

Financial Report – October 2013

**Giving & Expenses**

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	422,667	186,683	35,875	111,667
Expenses YTD	371,717	196,143	28,264	18,353
Actual Income	356,913	213,789	24,863	23,205

**Cash Fund Balances as of 10/31/13:**

General.....	\$67,946
Missions.....	\$110,001
Christian Education .....	\$23,896
Building .....	\$19,239
Cemetery Restoration Project .....	\$2,450
New Building/Land Purchase .....	\$78,422
Benevolent.....	\$7,873

**~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~**

- Dec. 8** Haiti Missions Trip Meeting (4:00 p.m., FH)  
Disciple Singers Choir (7:00 p.m., Grades 1-6, 118-119)  
with Speakers & Actors–Children’s Christmas Program
- Dec. 9** **MOPS** (9:00 p.m., FH)
- Dec. 11** Congregational Meeting (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Dec. 14** Ladies’ Christmas Tea (10:00 a.m., CMC)
- Dec. 15** Haiti Missions Trip Meeting (4:00 p.m., FH)  
Children’s Christmas Program (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service (6:00 p.m., CMC)

**~ 2014 ~**

- Jan. 10-12** Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
- Jan. 12** Haiti Missions Trip Meeting (4:00 p.m., FH)
- Jan. 13** **MOPS** (9:00 p.m., FH)
- Jan. 19** Haiti Missions Trip Meeting (4:00 p.m., FH)
- Jan. 27** **MOPS** (9:00 p.m., FH)
- Jan. 31-Feb. 2** Senior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

**~ THANK YOU ~**

**Ebenezer Mennonite Church:** Findlay Area Youth for Christ is blessed to have your partnership. The staff knows you are praying for us and the students we meet daily, volunteering/mentoring needy students, giving of your finances, and caring for our needs. Thank you for your important collaboration that is helping to reach more lost and hurting young people. You are making a difference by putting a caring adult in the life of this student, sharing God’s love and forgiveness, through His Son, Jesus Christ. It is our privilege to have you lean in with us! – *Thank you, Don & Ann, the YFC staff, and for hurting kids.*

**Choral Anthem**  
**Reasons to Thank You**

How many reason do I have to say, “Thank You”?  
How many stars are shining up in the sky?  
How many reason do I have to say, “Thank You”?  
Lord, I could never count the reasons why.

(Chorus)  
So I’ll rise to thank You, Lord,  
and I’ll sing to thank You, Lord,  
and I’ll live to thank You, Lord,  
with all my mind, all my heart, and my soul.

How many reason do I have to say, “Thank You”?  
How many waves are on the ocean shore?  
I count the reasons that I have to say, “Thank You”.  
Lord, when I’m done I always find some more.

(Chorus)  
For the beauty of the earth, for the joy of human love,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

So now we come into Your presence with singing,  
So now we come to make a joyful noise.  
We live to serve you with our joy and gladness.  
Know that the Lord is God.

(Chorus)



**November 24, 2013**

**Ebenezer**  
**Emissary**

**~ 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 Mark (CMC)  
Child Dedication to the Lord: Ellia Zink
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)  
Post Conference Prayer Time (CMC)  
*Please bring your 50<sup>th</sup> Missions Conference passport with you.*  
Senior High Small Groups (Various locations)

**Special welcome** to the Facilitator for Global Disciples’ Greater China region, Pastor Mark, who is our guest speaker. Mark and his wife Lynda have been working with Global Disciples since 2006, and their ministry activities involve helping local churches to design mission-based discipleship and leadership training programs within their own context and then equipping the church planters with various marketplace skills to reach the unreached people groups within China and beyond.

**~ AID FOR TYPHOON VICTIMS IN THE PHILIPPINES ~**

**An offering** will be accepted today to assist Samaritan’s Purse in their efforts to help the people of central Philippines following the devastation from Super Typhoon Haiyan which caused widespread destruction on November 8. Officials have confirmed around 4,000 people dead, and reports indicate that as many as 4,000,000 people have been displaced. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to Ebenezer Mennonite Church and place in the offering plate.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on November 16:**

Festival of Missions Breakfast (8:30 a.m.) 95

**Attendance on November 17:**

Sunday School & ABF (9:00 a.m.) 298

Festival of Missions (10:15 a.m.) 451

Festival of Missions Banquet (6:00 p.m.) 260

**Giving on November 17:**

**\$11,701.94**

Benevolent 230.00

Building Fund 210.00

Christian Education Fund 133.94

General Fund 7,218.00

Missions Fund 3,745.00

New Building Fund 15.00

Youth Fund 150.00

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~ FAITH PROMISE UPDATE ~

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**The promises presently** amount to \$238,892.20, towards our goal of \$250,000. Faith Promise pledges will be taken until the end of December. Pledge cards may be picked up in the Missions Center or the church office. Thank you again for your prayers and pledges that make our missions program a great blessing to many missionaries and ministries. - *Missions Committee*

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the Week:** *Scott & Caitlin Andrews* serve with **TEAM**. They are fully supported and are waiting on their visas to go to Czech Republic. Continue to pray for the Lord's guidance as they seek to build strong relationships with the FEC Churches to the West, some of which have already been praying for their ministry! Please take the time to send Scott & Caitlin a word of encouragement at: 815 Whitehall Drive, Perrysburg, OH 43551 or e-mail at: [explore.the.vertical@gmail.com](mailto:explore.the.vertical@gmail.com).

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Kevin & Gina Burkholder – *Missions Center*

Mike & Deb Hilty – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK:

NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 1

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**Monday 9:00 a.m. MOPS (FH)**  
**Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)**  
**Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)**  
**7:05 p.m. Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)**  
**Thursday \*\*Church Offices Closed-Happy Thanksgiving\*\***  
**Friday \*\*Church Offices Closed\*\***  
**Saturday 12:00 p.m. Senior High Event (Mark Yoder's Home)**  
**Sunday 9:00 a.m. 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)**  
**5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (103)**  
**7:00 p.m. Disciple Singers Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119) with Speakers & Actors – Children's Christmas Program**  
Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
Senior High Small Groups (*Various locations*)

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 ~

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**Nursery:** Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber, Gail Schantz

**Good News Hour:** Nicki Biery, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Ariel Schantz, Erica Sheehan

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~ YOUTH EVENTS ~

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**Senior High:** Come watch the OSU vs. Michigan football game, cheer on your favorite team, and hang out with friends on Saturday, November 30, at noon at Mark & Julie Yoder's Home (8180 Rockport Road, Bluffton). Guys bring chips or drink and girls bring a side dish or dessert, sandwiches will be provided.

**Youth Service Opportunity:** *Logs with Paul*, we will be splitting wood, taking care of brush, and other miscellaneous jobs for an elderly couple alongside Paul Burkholder. We will work on Saturday, December 7, from 8-12 in the morning followed by a possible lunch at McDonalds. The project is at 14683 Road 5 in Pandora (which is where we will meet, try to carpool). For more information contact Paul Burkholder, 419-969-4170.

**Snow cone machine:** The Bread of Life ministry on Wednesday night is looking for a snow cone machine for the kitchen. If you are willing to donate a machine or donate funds to purchase one, please contact Ben Moser or the church office.

**Senior High Missions Trip 2014: June 29-July 6**

**We will be serving The Lord** this summer at Black Mountain Home for Children (BMHC) in Black Mountain, North Carolina. BMHC is an orphanage that is a Christian organization which serves underprivileged youth. For more information talk to Ben Moser, Collin Reid, or email: [youth@ebenezermentonite.org](mailto:youth@ebenezermentonite.org).

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox:** Final collection hours today are from 1-3 p.m.

**Post Missions Conference Prayer Time:** This evening we will have a special time of prayer to our LORD of Harvest at 7:00 p.m., in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon Tuesday, December 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. This month will include special finger foods, teas, and a Christmas harpist. The meal is provided to those who attend. Donations are accepted. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

**The Swiss Community Historical Society** is celebrating the Christmas season by hosting its annual holiday open house, *Christmas at the Homestead*, on Saturday, December 14, from 1-7 p.m. The public is invited to tour the decorated house. Guests may watch dinner being prepared in the fireplace, hand dip a candle, play a game of checkers, shop in the gift shop and chat with staff about the history of the house and typical life in the 1840's. Guests arriving at dusk will see the home lit by candles as if in 1843. Free admission, but donations welcome. The Homestead is at 8350 Bixel Road, Bluffton. For more information contact Gary Wetherill, Program Chairman at 419-358-1049.

**Ladies Christmas Tea!** Saturday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. Get your free tickets in the Missions Center today through Sunday, December 8. Bring a friend for a morning of fabulous eats, hot tea, string music, and Christmas Tradition.

**Anyone willing to donate** a deer or any type of wild game for our 2014 Wild Game Event, please contact Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.