

WELCOME TO THE

MARCK MESSENGER

*CEF of MARCK Morrow, Ashland, Richland, Crawford,
and Knox Counties*

GOOD NEWS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025

Wow! Eighteen kids, 3 parents and one adult big brother attended our very fun Twin Oak “Backwards Christmas” Party at Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene in Mount Vernon! We had a great time sharing the true meaning of Christmas through story, songs, and games! Even the parents who sat at a “guest table” in the back smilingly participated!

A Special Moment: Three young men responded to David’s invitation after the Bible lesson. Before heading to a side Sunday School room for counseling, one 3rd grade boy walked to the back, approached his dad, extended his hand, and invited him to join him. His father smiled politely and declined, so his son went without him. But our teammate, Connie approached the father and encouraged him to go. What a delight to welcome our student’s very tall dad to our discussion!

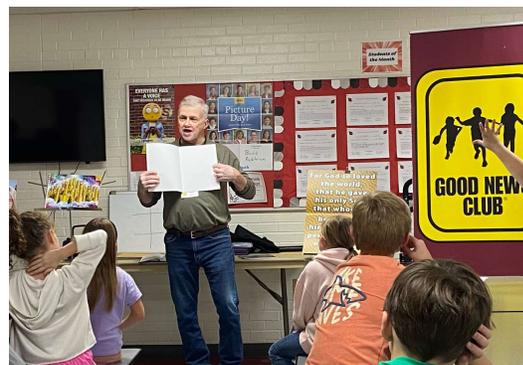
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The chairs were quite tiny. The three boys were VERY surprised to be joined by a guest father and became very serious. Their questions led to a natural explanation of the salvation message. The boys were able to read verses from the Bible to find their answers and then we discussed what they read for further clarity. We prayed, gave them each a tract and encouraged them to share what they know about Jesus with their friends and family. All three boys had made earlier salvation decisions at previous clubs.

I remembered that “P” had asked for prayer for his father at an earlier club. How kind of God to let him share this moment with his dad – who seemed to respond warmly. What a beautiful answer to a son’s prayer!

— article by Lois Carter —

GOOD NEWS CLUB AT BUDD



I had the distinct pleasure of conversing with Mr. Dan Fruth who leads the Good News Club for CE Budd School in Loudonville Ohio.

Dan worked with his students just prior to their Christmas break on how to share the Wordless Book with friends and family. Dan created a larger Wordless Book visual aid for his students.

He impressed upon them the importance of obedience to the Word of God and explained the Great Commission, to go and share the Gospel. He led the children through the verses explaining each one and encouraging them on how to share each verse with their friends.

He helped them to understand the why behind the colors of the Wordless Book and the scriptures themselves.

To his great pleasure, 5 of his students reported sharing the Gospel with their friends during their Christmas break! How precious are the feet of those who go and share the Good News of Jesus Christ! What a blessing Dan is for his students and his community.

— article by Angela Connolly —



UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Tom Sholtis to the Local CEF Committee.



It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mr. Tom Sholtis to our local CEF Committee. Tom and his wife,

Cindy, serve the Lord faithfully as members of Berean Baptist Church in Mansfield. Tom recently retired from teaching and still occasionally subs for high school classes. A native of Canton, Ohio, Tom grew up in a Christian family that was quite involved at church. Tom accepted Jesus as his Savior at age 12 during a revival service with a visiting evangelist. He knew at that point that his salvation needed to be a personal relationship with Jesus and that he could not trust in his parents' commitment to the Lord to cover for him. Tom continued to be involved at church, attending youth services, church camp, and began to sing in choir while in college. Tom has served two terms on the deacon board at Berean helping the congregation grow in Christ. Tom has also enjoyed the opportunity to help the local director, Dale Baer, at county fairs with registration at the CEF Wordless Book Tent. We are thankful to God for leading Tom to serve on our local committee.

🎉 What Are Party Clubs?

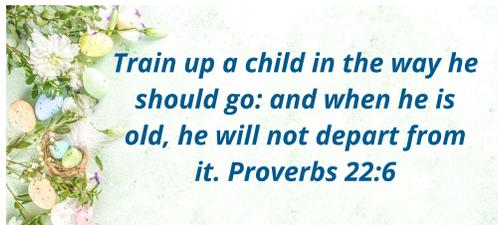
- One-time children's ministry events run by Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) volunteers.
- Designed to share the Gospel with both churched and unchurched children.
- Led by Good News Club® teachers, Sunday school workers, and other trained volunteers.

📖 What a Party Club Includes

- A Gospel-centered Bible lesson
- Games, songs, and a memory verse
- Themed activities (holiday or topical)

Easter Party Club Local Training!

- Saturday, March 21 (10-12 Noon)
- Location: CEF Office (535 Beer Road, Ontario, OH 44906)
- Theme: **"Always True Treasure Hunt"**
- RSVP (419-512-6724, Dale Baer) by March 18, 2026.



How you can support the Ministry.

1. **Volunteer:** Engage in various volunteer opportunities such as teaching a Good News Club, assisting with administrative tasks, or helping at events. Your time and skills can make a significant difference in the lives of young ones.
2. **Donate:** Contribute to the organization to provide resources, training, and programs that reach children with the message of Jesus Christ. Your support enables the spread of the Gospel to boys and girls around the world.
3. **Participate in Events:** Attend and support upcoming events organized by CEF of MARCK to witness the impact of their work firsthand. By getting involved, you can help ensure that the message of Jesus Christ reaches every child, every nation, every day.





FEBRUARY 2026 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Praise God for 331 children who prayed for salvation last year in our area.
- 2) Thank God for snow and all the days off school that the kids have enjoyed!
- 3) Thank God for all the churches supporting CEF reaching children for Jesus.
- 4) Praise God for 15 Good Clubs®(GNC®) reaching almost 300 kids in this chapter.
- 5) Pray for **CEF President Jeremiah Cho** that God would help him lead the worldwide ministry to reach 100 million children/year by the year 2032.
- 6) Pray for youth to register by TODAY for the **CYIA Winter Retreat** on Feb. 20-21.
- 7) Ask God to put on hearts the burden for serving on our Local Committee.
- 8) Thank God for the **Coins for Kids** donations from many faithful supporters.
- 9) Thank God for the over 100 amazing Mansfield Christian School 9th and 10th grade students who received training on the Wordless Book in January!
- 10) Pray that some of these students will want to take the summer CYIA training.
- 11) Pray wisdom for CEF of Ohio State Director, **Mike Todd**.
- 12) Pray for 30 CEF Banquet table hosts or hostesses by TOMORROW!
- 13) Pray for the **Ashland County Pastors' Breakfast** today at 7:30 AM. Pray for pastors to see the CEF vision.
- 14) **Valentine's Day!** Ask God to help us to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and love our neighbor as ourselves (Mt. 22:38-39).
- 15) Pray for more people to be willing to pray faithfully on **Fueled By Prayer**.
- 16) Pray for wisdom for the CEF Office Manager, Angie Connolly.
- 17) Thank God for the GNC re-starting today at Central Elementary in Lexington!
- 18) Thank God for **Doug Lillo** who is starting a GNC soon at Wynford Elementary School near Bucyrus.
- 19) Please pray for more churches to partner with CEF to do more GNCs.
- 20) Pray for the **CYIA™** (Christian Youth In Action®) **Winter Retreat** starting today at Inspiration Hills Camp.
- 21) Pray for youth going home today that they will be excited about summer ministry coming up and get registered right away!
- 22) Praise God for his love! (John 3:16)
- 23) Ask God to strengthen **Mark Boyd** as he serves on the CEF committee as Treasurer and Interim Chairman.
- 24) Pray for wisdom & direction for the CEF local committee meeting tonight.
- 25) Thank God for **Shirley Davidson** who is planning the CEF Banquet.
- 26) Thank God for our CEF local committee secretary, **Kara Kapustar**.
- 27) Thank God for **Ann Hulver**, Mailbox Club Coordinator. She corresponds with kids/teens/adults.
- 28) Thank God for His Word and the power of the Holy Spirit that we can realize God's power and grace and share His love with the children all around us!



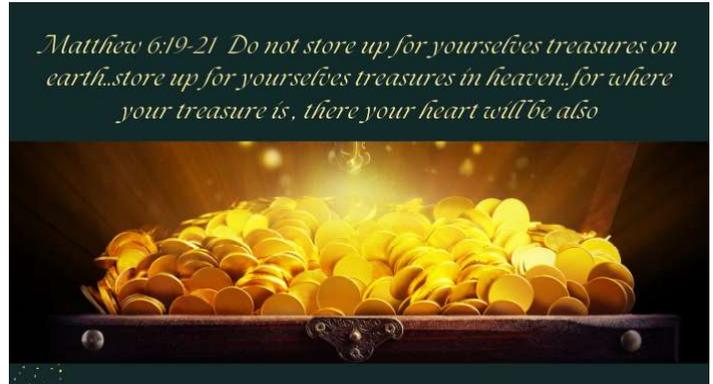
MARCH 2026 PRAISE & PRAYER

- 1) Pray that children's thoughts would be centered on God's Word.
- 2) Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, oh Lord my Rock and my redeemer.
- 3) Ask God to guard children's eyes and protect their innocence.
- 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 many CYIA to register for the summer training before May 15th.
- 7) Pray for many people to attend the Children in Crisis Conference on 3/16.
- 8) Lord, help parents to raise their kids in the discipline and instruction in the Lord.
- 9) Pray for good conclusion for Budd and Central Good News Clubs tomorrow.
- 10) Pray for wisdom and unity for the CEF local committee meeting tonight.
- 11) Thank God for Tom Sholtis, the newest member of the CEF local committee.
- 12) Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! (Psalm 107:5)
- 13) Pray for people to RSVP by TODAY for the CEF Banquet on March 24.
- 14) Pray for CEF Press as they prepare and print materials for ministry.
- 15) Pray for God to raise up Christian Youth in Action teens for the summer.
- 16) Pray for the Children in Crisis Conference (March 16-18) at the Ark Encounter with Ken Hamm speaking!
- 17) **St. Patrick's Day!** Pray that we would witness boldly as St. Patrick did.
- 18) Thank God for our **CEF Prayer Committee: Sue Packard, Connie Rhodebeck, Mary Elkins and Nancy Ryan**.
- 19) Praise God for His faithfulness!
- 20) **Thank God for this FIRST DAY OF SPRING!** To God be the glory!
- 21) Pray for the **Easter Party Club** training today (10-12) at the CEF office.
- 22) Pray for churches to partner with CEF for the summer fair ministry again.
- 23) Pray for godly friends for the kids.
- 24) Pray for the **Fundraising Banquet** today at Berean at 6:30 PM. Pray for God's blessing on those sharing on what God is doing locally through CEF.
- 25) Pray for committee reps from Ashland, Crawford, Morrow and Knox counties.
- 26) Praise God for His sovereignty.
- 27) Lord, help us all to be thankful and content (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
- 28) Pray for **Barb Long**, as she serves faithfully on the CEF local committee.
- 29) Lord, help people plan now to reach children this summer through 5-Day Clubs® in backyards, churches and wherever children gather!
- 30) Pray for lots of soccer party clubs to be scheduled this summer as people are getting excited about the World Cup!
- 31) Pray for children to grow in their faith and for their families to join a local church.



Annual Fundraising Banquet 2026

Please be our guest for this year's annual fundraising event. Our theme is "Treasures in Heaven" This event will be held on Tuesday March 24th at Berean Baptist Church. The church is located at 2145 Middle Bellville Rd in Mansfield. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP no later than March 13th. If you are interested in hosting a table, please contact Dale Baer @ 419-512-6724 so that we may get a host/hostess packet out to you ASAP.



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Office Manager: Angie Connolly

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Secretary: Kara Kapustar

Members: Sue Packard

Barb Long

Tom Sholtis

Volunteers:

Mailbox Club® Coordinator: Ann Hulver

County Fair Coordinator for Richland, Crawford

and Ashland County: Craig Hamm

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