

March 30, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary



Welcome to all worshipers. Let us sing praises to God and proclaim the mighty works God has done. May we be aware of God's presence among us and declare our love for him.

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 today!

~ 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 – Brent Henderson (CMC)
- 2:00 p.m.** Senior High Big Game Hunt (Meet in School house)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers Rehearsal (CMC)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (King's, Lemley's)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups
(Guys in School house, Girls in B17)

Welcome to our speaker, Brent Henderson. Brent travels extensively, presenting "hunting truth" seminars. He spoke to the hunters and fishermen at the Wild Game banquet last evening. A free-will offering will be taken for our speaker at the conclusion of the Morning Worship Gathering.

Choral Anthem *Give Me Jesus*

In the morning, when I rise, in the morning, when I rise,
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

When I am alone, Oh, when I am alone,
Oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

When I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You can have all this world,
You can have all this world,
You can have all this world,
Give me Jesus. Jesus.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Apr. 9** Paul Windsor/Langham Partnership
(7:00 p.m., Sanctuary, with afterglow in Sanctuary Foyer)
- Apr. 17** Senior High Man Night (more info to come)
- Apr. 18** Good Friday/Communion Service (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- Apr. 20** SonRise Service (7:30 a.m., CMC)
SonRise Breakfast (8:30 a.m., CMC)
Easter Worship Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service
- Apr. 27** Disciple Singers' Spring Musical
I Can Only Imagine (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- Apr. 30** Children's Ministries Skate Night (Grove Skateland)
- 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)

The Trustees are now accepting bids for the 2014 mowing of the church and cemetery lawns. Please submit your bid to the church office no later than 5:00 p.m., next Sunday, April 6.

Paul Windsor, with Langham Partnership in SE Asia, will be with us Wednesday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. He will share with us his ministry and from the Word that evening. The congregation is encouraged to attend to learn more about his new ministry. There will also be an afterglow following the service in the Sanctuary Foyer. Please bring finger food to share.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will be holding their annual Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, April 12. The bake sale will feature a variety of home baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles, and breads. This annual event will be held in the MMH lobby from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Be sure to come early for your Easter baked goods! If you would like to donate bake sale items please mark with MMH and place in the church kitchen or take them to MMH by 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 12. Thank you for your donations.

BBQ Chicken Dinners: St. John Mennonite Church is having a BBQ chicken dinner on Sunday, April 27, from 11:30-1:30. You may dine in or carry out. Tickets are \$7.50 and are on sale today in the Missions Center. The meal includes half a chicken, green beans, apple sauce, butter roll, and drink. The money will help send Rally Point's youth to summer camps and on their mission trip to Jamestown, Colorado. Contact Bev Stockman at 419-234-8278 for more information.

~ THANK YOU ~

Dear Ebenezer Family: Thank you for praying for Chelsea's knee surgery and for my medical procedure. A special thank you to Pastor Warren and Kathy Brauen for coming and being with us during this time. It is wonderful to have the love of a church family. - Chelsea and Gina Burkholder

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 23:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	257
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	391
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	86

Giving on March 23:

\$9,991.22

Benevolent Fund	95.00
Building Fund	195.00
Christian Education Fund	372.22
General Fund	6,682.00
Missions Fund	2,545.00
New Building Fund	20.00
Youth Fund	82.00

Benevolent – Willow Family \$300.00

Missions Giving:

\$2,500 for Champions for Life (Prison Ministry)

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Lyn & Lori Loewen*. Lyn serves with the Findlay Area Youth for Christ in Van Buren, he thanks us for being a part of this ministry and for praying for the kids and opportunities that might be there to share Jesus. He also says thank you for the financial support so that he is able to work in the school. Beginning this month, Lyn will be coaching Junior High track at Van Buren. This is a great time of mentoring and teaching middle school kids on a different level. Thank you for your continued prayer and support. Send a note to Lyn & Lori at: 1895 Baker Way, Findlay, OH 45840 or e-mail at: wild4the1@yahoo.com.

~ 2014 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES ~

Please fill out the green EMC Communications Card or send your graduation information (name of high school or college, date and time of graduation, and degree if applicable) to info@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Lynn & Linda Saunders – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 31-APRIL 6

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>)
Saturday	7:00 p.m. Small Group (<i>David Glick's, Lima Rescue Mission</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. Berean ABF Fish Fry (<i>11:30 a.m., FH</i>)
	5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (<i>FH</i>)
	6:00 p.m. Disciple Singers Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:31 p.m. Small Groups (<i>King's, Lemley's</i>)
	7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	Junior & Senior High Small Groups (<i>Various locations</i>)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 6 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery: Janet Brauen, Emma Klinger, Gail Schantz, Teresa Marquart

Good News Hour: Crystal Badertscher, Summer Burkholder, Charlie & Alison Mosler, Joe & Jenny Navarro, Diane Sharrock

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Small Group Update: Senior High ladies, tonight we will meet together in the Junior High classroom (B17) at 7:00 p.m. We will be going through Luke 14-18. Hope to see you try out small group tonight!

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 today from 2:00-6:00 p.m. beginning in the school house. Students, there will be pizza, funny pictures, and a good time. Parents, there will be an adult driving every vehicle. There will be some free time between the photo scavenger hunt and small groups. Hanging out at the school house is on the agenda for this time.

Mother's Day BBQ: It is that time of year again where you can show your mom how awesome she is by taking care of lunch on Mother's Day, May 11. Next week there will be a sign-up form in the Emissary with a drop off location in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Thank you for appreciating your mothers and helping the youth go on a summer missions trip to Black Mountain Home for Children in North Carolina.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Pastoral Evaluation Forms are inserted in today's Emissary. Please take the time to fill out this form and give to a Deacon by Sunday, April 13. Deacons will be posted at each of the doors of the Crossroads Ministry Center following the Morning Worship Gathering today and the following two Sundays.

The Hope of Easter: Stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and pick up a special edition of *Our Daily Bread* to help you anticipate and prepare for Resurrection Sunday (April 20). Included are ten reflections designed to help you in your spiritual journey. Allow this devotional booklet to strengthen, comfort, and encourage you this Easter season.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon this Tuesday, April 1, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, will be a dramatic interpretation of the crucifixion by Harry & Carolyn Scott of Pandora. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Bluffton University Gospel Choir will present a concert at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 5 in Yoder Recital Hall. Admission is free.

Annual Fish Fry: The Berean Adult Bible Fellowship Class will have their annual fish fry on Sunday, April 6, following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall around 11:30 a.m.