
~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Ebenezer Drama Ensemble presents **Family Camp**. Tickets for this year's Dinner Theatre (August 1-4, at 6:00 p.m.) are available for \$10.00 today in the Missions Center. Tickets can also be purchased 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.

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 SUMMER SOFTBALL SCHEDULE ~

All games played at the Bluffton Village Park

- Monday, July 8 – 7:15 vs Rusty Onions
Wednesday, July 10 – 6:00 vs Mighty Missionaries
Monday, July 15 – 7:15 vs D&D
Monday, July 22 – 7:15 vs Mighty Missionaries
Monday, July 29 – 6:00 vs Bluffton Trinity
Monday, August 5 – 7:15 vs English Lutheran
Wednesday, August 14 – 6:00 vs Rusty Onions
Monday, August 19 – Tournament
Wednesday, August 21 – Tournament Semifinals AND Final

~ WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

- The Chance* – Karen Kingsbury
Come to the Table – Neta Jackson
The Guardian – Beverly Lewis
The Bridesmaid – Beverly Lewis
The Fiddler – Beverly Lewis

~ 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

~ PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER CHAIN ~

Please call the church office for any names or concerns that you want listed in the Weekly Prayer List or announced during our Worship Services. To start the Prayer Chain, call or text Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 or call the church office at 419-358-8588.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



July 7, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome friends! We invite everyone to join in worshipping the Creator of us all. Let us sing for joy, pray with confidence, share with enthusiasm and witness with love. *In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

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*)
- 10:00 a.m.** Junior High 1 (*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 & Communion Service – Pastor Dick
The Murderous Heart (CMC)

No Evening Fellowship Service tonight.

Please note: All loose offerings taken during the morning Worship Gathering today (in connection with communion) will go towards the Benevolent Fund.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on June 30:

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	275
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	432
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	45

Giving on June 30:

\$11,351.41

Benevolent	130.00
Building Fund	210.00
Christian Education Fund	527.41
General Fund	5,177.00
Missions Fund	4,652.00
New Building Fund	450.00
White Christmas	\$205.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionary of the Week: Nick Powell serves in Alaska with Avant Ministries. Pray for Nick that he will have wisdom and that he will be a good example to the staff, counselors, and all he has contact with at camp. He is thankful for the friends from home who are going to help with work at the camp. They will have a little break when they go to Juneau for the parade this week. Continue to pray for Nick and the work this summer. Please send a note to encourage Nick at: P.O. Box 210608, Auke Bay, AK 99821 or e-mail: nick.powell@avmi.org.

Christmas in July: White Christmas offerings will be received through the month of July. Please use the special White Christmas envelopes enclosed in the Emissary last Sunday and place in the offering plate. Additional envelopes are available in the Missions Center and Crossroads Ministry Center. (Since Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS no tax-deductible receipts will be issued) - *The Missions Committee*

~ 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 next Sunday, July 14. A luncheon will be provided. Hope to see you there!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Steve & Doneta Reigle – *Missions Center*
Jerry & Vickie Cartwright – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 8-14

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Arby's)
	7:00 p.m.	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC) Music Committee Meeting (103)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103) Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministries (112) Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
	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.	FaithFull Singles Luncheon (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 14 ~

Nursery: Ron & Sue Epp, Jeremy & Ashley Fry,
Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Renea & Caitlyn Zimmerman
Good News Hour: Janet Brauen, Summer Burkholder,
Jami Crawfis, Kimberly Gordon, Melissa Hilty,
Brooke Koontz, Marti Meza

~ CAMP NEWS ~

Junior High 1 to Miracle Camp - July 7-13

Alaina Basinger	Zach Basinger	Madison Bassitt
Grace Bell	Kassandra Bishop	Hunter Brodman
Kaitlyn Burkholder	Lillian Burkholder	Leah Conley
Ashley Eachus	Noah Fulcomer	Abbey Gambrell
Emily Gladwell	Kim Gordon	Christian Groman
Emma Klinger	Jared Meyer	Nolan Nickles
Jackson Ridge	Alexa Schulte	Olivia Schulte
Miranda Schutz	Aubrey Snider	Hannah Willow
Hannah Yost	Luke Young	
<i>Drivers to camp:</i> Brian Young & Tim Basinger Ron & Tobi Meyer		
<i>Home from camp:</i> Brian Young & Wes Klinger, Kathy Bishop		

~ PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MISSIONS TEAMS ~

Returning from Mexico tomorrow: 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.

Returning from France on Friday, July 12: 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 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.