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Capital Clips Newsletter

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We are so thankful for all the children who have attended *Good News Club*® and all the teaching teams that God put together to teach these clubs. There are 41 people committed to working in 12 clubs this school year, with 232 children who have attended club at least one time.



In one club a child asked: “Can Satan be saved?” After receiving a Bible, a boy sat in the foyer waiting for his parent. He opened the Bible and read Genesis 1:1. Mr. Hammar asked him what that verse meant. The boys’ reply was: “Well, God made everything!”

It is so exciting to see the growth in the children who attend clubs. For many of them, Good News Club is their church.

Will you pray for God to bring teams from area churches that will take the Gospel to the children in the elementary schools in the Greater Lansing area?



Christian Youth In Action™ is a summer ministry opportunity for teens 13 and older. It consists of one week of intense training at a camp in northern Michigan, one week of continued training and practice 5-Day Clubs in the local chapter, then six weeks of ministry to children through 5-Day Clubs and fair ministry.



CYIA Training: June 13 – 20, 2026 at The Springs Ministries in Gladwin, Michigan; June 22 – 26, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the CEF of MI, Capital Area Office and clubs in Lansing. Pray with us that God would bring 10 teens from the Lansing area to attend CYIA training this year.

Summer Ministry Opportunities:

Child Evangelism Fellowship® wants to help you impact the children in your neighborhood with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our summer 5-Day Club ministry. 5-Day Clubs meet for 5 days (Monday -Friday) for 90 minutes each day. Children learn memory verses, hear Bible lessons, sing fun songs, and play fun interactive games!

CEF® will provide the summer missionaries, tracts, prizes and invitations for all clubs. The host/hostess of the 5-Day Club is responsible for inviting the children to the club and for providing a snack for the children (if one is given).

5-Day Clubs being scheduled for: June 22-26 (1:30-3:00 pm only); July 6-10; July 20 - 24; July 27 – 31; August 10 – 14

Clubs take place between 10:30 AM—5:00 PM

Scan the QR Code or go to capareacef.org to sign up for 5-Day Clubs.

<https://capareacef.org/5-day-club-host-sign-up/>

You can also call our office to schedule your club. (517-322-0001)





Interested in helping in the fair ministry?

Eaton County Fair July 13-18, 2026

Ingham County Fair August 3 – 8, 2026

We are at the fairs from 12:00 noon—about 7:00 PM each day, Monday—Saturday. Volunteers are needed to help in this ministry. You can come for a few hours one day; every day for a few hours; all day for one day -Whatever works best with your schedule. Training on face painting and sharing the Bible Lesson are available.



Financial News:

God continues to provide for the needs of this ministry. We are grateful for those who give each month so that boys and girls can hear the truth of the Gospel.

In the first two months of 2026, the expenses averaged \$2,376 per month more than contributions, most of that is due to lack of staff support, which pays staff wages.

Doug & Maryann Hammar Support is behind \$1,531 per month

Elias Abdi support is behind \$554 per month

Vivian Yoder support is behind \$295 per month

There are also several projects we are working on right now that require funds.

- ◆ New hot water heater for the office—we've received quotes between \$1,600 - \$2,200.
- ◆ Summer ministry expenses will be about \$10,000. This includes fair fees, mileage reimbursement, and paying two summer missionaries for 6 weeks of ministry.
- ◆ Scholarships for CYIA™ training – up to \$200 per student if funds can be raised
- ◆ Restroom on the main floor of the office - Estimates for this project range from \$12,000 - \$16,000. If we move forward with this project, we will begin a fundraising campaign for this particular project.

Please pray with us that God would move in the hearts of people and churches to support this ministry and to provide the funds for the projects listed above.

If you would like to become a monthly partner or give a special gift, you can go to capareacef.org and click on the donate button. Or send your check to: CEF of MI, Capital Area Chapter, 4215 W. Mt. Hope Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917. Please designate where you would like your donation to be used. (General Fund, Staff Support, Summer Ministry, Special Projects, CYIA Scholarships)

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.

Staff News:



Elias: Our daughter Elhanna turned one year old on Monday, February 9. We are so thankful to God for her life. We celebrated her first birthday not only to mark this special milestone but also to praise God for bringing her into our lives after many challenges. Through it all, we have clearly seen that with God, nothing is impossible. During the same celebration, we also cut a cake to mark our 5th wedding anniversary, thanking God for five years of marriage and for His faithfulness throughout our journey as a family.

We thank God for the wonderful things He is doing through the *Good News Club*® at Cole Academy. The club is going very well, with 12 children enrolled, and three children have made professions of faith. Praise God! I am also very grateful for the faithful helpers in this ministry, Mrs. Mary Morgan and Asa Finkenbinder.

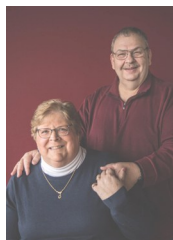
We are grateful for your prayers, love, and support as we celebrate these blessings together.

Vivian: Our sweet daughter Vera Mae Marie Yoder arrived at 8:37pm on February 4th. She weighed 7lbs 13oz and was 20 ½ inches. She is just over a month old now, and we are both doing fantastic! She now weighs nearly 11 lbs! We are absolutely in love with her and being her parents is already such a joy. She and I are back in the office as of March 9th. She does so well and sleeps much of the time while I am working.



My vehicle, which I wrote about in the last newsletter, is fully fixed now. It is such a blessing to have it back and in good repair.

I have been enjoying the warmer weather this week and I am so excited for spring to arrive and the weather to continue warming up.



Doug and Maryann: Maryann has been working hard to lose weight in order to have knee replacement surgery. She has met that goal and surgery is scheduled for March 24. Please pray that the surgery will go well and her recovery will be quick.

Our *Good News Club* at Riddle Elementary ended March 19. We are grateful for the children that have attended this club this year, and for the help of Miss Chris and Micaiah. The two Released Time Clubs we do will continue through May.

It is a joy to be able to see our grandchildren several times a week, as we help pick them up from school, bring them to our kids club at church on Wednesdays, and have special “grandma” days. We are looking forward to the birth of our second grandson sometime in June. Pray for Bethany and Kirk as they wait for the birth of their son.



THANK YOU to the person who orders paper supplies for the office. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Donations of paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, #9 or 6 3/4 envelopes, copy paper, color copy paper, cardstock, stamps, and “Thank You” notes are always appreciated and needed.



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Annual Spring Banquet

Saturday, May 2, 2026

6:00 - 8:30 PM

Faith Bible Church

5211 W. St. Joe Hwy

Lansing, MI 48917

Free: An offering will
be taken for summer ministry

Special Speaker: Pastor John Hayden



RSVP by April 24: ONLINE RSVP: Scan the QR or go to
capareacef.org/annual-spring-banquet/

Call/text RSVP: 517-322-0001

Email: capareacef@gmail.com

We are celebrating 80+ years of ministry to the children in the Lansing area. God has blessed this ministry and we want to invite you to come celebrate with us. There will be testimonies from people involved in the past ministry of CEF, those currently involved, and from teens who are involved now and into the future.

We will have a Pasta Bar, Salad, Rolls, and dessert.

Meal begins at 6:00 pm, Program at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

- April 24 – 25 Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival.
- May 2 Annual Spring Banquet—Offering for summer ministries
- June 6 Car wash and bake sale—proceeds go for CYIA Scholarships
- June 13 – 20 CYIA in Gladwin, MI
- June 23 – 26 CYIA week 2 in Lansing, MI
- July 6-Aug. 14 5-Day Clubs and Fair Ministry

Please pray for these events, help where you can, and give as God directs.

