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**BLUFFTON/PANDORA GILBOA  
YOUTH FOR CHRIST CHICKEN BBQ**

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Before the Bluffton/P-G Football Scrimmage!  
Friday - August 23 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
at the Arthur-Lugibihl Center in Pandora  
Cost is \$7

Half Chicken, Green Beans, Potatoes, and Roll  
Pies - Cakes - Drinks will be available for sale  
Dine in or Carry Out

To buy a ticket see David Glick, Hannah Slechter, or Ann Leader.  
Tickets are also available in the church office or from any  
current YFC board member.

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**~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~**

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**Please sign up** to go to the Rescue Mission some Saturday night this coming fall, winter, or spring. Instead of the ABF classes being assigned to each service, we would like individuals or groups of friends to go and minister the first Saturday evening of each month. The sign-up sheets are in the Missions Center. Thank you for your willingness to serve! Contact Kathy Steiner at 419-348-3986 if you have any questions. *Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.* Matthew 25:40

**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*.

**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.

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**~ EBENEZER SUMMER SOFTBALL SCHEDULE ~**

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*All games played at the Bluffton Village Park*  
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

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**~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~**

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- Aug. 18** Joe & Jeanie Stucky, Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission  
(7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Aug. 25** Disciple Singers' Party (7:00 p.m., 118-119)
- Oct. 6** Christian Education Appreciation Sunday (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Nov. 10-17** *50<sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference –  
Footprints of the Past–Footsteps Toward the Future*

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**~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~**

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**August 4, 2013**

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# Ebenezer Emissary

**With genuine gladness, we welcome all who have come to praise God. May all our hearts be open to our Creator and one another as we share in worship together.**

**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!**

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**~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~**

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- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Stephen Ministries (112)  
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)
- 10:00 a.m.** Grade School 2 (Grades 2-4 leave for Miracle Camp)  
The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering - Pastor Jim (CMC)  
*A Suffering Heart*
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (103)
- 6:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre - **Family Camp** (CMC)

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**~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~**

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**Our sympathy** to the family of Margaret Herr. Margaret, wife of William, mother of Louise Shoupe, Carole Kelley, Julie Herr (daughter-in-law), Jayne Huffman, and Shari Schwab, passed away on Thursday, August 1. Visitation is this afternoon from 2:00–6:00 p.m. at Chiles-Laman Bluffton Chapel. Services will be held here at the church tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

**In the Hospital:** Keith Geiger at St. Rita's Medical Center.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on July 28:**

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	263
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	449
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	57

**Giving on July 28:**

**\$10,188.57**

Benevolent	100.00
Building Fund	145.00
Christian Education Fund	489.57
General Fund	5,526.00
Missions Fund	3,728.00
New Building Fund	100.00
Youth Fund	100.00
White Christmas	\$1,130.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the week:** Nick & Debbie Siemens serve with **Trans World Radio** in Germany. Some time ago we heard that Debbie had an automobile accident. It was found that her lungs have been bruised by the impact and a drainage tube needed to be inserted. Thanks so much for upholding them in your prayers. God provided them with a car that was within the funds available. Nick has been in the Ukraine. He was able to spend one week at home and then went to Moldova to help with a technical trip. Their daughter, Gabi, and her family stayed with Debbie during the time Nick was gone. He now has some weeks that he can be home. Thank you for remembering them in your prayers. Please send a note to encourage Nick & Debbie at: Martinskirchweg 20, 35638 Leun, Germany or e-mail at: nickanddebbiesiemens@gmail.com

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~ CAMP NEWS ~

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**Grade School 2 to Miracle Camp – August 4-10**

Ella Badertscher	Wyatt Badertscher	Kaden Basil
Isabella Basinger	Wes Brauen	Gracie Breidenbach
Ben Eiden	Lexie Neuenschwander	Jacob Schutz
Sasha Smith	Karis Willow	Cara Young

*Driving to and from camp:* Brian & Kendy Young  
Crystal Badertscher

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Ben Moser & Molly Moser – *Missions Center*  
Al & Carolyn Frysinger – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 5-11**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group ( <i>at Pastor Jim's home</i> )
	<b>7:15 p.m.</b>	EMC Softball Game ( <i>Bluffton Village Park</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Arby's</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Committee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	EMC Softball Game ( <i>Bluffton Village Park</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer ( <i>103</i> ) Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Campus Life Room</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Dodgeball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2&amp;3 year olds-B10,</i> <i>4 year olds-K-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Power Team Committee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Baptism Service ( <i>6:00 p.m., Stratton Pond</i> )

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 ~

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**Nursery News:** Ron & Sue Epp, Bev Stockman  
Anita, Alyssa, Lauren, & Hannah Willow  
Renea & Caity Zimmerman  
**Good News Hour:** Courtney Barnett, Cheryl Potter  
Madison & Ariel Schantz, Erica Sheehan, Joan Steiner

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~ TWO UPCOMING CONCERTS ~

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**A Christian music concert** will be presented by Thurlow & Kathey (Gratz) Spurr on Friday, August 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Civic Center, Lima. The concert will feature Sandi Patty, Larnelle Harris, Dino, and a 200 voice festival choir.

**JJ Heller, Live In Concert:** On Sunday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pandora Missionary Church.

*For more information on these concerts please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center and across from the kitchen window.*

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**All Junior High and Senior High Students** are invited to come play Dodgeball on Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

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**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, 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)

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~ RECENT MOVE ~

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**New Address:** Evan & Lillian Neiswander now reside at the Richland Manor, 7400 Swaney Road, Bluffton, OH 45817.

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~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

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**Congratulations** to Evan & Lillian Neiswander. Friday, August 9, will mark their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon this Tuesday, August 6, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Kevin & Debbie Mohr will present *Memories of Madagascar* from their missionary experience in Madagascar. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

**Power Team Committee** will meet next Sunday, August 11, at 4:00 p.m.

**Did you know** that over two billion people have never had the opportunity to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ! Discover how the hope of Christ is reaching hard places when you join Global Disciples for dinner at St. John Mennonite Church, Pandora, on Wednesday, August 21. Appetizers being at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following. A free-will offering will be taken. Register online at [GlobalDisciples.org](http://GlobalDisciples.org) or contact Julie Stratton at 419-302-0369.