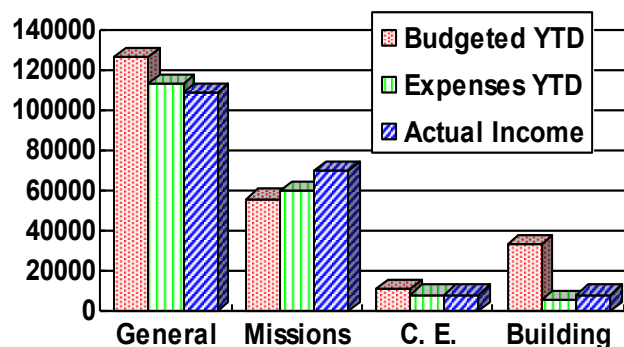


Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	126,800	56,005	10,763	33,500
Expenses YTD	113,269	59,807	8,041	5,231
Actual Income	109,118	69,738	8,339	7,921



Cash Fund Balances as of 3/31/13:

General.....	\$78,288
Missions.....	\$102,285
Christian Education.....	\$27,595
Building.....	\$23,393
New Building/Land Purchase.....	\$74,557
Benevolent.....	\$18,460

Disciple Singers will present a musical called **THE GAME PLAN** next 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.

National Day of Prayer Event: Please make plans to invite your friends and attend a special program on Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. There will be a variety of persons praying for our nation, for our community, and for many other prayer focus points. The program will also include a special musical package by a church and community choir. - *Sponsored by the Prayer Action Team Committee*

Promotion Sunday will be held on May 19 during the Sunday School hour. There will be no ABF classes, but all are encouraged to attend this special time for our youth. If your child is involved in the Scripture Memory Program please note this needs to be completed by Sunday, May 12. If you have any questions please contact Joan Steiner 419-358-0486.

Safe Sanctuary Training will be held Sunday, May 19, after the Morning Worship Gathering until 2:00 p.m. for all of those 17 and older who will be working with children here at Ebenezer. A light lunch will be served. You may sign up in the Missions Center. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jim or Joan Steiner.

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.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Apr. 21, 28** Volunteer Sign-ups for Vacation Bible School
- 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., Schoolhouse)
- May 12** Child Dedication Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- May 12, 19, 26** Vacation Bible School Registration
- 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** *Agony/College Age Class (7:00 p.m., 103)*



Welcome to EBENEZER

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Stephen Ministry (112)
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 - En-Gedi
A Heart that Surrenders Revenge to God (CMC)
- 11:30 p.m.** Genesis ABF Class Potluck (FH)
- 5:00 p.m.** Girls’ Small Group (Schoolhouse)
- 6:00 p.m.** Guys’ Small Group (Meet outside schoolhouse)
Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups (King’s, Niswander’s, Stockman’s)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
The Way of the Righteous
- 7:05 p.m.** Small Group (103)

~ PRAYER CONERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Mary Jane (Carr) Lugibihl. Mary Jane passed away on Sunday, April 14. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 17, here at the church.

Our sympathy to the family of Carol Siverling, the mother of James. She passed away on Sunday, April 14. Funeral services were held yesterday at St. John Mennonite Church.

Scheduled Procedure: Mark Kinsinger, later this week in Findlay.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Jeremiah & Megan Weyer on the birth of their son, Ryker Daniel, on Wednesday, April 17, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 14:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	280
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	395
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	101

Giving on April 14:

	<u>\$10,459.49</u>	
Benevolent		25.00
Building Fund		60.00
Christian Education Fund		293.49
General Fund		7,316.00
Missions Fund		2,640.00
New Building Fund		75.00
Youth Fund		50.00

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: *Andy & Pam LaBreche* since January are officially working with United World Missionaries. As far as ministry goes, there is no change in what they are doing. Thank you for praying for Andy & Pam. Please encourage them by sending an e-mail note at: alabreche@gmail.com.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Youth Small Groups: This evening the girls' small group will meet in the schoolhouse at 5:00. The guys' small group will meet outside the schoolhouse at 6:00 to caravan to 8181 Tom Fett Road for a bonfire.

Selah: Will not meet this evening.

Junior High Students: Our Wednesday night group will not meet again until this fall.

Parents of all Sunday School Students: Please note that pictures for Promotion Sunday will be next Sunday, 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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Chelsea Burkholder, Summer Burkholder – *Missions Center*
Marvin & Karen Garmatter – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 22-28

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Arby's)
	7:00 p.m.	NDOP Community Choir Rehearsal (115)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministries Skating Party (Grove Skateland)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103) Adult Choir Rehearsal (115) Women's Bible Study (S4)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting (103)
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Daughters of Promise (CMC)
Saturday	1:30 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir Rehearsal (CMC)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	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.	Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon (FH)
	2:30 p.m.	VBS Staff Meeting (at Melissa Hilty's home)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Musical - THE GAME PLAN (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Student Small Groups Meet
	7:15 p.m.	Small Groups (Epp's, King's, Niswander's)
	8:15 p.m.	Selah (Sanctuary)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28 ~

Nursery:

Thomas Eachus Family, Leah Eiden, Jamie, Eric, & Eden Nygaard,
Ron & Sue Epp, Kevin & Melissa Hilty

Good News Hour:

Crystal Badertscher, Cindy, Molly, & Rachel Moser,
Joe & Jenny Navarro

Annual Evaluation forms are available in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer for Pastor Jim.

NDP Round-the-Clock Prayer: Beginning today, stop by the display at the table at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center to sign up to pray for one-half hour during the 24 hours of the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 2. You will receive a prayer guide with prayer points to assist you in your prayer time.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed: Melissa Hilty will be at the table in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center today and next Sunday, if you would like to turn in your completed yellow insert from last Sunday's Emissary.

Ladies...It's time for the annual *Daughters of Promise* evening, this 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 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 on 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.

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.

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 you are invited to join us for a Welcome Luncheon next 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.