

Financial Report – December 2013

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	507,200	224,020	43,050	134,000
Expenses YTD	458,273	262,277	34,935	23,848
Actual Income	432,751	264,060	33,477	31,399

Cash Fund Balances as of 12/31/13:

General.....	\$57,227
Missions.....	\$94,138
Christian Education	\$25,839
Building	\$19,813
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$3,305
New Building/Land Purchase	\$79,692
Benevolent.....	\$11,061

Dear Ebenezer Church family: Thank you so much for your very generous outpouring of love and support for the Bluffton Community Assistance Program. The food we received was more than enough to fully re-stock the pantry. Thank you again for your generous support of this much needed program in our community. We received \$120.00 in monetary donations along with bags of food and toiletries that were too numerous to count and filled to the tops! I am reminded of Malachi 3:10 as I think of this donation. As our community is blessed may you be blessed. - *God bless, Sarah Shank, Co-Director, Bluffton Community Assistance Corporation*

~ 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!

Choral Anthem

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure, "
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
'Til I reach the promised land.

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~ 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. 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 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)



January 26, 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&3 year olds-B10, 4 year olds-K-B11)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (CMC)
God the Giver of Good Gifts-Gift of a Friend
- 11:30 a.m.** FaithFull Singles Luncheon (FH)
Power Team Committee Meeting (103)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (King, Lemley)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers Rehearsal (Room 118&119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups (Various locations)

Giving receipts for 2013 are ready and available for you to pick up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Thank you for giving!

FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and **all** singles age 50 and older to a luncheon today following the Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall. All food will be provided and hope to see you there!

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our Sympathy to the family of Pastor Dick Tschetter. Pastor Tschetter went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 23. Services will be held this afternoon at 2:00 here at the church.

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

In Rehabilitation: Tom Willow, Good Samaritan Society in Arlington.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 19:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	257
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	373

Giving on January 19:

\$13,650.17

Benevolent Fund	180.00
Building Fund	190.00
Christian Education Fund	186.17
General Fund	7,674.00
Missions Fund	2,900.00
New Building Fund	270.00
Youth Fund	50.00
Willow Family – Benevolent	\$2,200.00
Memorial for Nadean Epp – Missions Fund	\$130.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Bryan & Felicia Friesen work in support of global Bible translation with **Wycliffe Bible Translators**. Through February 21, Bryan and a staff of 15 are helping to prepare new missionaries in a training program called Intercultural Communications Course (ICC). Bryan has a new assignment exploring options with national partners to provide training for their new missionaries. Felicia has been a marriage and family counselor for many years. The Friesens have four children. They thank Ebenezer Mennonite Church for our friendship, love, prayer, and support all these years! Please send Bryan & Felicia a note at 200 Yamasee Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173 or e-mail at bwfriesen@earthlink.net or felicia_friesen@wycliffe.org.

~ POWER TEAM RALLY! ~

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

32 Days Away! The **Power Team** is coming to change lives, don't miss out on helping. Greet those who go forward, kitchen help, stage help, product table, prayer, parking, follow-up, five year olds-Grade 6, youth, door attendants. Everybody is needed. Come see us at the sign-up table in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Ask questions, get answers. - *Power Team Committee*

Power Team Committee Meeting following today's Morning Worship Gathering in Room 103.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Bart & Joy Moser – *Missions Center*
Ron & Sue Epp – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 2

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (173 Albert St., Bluffton)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	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)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
		Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting (103)
Friday	4:00 p.m.	Senior High Ice Camp (leave for Miracle Camp)
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)
	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 (King, Lemley)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers Rehearsal (Rooms 118&119)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery: Janet Brauen, Kelli Foster,
Emma Klinger, Gail Schantz

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 on Sunday, February 2, play the Wii, or come for the commercials. We will be watching the game at Greg & Sue Luginbill's home at 506 Hawthorne Drive in Pandora. Come at 6:00 p.m. 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!!

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon 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.

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. 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.

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