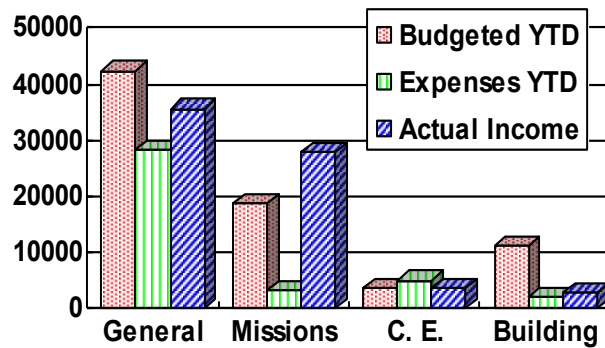


Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	42,267	18,668	3,588	11,167
Expenses YTD	28,279	3,076	4,829	1,875
Actual Income	35,504	27,741	3,519	2,641



Cash Fund Balances as of 1/31/13:

General.....	\$90,778
Missions.....	\$117,020
Christian Education.....	\$25,987
Building.....	\$22,828
New Building/Land Purchase.....	\$73,197
Benevolent.....	\$18,171

Parenting with a Purpose will be presented by Dr. Marv Penner on Saturday, March 16, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (registration at 8:30 a.m.) in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Dr. Penner works for the Center for Parent and Youth Understanding. He has authored many books and has spoken all over the world. Dr. Penner is also a licensed counselor. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Lunch is on your own and no child care is available. If you have questions or would like to pre-register, please e-mail Pastor Jim at jim.king@ebenezer mennonite.org or call 419-358-8588.

A Weekend with Stuart & Jill Briscoe
International speakers and authors
Sponsored by St. John Mennonite Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

For Women - Brunch with Jill Briscoe, *Love That Lasts*
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. John Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$6.

For Men - REAL IMPACT Dinner with Stuart Briscoe and Tom Rode, Ohio State Athletes in Action Chaplain
4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at St. John Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$6.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

For Men & Women
Dinner with Stuart & Jill – *Reaching Out to Others*

Menu: salad, sirloin tips, chicken, rice, potatoes, green beans, rolls, and pie

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$10.

Tickets for all events may be purchased at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center today and or at the church office Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dear Ebenezer: Thank you very much for the Subway and McDonald’s gift cards! During this final stretch at Bluffton University, it’s a nice break! Thank you! – *Kayla Geiger*

Thank you to Kathy Brauen and Pastor Dick for your visit while I was in surgery. Your prayers for me and my family were much appreciated. Thank you for staying at the hospital even though my surgery was delayed. Thank you to everyone who sent a card and prayed for me. Thanks for your continued prayers and support. – *Love, Linda Geiger*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Mar. 4** Evening Sew (6:00 – 9:00 p.m., CMC)
- Mar. 5** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., CMC)
- Mar. 16** Marv Penner-*Parenting with Purpose* Seminar (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Mar. 23** Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- Apr. 6** Genesis ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Apr. 26** Daughters of Promise (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Apr. 28** Disciple Singer’s Musical-**THE GAME PLAN** (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- May 4** Berean ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- May 19** Christian Education Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- May 26** Meet the Teacher (9:00 a.m., basement classrooms)
- June 1** Agape/College Age Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- June 9-15** Middle School (Miracle Camp - Grades 5&6)



Welcome to EBENEZER

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Miracle Camp Speaker - Kris Van Bogelen (Grade 2-Senior High, Sanctuary)
Adult Bible Fellowship
Sunday School (2-year-olds – Grade 1)
- 9:45 a.m.** Cherub Choir (age 2-K, B11)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Dick (CMC)
Mirror, Mirror on the Wall
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups (King’s, Lemley’s)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service
Family, Friends, & Neighbors (Sanctuary)
Senior High Small Groups Meet
- 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (103)

~ BABY ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Seth & Kara Zink on the birth of their daughter, Ellia Ann, on Saturday, February 16, weighing 7 lb.

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionary of the Week: Margaret Edmondson serves with **Life in Messiah International in Florida**. The tract distribution outside the University of South Florida library continues to go well. Margaret hasn't kept count of how many tracts have been accepted, but it's lots! Once in a while she hears a negative comment, but most of the time the students are happy to get them and some even thank her for what she is doing. Margaret is also ministering with students and Jewish women in Florida. Continue to pray for her and send a note of encouragement to Margaret at: 14813 Carnation Drive, Tampa, FL 33613 or e-mail at: singertoo8@hotmail.com.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on February 17:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	305
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	436
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	89

Giving on February 17:

\$11,017.57

Benevolent	225.00
Building Fund	270.00
Christian Education Fund	253.57
General Fund	6,830.00
Missions Fund	3,189.00
New Building Fund	170.00
Youth Fund	80.00

~ WILD GAME TICKETS ~

On sale today in the Missions Center you may purchase your tickets for the Wild Game Event, Saturday, March 23, at 5:00 p.m. Also Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each. **Tell us your funniest hunting story** for a chance to win a plaque. Submit story by **Monday, March 11**, to: wildgame@ebenezer mennonite.org.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Senior High Students

- On Saturday, March 2, we are going to the Lima Rescue Mission. Please meet at the church at 6:20 p.m. If any students would like to sing, play an instrument, or share a testimony please contact Pastor Wade at 567-204-1868. Bring money for Pizza Hut, following the short service at the mission.
 - On Sunday, March 3, we are looking for 12-15 volunteers to help with childcare during the Briscoe Event from 5:45-8:20 p.m. pizza is included. This event will also help raise funds for the summer Youth Missions trip to Mexico!
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Parents of all Sunday School Students: Please note that pictures for Promotion Sunday will be taken on Sundays, March 17, April 14, and April 28. This will be done during the Sunday School hour with as little disruption to the teaching as possible. We don't want to miss any of the youth. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Steiner at 419-358-0486.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Mariah Burkholder and Rachel Moser – *Missions Center*
Marvin & Karen Garmatter – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEB. 25-MAR. 3

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	5:30 p.m.	Connections (<i>Rally Point, Lima</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
		Children's Ministries (<i>age 3-Grade 6</i>)
Thursday		Junior High Meet (B17)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (CMC)
	6:00 p.m.	Old Timer's Men's Basketball (CMC)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (103)
	7:00 p.m.	Senior High Students (<i>Lima Rescue Home</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various classrooms</i>)
	9:45 a.m.	Cherub Choir (<i>Ages 2-K, B11</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (CMC)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (103)
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner with Stuart & Jill Briscoe – <i>Reaching Out to Others</i> (CMC)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 3 ~

Nursery: Arlene Garmatter, Carole Kelly, Aaron & Emily Koogler, Gail, Madison, & Ariel Schantz

Good News Hour: Summer Burkholder, Jami Crawfis, Kimberly Gordon, Melissa Hilty, Brooke Koontz, Marti Meza

We need your help: The Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) ministry has a few childcare volunteers who are unable to finish the year. If you are available the second and fourth Monday of each month from 9-11:00 a.m, or are willing to be on a sub list, please contact Kim Fritsch at 419-604-9733 today. MOPS is currently ministering to 34 moms, only 5 of which attend Ebenezer. It is a tremendous opportunity for outreach and we cherish each of our volunteers for their service.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

All reports from 2012 and the proposed Missions Budget for 2013 were approved last Sunday.

The Deacons and Pastoral Search Committee are recommending that Rev. Dick Potter be approved for the Part-time position (see job description insert) at Ebenezer Mennonite Church effective April 1, 2013. A special congregational meeting to vote on this recommendation will be held next Sunday, March 3, immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering.

Women Ministries All Day Sew is an opportunity to create beautiful knotted comforters for our missionaries. Join us on Monday evening, March 4, from 6:00-9:00 and on Tuesday, March 5, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Bring a hot and cold dish for a noon potluck on Tuesday. The potluck is also open to all spouses of those working and all widows/widowers to be our guest. Everyone is invited. Please come and share this evening or day even if it is for a couple of hours. May the Lord bless you!

Wanted: If you have a portable sewing machine that is no longer wanted in your house and you would be willing to donate it to the Sewing Room, please call Arlene Garmatter at 419-358-6272 or Joyce Reigle at 419-229-1394.

Something New! Please stop by the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center to see the new addition of a beautiful chalk drawing entitled *Pure* from the Thomas Eachus collection inspired by the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). Other drawings from this collection are on display at Common Grounds coffeehouse in Bluffton.

Prayer is a vital part of the ministry of Ebenezer Mennonite Church. We would like to say thank you to all who have submitted a Prayer Survey making a one-year commitment to pray for one or more of our prayer focus groups. If anyone has not yet submitted a Prayer Survey and would like to, there are blank surveys on the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center. - *The Prayer Action Team*

Thank you from the Marjorie Marquart Family: We are truly thankful for our Ebenezer family and friends! Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards, and support during our mom's struggle and home going. She is now serving Him in Heaven, rather than on Earth. A special *thank you* to Pastor Dick and Kathy Brauen for their love and concern. **SIM Team Members:** Thank you so much for the memorial given to SIM in our mother's name. She would have been so pleased to know that it helped furnish the new kitchen. She truly loved her time spent there.