

Choral Anthem  
***Shout To The Lord***

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Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

My Jesus, my Savior. Lord there is none like You.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter. Tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

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Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.  
Forever I'll love You. Forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him with songs of joy and know the Lord is God.  
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Shout to the Lord with joy!

**Better than RED Box:** The church library now has an expanded DVD collection of family friendly movies from Feature Films for Families. Many of these movies have been featured on the Hallmark Channel and now are available to you at no cost. All movies have *Parents Guide for Family Discussion* as a guide to discussing the values demonstrated in the movie. One movie is titled *Escape from Wildcat Canyon*. After a young boy and his grandfather experience a crash landing of their small plane, they must learn to work together, show courage, share responsibility, and experience sacrifice.

**Prayer Opportunity:** Would you be willing to pray for the Pastoral Search Committee? The Committee supplies a few prayer requests following their meetings in order to pray specifically for the search process and for the candidate the Lord is bringing to our congregation. Please check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications card, e-mail Kathy Brauen from the Prayer Action Team at [kathy.brauen@ebenezermennonite.org](mailto:kathy.brauen@ebenezermennonite.org), or call her at 419-234-7808 in order to be a part of this short-term e-mail prayer group.

~ THANK YOU! ~

**Dear Church Friends and Family:** I was so happy to receive all of your get well cards. Knowing so many people care about me and my recovery that much, helps me work hard to get stronger and better every day, and I am! Visits from Pastor Dick and Kathy Brauen always came at the right time. They prayed over me and read scripture that comforted me (and my family) when I wasn't feeling good at all! I hope to see you all in church again very soon! Thank you. – Ryan Johnson

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Feb. 22** Transport For Christ Banquet w/Pfeifers  
(6:00 p.m., Bluffton University)
- Feb. 23** Daddy/Daughter Date Night (5:30 p.m., CMC)
- Feb. 24** Miracle Camp Speaker-Kris VanBogelen  
(9:00 a.m., Grade 2-Senior High, Sanctuary)
- Mar. 2** Senior High Students (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Mar. 3** Stuart & Jill Briscoe (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- 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)
- May 19** Christian Education Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- May 26** Meet the Teacher (9:00 a.m., basement classrooms)
- June 9-15** Middle School (Miracle Camp - Grades 5&6)
- June 23-29** Senior High (Miracle Camp - Grades 9-12)
- June 30-July 3** Grade School 1 (Miracle Camp - Grades 2-4)
- June 30-July 7** Youth Missions Trip (Mexico B2Live)
- June 30-July 12** Adult Missions Trip (France)
- July 7-13** Junior High (Miracle Camp - Grades 7&8)
- July 19-21** Family Camp (East Harbor State Park Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio)



February 10, 2013

# Welcome to EBENEZER

*Come, dear friends, let us join together with sincere hearts and receptive minds to worship our loving Creator. As we open ourselves to the sunshine of God's presence, we will receive blessings only God can give. Welcome!*

*Please take a moment to fill out the green Ebenezer Communications Card in your Emissary. These cards are a vital communication link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to use these cards and place completed ones in the offering plate or the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter. Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)
- 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 Jim (CMC)  
*Lovely: Love Measured*
- 11:30 a.m.** Youth Missions Trip Meeting (Schoolhouse)
- 5:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Meeting (115)
- 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  
*People? Which Ones? (Sanctuary)*  
Senior High Small Groups Meet
- 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (103)

**The 2012 Annual Reports** will be handed out at the door by the ushers after the morning service. The congregational business meeting to approve the 2012 Reports and the proposed 2013 Missions Budget is scheduled for next Sunday, February 17, following the morning service.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on February 3:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	250
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	355
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	43

**Giving on February 3:**

\$15,081.43

Benevolent	1,235.00
Building Fund	295.00
Christian Education Fund	459.43
General Fund	6,710.00
Missions Fund	6,112.00
New Building Fund	170.00
Youth Fund	100.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionary of the Week: Laverne Busenitz** serves with **Biblical Ministries Worldwide**. The Lord has given him the opportunity to serve as associate pastor at his home church. He still has contact with the churches in Germany where they had served. He has been invited to go to Germany in May to conduct a Bible Conference. Since Marilyn is with the Lord, Laverne has a lot more responsibility at home, caring for Neil, cooking, cleaning, etc. but it is a privilege. He says thank you for your faithfulness to this very day. Please send a note of encouragement to Laverne at: 14569 N.W. Prairie Creek Road, Newton, KS 67114 or e-mail at: lbusenitz@elbingks.com.

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~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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**Scheduled Surgery:** Noretta Schantz, Wednesday, February 13, at St. Rita's Medical Center.

**Please pray for those** who are traveling today. Several members have left today for a week long Adult Missions Trip to SIM in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Randy Garmatter & Jake Biery – Missions Center  
Mike & Bev Powell – Crossroads Ministry Center

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 11-17

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> <i>MOPS (FH)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b> Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Arby's</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b> Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
	Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
	Children's Ministries ( <i>age 3-Grade 6</i> )
	Junior High Meet (B17)
	Men's Bible Study ( <i>Sanctuary Overflow</i> )
	Women's Bible Study (S4)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b> Connections ( <i>Pastor Jim &amp; Pat's home</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b> Dodgeball (CMC)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> Old Timer's Men's Basketball (CMC)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Stephen Ministry (116)
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various classrooms</i> )
	<b>9:45 a.m.</b> Cherub Choir ( <i>Ages 2-K, B11</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> The Good News Hour ( <i>2&amp;3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b> Worship Gathering- <i>Taste of Home</i> (CMC)
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b> Congregational Meeting (CMC)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Small Groups ( <i>King's, Lemley's</i> )
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b> Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
	Student Small Groups Meet
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b> Small Group (103)

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 ~

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**Nursery:** Leah Eiden, Ron & Sue Epp, Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Jamie, Eric, & Eden Nygaard

**Good News Hour:** Lauren Bish, Gera Bixel, Pat King, Krista Lehman, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**There will be a Youth Missions Trip** meeting for students and their parents in the schoolhouse today following the Morning Worship Gathering. – *Pastor Wade*

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~ YOUR HELP IS NEEDED ~

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**The Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** ministry has a few childcare volunteers who are unable to finish the year. We need help. 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.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**The Women's Ministry Team** would like to thank you for your generous donations for the college students. Today is the last day to turn the gift cards in so please give them to Bev Stockman, Teresa Marquart, Pat King, Kelli Foster, or Deb Hilty. Thank you for your help.

**Daddy/Daughter** date night is only two weeks away (Saturday, February 23, 5:30-7:00 p.m.)! Tickets are on sale today in the Missions Center for \$10 per family. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite your daughters for a special evening celebrating one of the most important relationships you will ever have!

**Transport for Christ** Annual Banquet is planned for Friday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m., at Bluffton University's Marbeck Center. Please see the bulletin board across from the kitchen or in the Missions Center for more information.

**Wild Game Tickets** for Saturday, March 23, go on sale here at the church on Friday, February 22, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and are \$12 each.

**Anyone willing to donate** a deer or any type of wild game for our Wild Game Event Saturday, March 23, 2013, please contact Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.

**Ladies:** We have comfort blocks available to sew together for the Sharing Room. The comforts are also used for other projects. If you are interested please contact Arlene Garmatter at 419-358-6272 or Joyce Reigle at 419-229-1394 for further details.

**New Pictorial Directory:** You may pick up your copy in the Missions Center. Extra copies are available at \$5 each. Please see Deb Hilty.