. Sometimes I pray and pray, but I wonder if God hears me. Sometimes bad things still happen." I told her there was a man in the Bible who was asked if he believed. He said, "Help my unbelief." I gave her a "Good News" tract and encouraged her to pray and ask God to help her believe. At the first club meeting after Christmas, she responded to

the invitation, but told me she wanted to ask her question last. After the others left, she said, "You gave me this little booklet and told me to ask God to help me believe. Today, I want you to know that I choose to believe." We prayed together and she prayed to trust in Jesus. We talked a little more, and she thanked Jesus for saving her. I prayed for her. Then she wrote her name and the date that she was born into God's forever family. Please rejoice with us in this decision and pray for the children who choose to believe.

Centerburg Surging with Energy!



GNC volunteer Sandy McDowell does a lovely job of reporting weekly on Centerburg's after school Good News Club. Here is some of what she shared as they just started up in January.

Week one in January: We had a good first night, with 14 in attendance. The kids seemed eager and ready to release all their energy on singing,

dancing and games! In the next few weeks, Pastor Mark (pictured above with the kids) will be teaching about the Wordless Book. Tonight's first page was gold, representing Heaven, where God is and wants us to be there with Him. But no sin can enter there. One of the games we played was tic-tac-toe. The kids really enjoyed

that one. (Note: Sandy also shares kids' prayer requests in her reports which we share with our CEF Prayer Sub Committee. Some of the home lives are very difficult for these children.) **Week two in January:** We had another good night at the Good News Club. There were 21 in attendance. All were hyped up and ready to go! (Pictured to the left, 11 kids learned their memory verse from last week. Romans 3:23, including our youngest Joel at 4yrs old!) They're never too young to learn! Pastor Mark continued his lesson on the Wordless Book. Gold for Heaven, where God is, black for the sin that will keep us out of Heaven, and red, last night, for the blood of Jesus that washes our sins away and allows us to enter Heaven.

One of the games we played, that the kids seem to enjoy, was trying to unscramble 1 Corinthians 15:3,4 to put this week's memory verse in order. (Note ariel view below) Sandy concluded with prayer requests for week two. The love and trust that the volunteers build with the children shows with what is requested each week. Please remember to pray for the kids and workers.



Joy in Winter (cont'd from page 1)



chain of love, peace and hope using construction paper. This craft was then given as a gift to the new principal, Mr. Burras. Each class raced to see who would make the longest chain in the allotted time and the third grade won. You can see the completed chain decorating the principal's office and adjoining secretary's office (see picture above). What a privilege we have to be able to

share the Good News in public schools! That concluded Pastor Mike's sharing, and he always includes appreciation for the many volunteers at the Bellville GNC. They actually have three clubs, one for K-1st, 2nd-3rd and 4th-5th grade. Below are Logan and Christian who were doing a scavenger hunt in the cafeteria to find Christmas costumes and put them on for fun! Thanks for praying for the GNC kids and volunteers.

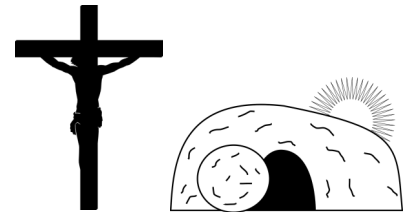




February 2024 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Praise God for the nearly 500 children saved in 2023.
- 2) Last day to RSVP for Pastors' Luncheon on Feb. 22nd. (Pray for God to be glorified in this event.)
- 3) Praise God for the Budd Good News Club® in Loudonville and Dan and Melissa Fruth who lead the club.
- 4) Thank God for the parents who allow their children to attend GNC's.
- 5) Pray for President Jeremiah Cho as he continues to strive to get the CEF ministry in every country of the world!
- 6) Thank God for newest committee members Jon Dech and Bob Maxey.
- 7) Pray for wise use of time for Dale as he strives to be an effective Director.
- 8) Pray for the Local CEF Committee meeting tonight in Mansfield.
- 9) Thank God for the Christmas Party Club (CPC) outreach. (Today at 9:00 am on Zoom is CPC celebration day around the world!
- 10) Praise God that "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty" (Ps. 91:1).
- 11) Pray lots of GNC kids will invite friends to Valentine parties this week!
- 12) Praise God for 20 GNCs so far this year. A few more clubs starting soon!
- 13) Praise God for over \$3,000 raised last year through Fueled by Prayer! Thank God for Sue Packard who promotes this ministry in our local area.
- 14) Valentine's Day! "Beloved, let us love one another..." (1 John 4:7).
- 15) Pray for more people to be willing to pray faithfully on Fueled By Prayer.
- 16) Pray for wisdom for the CEF Office Manager, Sue Baer.
- 17) Thank God for the opportunity to have GNCs in the schools.
- 18) Thank God for Patty Arvidson and her faithful service to the Lord.
- 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 all CEF supporters.
- 22) Pray for God to work in hearts at the

- CEF of MARCK Pastors' Luncheon today at the Ontario Event Center.
- 23) Ask God to continue to take care of committee member, Gail Graham, in the loss of her husband.
- 24) Pray for strength and guidance for OH CEF State Director Kyle Latchaw.
- 25) Praise God for Banquet Fundraiser and Chairperson, Shirley Davidson.
- 26) Thank God for our Treasurer, Mark Boyd.
- 27) Praise for Ann Hulver, coordinator of the Mailbox Club® ministry. She corresponds with kids/teens/adults.
- 28) Pray for many children to be saved at Good News Clubs this year.
- 29) Be their shield in mind, heart and body (Psalm 28:7).



March 2024 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Guide Pastor TJ Hahn as he continues as our CEF Ministry Coordinator.
- 2) Pray for God to be glorified at this Easter Party Club training 10-12 today at Woodville Grace Brethren Church.
- 3) Praise God for His unfailing love!
- 4) Lord, let your favor rest upon my children (Psalm 90:17).
- 5) "Oh sing to the Lord a NEW SONG..." (Psalm 96:1)
- 6) Pray for wisdom for the CEF committee meeting tomorrow night in Mansfield.
- 7) Last Day of Twin Oak GNC. Pray for JOY and the Holy Spirit to work.
- 8) Lord, help parents to raise their kids in the discipline & instruction of the Lord.
- 9) Pray for a CEF Committee rep from Crawford & Morrow county.
- 10) Pray for Good News Clubs to start in the country of North Korea!
- 11) Thank God for Tony Masevice, our new CEF of Ohio Treasurer!
- 12) Pray for good conclusion for Budd and Central Good News Clubs today.
- 13) Thank God for His faithful financial provision and ask Him to guide with future staffing of CEF of MARCK.
- 14) Pray for the **Fundraising Banquet** today at Berean at 6:30 PM. Pray for God's blessing on our guest speaker, Dr. Ben Lee, president of In His Steps.
- 15) Pray for the students and staff at Christian Youth In Action® Spring Retreat tonight and tomorrow.
- 16) Pray for Barb Long and Kaye Hahn as they serve on our local committee.
- 17) **St. Patrick's Day! Pray that we would witness boldly as St. Patrick did.**
- 18) Praise God for His mercy and grace.
- 19) Ask God for spiritual discipline for all workers.
- 20) Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! (Psalm 107:5)

- 21) We rejoice in the love and commitment of our workers.
- 22) Thank God for our CEF Prayer Committee: Sue Packard, Connie Rhodebeck, Mary Elkins, and Nancy Ryan.
- 23) Pray for godly friends for the kids.
- 24) **Palm Sunday!** Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
- 25) Praise God for kids to be saved this year that they will grow in Christ.
- 26) Pray for kids and families on their spring breaks for protection and rest!
- 27) Lord, help children today be thankful and content (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
- 28) Help kids love Your Word.
- 29) Pray for **CEF Press** as they prepare and print materials for ministry.
- 30) Pray for more churches to partner with CEF to start more school GNCs.
- 31) **Easter Sunday!** He is RISEN! He is RISEN INDEED! Up from the grave He AROSE with a MIGHTY triumph o'er His foes!





Dr. Ben Lee

We are blessed to have the president of the In His Steps Foundation, Dr. Ben Lee, as our guest speaker for this year's fundraising banquet.

Our CEF chapter has been receiving grants each year for

15 plus years and we have received over \$100,000 to expand the ministry to reach more children with the Gospel for which we are very thankful.

We are excited to share with you at the banquet how God is blessing this ministry through church partnerships! We are planning to show a video of how a local church is growing through the Good News Club ministry.

Please call or text (419-512-6724, Dale Baer) by March 1st if you plan to attend this exciting fundraising banquet.

“LIGHT the WAY”

CEF of MARCK
(Morrow, Ashland, Richland, Crawford and Knox Counties)

Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, March 14th
6:30-8:30 pm

Berean Baptist Church
2145 Middle-Bellville Road, Mansfield
(Enter doors K and E)
RSVP Deadline: March 1st



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If your son or daughter is 12 years of age or older and is interested in reaching children with the Gospel this summer, then the CYIA Spring Retreat would be a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to meet other youth from all across Ohio who also are desiring to win children for Jesus!



Register TODAY! Spring CYIA Retreat!

March 15-16, 2024

Location: Camp Inspiration Hills

4819 West Easton Rd., Burbank, OH

Cost: \$50 (Includes lodging & 3 meals)

RSVP by March 1st

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If students are 15 years of age or older and would like to teach summer 5-Day Clubs® they can even get paid to reach children for Christ. Call the CEF Office for more information.