

Capital Clips

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Good News Club®

“*Good News Club®* is so fun!”

We love to hear these words come out of the mouths of the children that attend *Good News Club*. When they run to the room where the club meets each week, you know they are very excited to be there.

Clubs have started at Attwood, North, and Riddle schools in Lansing; Alaiedon, North Aurelius, and Steele Schools in Mason; two released time clubs that meet monthly; two clubs that meet at churches, and the bi-weekly club at the City Rescue Mission of Lansing.

In a recent club, as the teacher was talking about the red page of *The Wordless Book* and showing the visual that went with it, one boy said, “That shouldn’t have happened. Jesus shouldn’t have died. Those others guys were being punished for their sin, but Jesus had no sin.” The teacher reminded the boy (and all the children) that Jesus did have to die in order for your sin and mine to be forgiven.

At the *Good News Club* at Riddle Elementary, three children responded to the invitation to trust Jesus as Savior. Many children at the school are asking for permission slips. God also brought two helpers from unexpected places.

This was shared by the GNC™ worker at the City Rescue Mission: “As the teacher was ending the Bible lesson, she declared the mothers were waiting so we would close. One little girl, age five, looked at me surprised and said, ‘We’re done already?! But that’s not fair! I wanted to keep learning!’”

A girl at a Mason school attended *Good News Club* at another school last year and thought she would miss out on attending this year. When she heard her new school had a *Good News Club*, she was so excited and eager to attend.

Please pray for each of these clubs:

- ◆ For the teaching teams to be well prepared and ready to work together.
- ◆ For the children to have willing hearts to cooperate and hear the message from the Word of God.
- ◆ For the parents of those children: to hear the truths of what the children are learning in club.

Church Partnership

God has opened the doors to public schools in America through the Supreme Court decision on June 11, 2001, and it is a decision that has not gone unchallenged. But as long as the doors are open, there remains an amazing opportunity to change the future of a generation of children where they are – in school through an after-school *Good News Club*.

In the five-county area of CEF of MI, Capital Area Chapter, there are 40 school districts, 121 public elementary schools, and 43,230 children enrolled in these schools (2022 statistics). Right now, we have clubs in four of the districts with children from eight schools enrolled in clubs. The schools are open for *Good News Club*! We need volunteers willing to take the Word of God to the children.

Will you take a 30-day challenge to pray for Good News Clubs?



Week 1—pray for the children in the schools closest to you.

Week 2—pray for the parents of those children.

Week 3—pray for the teachers and administrators of those schools

Week 4—pray for yourself, that God will put you on mission to do what you can to reach the children with the gospel.



Christmas Party Club Training

Saturday, Nov. 11, 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Faith Bible Church, 5211 W. St. Joe Hwy, Lansing, MI

Lesson: *God Keeps His Promises*



All Around the world, *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® is using Christmas Party Clubs to impact children who might never hear the Gospel in a church.

Last year, worldwide, there were 169,000 Christmas Party Clubs with 6 million children enrolled and 1.7 million children trusting Christ as their Savior.

Your church can impact the life of the children in your community by taking the true Christmas Story into a local elementary school near you to share the Gospel with children.

We can set up a training with your church if you cannot make it to the training on November 11. Call the office today for more information.

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Upcoming Events:

- ♦ **Teaching Children Effectively™ 1 course**—Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec 7, Dec. 14
- ♦ **Christian Youth In Action® Leadership Team Meeting**—Nov. 9
- ♦ **CEF presentation** at Graham Community Church—November 12
- ♦ **Released Time Club** in Potterville; Committee Meeting—November 14, December 12
- ♦ **Released Time Club in Durand**—November 21, December 19
- ♦ **Good News Clubs** continue through December 21, then resume again in January.
- ♦ **Good News Club Workers Training Seminar**—Saturday, January 13, 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to attend, whether or not you teach a *Good News Club*.
- ♦ **Committee Meeting**—December 12
- ♦ **Teaching Children Effectively Level 2** Thursdays, 6:30—9:30 p.m. January 25—April 4, 2024.
You must have your Teaching Children Effectively 1 certificate and be using what you learned in TCE™ 1 on a regular basis. Contact our office to learn more: 517-322-0001 or capreacef@gmail.com.



New Committee Members:

We are very excited to welcome two new members to the local chapter committee: Alex Cleland and Becky Hiebert.

Alex was a summer missionary for five years, teaching the *5-Day Club®* program, helping in fair ministry, and teaching in Good News Clubs. Due to his current job, he is not available to help in clubs any longer but he will be a valuable part of the committee because of his experience as a teen.

Becky is the youth pastor and church secretary at Aurelius Baptist Church. She has been helping in the *Good News Club* at North Aurelius School in Mason for several years.

Ways you can help:

- ♦ Help process newsletter—January 10, March 6, May 8, July 10, September 11
- ♦ Provide paper supplies for the office: toilet tissue, napkins, paper towels, paper plates, copy paper (white), colored copy paper, cardstock, 6 3/4 size envelopes, labels (Avery 5160)
- ♦ Provide prizes for children in clubs: bouncy balls, pencils, small toys, novelty toys, homemade bookmarks



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Chapter Finances

We are so thankful for the special gifts that have been received from many individuals. Those special gifts help to meet the shortfall in regular giving.

Here is a breakdown of expenses anticipated for 2024. These numbers do not include any raises, increase of hours for Elias, or adding another part time staff member.

General Fund, training, fundraising	\$3,790 per month needed
Club and fair ministry	\$541 per month needed
Staff wages	\$7,483 per month needed
Total monthly need	\$11,814

In order for this ministry to grow, more staff is needed. For more staff to be added, more funds will be needed to pay them a competitive wage.

Currently, each of the staff are receiving an hourly wage that compares to a worker at McDonalds or less. Elias desires to be full time and needs an hourly wage that will support him and his wife. Vivian Brown, a young lady who has been a summer missionary for four years, desires to join the staff.

Will you pray with us that God will put it on the hearts of people and churches to add CEF of MI, Capital Area Chapter to their monthly giving schedule?

Will you consider an end of the year gift to this ministry to help us finish the year in the black?

You can send your gift of any amount, by check, to:
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You can also donate online: capareacef.org/donate using PayPal or Venmo or scan the QR code to take you to the donate page.

Child Evangelism Fellowship will make every effort to honor the contribution designation of the donor, yet contributions must be under the direction and control of CEF®. CEF has the discretion to determine how to best use contributions to carry out its functions and purposes. Such control of the funds by CEF is required to ensure the donor's contributions satisfy requirements for tax-deductibility.

Please continue to pray for Elias and Bezawit. She is waiting for her immigration visa interview to be scheduled. Once she has this interview, she should get the visa and be able to come to the USA legally. They are praying she will be able to come some time in January.

As the year draws to a close, we pray that you will see God at work in your life, drawing you closer to Him.

We want to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas as you celebrate the goodness of God with family and friends.

