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### **5-Day Clubs**

17 Clubs  
335 Children  
9 Trusted Christ as  
Savior  
  
1 Ice Cream Party  
Club—2 children

### **Fairs**

3 events,  
1032 children,  
89 trusted Christ as  
Savior



# Capital Clips Sept/Oct 2024

## Summer Ministry 2024

From July 8—August 16, our summer missionaries and staff have been busy sharing the Gospel with the children in 5-Day Clubs and at the fair. Six of these summer missionaries went to *Christian Youth In Action*<sup>®</sup> training in late June, four of them attended our *5-Day Club*<sup>®</sup> basic training. All of them had an impact on the lives of the children they taught.



One boy came to club for the very first time to check it out. At the end of the club that day he told his dad he wanted to come every day to the club.

At another club, Honor and Will arrived at the club location and two children came up to them and said they just trusted Christ as their Savior together in their home right before the summer missionaries arrived at the club.



When John realized he would be teaching a certain club, he was a bit concerned because this particular club had been very difficult in past years. He began to pray for the children and for himself. He said, “This has been the best week of clubs ever at this place. God gave me a good attitude and helped the children have a cooperative spirit.”



We are truly grateful for John, Mary, Honorlyn, William, Isaiah, Asa, Gideon, Titus, Micaiah, Axel, and Zariah. God used each one of them to share His love with children this summer.



## Good News Clubs

School has started and that means Good News Clubs will be starting soon. We have been working to get school facility use forms submitted, prepare the permission slips to hand out to the children, and preparing for our *Good News Club*® Workers Kickoff training on Saturday, September 14.

**WE NEED YOU!** Each school club needs at least three workers, four is even better. If you can give 90 minutes one day a week to go to a school club and help with taking attendance, sitting with the children, handing out snacks, helping with packing up their things, etc., you can be a part of a GNC™ team. We are looking for additional helpers for Riddle, Attwood, and North Elementary Schools in Lansing; Wilcox and Sycamore Elementary in Holt; North Aurelius and Alaiedon Schools in Mason; Red Cedar School in East Lansing; and Cole Academy in Lansing.

If you want to learn more about what the *Good News Club* is all about, you can call our office, go online to [capareacef.org](http://capareacef.org) or [cefonline.com](http://cefonline.com) to learn more.

### **Your church can partner with CEF® to reach children who may never come to your church!**

You can have a huge impact on the lives of children in your community. The *Good News Club* conducted in an elementary school has the potential to reach dozens of children and their families with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

CEF has the program, curriculum, access to the schools, and help you need to get you started in a club this fall. Please contact our office for more information. (517-322-0001, [capareacef@gmail.com](mailto:capareacef@gmail.com), [capareacef.org](http://capareacef.org))

### **Good News Clubs this fall:**

City Rescue Mission of Lansing, Women and Children's Center

Lansing: Attwood Elementary      North Elementary      Riddle Elementary      Cole Academy

Holt: Sycamore      Wilcox

Mason: Alaiedon      North Aurelius

Lakewood Elementary (Lake Odessa) East Lansing: Red Cedar School

### **News from the staff**

#### **From the Hammars:**

Instead of full retirement, Doug chose to become part-time staff, as of July 1. He is enjoying his extra time at home. Maryann is continuing her responsibilities as the local director, CEF of MI teacher training coordinator, and CYIA™ director.

We were able to take some time away from CEF and go to the Ark Encounter. It was amazing!

This fall, Maryann will be traveling to Lapeer on Thursdays and two Saturdays, to help teach in a Teaching Children Effectively™ 1 course and evaluating instructors teaching that course for the first time.

We start our *Good News Club* at Riddle School on September 19, and the Release Time Clubs in October.

### **Breaking News from Elias!**

After three years of hoping and praying for a child, we are overjoyed to share some incredible news! While we considered adoption as an option, we decided to keep praying and waiting for further guidance. Despite the challenges we've faced, we've held onto hope and faith.

Following a recent trip to Ethiopia to assist Bezawit with medical care and support my mom after the loss of her father, we are pleased to report that Bezawit's health has improved and we were delighted to reunite. During my time apart, while I was busy with the 5-Day Club ministry and fair here, Bezawit discovered she might be pregnant. After several positive home tests, we sought confirmation from the hospital, and we are thrilled to announce that Bezawit is indeed pregnant, currently three months and fourteen days along!

We chose to wait before sharing this news to ensure everything was progressing smoothly. Bezawit is in good health, though she is experiencing some morning sickness, which is normal during pregnancy.

As we embark on this new chapter as first-time parents, we ask for your prayers and support. We are excited and grateful and can't wait to welcome our child into the world sometime in February!

God is good, and we are blessed. Thank you for sharing in our joy!

### **From Vivian:**

As the summer comes to a close, I look back on the many events of the season with such fondness.

My summer began with attending *Christian Youth in Action* as the social life coordinator and staff. Of my five years at CYIA this year was absolutely my favorite. I taught my first class, I coordinated and led the free-time activities and team games, lead a small group, grew in my friendships with all the staff members, and made so many fantastic memories.

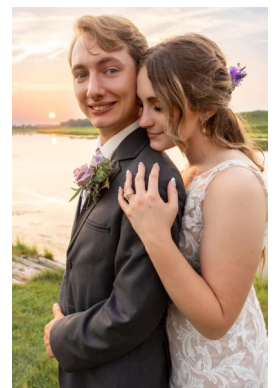
The last week of July. I had the opportunity to be the director of the "Beginnergarten" at Eaton Rapids Camp Meeting. I coordinated the activities, snacks, and programming for 12 3- to 6-year-olds. This was a huge role that required many late-night planning sessions. However, I am greatly looking forward to directing this program again in 2025.

Lastly, I am ecstatic to announce my name change from being Miss Vivian Brown to Mrs. Vivian Yoder. On August 2 I married the love of my life, LaVern Yoder. I could not have wished for a more perfect wedding; it was truly a dream come true.

This summer has truly been a whirlwind. I often felt as though I was running from one thing to the next without a break. However, the events of this summer have helped me to recognize the gifts the LORD has given me and the blessings He continually lavishes upon me.

Many blessings and prayers for a fantastic September,

Vivian Yoder



We are now using Prayvine for our weekly Praise and Prayer Requests. If you are not receiving these prayer request emails and would like to, just send an email to [capareace@gmail.com](mailto:capareace@gmail.com) and we will add you to the list.

## Teaching Children Effectively™ Level 1

TCE™ is a 33-hour course that will equip you to effectively teach and evangelize children in your world while there is still time.

A certificate will be awarded to all who successfully complete this course. Five Continuing Education Units can be earned for Christian school teachers or child care workers. An additional \$10 will be charged for the Continuing Education Units certificate.

### Prerequisites:

- ◆ Be a born-again Christian.
- ◆ Be at least 15 years of age.
- ◆ Be willing to participate in class activities including homework and practicum sessions.

### Course fee: \$125

Payment: Cash or check to CEF

Credit/debit card-go to  
[capareacef.org/donate](https://capareacef.org/donate)

You can choose PayPal (please add \$4 to cover PayPal fees); Venmo, or Zeffy.

Indicate that your payment is for TCE 1 course.

### Thursday Evenings:

**6:15—9:30 p.m.**

Sep. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24,

Nov. 7, 14, 21, Dec. 5.

**Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.**

November 2, and Nov. 30

At the CEF of MI, Capital Area Office  
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Contact: 517-322-0001 or [Capareacef@gmail.com](mailto:Capareacef@gmail.com);  
Online registration: <https://capareacef.org/teaching-children-effectively-tm>

Please register by September 18, 2024

### A new boiler and other needs

We are raising funds right now to have a new boiler installed at the CEF office. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 to cover the cost of the boiler, installation, and any unexpected materials that may need to be purchased in order to complete the installation. At this time we have received \$8,920 toward this need.

Please pray for God to supply this huge need. If you would like to help with this expense, you can give online or by mail.

Online: Go to [capareacef.org/donate](https://capareacef.org/donate). There are three ways to give: PayPal (they take 3 percent out for fees), Venmo, or \*Zeffy. Please indicate that your donation is for the boiler. Any donations given for the boiler that are not needed for this need will be used for the general expenses of the ministry.

You can also send a check to: CEF of MI, Capital Area Chapter, 4215 W. Mt. Hope Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917 and put on the memo line that it is for the boiler.

As you pray for God to provide the finances for a new boiler, please also pray for His provision for the regular expenses of ministry, like staff support, club ministry, office expenses, and mileage reimbursement. Contributions for staff support are about \$1,100 less than what is needed each month to meet payroll.

\*If you want to pay with Zeffy, there is a place to make a donation to Zeffy. You can click on the suggested donation and make that "0" if you do not want to make a contribution to Zeffy.

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