

January 19, 2014

# Ebenezer Emissary



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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.** 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-Stuff*
- 3:00 p.m.** Prayer Action Team Meeting (103)
- 4:00 p.m.** Haiti Missions Trip (FH)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (King, Lemley)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)  
Disciple Singers Rehearsal (Room 118&119)  
Junior & Senior High Small Groups (Various locations)

**Please note** that in response to today’s message we are asking every family/person to give the gift of food that will then be donated to the Bluffton Community Assistance program. If you were not prepared for today’s offering but would like to bring a food donation (canned or boxed, no glass) a blue tub labeled with *Bluffton Community Assistance Program Donations* is located under the coat rack outside the kitchen area for any future donations.

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~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

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**Congratulations** to Ryan & Julie Motter on the birth of their daughter Bristol Grace on January 13, weighing 7 lb. 15 oz.

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~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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**In the Hospital:** Tony (Holly) Bauman, Blanchard Valley.

**Thank you to Joan Steiner and Cheryl Potter:** The CE Committee would like to thank these two members who have served the Lord by teaching our children tirelessly for many years. In addition to serving as Children's Sunday School Superintendent, Joan Steiner also stepped in to relieve Kay Spallinger as CE Committee Chair from 2007 until now. Cheryl Potter has faithfully continued to organize the Wednesday night program for children year after year when there was no one to relieve her. We are grateful for their loving service. *The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* Matthew 25:40

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~ WE ARE THE CHURCH ~

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**WE - Membership**

*Do you desire membership at Ebenezer?*

Join the adventure of partnering with us to help people know and grow in Jesus Christ.

*Copies on how you can sign up can be found in the Missions Center at the Information Center or you may check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card.*

**WE - Special offering!**

In response to today’s message, we are asking every family/person to give the gift of food to be donated to the Bluffton Community Assistance program.

*We can make a difference, right here, right now!*

**WE - Small Groups**

Connect with a group at Ebenezer in 2014. So many opportunities: Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship, and Small Groups. You can even create a small group or your own. If you are interested please check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card. We need each other!

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~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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- 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. 21** Transport For Christ Second Chance Chapel Banquet (6:30 p.m., Marbeck Center, BU)
- Feb. 26-Mar. 2** **Power Team Rally** (Wed.-Sat. at 7 p.m., Sun. at 6:30 p.m., CMC)
- Mar. 29** **Wild Game Event** (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- Apr. 5** Small Group (King) (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission)

**Cookie Time is Here Again:** Cookie dough or mixes are needed for the SIM Missions Trip (February 9-15). Make a cookie recipe dough, form into logs or balls, and freeze on a cookie sheet. **Please do not bake.** Then place in plastic bags marked with the kind and temperature to bake. Put in the church freezer. If you prefer to buy cookie or cake mixes there will be a labeled box in the kitchen for those. Thank you for your help in supplying these items as they are greatly appreciated by the staff and workers at the mission.

**The Transport for Christ** Second Chance Chapel Banquet is February 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Marbeck Center at Bluffton University. The meal has been paid for, but a free will offering will be taken. Our musical guest this year is the Southern Gospel group, The Piefers.

**Assistant Receptionist/Secretary:** We are searching for a person to provide vacation and sick time relief for Deb Hilty. This person needs to be proficient with telephone communication, computer applications including Word and Excel, scheduling, database entry, and e-mail correspondence. Stop by Kathy Brauen’s office to pick up a job description and application.

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~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

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**Congratulations** to Dan & Edna Dalke who will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary on Wednesday, January 22. Dan served as pastor at Ebenezer from 1961-1979. If you would like to send a card, their current address is 701 Center Street, #73, Inman, KS 67546 or e-mail at: ddalke@buhlerks.net.

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~ THANKS ~

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**Dear members:** May you be blessed for the kindness you’ve shown me. Your thoughtful Sunshine Gift bag brought a smile to my face, thank you! May God bless you all. – *Maurice Kohli*

**Dear Christian Friends:** It was fun to guess and then open the useful and delicious gifts in the Sunshine Gift Bag. Each package was special. Thank you to each one who had a part. I pray for God’s blessings on each and on all your endeavors at home and at church. Your kindness and caring mean much to me. - *With great hope, Betty Cass, Maple Crest*

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on January 12:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	274
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	410
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	76

**Giving on January 12:**

\$14,244.76

Benevolent	1,070.00
Building Fund	360.00
Christian Education Fund	646.76
General Fund	6,764.00
Missions Fund	3,379.00
New Building Fund	85.00
Youth Fund	50.00

*Willow Family – Benevolent* 1,890.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the week:** Don & Brenda Ernst serve in Huslia, Alaska with SEND North. They are happy to have the new church addition completed. Many from the village have checked it out and are pleased as are all the church folk. There were 11 Senior High students who attended Kokrine Hills Bible Camp, a week later 11 Junior High students attended. Elementary camp is usually their highest attended age group. Don attended the Kokrine Hills board meeting at the camp. Thank you for praying. Please send a note of encouragement to Don & Brenda at: PO Box 95, Huslia, AK 99746 or e-mail at: koyukonflight@hughes.net.

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Junior High Small Groups** will meet at 7:00 tonight. Guys will meet in Room B15 downstairs and the girls will meet in Room 116 above the gym. Come and bring a friend!

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Bob & Sue Spallinger – Missions Center

Jim & Marty Lemley – Crossroads Ministry Center

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 20-26

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Church Council Meeting (103)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b> Small Group (173 Albert St., Bluffton)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b> Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b> Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
	Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
	Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)
	Junior High Meet (CMC)
	Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)
	Women's Bible Study (S4)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b> Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b> Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
	Dodgeball (CMC)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> Men's Basketball (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Deacon Meeting (103)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> The Good News Hour (2&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b> Worship Gathering (CMC)
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b> FaithFull Singles Luncheon (FH)
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b> Small Groups (King, Lemley)
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b> Disciple Singers Rehearsal (Rooms 118&119)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
	Junior & Senior High Small Groups (Various locations)

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 ~

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**Infant & Toddler Nursery:** Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Steven & Traci Heinze, Aaron & Emily Koogler

**Good News Hour:** Janet Brauen, Alton Burkholder, Conner Dawson, Marti & Melina Meza

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~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ~

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**The Wednesday Night Children's Ministries** is in need of a teacher for the Grade 3&4 boys beginning January 22. This could be a couple or a team of two adult men. Please contact Marti Meza at 419-296-9574 or m.m.meza@juno.com for information.

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~ POWER TIME!! ~

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**February 26 - March 1 (Wed.-Sat.) at 7:00 p.m. each night**  
**Sunday, March 2, at 4:00 p.m.**

**Are you powered up for the Lord?** Sign up to help welcome the new believers, help in the kitchen, sell products, be a greeter, or build the stage. There is a place for everybody five years old and up. Only six weeks to go, so sign up today in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. - *Power Team Committee*

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Prayer Commitment Survey:** You may put your completed survey that was inserted in the Emissary last Sunday in the basket on the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center. Extra surveys are available on the counter as well.

**FaithFull Singles:** The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and *all* singles age 50 and older to our gathering that has been re-scheduled for next Sunday, January 26. A luncheon will be provided in the Fellowship Hall following the morning Worship Gathering. Hope to see you there!

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

**The Women's Ministries Team** would like your help again this year to provide our college students with a special Valentine's gift. Tear-off sheets to donate gift cards will be passed around the ABF classes today and next week. If you would like to donate and you're not in an ABF class, there are tear-off sheets on the bulletin boards. Please give your gift cards to Bev Stockman, Pat King, Teresa Marquart, or Deb Hilty. Thank you for helping with this project.

**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.