

More cookie dough is 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 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.



~ THANK YOU ~

Dear Ebenezer Family: You have been such a blessing to us through the many years we have been part of the family. And now in these days the staff has been so faithful through our many hospital and nursing home experiences. We appreciate all the prayers, visits, calls, and cards extended to us during this time. We thank the Lord for you. May He continue to shower you with many spiritual blessings as you continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. – *The Family of Dick Tschetter*

~ WE ARE THE CHURCH ~

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 - Small Groups: Connect with a group at Ebenezer in 2014. So many opportunities: Sunday School, ABF, 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!

~ ECHO RANCH BIBLE CAMP EST. 1964 ~

Save the Date: August 17-23

Anyone who has ever had a part in the life of Echo Ranch Bible Camp is invited to come to ERBC to celebrate this event. Former directors will be present and speaking during the week. Start making your plans to attend.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 18** VBS Committee Meeting (*7:00 p.m., Toddler Nursery*)
- 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 4:00 p.m., CMC*)
- Mar. 15** Mother/Son Date Night (*6:00 p.m., CMC*)
- Mar. 29** **Wild Game Event** (*5:00 p.m., CMC*)
- Apr. 5** Small Group (*7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission*)
- May 3** Senior High (*7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission*)
- June 1-6** Vacation Bible School (*6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.*)
- June 15-21** Middle School 1 – Grades 5&6 (*Miracle Camp*)
- June 22-28** Senior High 1 – Grades 9-12 (*Miracle Camp*)
- June 29-July 6** Youth Missions Trip (*BMHC, Black Mountain, NC*)
- July 6-12** Junior High 1 – Grades 7&8 (*Miracle Camp*)
- July 18-20** Family Camp (*Chain O'Lakes, Albion, Indiana*)
- Aug. 3-6** Grade School 3 – Grades 2-5 (*Miracle Camp*)
- Aug. 3-9** Grade School 2 – Grades 2-5 (*Miracle Camp*)

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February 2, 2014

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 year olds-B4, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastors Jim & Dick (*CMC*)
God the Giver of Good Gifts-Gift of a Spouse
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (*103*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers Actor/Actresses (*CMC*)
Junior High Super Bowl Party (*Greg & Sue Luginbill's home*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (*meet at Jim & Marty Lemley's home*)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers Rehearsal (*Room 118&119*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)

** Senior High Small Groups will not meet tonight**

Good News Hour Changes: Due to the large number children in the 2&3-year-old class, Children's Church will be splitting up into two classes starting this Sunday. The 2-year-olds will remain in their Sunday School classroom for children's church (Room B4). The 3-year-olds will have children's church in the same classroom as before (Room B-10). The 4,5&6-year-olds will remain in Room B11. This schedule will continue until the end of May. We plan to combine the 2&3-year-olds again in June after Promotion Sunday. Thanks for your flexibility!

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our Sympathy to the family of James Alt. James, the father of Joe, passed away on Monday, January 27. Services were held Thursday, January 30, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bluffton.

Please pray for the group of 10 persons who have left this morning for Charlotte, North Carolina. They will be working this week at the SIM Headquarters. Pray also for the 60 plus Senior High youth and their leaders who will return this afternoon from Ice Camp.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 26:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	205
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	295

Giving on January 26:

\$13,912.54

Benevolent Fund	1,040.00
Building Fund	110.00
Christian Education Fund	199.72
General Fund	8,021.82
Missions Fund	1,541.00
New Building Fund	170.00
Youth Fund	130.00
<i>Willow Family – Benevolent</i>	\$2,700.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: *Tim & Tiffany Gallant* serve with **Global Partners** in **Cambodia**. This term they are primarily focusing on resourcing, encouraging, and strengthening their local leaders and congregations. In their own personal evangelism, they are seeking ways to initiate spiritual conversations in existing and new relationships that are bridges for sharing the Gospel. Please pray for their health, especially for their children as they have been struggling with different illnesses. Send a note to encourage Tim & Tiffany at: Global Partners-The Wesleyan Church, 13300 Olio Road, Noblesville, IN 460060 or e-mail: tntgallant@hotmail.com.

~ POWER TEAM RALLY! ~

February 26 - March 1 (Wed.-Sat.)

7:00 p.m. each night

Sunday, March 2, at 4:00 p.m.

24 days until the Rally begins for the LORD. If you have not signed up what are you waiting for? You can be a welcomer, product helper, prayer, stage crew, kitchen, altar, greeter, and even follow-up. There is even a place for 5-year-olds. I need three kids per night to hold up products. There is a place for everyone! Come and see where you can help.



~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Brittany Reigle, Nicki Biery – *Missions Center*
Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 2-9

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| Monday | 7:05 p.m. | Small Group (<i>173 Albert St., Bluffton</i>) |
| Tuesday | 6:30 a.m. | Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Missions Committee (<i>103</i>) |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | Game Time (<i>FH</i>) |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | 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>) |
| | 7:05 p.m. | Connections (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>) |
| | 8:30 p.m. | Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>) |
| | | Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>) |
| Thursday | 6:00 p.m. | Men's Basketball (<i>CMC</i>) |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various classrooms</i>) |
| | | Stephen Ministries (<i>112</i>) |
| | 10:00 a.m. | The Good News Hour
<i>(2 year olds-B4, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11)</i> |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Disciple Singers Actor/Actresses (<i>CMC</i>) |
| | 6:31 p.m. | Small Groups (<i>King, Lemley</i>) |
| | 6:45 p.m. | Disciple Singers Rehearsal (<i>Rooms 118&119</i>) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) |
| | | Junior & Senior High Small Groups
<i>(various locations)</i> |

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery: Steven & Traci Heinze,
John & Jaime Shaw, Josh & Heidi Steiner

Good News Hour: Andy & Natalie Armstrong, Emily Bish,
Kaitlin Kidd, Cindy, Molly, & Rachel Moser

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High Super Bowl Party: Come watch the Super Bowl, play the Wii, or come for the commercials tonight at Greg & Sue Luginbill's home at 506 Hawthorne Drive in Pandora. Come at 6:00 for some pizza (which is provided); bring some cookies, something for the group to drink, or a dessert to share. The game starts at 6:30. Looking forward to watching the game with you!!

It's not too late... for all kids in Grades 1-6 to come join Disciple Singers as we practice for the spring musical, *I Can Only Imagine*, Sunday evenings starting at 6:45 p.m. in Rooms 118&119. Contact Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 or Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907 if you're interested in joining the choir or have questions.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

All small groups are invited to Jim & Marty Lemley's home (403 E. Main Street, Pandora) tonight at 6:30.

Giving receipts for 2013 are ready and available for you to pick up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Those not picked up today will be put in the mail tomorrow. Thank you for giving!

New Address: Ruth Tschetter has moved to live with her sister and her new address is: 562 State Highway 74, Tobias, NE 68453.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon this Tuesday, February 4, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, Roger Jenot will join us for our President's Day Theme as Abraham Lincoln! PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Next Sunday, February 9, is the last day to get your gift cards to the Women's Ministry Team. There are a few more items on the *Care Packages for College Students* tear off sheet if you haven't had a chance to donate. The sheets are located on the bulletin boards. Please give the gift cards to Bev Stockman, Pat King, Teresa Marquart, or Deb Hilty. Thanks for helping with this project.

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 freewill offering will be taken. Our musical guest this year is the Southern Gospel group, The Piefers.