

Financial Report – September 2013

Giving & Expenses

|               | General Fund | Missions Fund | C. E. Fund | Building Fund |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Budgeted YTD  | 380,400      | 168,015       | 32,288     | 100,500       |
| Expenses YTD  | 331,105      | 184,088       | 27,509     | 16,499        |
| Actual Income | 314,708      | 188,289       | 22,050     | 21,355        |

Cash Fund Balances as of 9/30/13:

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| General.....                       | \$66,351 |
| Missions.....                      | \$96,556 |
| Christian Education .....          | \$21,838 |
| Building .....                     | \$19,937 |
| Cemetery Restoration Project ..... | \$2,100  |
| New Building/Land Purchase .....   | \$78,077 |
| Benevolent.....                    | \$10,121 |

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

**All Day Sew** is Monday evening, October 28, from 6-9 and on Tuesday, October 29, from 9-3 p.m. We will be knotting comforters for our missionaries. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a noon potluck on Tuesday. The potluck is also open to all spouses of those working and all widows/widowers to be our guest. Everyone is invited. Please come and share this evening or day with us.

**A Safe Sanctuary** training class will be held Sunday, November 3, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for those age 17 to adult who have not taken the class and are planning to or are currently working with children. There is a sign-up sheet in the Missions Center for all who plan to attend. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Dale at 419-358-8588.

**The Trustees** are now accepting snow-removal bids for the 2013-14 winter season. Please have your bids submitted to the office no later than noon, Friday, November 1.

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Oct. 28 Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 29 All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Nov. 2 Berean Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Nov. 3 Safe Sanctuary Training (8:30 a.m., FH)
- Nov. 10-17 **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference** –  
*Footprints of the Past–Footsteps Toward the Future*
- Dec. 14 Ladies’ Christmas Tea (10:00 a.m., CMC)  
 ~ 2014 ~
- Jan. 10-12 Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
- Jan. 31-Feb. 2 Senior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

Choral Anthem

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
 Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning,  
 It’s time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
 Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
 Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger.  
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;  
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
 Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
 The end draws near and my time has come;  
 Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
 Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
 Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
 Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.  
 I’ll worship Your holy name, Lord, I’ll worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name,  
 I’ll worship Your holy name, Lord, I’ll worship Your holy name.  
 Bless the Lord, O my soul.



October 20, 2013

**Ebenezer  
 Emissary**

**Today is the gateway to another week. We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly. Let us prepare ourselves to be God’s people in God’s world.**

~ 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)  
*Share Life with Disciples*
- 11:30 a.m.** Congregational Meeting (CMC)
- 12:30 p.m.** Berean Class Outing (*Brauen’s Gourds*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Prayer Action Team Meeting (*103*)  
 Women’s Ministries Com. Meeting (*115*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (*King, Lemley, Stockman*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir (*Grades 1-6, 118-119*)  
 Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
 Senior High Small Groups (*Various locations*)

**Please note:** A congregational meeting will be held following the Morning Worship Gathering in order to present and approve the Legacy Designation Contribution initiative. (Informational packet is available on the table in the CMC Foyer.) We will have a guest speaker from The Mennonite Foundation in Goshen, Indiana, to give a 10-minute presentation on this initiative. Questions will be entertained, followed by the vote on the initiative.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

**Congratulations** to Benjamin & Jennifer (Ford) Lee on the birth of their son, Braden Robert, on Friday, October 4.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**In Rehab:** Mary Ream, the Meadows at Putnam Acres.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on October 13:**

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| Sunday School              | (9:00 a.m.)  | 249 |
| Worship Gathering          | (10:15 a.m.) | 404 |
| Evening Fellowship Service | (7:00 p.m.)  | 78  |

**Giving on October 13:**

\$15,691.91

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Benevolent               | 125.00    |
| Building Fund            | 770.00    |
| Christian Education Fund | 481.91    |
| General Fund             | 11,210.00 |
| Missions Fund            | 3,085.00  |
| New Building Fund        | 20.00     |

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the week:** *Dennis & Cindy Wiens* serve with **SAT-7** and live in Kansas City, Missouri. With all the turmoil across the Middle East and North Africa, pray for the Church as it responds to the day to day challenges and that through these difficulties people would look to Christ for answers. Pray for safety of all SAT-7 staff as they daily go back and forth from home to the studios to make the SAT-7 programs, especially in the areas of Egypt, Lebanon, and Turkey. Dennis & Cindy plan to lead a study/vision trip to the Holy Land and Jordan November 8-19. Pray for safety, health, and understanding as they study God's Word and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Send a note to them at: 11260 N. Summit Street, Kansas City, MO 64155 or e-mail at: [dwiens@kc.rr.com](mailto:dwiens@kc.rr.com).

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~ WELCOME TO EBENEZER LUNCHEON ~

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**You may have been** attending Ebenezer for several months, weeks, or perhaps visiting for the first time today. Whatever the case, we want you to know that we are glad you've chosen to worship with us. You are invited to join us for a Welcome Luncheon next Sunday, October 27, immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All college age students are also invited. The luncheon will give us the opportunity to further introduce you to our church and the ministries of our church.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Nicki Biery and Brittany Reigle – *Missions Center*  
Al & Carolyn Frysinger – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 21-27**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Music Committee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )                                 |
|                  | <b>7:05 p.m.</b>  | Small Group ( <i>173 Albert St., Bluffton</i> )                        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>6:30 a.m.</b>  | Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Arby's</i> )                           |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | VBS Committee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )                                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | Game Time ( <i>FH</i> )  |
|                  | <b>6:15 p.m.</b>  | Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )                                  |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Adult Bible Study & Prayer ( <i>103</i> )                              |
|                  |                   | Adult Choir Rehearsal ( <i>115</i> )                                   |
|                  |                   | Children's Ministries ( <i>age 3-Grade 6</i> )                         |
|                  |                   | Junior High Meet ( <i>CMC</i> )  |
|                  |                   | Men's Bible Study ( <i>Sanctuary Overflow</i> )                        |
|                  |                   | Women's Bible Study ( <i>S4</i> )                                      |
|                  | <b>7:05 p.m.</b>  | Connections ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )                             |
|                  | <b>8:30 p.m.</b>  | Bread of Life Ministries ( <i>Church Kitchen</i> )                     |
|                  |                   | Dodgeball ( <i>CMC</i> )   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting ( <i>103</i> )                        |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | Stephen Ministry ( <i>112&amp;113</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>11:30 a.m.</b> | Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon ( <i>CMC</i> )                            |
|                  | <b>6:31 p.m.</b>  | Small Groups ( <i>King, Lemley, Stockman</i> )                         |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Disciple Singers Choir ( <i>Grades 1-6, 118-119</i> )                  |
|                  |                   | Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )                        |
|                  |                   | Senior High Small Groups ( <i>Various locations</i> )                  |

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 ~

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**Nursery:** Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Cory Hilty,  
Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Brittany Sheehan

**Good News Hour:** Kim Gordon, Brooke Koontz,  
Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Phil & Sarah Shank, Hui Shen

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~ UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS ~

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**Saturday, November 2 – Senior High**

**Service Project:** Fresh start. Come for breakfast, time of prayer, and cleaning of the school house.

**Sunday, November 17 – Junior & Senior High**

**Ice Skating** at the Cube in Findlay, meet at the schoolhouse at 1:30 p.m., we will return by 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 21 – Senior High**

**Service Project:** We will be making some goodies to take to the residents at Mennonite Memorial Home and spend some time visiting.

~ Ice Camp Dates ~

Junior High - January 10-12

Senior High - January 31-February 2

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~ YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS ~

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**Adult Volunteer Sign-up:** There is a sign-up sheet being passed around the Adult Bible Fellowship Classes and at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center for you to sign up and be a part of the Youth Ministry here are Ebenezer. We would love for you to be a part of our youths' lives.

**How to sign up for EMC Youth's Ebenezer Youth Messages:** To receive messages via text, text @ebenezer to (330) 556-4098. You can opt out of messages anytime by replying **unsubscribe @ebenezer**. Remind 101 is a one-way text messaging and e-mail system. With Remind 101, all personal information remains completely confidential. This system allows for communication without us ever seeing your personal phone number. See insert from last Sunday's Emissary, extra copies are in the Missions Center at the Information Center.

**Bread of Life Ministries (John 6:35):** This is a Junior and Senior High activity which will coincide with Wednesday night Dodgeball. The evening will consist of cooking, fun, food, and fellowship in the Church Kitchen. It will last from 8:30-10 and starts up October 23. Hope to see you there!!

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~ LIMA RESCUE MISSION – HELP NEEDED ~

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**Please sign up** to go to the Rescue Mission some Saturday night this coming fall, winter, or spring. The sign-up sheets are in the Missions Center. Contact Kathy Steiner at 419-348-3986 if you have any questions.