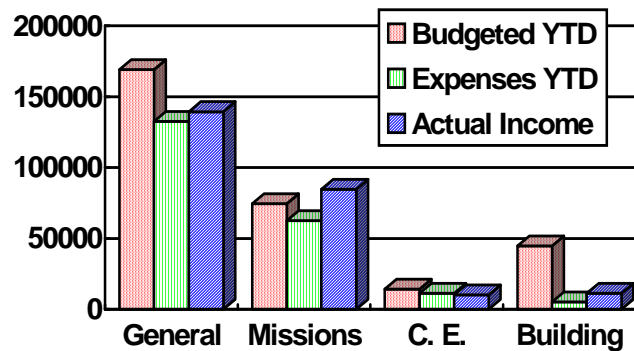


Financial Report – April 2013

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	169,067	74,673	14,350	44,667
Expenses YTD	132,696	62,494	11,429	5,231
Actual Income	139,369	84,619	10,391	11,242



Cash Fund Balances as of 4/30/13:

General	\$73,831
Missions	\$114,480
Christian Education	\$26,260
Building.....	\$26,003
New Building/Land Purchase	\$75,267
Benevolent.....	\$16,577

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday

is next 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!

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. If you have any questions please contact Sam Brauen at 419-303-1691.

Peer to Pier Garage and Bake Sale: The elders of Maple Crest Senior Living Village are accepting donations (not clothing) to be sold at a garage sale on Saturday, June 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds from the sale support the Maple Crest Memory Garden and Pier Project. All items in good condition are accepted for the garage sale. The Service Group will host a bake sale at the same time and is accepting baked goods. Donations for the garage sale can be dropped off at Maple Crest between Tuesday, May 28, and Monday, June 3. Baked good items can be delivered Friday, June 7, or Saturday morning, June 8, by 7:00 a.m. Financial contributions are also accepted. All are invited to the sale. For questions, contact Doug Luginbill at 419-358-1015 ext. 263.

2013 Church Directories are now ready. You may pick one up from the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer or in the Missions Center at the Information Center.

Stephen Ministry: We have several Stephen Ministers equipped to listen and help provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to you or to those you may know in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties. More information concerning this caring ministry can be found at the Information Center in the Missions Center in a yellow brochure titled *Stephen Ministry* or feel free to contact Pastor Dick, Stephen Ministry Coordinator, at 419-358-8588.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- May 26** Vacation Bible School Registration
- June 1** Agape/College Age Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- June 2** Power Team Committee Meeting (4:00 p.m., 103)
- June 2-7** Vacation Bible School (6:30 – 9:00 p.m.)
- 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 12** Adult Missions Trip (France)
- July 1-8** Youth Missions Trip (Mexico B2Live) *Please note date change.*
- July 7-13** Junior High (Miracle Camp - Grades 7&8)
- July 19-21** Family Camp (East Harbor State Park Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio)
- Aug. 1-4** Dinner Theatre – **Family Camp** (CMC)
- Aug. 4-10** Grade School 2 (Miracle Camp - Grades 2-4)
- Nov. 10-17** 50th Annual Missions Conference



May 19, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service and our time of sharing afterward. Blessings!

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 ~

Today is...



There will be no Adult Bible Fellowship classes, but all are encouraged to attend this special time for our youth held in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

- 9:00 a.m.** Christian Education Promotion Sunday (*all meet in CMC*)
- 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 – David’s Lament;
A Heart that Weeps (CMC)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
Student Small Groups Meet
- 8:15 p.m.** *Selah (Sanctuary)*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 12:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	285
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	481
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	28

Giving on May 12:

\$11,387.31

Benevolent	245.00
Building Fund	95.00
Christian Education Fund	848.31
General Fund	5,261.00
Missions Fund	4,108.00
New Building Fund	80.00
Youth Fund	750.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the week: *Lyn & Lori Loewen* live in Findlay. Lyn serves with the **Findlay Area Youth for Christ** in **Van Buren**. They thank you so much for your prayer and support of the ministry at Van Buren. They have an area-wide event coming up on May 31. It is their annual trip to Cedar Point. This is an opportunity for them to spend relational time with students hanging out and building and making new relationships with high school and middle school students. Please encourage Lyn & Lori by sending a note at: 1895 Baker Way, Findlay, OH 45840 or e-mail at: wild4the1@yahoo.com.

~PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Evan Neiswander, St. Rita's Medical Center.

~YOUTH NEWS ~

There will be a Youth Missions Trip meeting this Wednesday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse.

Miracle Camp Reminder: If you have not done so, now is the time to register online. After registering, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center at the Information Center so you can receive your scholarship and we can plan transportation. Also you will find camp information packets on the counter. If you have questions, please call Diane Sharrock at 419-302-8438.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Jerry & Vickie Cartwright – *Missions Center*
Lynn & Linda Saunders – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 20-26

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>) Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>) Youth Missions Trip Meeting (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various classrooms</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 (<i>CMC</i>)

Graduate Recognition Sunday

No Evening Fellowship Service, Student Small Groups, or Selah

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26 ~

Nursery: Teresa Marquart, Cheryl Potter, Bev Stockman,
Renea & Caitlyn Zimmerman
Good News Hour: Emily Bish, Kaitlin Kidd,
Charlie & Alison Mosler, Diane Sharrock, Bev Stockman

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

Ebenezer Mennonite Church
8905 Columbus Grove Road, Bluffton, OH 45817
Phone: 419-358-8588

Check out our new website: www.ebenzermennonite.org
E-mail: info@ebenzermennonite.org

VBS Registration: Please be sure to fill out a form for each child. You may place the registration form in the offering or the basket in the Missions Center at the Information Center where you will also find additional forms. For each family registering a child, a FREE CD will be available. The CD has all the music your child will hear while at VBS - **Kingdom Rock**, June 2-7, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions please see a VBS committee member - Janet Brauen, Ashley Fry, Melissa Hilty, or Julie Motter.



You are invited to an open house for:

- Diana Basinger** Today (1-4 p.m.)
Ebenezer Crossroads Ministry Center
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- Kaitlyn Saunders** Sat., May 25 (4-7 p.m.)
6850 Billymack Road, Elida
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- Matthew Spallinger** Sun., May 26 (12:30-4 p.m.)
6260 N. Phillips Rd., Bluffton
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- Michael Sheehan** Sun., May 26 (2-5 p.m.)
Bluffton Campus Life Room (111 West College Avenue)
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- Jacob Biery** Sun., May 26 13495 Township Rd. 57,
Rawson (following commencement which begins at 2:00 p.m.)
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- Freddie Cherry, Josiah Conley, Nathan Diller, & Kyle Huber**
Mon., May 27 (11-3 p.m.)
Ebenezer Crossroads Ministry Center
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- Michael & Matthew Deter** Sat., June 1 (Noon-4 p.m.)
St. John Mennonite Church

~ PLEASE NOTE ~



The Power Team is coming in February 2014! We are booking schools for them to go to while they are here. The cost is \$500 per school assembly. They provide the students a motivational talk and then invite the students to the evening crusade. Some schools are unable to finance assemblies. If you, a business, or someone you know would like to sponsor an assembly, please call Gina Burkholder at 419-