

Financial Report – November 2013

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	464,933	205,352	39,463	122,833
Expenses YTD	412,249	213,800	26,900	21,293
Actual Income	392,105	235,835	31,933	24,535

Cash Fund Balances as of 11/30/13:

General.....	\$62,605
Missions.....	\$114,390
Christian Education	\$22,264
Building	\$17,204
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$2,560
New Building/Land Purchase	\$78,737
Benevolent	\$8,318

~ WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

Adult Non-Fiction

Eric Metaxas – *7 Men and the Secret of Their Greatness*
 Jay E. Adams – *From Forgiven to Forgiving*
 Tony Evans – *Kingdom Men*
 Dale Snyder – *Out of the Vortex*
 Philip Yancy – *What Good is God?*

Adult Fiction

Wanda Brunstetter

Goodbye to Yesterday
The Silence of Winter
The Hope of Spring
The Pieces of Summer
A Revelation in Autumn
A Vow for Always
The Secret Keeper
The Tattered Quilt

Cathy Gohlke – *Band of Sisters*

Joel Rosenberg – *Damascus Countdown*

James Dobson – *Fatherless*

Jonathan Cahn – *Harbinger*

DVD – Teaching

Beth Moore – *Breaking Free, Daniel*
 Kevin Leman – *Have a New Kid by Friday*
 Lysa Terkeurst – *Unglued*

Missions

The Evangelization of the World – Jacques Blocher
 DVD - *Raysumi* – Children's Bible Clubs

History

The High Tide and the Turn – Christian History Project

Audio Book

Boundaries – Henry Cloud & John Townsend
The Story of God and All of Us – Roma Downey & Mark Burnett

Adult DVD

What Jesus Said About Life After Death – Day of Discovery
Monumental

Fiction for Children

Night Night Blessings – Amy Parker

Children DVD

MacLarry & the Stinky Cheese Battle – Veggie Tales

~ THANKS ~

Dear Ebenezer: Thank you for all of your prayers for the birth of our daughter Molly. Your love and support have meant so much to us. – *In Christ, Sarah (Saylor) & Brent Obermiller*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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*)
Feb. 2-8 SIM Missions Trip (*Charlotte, North Carolina*)
Feb. 9-15 SIM Missions Trip (*Charlotte, North Carolina*)
Feb. 12-19 Adult Missions Trip (*Haiti*)
Feb. 26-Mar. 2 **Power Team** (CMC)
June 29-July 6 Youth Missions Trip (*BMHC, Black Mountain, NC*)
July 18-20 Family Camp (*Chain O'Lakes, Albion, Indiana*)



December 22, 2013

Ebenezer Emissary

Merry Christmas!



Hearty greetings to all who have come to worship! Let us join in the spirit of the psalmist who said: *I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; lo, I have not restrained my lips ... I have spoken of thy faithfulness and thy salvation.* (Psalm 40:9) Warmly, eagerly let us praise God and extend love to one another.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

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)
God the Giver of Good Gifts-The Gift of the Journey
6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)

No Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship Classes, or Evening Fellowship Service today.

~ O HOLY NIGHT! ~

Join the Ebenezer family Tuesday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Bring your family and friends for the evening as we worship the Newborn King!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on December 15:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	281
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	362
Children's Christmas Program	(7:00 p.m.)	288

Giving on December 15:

\$17,127.46

Benevolent	75.00
Building Fund	150.00
Christian Education Fund	511.46
General Fund	10,016.00
Missions Fund	6,120.00
New Building Fund	230.00
Youth Fund	25.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: *Norman & Gwen Bowman* serve with Global Outreach International and live in Spain. They praise the Lord that they have joy in mentoring, teaching, and working with the youth. They also have the joy of prayer, daily service, and of their family. They thank us for our love, prayers, and financial support which has served to enable them to be God's servants for 30 years. Please take the time to send Norman & Gwen a note at: Avenida Manuel Girona, 70 Izda. 2, 1, 08860 Castelldefels, Barcelona, Spain or e-mail at: normandbowman@gmail.com or gfbowman@gmail.com.

~ FAITH PROMISE UPDATE ~

The promises presently stand at \$259,014.20. Faith Promise pledges will be taken until the end of December. Pledge cards may be picked up in the Missions Center. Thank you again for your prayers and pledges that make our missions program a great blessing to many missionaries and ministries. - *Missions Committee*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Chelsea Burkholder, Summer Burkholder – *Missions Center*
Al & Carolyn Fryinger – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 23-29

Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (*CMC*)
Wednesday **Church Offices Closed – Merry Christmas!**
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*)
No Evening Fellowship Service

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 ~

Nursery:

Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Aaron & Emily Koogler,
Joshua & Heidi Steiner

Good News Hour:

Nicki Biery, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Ariel Schantz, Erica Sheehan

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High Ice Camp January 10-12: We will leave the church on Friday, January 10, at 4 p.m. and return Sunday at 4 p.m. We will begin registering for Ice Camp today. Registration forms are available in the Junior High Sunday School class and at the Information counter in the Missions Center. The cost is \$100. Please make checks payable to Ebenezer Mennonite Church. Contact Ben or Collin at youth@ebenezymennonite.org for more information.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Family Camp News: Information for registration for Family Camp, **July 18-20, 2014** at **Chain O'Lakes**, Albion, Indiana will begin on Sunday, January 5. Please pick up your packet where you will find registration options as well as campground and cabin information. The registration window opens exactly six months prior to your first night of camping. The Family Camp committee members will be available to answer your questions and collect your registration on January 12 and 19. Link up with your camping friends and start the registration "chain."

Year-end reports for 2013 are due on Sunday, January 19. All boards and committees should submit their annual reports to the church office for inclusion in the 2013 Annual Report.

SIM Missions Trip: A work team is scheduled to go to Charlotte, North Carolina, February 9-15, with an additional roofing week planned for February 2-8. Sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Frank Boehm at 567-371-9541 if interested.

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.

It's Power Time! We hope everybody is getting geared up for an exciting time. The **Power Team** will be here in 10 weeks, February 26 - March 2. It is a life-changing event for many and we need everyone ready to work for our Savior. Sign up will start in January so be ready to help. Thank you! - *Kevin & Gina Burkholder, Power Team Coordinators*

Choral Anthem
Come to My Heart

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown
When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room
For Thy holy nativity:

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;
But in lowly birth Thou didst come to earth,
And in great humility.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.

When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing,
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room,
There is room at My side for thee."

My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When Thou comest and callest for me.

Come to my heart; there is room for Thee.
Come to my heart.