
~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Small Group: For young adults/young married couples a seven week series on Mondays July 15 – August 26, at 7:05 p.m. at Pastor Jim & Pat's (152 S. Jackson St., Bluffton). Contact Pastor Jim at 419-358-8588 if you are interested or have questions.

Small Group: Connections-Connecting Christ with Culture. This small group will involve reading *Follow Me* by David Platt and the Bible. It will be a nine week series held on Wednesdays, July 17-September 11, from 7:05 - 8:15 p.m. at the Bluffton McDonald's. You don't need to attend every week, but your consistent participation is appreciated! The book *Follow Me* is available for \$10. Contact Pastor Jim at 419-358-8588 if you are interested.

Celebration! (Psalm 100) Church Picnic: Sunday, July 21, after the Morning Worship, we're going to enjoy a church picnic while others are at Family Camp. We'll provide the grilled hot dogs. You can provide a couple of dishes that will go along nicely with tube steaks. Please invite your neighbors and friends!

Small Group: Interested in baptism? A baptism service will be held Sunday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m. In preparation, a three week baptism small group series will be held on Sundays July 14-28, at 6:31 p.m. at Pastor Jim & Pat's, with one makeup date.

The Power Team is coming to Ebenezer 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 with 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 419-957-5304.

Ebenezer Drama Ensemble presents **Family Camp**. Tickets for this year's Dinner Theatre (August 1-4, at 6:00 p.m.) will be available for \$10.00, beginning Sunday, July 7, at 8:00 a.m. in the Missions Center. After July 7, the tickets will be available Monday-Friday in the church office from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Please be prepared to pay for your tickets when you pick them up, all sales are final and no refunds.

~ MANY THANKS ~

Thank you for the NIV Study Bible given to me for graduation. The generosity means so much. I plan on continuing attending Ebenezer and getting more involved. After the summer, I will be going to the University of Northwestern Ohio for Diesel. - *Thank you, Jake Biery*

Thank you so much for the support shown to us when Kyle was in the hospital. Thank you to Kathy, Pastor Dick, and Pastor Warren for the visits to the hospital and praying with us. We are so thankful for a wonderful church family. We are truly appreciative for the mighty prayer warriors who are bringing Kyle to the Lord. The Lord has done great things and we praise Him! Thank you, Jesus! – *God bless all of you, Alan & Lynette Sommer, Amber & Kyle Bewsey*

~ VEHICLE USE POLICY AND PROCEDURES ~

1. Schedule use of vehicles (vans/trailers, etc.) as far in advance as possible by contacting the Trustee in charge of vehicle maintenance and scheduling. Vehicles will be approved for use on a first come – first served basis.
2. When scheduling, identify the driver's name.
3. Due to insurance regulations, ALL drivers must be registered with the church office.
4. When returning vehicles, please ensure all litter has been collected and disposed of from inside the vehicle.
5. All vehicles are to be returned with a full tank of fuel.
6. If vehicles have been driven in adverse conditions, are covered with salt or mud, please run vehicle through a car wash. This extends the vehicle life and ensures the next driver of a clean vehicle.
7. Drivers should complete the driving log located in the vehicle, noting mileage, purpose of trip, vehicle performance issues.
8. Report any mechanical problems to the Trustees or church office.
9. Cooperation is requested to ensure proper use and care of all EMC property and that all our transportation needs can be met.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

July 19-21 Family Camp (East Harbor State Park Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio)

Aug. 1-4 Dinner Theatre – **Family Camp** (6:00 p.m., CMC)

Aug. 4-10 Grade School 2 (Miracle Camp - Grades 2-4)

Aug. 11 Baptism Service (6:00 p.m., Stratton Pond)

Oct. 6 Christian Education Appreciation Sunday (10:15 a.m., CMC)

Nov. 10-17 **50th Annual Missions Conference** –

Footprints of the Past–Footsteps Toward the Future



June 30, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary

This week we celebrate Independence Day. With great gratitude for freedom of worship, let us thank God for our nation. Let us also greet one another with loving kindness as we praise God. Welcome to all.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:00 a.m.** Grade School (*Leave for Miracle Camp, Grades 2-4*)
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 – Protect Your Heart (CMC)
Commissioning Service for missions trips to
France and Mexico
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Mark Frysinger, OSU James Cancer Center.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Casey & Jennifer Cherry on the birth of their daughter Brooke Lauren, on Wednesday, June 26, weighing 6 lb. 14 oz.

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Jonnathan & April (Yoakam) Bonifaz who were united in marriage yesterday at the YFC Lighthouse, Findlay.

Congratulations to Jordan & Kayla (Geiger) Welch who were united in marriage yesterday here at the church.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on June 23:

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	296
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	432
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	52

Giving on June 23:

\$8,044.25

Benevolent	100.00
Building Fund	475.00
Christian Education Fund	405.80
General Fund	5,104.45
Missions Fund	1,584.00
New Building Fund	125.00
Youth Fund	250.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Daniel & Lynn Plett serve with **Trans World Radio** in **Bratislava, Slovak Republic**. Daniel and Bernhard Schraut make up the TWR-Europe Lingua DMS team. Pray that the programs will continue to get out to different countries using this new method and that God would bless these programs. Pray for the Plett children as they will be changing schools next year. Please encourage them by sending a note to: %Trans World Radio - Central Europe, P.O. Box 12, 820 02 Bratislava 22, Slovak Republic or e-mail at: thepletts@zoznam.sk.

White Christmas in July. The month of July is time to remember and honor our Ebenezer Member Missionaries with our White Christmas giving. This annual offering is to help make Christmas a little more special for our missionaries. Please use the small envelope in the Emissary today for your gift and place in the offering plate. (Since Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS, no tax-deductible receipts will be issued.) - *The Missions Committee*

. ~ CAMP NEWS ~

Grade School to Miracle Camp - June 30 - July 3

Elijah Conley	Isaiah Conley	Riley Eachus
Eli Hoffman	Will Hoffman	Tayton Kleman
Grant Klinger	Rori Motter	Drew Oaks
Jay Oaks	Regan Oaks	Bryan Zimmerman

Drivers to camp: Wes & Mandy Klinger, Renea Zimmerman

Drivers from camp: Ryan & Julie Motter

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Kevin & Gina Burkholder – *Missions Center*
Marvin & Karen Garmatter – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 1-7

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
		Missions & Missions Sub Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
Thursday	** Fourth of July – Church Office Closed**	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	Junior High (<i>Miracle Camp - Grades 7&8</i>)
		The Good News Hour (<i>2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship & Communion Service (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 7 ~

Nursery: Janet Brauen, Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber, Deb Hilty, John & Jaime Shaw
Good News Hour: Janet Brauen, Summer Burkholder, Jami Crawfis, Kimberly Gordon, Melissa Hilty, Brooke Koontz, Marti Meza

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Pastor Dick & Ruth Tschetter. This coming Thursday, July 4 will mark their 65th wedding anniversary!

~ADULT MISSIONS TRIP TO FRANCE - JUNE 30-JULY 12

Team Members: Frank & Patty Boehm, Cindy & Allison Bowsher, Tim & Diana Diller, Pastor Jim, Angie Starkey, Kathy Steiner, Adam Wireman (missionary host), Clyde, Janie & Sarah Wireman, Kerris & Nancy Wright.

~ YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP TO MEXICO - JULY 1-8

Team Members: Courtney Barnett, Mateo Bonifaz, Audrey Bowsher, Chelsea Burkholder, Emma Burkholder, Mariah Burkholder, Summer Burkholder, Fred Cherry, Hannah Conley, Josiah Conley, Michael Deter, Nathan Diller, Brittany Good, Alex Hord, Kyle Huber, Timothy Huber, Alexis Lugibihl, Gabe Meyer, Molly Moser, Rachel Moser, Delaney Reineke, Ariel Schantz, Maddie Schantz, Andrew Schutz, Adel Sommers, Andrew Spallinger, Matthew Spallinger, Paige Swinehart, Ben Wagner, Alyssa Willow, and Ross Zimmerman. **Sponsors:** Jaden August, Amber Bewsey, Evania Bonifaz, Krista Lehman, Pastor Wade & Hannah Slechter, Jene' Sommers, and Dan Steiner.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Bluffton/Pandora Campus Life Summer Events

(BCLR Bluffton/Pandora Campus Life Room - 111 W. College Ave. Bluffton)

ALL events open to students who have completed Grade 6 through 2013 Graduates!

Sunday, July 28 - Fun at Ottawa Metro Park

Meet at BCLR at 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Swimming, Volleyball, Cook-out, Fun in the Sun!

Sunday, August 18 - Laser Tag & Shopping in Ft. Wayne

Meet at BCLR at 1:00 p.m. (Must Sign up!)

Cost: \$18 (Includes Laser Tag and transportation)

Pool Parties: Wednesday nights through August 21, from 8:30-

10:00. Cost: \$3 (Bring extra money for pizza and drinks)

Located at the Bluffton Swimming Pool (Weather Permitting)

Questions, please call David Glick 567-204-9777

or Hannah Slechter 419-236-5281.

~ INVITATION TO SINGLES ~

FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and *all* singles age 50 and older to our next gathering scheduled for Sunday, July 14. A luncheon will be provided. Hope to see you there!