

Gently Used Toys Needed: The Christian Education Department could use a few additions to their supply of toys for the various children's classrooms. Please contact Ruth Seefeldt at 404-788-9079.

~ ALTAR CALL WORKERS NEEDED ~

One hundred total helpers are needed to meet the expected invitation response at the five Power Team Rallies. No theological degree required. **Requirements:** Age 18 or over; personal relationship with Christ; obedient heart; friendly smile; your Bible. **Duties:** Greeting those who respond to invitation; help fill out response form; hand out materials; be available for a possible conversation. Training is recommended, but not required. Thirty minute training times (same info given at both sessions) are Sunday, February 23 at 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 103. Please contact Paul Burkholder at 419-969-4170 or Sue Luginbill at 419-306-4119 if unavailable to attend training.

Choral Anthem

God Gives Us a Future with Hope

Surely I know the plans I have for you,
Plans for your welfare and not for harm.
Surely I know the plans I have for you,
Plans for a future that's full of hope.

(Chorus)

Our God lives, our God loves, and gives us a future with hope.
Our God hears, our God cares, and gives us a future with hope.
Our God gives a future.

Surely I know the plans I have for you,
Plans for your welfare and not for harm.
Surely I know the plans I have for you,
Plans for a future that's full of hope, so full of hope.

(Chorus)

If you call Me, I will answer. If you pray to Me, I will hear.
When you search for Me, I will be there.
When you seek Me with all your heart, you'll find me

(Chorus)

So look to the future, embrace the future,
God gives the future, God gives us hope!

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Feb. 12-19** Adult Missions Trip (*Haiti*)
Feb. 26-Mar. 2 **Power Team Rally** (*Wed.-Sat. at 7 p.m., Sun. at 4:00 p.m., CMC*)
Mar. 3 Evening Sew (*6:00 p.m., CMC*)
Mar. 4 All Day Sew (*9:00 a.m., CMC*)
Mar. 16 Parent/Youth Missions Trip Meeting (*11:30 a.m., School house*)
Mar. 22 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*)

~ HELPING HAND MINISTRY ~

Are there times when you need some practical assistance? Many persons in our church family have indicated a willingness to 'lend a helping hand' to you in a variety of ways. Helping Hand Ministry areas include: **outdoor work** (mowing, raking, painting, trimming, flower care, window washing, snow removal, gutter cleaning); **indoor work** (electrical, plumbing, painting, household chores, window washing, TV, DVD, internet problems); and **other tasks** (minor auto work, transportation, trash removal). Please contact Help Hand Ministry Coordinator, Kerris Wright, at 419-358-2730 or the church office at 419-358-8588.

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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February 16, 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 – Pastor Dale (*CMC*)
God the Giver of Good Gifts-Gift of Children
- 5:00 p.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (*FH*)
- 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*)

The 2013 Annual Reports are ready and available at the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center and the counter in the Missions Center. The congregational business meeting to approve the 2013 Reports and the proposed 2014 Missions Budget is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, following the morning service.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our Sympathy to the family of Martha Shaner. Martha, the mother of Rick, passed away Friday, February 7 in Sidney, Ohio. Services were held on Wednesday, February 12, at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Montra.

Please pray for the group of 28 persons who are in Haiti on a missions trip along with members of St. John Mennonite. May the Lord bless their efforts in Haiti. Pray for their safe return on Wednesday, February 19.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on February 9:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	236
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	325
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	69

Giving on February 9:

\$11,230.66

Benevolent Fund	380.00
Building Fund	33.00
Christian Education Fund	95.63
General Fund	5,222.03
Missions Fund	2,170.00
New Building Fund	230.00
Youth Fund	50.00
<i>Benevolent – Willow Family</i>	\$3,050.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: *Steve & Belva Rae Kotlarczyk* serve with **SEND International in Japan**. They thank us so much for our faithful prayers and support as we pray for their family and the Japanese people. May God be praised and people's hearts touched for Jesus during the camp that is being planned for next summer. Send them a note of encouragement at: Excellent Mori #103, Daimon 1-760-2, Ome Shi, Tokyo, Japan 198-0014 or email at: theks4jesus@yahoo.com.

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

7:00 p.m. each night

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



The Power Team Rally is 11 days away. Thank you to those who have sponsored a school assembly. You are making it possible to reach 13 of the 27 assemblies we are in. We still need help on the stage, selling products, kitchen, items for the kitchen, we are also needing more people to sign up for altar. Last time the Power Team was here an average of 100 people went forward a night. If you have questions, please ask at the table in the CMC Foyer.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Alton Burkholder, Daniel Huber – *Missions Center*
Larry & Ginny Moser – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 17-23

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 a.m.	VBS Committee Meeting (<i>Toddler Nursery</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>)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various classrooms</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>)
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (<i>CMC</i>)
	11:45 a.m.	Altar Call Training (<i>103</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Altar Call Training (<i>103</i>)
		Prayer Action Team Meeting (<i>Church Library</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 23 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery: Jeremy & Ashley Fry,
Aaron & Emily Koogler, Jeff & Julie McKanna

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

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Parent/Youth Missions Trip Meeting: On Sunday, March 16, we will have a meeting for Senior High students with an interest in going on the missions trip to Black Mountain Home for Children. The parent/student meeting will follow the morning Worship Gathering in the schoolhouse around 11:30 a.m.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The Transport for Christ Second Chance Chapel Banquet is this Friday, 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. This year's musical guest will be the Southern Gospel group, The Piefers.

All Day Sew is Monday evening, March 3, from 6-9 and on Tuesday, March 4, from 9-3 p.m. We will be knotting comforters for our missionaries. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a noon potluck on Tuesday. The potluck is also open to all spouses of those working and all widows/widowers to be our guest. Everyone is invited. Please come and share this evening or day with us.

Ladies' Brunch Invitation: St. John Mennonite Church is having a Ladies Brunch on Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to noon in the multi-purpose room at St. John Mennonite Church. If you are interested in attending please see the note on the bulletin boards for more information.

Bluffton University alumni and friends may register for a *Journey to Jerusalem*, led by Dr. Randall Keeler, associate professor of religion, from December 26, 2014-January 7, 2015. Anyone interested in the trip should contact Julia Szabo in the Bluffton alumni office at 419-358-3245 or szaboj@bluffton.edu. More information is available online at www.bluffton.edu/journey.

Hilty Home, Pandora, is looking for volunteers to assist in two areas; meal delivery for Hilty's Daily Bread and painting/minor repairs for Hilty Child Care. Meal delivery would be one day per week at noon and takes about one hour. Painting and repair opportunities would be scheduled during an evening. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Dee Steffen at 419-384-3218. Thank you for considering lending a hand to the elders and children in our community.