

CYIA Season Begins: Growth and Momentum in Mid-Columbia

We are thrilled to report that this year's *Christian Youth In Action*® (CYIA®) pre-training has been a tremendous success in the Mid-Columbia Chapter! The Lord has clearly been at work, equipping and preparing young missionaries to take the Gospel to children across our region. This year, we have seen encouraging growth, increasing from 22 to 29 teen missionaries serving in the Mid-Columbia. These young people have been trained in Bible lesson teaching, missionary stories, songs, and effective ways to engage children with the truth of God's Word and leading them to trusting in Christ.

In addition to this growth, we are excited to welcome new partnerships with Benton and Curry County chapters. These chapters have contributed both teachers to help train our missionary students and additional missionary students, who will now be going on to the Oregon State training. We had a total of Missionary Students overall of 47 youth. They joined our faithful teams from the Umatilla and Ponderosa chapters, creating a stronger and more unified effort to prepare for the upcoming season. We praise God for this expansion and look forward with anticipation to all He will accomplish this summer through these dedicated young missionaries.



What is Happening

Happy Birthday

to

Eugene Tsubota, Kathryn Morris, Barbara Williams, Virginia Dunham, Laurie Wheeler, Robin Burgess and Joanne Wickham

Eugene Tsubota, Barbara Williams and Laurie Wheeler have prayerfully served for many years on the board of CEF Mid Columbia. They bring great insight and unique skills when helping to navigate through decisions for this chapter. Robin Burgess, Kathryn Morris, Virginia Dunham and Joanne Wickham have been long-standing teacher support volunteers in the GNC's. They are invaluable helpers, faithful prayer warriors and appreciated by CEF Mid Columbia.

Please Pray with us for our tremendous and faithful helpers in all GNCs across the state.

How can I help out at Mid-Columbia CEF?

If you are willing and own a van, CEF will need a driver and van (or 2) this summer 2026 to shuttle 5 Day Club teens to club locations. We are expecting to add more clubs and more teens this summer. Call us if you want to be a driver for a week or two in the summer and have a van that seats at least 6 passengers.

We always need volunteers to help us fold, tape, and address our monthly newsletter. We usually send out about 490 newsletters monthly to eager readers. Give us a call on the second or third week to schedule with us.

Please be in prayer for helpers needed in all The Dalles GNC/JYC (3) and Maupin GNC (2)

Thank you for your financial and prayerful support in this ministry... God Bless You.

Good News Club® Season Feedback

We are on the home stretch for our clubs for this year. We would like your feedback of how things have gone. Please email your successes, lessons learned and changes or helps you may need. Send suggestions to:

john_p@cefmidcolumbia.org

Upcoming Events

- CEF Mid-Columbia Board Meeting May 21st
- End of Good News Clubs for the year in schools in May
- State CYIA Training Camp at Aldersgate June 13th-19th
- 5 Day Clubs each week through June, July and August TBA



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“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

2Peter 3:18 ESV

Growth in Christ

May 2026

CEF Copy Machine Fundraiser!

Please Help!

Jesus may be eternal but the CEF copy machine is on its last leg. It is the work horse of the office and it is imperative we have a working machine. CEF board and staff have searched for a reasonably priced option that will replace the office machine. We have decided to buy a machine instead of leasing one because after the numbers were crunched, we see that the best way to stay within our budget is to purchase the machine and budget for the regular monthly usage costs.

Help us raise the funds to purchase the machine that will cost
\$3730.14

\$3730.14 Goal

\$1880 Currently



Children's Ministry Institute: Strengthening the Foundation

This past semester at *Children's Ministry Institute*® (CMI®) has been a deeply enriching time of training and growth for myself and my fellow students of Class 182. Through focused study, we were equipped in key areas such as the biblical basis of child evangelism, the urgency of reaching children with the Gospel, methods of effective teaching, counseling children for salvation, Scripture memorization techniques, and the importance of discipleship. In addition, we explored child development, classroom management, and how to present the Gospel clearly and accurately to today's children. And we learned quality leadership skills for excellence in ministry. Each of these areas strengthens our ability to faithfully communicate God's truth and minister with excellence in every setting.

Looking ahead, the vision is clear: to expand and strengthen the ministry throughout the Mid-Columbia region. This includes raising up more trained workers, establishing additional *Good News Clubs*®, and deepening relationships with schools and communities. Our goal is not only growth in numbers, but growth in faithfulness—equipping leaders who are confident in the Gospel and committed to reaching every child. Through continued training and dependence on the Lord, we trust Him to open doors for greater impact in the months and years ahead.

“For to such belongs the kingdom of heaven”, John