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Niecy Reeves | Kentucky New Era Joey and his mother Kathryn Wohlfeil, of Clarksville, Tenn., look at the pigs Wednesday at Christian Way Farms.

Christian Way Farm opens for the fall

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Parents, some pushing their strollers and others holding their child's hand, strolled through the corn maze in search of its end on a warm sunny Wednesday at Christian Way Farms.

"Which way do we go?" a child yelled. "Do you wanna go left or right?" a parent asked.

They couldn't wait to complete the maze so that they could pick a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch.

The farm in the Lacy community opened its doors Wednesday for the fall season groups. The farm will open its gates at 10 a.m. Saturday to the public.

"Oh, I see the end," a child yelled.

Finally at the maze's end, the parents and the children searched for the perfect pumpkin.

"Do you want a big one or a little one?" a mom asked.

There was excitement and laughter in the air as the Fort Campbell chapter of Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) and their children spent the day at the farm.

At the farm's amphitheater, Janie Corley, an owner and operator of the family farm, used pictures to teach the visitors about the life cycle of the pumpkin. She also used a pumpkin to demonstrate God's

love for people.

“I thought it was really amazing to explain by cutting out a pumpkin that God can clean us out and make us whole and happy,” Amie Gaines, Fort Campbell, said.

The children enjoyed visiting with the farm animals.

“Joey, what do the pigs say?” asked his mom, Kathryn Wohlfeil, of Clarksville, Tenn.

“They say oink oink,” he answered as he kneeled gazing at the baby pigs.

Other children were fascinated by the goats and cows.

The parents also enjoyed the farm. Carrie Kirkpatrick, Clarksville, Tenn., said she loved the pumpkin patch, the animals and the gift shop. Kirkpatrick said the drive to the farm was long, but “it was worth it,” she said.

The visitors also enjoyed a bumpy hayride through the cornfield. Some children ate their packed lunches while others took in the scenery.

Among the MOPS group were Linda and Charlie Durham, Gouverneur, N.Y., and their son, Gary, their daughter-in-law, Laura, and their grandson, Larkin.

“I enjoyed the rustic hayride,” said Laura. Charlie was impressed with the farm’s equipment, and he was glad that the farm offered entertainment for “the young and the old.”

Laura said that Larkin enjoyed playing in the corn. “I had to drag him out to eat lunch,” she said.

Like the MOPS group, the Durhams also brought their lunch for a picnic.

Charlie was pleased that he paid 75 cents for his Coke and not \$3.

The day concluded with the visitors shelling & cracking corn, feeding the animals and free time to roam about.

Christian Way Farms will host Harvest Praise 2008 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 15.

The farm is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays; admission is \$4 per person and children under 2 are free.

Weekday visits or group tours can be scheduled by calling 270-269-2434. For more information and directions, visit www.christianwayfarm.com.

QuickInfo: Christian Way Farms

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays through the fall.

Where: 19590 Linville Road, Hopkinsville

Directions: From Pennyriple Parkway, take Exit 12. Go east to Kentucky 107. Travel north on Kentucky

107 for 13 miles. Turn left onto Kentucky 800 (Coal Creek Road). Following signs, travel 1.7 miles and turn left onto Linville Road. Farm is immediately on the right.

Cost: \$4 per person, children under 2 are free.

Web site: www.christianwayfarm.com