

March 2, 2014

# Ebenezer Emissary



*We are genuinely glad you have chosen to worship with us! Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! Please take a moment to fill out the green Ebenezer Communications Card in your Emissary. These cards are a vital communication link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to use these cards and place completed ones in the offering plate or the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter. Thank you for worshipping with us! May our time together strengthen each of you today and in the days that follow.*

## ~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Membership Class (*Church Library*)  
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 – Todd Keene (*CMC*)
- 11:30 p.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (*103*)
- 4:00 p.m.** **Power Team Rally** (*CMC*)  
Disciple Singers Rehearsal (*Basement*)

**Please welcome our speaker** this morning. Todd Keene is from Dallas, Texas, and he is the President of Power Team. Todd has led and refocused the team to its original call of sharing the good news of the gospel, building relationships, and walking in integrity. As the Power Team President, a veteran team leader, and as an excellent motivator, Todd continues to inspire crowds around the world as he leads The Power Team into the 21st Century!

## ~ POWER TEAM FINAL RALLY TODAY AT 4:00 P.M. ~

Please pray that this outreach event will be life changing for many as they begin a relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Mar. 30** Senior High Big Game Hunt (*3:30 p.m., various*)
- Apr. 5** Small Group (*7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission*)
- May 3** Senior High (*7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Mission*)
- May 11** Mother's Day Chicken BBQ -  
Youth Missions Trip Fundraiser (*11:30 a.m., CMC*)
- 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*)

## ~ NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

### Adult Christian Living

- A Resilient Life* by Gordon MacDonald
- Who Stole My Church* by MacDonald
- Fearless* by Max Lucado
- Grace* by Max Lucado

### Adult Biography

- Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

### Adult Fiction

- Fifteen Minutes* by Karen Kingsbury
- The Atonement Child* by Francine Rivers

### Youth Biography

- Raising the Bar* by Gabrielle Douglas

### Youth Fiction

- The Ponytail Girls by Bonnie Compton Hanson
- Meet the Ponytail Girls*
- The Impossible Christmas Present*
- Lost on Monster Mountain*
- A Stormy Spring*
- Escape from Camp Porcupine*
- What's Up with Her?*

### Bonnets and Bugles Series by Gilbert Morris

- Drummer Boy at Bull Run*
- Yankee Belles in Dixie*
- The Secret of Richmond Manor*
- The Soldier Boy's Discovery*
- Blockade Runner*
- The Gallant Boys of Gettysburg*
- The Battle of Lookout Mountain*
- Encounter at Cold Harbor*
- Fire over Atlanta*
- Bring the Boys Home*

**Assistant Receptionist/Secretary:** Please welcome Deb Huber as our new Assistant Receptionist/Secretary in the church office. She will be providing vacation and sick time relief for Deb Hilty.

**Special Meeting:** An informational meeting regarding Legacy Designated Contributions is scheduled for next Sunday, March 9, following the Morning Worship Gathering. Come have lunch with us in the Fellowship Hall. Vyron Schmidt from Everence will be here to explain this type of estate planning and answer questions. The church recently received a check for missions in the amount of \$15,887.64 from the Mary Jane Lugibihl estate, representing the first deposit to the Legacy Fund, which was approved by the congregation on October 20, 2013. Please contact Chuck Niswander with any questions.

**Ladies...mark your calendars** for Mommy/Son Date Night coming up Saturday, March 22, at 6. Join us for an exciting *Nascar Picnic* themed evening complete with a real Sprint car! Tickets are available today and Sundays, March 9 and 16, in the Missions Center for \$10 a family.

## ~ THANK YOU ~

**Dear Ebenezer Family:** There are no words to express our gratitude for all the acts of love and kindness that you have done for us over the last two months. Many of you have given financially to help us with our needs. Many have offered and given help with childcare and meals. This has built bonds that will never be forgotten or broken. Many have offered to help with repairs, transportation, or any other need. We so appreciate each of you, but most of all, we appreciate those who have earnestly prayed for Tom's healing and strength for the rest of the family. Our great God has heard your requests and continues to answer in a miraculous way! Your presence with us on "the bus" has been such a blessing to all of us. We feel so loved and encouraged! Thank you! – *In Christ, Tom, Anita, Alyssa, Nathan, Lauren, Hannah, Karis, & Calvin Willow*

## ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Mar. 10** Evening Sew (*6:00 p.m., CMC*)
- Mar. 11** All Day Sew (*9:00 a.m., CMC*)
- Mar. 15** Junior High Movie Night (*6:00 p.m., School house*)
- Mar. 16** Parent/Youth Missions Trip Meeting  
(*11:30 a.m., School house*)
- Mar. 22** Mommy/Son Date Night (*6:00 p.m., CMC*)
- Mar. 29** **Wild Game Event** (*5:00 p.m., CMC*)

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

**Attendance on February 23:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	283
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	442
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	103

**Power Team Attendance:**

Wednesday, February 26	(7:00 p.m.)	565
Thursday, February 27	(7:00 p.m.)	368

**Giving on February 23:**

**\$17,931.97**

Benevolent Fund	175.00
Building Fund	110.00
Christian Education Fund	319.97
General Fund	8,885.00
Missions Fund	8,085.00
New Building Fund	270.00
Power Team	50.00
Youth Fund	37.00
<i>Benevolent – Willow Family</i>	\$350.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

**Missionaries of the Week:** *Andy & Pam LaBreche* serve with **United World Mission in Romania**. They have been in North Carolina at the Center for Intercultural Training (CIT) in the middle of a cross-cultural orientation module that was added because enrollment exceeded capacity. It is an encouragement to see that God continues to raise up workers for His harvest field. They enjoyed reconnecting with people in the US. Pray for Andy & Pam as they are looking forward to going home to Romania in March. Please e-mail them a note at: [alabreche@gmail.com](mailto:alabreche@gmail.com) or [plabreche5@gmail.com](mailto:plabreche5@gmail.com).

~ WILD GAME EVENT NEWS ~

**The Wild Game Outreach Event** will be held Saturday, March 29. Would you prayerfully consider who God would have you invite? Ticket sales will begin Saturday, March 8, here at the church in the Missions Center from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Clyde Wireman – *Missions Center*  
Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 3-9**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group ( <i>173 Albert St., Bluffton</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Arby's</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Committee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Connections ( <i>leaving for Perrysburg</i> )
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	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> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries ( <i>Church Kitchen</i> )
		Dodgeball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Membership Class ( <i>Church Library</i> )
		Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour
		( <i>2 year olds-B4, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&amp;6 year olds-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Legacy Designated Contributions
		Informational Meeting ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Trustee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
		Wild Game Committee Meeting ( <i>FH</i> )
		Women's Ministries Com. Meeting ( <i>115</i> )
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers Rehearsal ( <i>Rooms 118&amp;119</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
		Junior & Senior High Small Groups
		( <i>Various locations</i> )

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9 ~

**Infant & Toddler Nursery:** Thomas Eachus Family, Deb Hilty, Teresa Marquart, Josh & Heidi Steiner

**Good News Hour:** Deb, Tim, & Daniel Huber, Krista Lehman, Joan Steiner

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

**Junior High Movie Night Extravaganza!** We will be eating some pizza, playing some games, and watching a movie on Saturday night, March 15, from 6:00 until 9:00 in the school house. Come on over and have some fun!

**Missions Trip News:** Parent/Youth Meeting on Sunday, March 16, around 11:30 a.m. following the morning Worship Gathering in the schoolhouse. This meeting is for Senior High students with an interest in going on the mission trip to Black Mountain Home for Children in Black Mountain, North Carolina. The dates scheduled are June 29 through July 6. This meeting will help you better understand what will be going on and what needs to be done in preparation. Hope to see you there!

**The Big Game Hunt:** Senior High students, be ready to take on the world outside of Ebenezer as we go on a photo scavenger hunt. This will be happening on Sunday, March 30, from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. here at Ebenezer. Students, there will be pizza, funny pictures, and a good time. Parents, there will be an adult driving every vehicle.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

**Evening and All Day Sew Rescheduled**

Due to the winter storm predicted for this weekend, the Evening Sew planned for tomorrow will be postponed to **Monday, March 10 (6-9)**, and the All Day Sew will be on **Tuesday, March 11 (9-3)**.



**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon this Tuesday, March 4, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, join us for a fun game day. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

**Men's Breakfast:** All men are invited for breakfast at St. John Mennonite Church on Saturday, March 8, from 7:30 – 9:00. The speaker will be Rex Rogers from **SAT-7**. For more information and to sign up, see the bulletin board across from the church kitchen window.

**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. The speaker will be Sarah Rogers, from **Women at Risk**. If you are interested in attending, please see the note on the bulletin boards for more information.