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GOOD NEWS CLUB®

Teaching a *Good News Club* is a huge commitment and we are so thankful to all of our volunteers who take time to prepare then teach the children from God's Word every week.

Through the challenges of discipline issues, not having enough workers, busy schedules, and other life distractions, God's Word was faithfully taught in 10 schools: Alaiedon, Attwood, Bath, Cole Academy, North, North Aurelius, Riddle, Steele, Webberville, and Wilcox schools.

Two churches also held Released Time Bible Clubs each month: First Baptist of Durand, Bright Hope Bible Church in Pottersville.

In all, there were 270 children who attended these clubs and 32 who trusted Christ as their Savior. Six children have started attending church as a result of the club they attended.

The children in many of the school clubs were very disappointed when the club ended for this school year. Please pray for the each child who was in club that God's Holy Spirit will continue to work in their lives.

New Good News Clubs

The diligent prayer of several people for over a year has resulted in a 6-week club at Holly Park Academy in Lansing on April 20. That first week, there were 7 children that attended and more online permission slips have been received since then. We are so excited for a group of people from Friendship Baptist Church who have been trained and equipped to teach this club.

We have begun the process of getting the *Good News Club* program in to three "new" schools this fall: Winans Elementary in the Waverly District, Hayes Intermediate in Grand Ledge, and Laingsburg Elementary. Please pray for each district to welcome and accomodate the clubs. Pray for the teams that are being formed to teach these clubs, and pray for the churches involved to be excited about this outreach opportunity.



Spring Banquet

The Annual Spring Banquet was a great success. Many people attended as we celebrated 80+ years of ministry to the children in the Lansing area. Pastor John Hayden brought a great message about CEF building the Kingdom of God through ministry to children. It was a privilege to recognize all of our *Good News Club* workers in attendance and to give special recognition to Marilyn Frazee. She has been a faithful volunteer for many years: teaching *Good News Club*, an Instructor of Teachers, staff at CYIA™, promoting the ministry of CEF and recruiting others to get involved.





Christian Youth In Action™ training is just around the corner - June 13 - 20, 2026 at The Springs Ministries in Gladwin, MI; June 22 - 26 in the local chapters. There are 9 teens planning on attending this training from the Capital Area Chapter: Micaiah Harris, Isaiah Finkenbinder, CC Mercer, Anna, Mary and Zachary Hirn, Honorlyn, William, and Axel Dugan.

The cost of this training is \$450 per student. We are having a car wash on June 6 to help provide up to \$200 scholarships for each person. If you can't make it to the car wash but would like to help with this need, you can go to capareacef.org/donate/ or send your donation to our office, indicating that it is for CYIA Scholarships.



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!

5-Day Clubs are taught by young people (ages 13 and older) who have attended Christian Youth In Action training.

5-Day Clubs are held wherever children are - backyards, parks, trailer parks, apartment complexes, daycares, etc. Clubs can also be held in churches-VBS style.

The host of the 5-Day Club provides a club location, invites the children, and provides a small snack for the children. After the club is over, you will be given a copy of the enrollment sheets in order to keep in contact with the children and invite them to your church.

The cost: Hosting a club is FREE! However, a donation would help to cover our costs and would be greatly appreciated! Suggested donation of \$125

All volunteers with *CEF* must fill out the Child Protection Policy of *CEF* and sign the Statement of Faith and Ministries Compliance form.

Please indicate which date and time would be your first choice, then your second choice.

June 22-26 (1:30-3:00 pm only)

July 6-10 July 20 - 24 July 27 - 31 August 10 - 14 (If needed)



Suggested times for clubs after June 22—26: (Can be adjusted)

___10:30 am-12:00 noon ___1:00-2:30pm _____3:30- 5:00pm

To sign up to host a 5-Day Club, please scan the QR code or go to capareacef.org/5-day-club-host-sign-up/

The CEF Story Tent will be at the Eaton County Fair July 13—18 and the Ingham County Fair August 3-8. We can use volunteers to share a Bible Lesson or the Wordless Book, face paint, play games with the children who are waiting, or walk around the fairgrounds inviting the children to come to the Story Tent.



Staff News:

Doug and Maryann Hammar: I (Maryann) had knee replacement surgery on March 24 and am doing well. I was able to resume my swimming the first week in May. I am thankful for all who helped with meals for the first few weeks and for Doug being my care giver and chauffer until I could drive again.



We are excitedly waiting for the birth of our 3rd grand child, due June 14. It was a huge blessing to have many people attend the baby shower for Bethany, Kirk, and Baby Stoner.

Plans for CYIA and summer ministry are in full progress and we are gearing up for a very busy summer schedule.



Vivian Yoder: Things have been going well in the Yoder household. Vera is growing like a weed. She is 3 months old; at her last pediatrician appointment she was 25” and almost 13 bs. She is giggling, rolling over and nearly always happy. I am starting to prepare for CYIA and for another camp program that I direct at the end of July, it looks like it will be quite a busy summer again this year. LaVern is working on a few side jobs as well. We all love the warm weather, especially when we can hang out on the deck!

Elias and Bezawit: I am grateful to share that my ministry at Cole Academy was joyfully completed on April 7th, culminating in a blessed Easter celebration. For nearly six months, I had the privilege of teaching and discipling 12 precious children, alongside three dedicated teachers who served faithfully. When we informed the children that this season of *Good News Club* was coming to an end, their response deeply touched our hearts. They expressed again and again that *Good News Club* had been the happiest part of their time after school. We thank the Lord for allowing such a meaningful impact and for the seeds of His Word that have been planted in their hearts.



My wife, Bezawit, and our baby, Elhanna, are doing well. They are continuing to learn and adjust to life in America and are enjoying being together as a family. We thank the Lord for everything.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

Leona Frost: Summer Staff

Leona is not stranger to the CEF of MI, Capital Area Chapter office. She spent last summer doing an internship with our chapter. This summer, she will be part of our summer staff, helping teach in 5-Day Clubs, doing fair ministry, and assisting where needed in the office. Leona attended Christian Youth In Action as a teen and continued every year as either a student or staff (except for 2020). She graduates from Grace Christian University this year and hopes to attend the Children’s Ministries Institute and work with CEF in the near future.



Financial News:

We are so grateful to God for His faithful people who give so that this ministry can continue. Although our expenses have been greater than the donations received for each month this year, the bills are still being paid and we are blessed by God's provision.

There are many opportunities available to give as God leads you. Please prayerfully consider how you can help share the gospel with the children in the Lansing area this summer and for years to come.

CYIA Scholarships: Goal is \$1800 (9 students/student staff at \$200 per student)

CYIA Staff fees: Goal is \$2,100 (\$350 per staff, 6 CYIA Staff from our chapter)

Summer Ministry: \$4,200 (Fair fees and passes; mileage reimbursement for staff)

Support for Leona Frost - summer staff: \$3,548

Staff Support (monthly need):

Elias Abdi \$373 needed per month

Doug and Maryann Hammar \$1,037 needed per month

Vivian Yoder \$148 needed per month

Restroom project: \$18,400

Because there no restroom on the main floor of the office, the committee voted to pursue making this addition to the office building. We have received several estimates for this project. The goal is to have the work done this fall.

Thank you for praying and for giving as God leads.

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.

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.

More ways to help:

1. Please let us know if you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email rather than through the USPS. We will gladly add you to the email list. Please send an email to capareacef@gmail.com
2. Paper supplies are always needed: Paper Towels, Bathroom tissue, paper plates, copy paper, color copy paper, stamps, #10 and #9 envelopes, 2-pocket folders, file folders, Thank you notes.
3. Join our weekly Praise and Prayer emails. Email us at capareacef@gmail.com to request to be added to this weekly email.

In Loving Memory:

ReNee Vance, who was on staff with Capital Area CEF until 2005 when the Lord moved her and James to work with CEF in Port Huron, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 4, 2026. Your prayers for James and their son, Joshua would be greatly appreciated. Joshua is working with CEF in Port Huron. If you would like to send a gift in memory of ReNee Vance, please send it to CEF of MI, Blue Water Chapter, PO Box 611079, Port Huron 48061-1079

