

## Financial Report – July 2013

### Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	295,867	130,678	25,113	78,167
Expenses YTD	251,252	130,002	17,644	12,731
Actual Income	241,879	139,426	17,766	17,019

### Cash Fund Balances as of 7/31/13:

General.....	\$73,376
Missions.....	\$101,779
Christian Education .....	\$27,419
Building .....	\$22,180
Cemetery Restoration Project .....	\$1,180
New Building/Land Purchase .....	\$77,367
Benevolent.....	\$13,573

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

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 for 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.

### ~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

**Help Needed:** The Disciple Singers Choir is in need of helpers to assist throughout the next few months. This will not require every week attendance but enough time with the choir to become familiar with the children and music. If you are interested please contact Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907 or Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 or check the box on the green EMC Communications Card.

**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

**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.

### ~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~

**The church office** needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please complete the information sheet on the counter in the Missions Center near our **Welcome & Information Center** or e-mail the church office with the name of your college, starting date, your mailing address, and college year to: [info@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:info@ebenezymennonite.org). You may also fill out the appropriate information on the green EMC Communications card. Thanks so much!

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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

**Oct. 28** Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)

**Oct. 29** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)

**Nov. 10-17** *50<sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference –*

*Footprints of the Past–Footsteps Toward the Future*

### ~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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August 18, 2013

# Ebenezer Emissary

Come friends, let us warmly welcome each other and join together to worship God. Hearts warmed by the Spirit cause hands to reach out in love.

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.** The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering - Pastor Jim (CMC)  
*An Aging Heart*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service & Afterglow  
Joe & Jeanie Stucky (Sanctuary)

### ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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

**Our sympathy** to the family of Evan Neiswander. Evan, husband of Lillian, and father of Cheryl Birkemeier and Kevin Neiswander, passed away on Sunday, August 11. Services were held on Wednesday, August 14, at the Memorial Park Cemetery, Lima.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Deryl Shank. Deryl, husband of Jane, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, August 16. Visitation is scheduled today from 1-7 p.m. at Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, 205 W. Sandusky Street, Findlay. A memorial service is scheduled at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow at the church.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on August 11:**

Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	263
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	447
Baptism Service	(6:30 p.m.)	98

**Giving on August 11:**

\$15,315.34

Benevolent	425.00
Building Fund	260.00
Christian Education Fund	436.34
General Fund	10,445.00
Missions Fund	3,519.00
New Building Fund	80.00
Youth Fund	150.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the Week:** *Chuck & Naomi Smith* serve with **New Tribes Mission at the New Tribes Bible Institute in Waukesha, Wisconsin.** They worked in Paraguay, South America for 12 years. For eight of those years they worked with the Ayoré people group in the western part of the country. Rachel is in her second year of Bible College and Jordan is in his senior year of high school. Their son David was recently married on June 8. Continue to pray for this family to have wisdom deciding when to return to Paraguay. Please send a note to encourage Chuck & Naomi at: 915 N. Hartwell Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186 or e-mail at: chuck\_smith@ntm.org.

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~ VISITING TODAY ~

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**A special welcome** to Joe & Jeanie Stucky, Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission. Please plan to attend this evening at 7:00 in the Sanctuary as they share of their ministry. An Afterglow will be held following the service.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Mariah Burkholder and Rachel Moser – *Missions Center*  
Marvin & Karen Garmatter – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 19-25**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	EMC Softball Game ( <i>Bluffton Village Park</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group ( <i>at Pastor Jim's home</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Arby's</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Christian Education Com. 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>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacon Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Stephen Ministries ( <i>112</i> )
		Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour ( <i>2&amp;3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Party ( <i>118&amp;119</i> )
		Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 ~

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**Nursery:** Thomas Eachus Family, Jeff & Julie McKanna,  
Joshua & Heidi Steiner

**Good News Hour:** Crystal Badertscher,  
Cindy, Molly, & Rachel Moser, Joe & Jenny Navarro

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. ~ EBENEZER SUMMER SOFTBALL SCHEDULE ~

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*All games played at the Bluffton Village Park*

Monday, August 19, Tournament (6:00 p.m.) w/Trinity  
Wednesday, August 21, Semifinals (6:00) & Final (7:15)

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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, beginning on August 28. – *Pastor Wade*

**Disciple Singers Choir:** What is your talent; singing, dancing, playing an instrument, crafting, acting, or something else? Whatever it is, there is a spot reserved for you in the Christmas program this year. We are opening it up to all Sunday School children (Grades 1-6) whether you want to join the choir or not. So put on your thinking caps and let us know what talent you have been given to do and then have your parents contact us. We will start the year like we usually do with fun, games, and food, everyone is welcome. So come have some fun next Sunday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 118&119. For those who wish to join the choir, this will give you an idea on what we are planning to do for the Missions Conference and Spring Musical. – *Angela Steiner* (567-712-1907) and *Renea Zimmerman* (419-369-4543)

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**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, 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.

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~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

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**Wednesday Night Children's Ministry** will begin in October. Teachers and helpers are needed for several classes: Pre-K-Kindergarten, Grades 3&4 boys, and Grades 5&6 boys. A helper is needed in Grades 1&2 and Grades 3&4 girls. Please pray and consider if God is leading you to be involved in this ministry. You may check the box on the green EMC Communications Card or contact Cheryl Potter at 567-204-0611.

**Nursery Workers Needed:** A new fall/winter schedule is being developed for the nurseries, but volunteer numbers are low. We are seeking men and women (High School on up) who love babies and would enjoy caring for them during the Adult Bible Fellowship or during the Worship Gathering. If you are interested or have questions please e-mail Melissa Hilty ([hilty.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:hilty.melissa@gmail.com)) or Heidi Steiner ([steinerhl@gmail.com](mailto:steinerhl@gmail.com)) before Monday, August 26.