

Disciple Singers will present a musical called **THE GAME PLAN** on Sunday evening, April 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. **THE GAME PLAN** is a fun summertime kids' musical about the importance of team work and following the game plan—God's game plan. The story wraps around the adventures of the Tigers' soccer team and cheer squad, made up of girls and boys with all different personalities, talents, and skills. Come join us and invite your family and friends (invitations are available in the Missions Center and on the Crossroads Ministry Center table). A concession stand (by donation) will be open between 5:30-6:00 p.m. and after the program.

Helping Hand Ministry: Located in the Missions Center at the Information Center you will find a yellow flyer. Please check the work ministry areas listed on the flyer in which you are gifted and may be interested in occasionally serving those needing assistance in our church family. You may place the completed flyer in the offering plate, church office, or give to Kerris Wright, Coordinator of the *Helping Hand Ministry*.

Choral Anthem
O God, Our Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

His word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever!

O God, our help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

A mighty fortress is our God! Our God, our Help!
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Our God, our Help, and our eternal Home!

Coed Softball League through the Bluffton Family Recreation has invited Ebenezer to join. If you are interested in joining the team, sign ups and information are on the counter in the Missions Center. The team will need a coach/point person who is willing to organize and inform the participants. If no one is in place by Saturday, June 8, we will not have a team this year. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Wade at 567-204-1868.

Actor or Actress is needed for Vacation Bible School the week of June 2-7 each night from 6:30 to 6:50 p.m. There are minimal lines to memorize. If interested please contact Melissa Hilty at 419-357-5823 (call or text) or email at: hiltme@wapak.org.

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday is Sunday, May 26, during the morning Worship Gathering at 10:15. Please fill out the green EMC Communications Card or fill out the Graduation Information Sheet on the counter in the Missions Center so the church office will have the correct information. Thank you!

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Apr. 14, 21, 28** Volunteer Sign-ups for Vacation Bible School
- Apr. 23** **NDOP** Community Choir Rehearsal (7:00 p.m., 115)
- Apr. 24** Children's Ministries (6-8:00 p.m., Grove Skateland)
- Apr. 26** Daughters of Promise (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Apr. 27** Berean ABF Class Outing (Tilton Farms)
- Apr. 28** Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon (11:30 a.m., FH)
VBS Staff Meeting (2:30-4:30 p.m., at Melissa Hilty's home)
Disciple Singer's Musical-**THE GAME PLAN** (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Apr. 30** **NDOP** Community Choir Rehearsal (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- May 2** **National Day of Prayer Event** (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- May 4** VBS Staff Meeting (9:00 a.m., Melissa Hilty's home)
Berean ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- May 5** Vacation Bible School Training (9:00 a.m., Sanctuary)
- May 12** Child Dedication Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- May 12, 19, 26** Vacation Bible School Registration Begins
- May 19** Christian Education Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., CMC)
Safe Sanctuary Training (11:30 a.m., 103)
- May 26** Meet the Teacher (9:00 a.m., basement classrooms)
Graduate Recognition Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
No Evening Fellowship Service
- June 1** Agape/College Age Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- June 2-7** Vacation Bible School (6:30 – 9:00 p.m.)



April 14, 2013

Welcome to EBENEZER

THE WARMEST OF WELCOMES TO ONE AND ALL. LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS UNTO THE LORD. REACH OUT IN LOVING ACCEPTANCE TO THOSE AROUND YOU. WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY KING.

~ 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
After God's Heart-Dirty Doeg!
A Murderous Heart (CMC)
- 11:30 p.m.** Youth Missions Trip Meeting (*103*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Committee Meeting (*115*)
Wild Game Committee Meeting (*FH*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir (*118-119*)
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups (*Epp's, King's, Niswander's*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
A Matter of Life and Death
Senior High Small Groups Meet
- 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (*103*)
- 8:15 p.m.** **Selah** (*Sanctuary*)

~ PRAYER CONERNS ~

In the Hospital: Mark Kinsinger, Bluffton Hospital.

Our sympathy to the family of Joanne Bish, mother of Jim, who passed away on Sunday, April 7. Services were held on Friday, April 12, in Coshocton and Tiffin.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 7:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	264
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	365
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	82

Giving on April 7:

\$17,752.92

Benevolent	100.00
Building Fund	1,055.00
Christian Education Fund	736.92
General Fund	8,678.00
Missions Fund	6,478.00
New Building Fund	455.00
Youth Fund	250.00

Please note: The Trustees have established a Cemetery Restoration Fund for future projects. Any donations should be made to the Building Fund and earmarked "Cemetery Restoration."

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Rod & Lori Kraybill serve with **AIM International** in **South Africa**. Their friends and co-workers are praying that a church planting movement to happen in a mighty way. Lori is no longer helping out with finance in the office. She has been asked to be the *Short Term and Pray Africa Coordinator* for the office. Pray for their three daughters Alanna, Autumn, and Anissa that they would continue to love, know, and serve God more! Send a note to Rod & Lori at Postnet Suite 9343, Pvt Bag x 32, Kempton Park, 1620, Johannesburg, South Africa or e-mail at: rlkraybill@aimint.net.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Andy & Karna Marquart on the birth of their daughter, Averie Brielle, on Friday, April 5, weighing 7 lb. 11 oz.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Brian & Lexi Ley – *Missions Center*

Al & Carolyn Frysinger – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 15-21

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (103)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Arby's)
	7:00 p.m.	NDOP Community Choir Rehearsal (115)
	7:30 p.m.	Prayer Action Team Meeting (103)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
		Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)
		Junior High Meet (B17)
		Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)
		Women's Bible Study (S4)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (103)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry (112)
		Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
	9:45 a.m.	Cherub Choir (Ages 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 (CMC)
	11:30 a.m.	Genesis ABF Class Potluck (CMC)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
	6:30 p.m.	Small Groups (King's, Niswander's)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
		Student Small Groups Meet
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (103)
	8:15 p.m.	Selah (Sanctuary)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21 ~

Nursery: Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Brian & Lexi Ley, Ryan Motter Family, Josh & Heidi Steiner

Good News Hour: Crystal Badertscher, Cindy, Molly, & Rachel Moser, Joe & Jenny Navarro

Parents of all Sunday School Students: Please note that pictures for Promotion Sunday will be taken today and on April 28. This will be done during the Sunday School hour. We don't want to miss any of the youth. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Steiner at 419-358-0486.

Youth Missions Trip Participants and Parents: You are invited for a *Skype Date* with Phil & Mindy Steiner regarding the missions trip to Mexico this summer. Please attend if you have questions or just want to stay informed. We will be meeting in Room 103 (college age classroom) IMMEDIATELY following the Worship Gathering today.

Ladies...It's time for the annual *Daughters of Promise* evening, Friday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. Come and be encouraged with music by *Melody Road*, and rediscover your special place in God's kingdom. Tickets are \$6 for adults, children five and younger are free, but must have a ticket. Tickets are available today and next Sunday, April 21, in the Missions Center. Hope to see you then!

BBQ Chicken Dinner: Please see Bev Stockman in the Missions Center if you would like to purchase tickets for a BBQ Chicken Dinner, Sunday, April 28 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at St. John Mennonite Church. All proceeds will benefit Rally Point Youth Center's summer camps and missions trip. For more information please see the bulletin boards in the Missions Center or across from the kitchen window.

Wild Game Committee will meet today at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Ministries: The Wednesday night program will end this season with roller skating at Grove Skateland on April 24. The time is from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$2 for each person who skates. We invite the families to join their children in this occasion.

Berean ABF Class: Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 27, for a trip to Tilton Farms near Lima.

Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon: You may have been attending Ebenezer for several months, weeks, or perhaps visiting for the first time today. Whatever the case, we want you to know that we are glad you've chosen to worship with us. You are invited to join us for a Welcome Luncheon on Sunday, April 28, immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall. All college age students are also invited to attend. The luncheon will give us the opportunity to further introduce you to our church and the ministries of our church.