

**Pastoral Evaluation Forms** are available on the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and also the counter in the Missions Center. 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 CMC following the Morning Worship Gathering today and next Sunday.

**The 64<sup>th</sup> Edition** of the LaFayette Community Chorus will present *Witness* in concert. For dates, times, and locations please see the bulletin board across from the kitchen window and in the Missions Center.

**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.

**Disciple Singers Choir** will present a musical called *I Can Only Imagine*, on Sunday evening, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Jake finds himself greatly missing his grandpa. He wonders if heaven is real, if his grandpa is really there. Join *Glorious Day Travels & Tours* as they help Jake realize that heaven is indeed real, that he can see his grandpa there, and he can know the joy and feel the anticipation of spending forever with Jesus in heaven! Come join us and invite your family and friends. An afterglow will be held following the musical.

~ THANK YOU ~

**Dear Ebenezer Family:** Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and thoughts during my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Warren and Kathy Brauen for being with Robert and me to pray with us before the surgery. God is good! – Sue Spallinger

**Thanks to each one** who helped out with our Wild Game Meal last Saturday night. It was a huge success because so many of you willingly gave up your time and helped us serve our guests. We praise God for those who indicated they were starting a relationship with Christ. Let's continue to reach out to our community, showing them the love of God.

Choral Anthem

***There's A Wideness In God's Mercy***

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.

(Chorus)

There's a wideness in God's mercy, vast and open, full and free;  
By His kindness He pardons me. There's a wideness in God's mercy.

There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior; There is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

(Chorus)

If our love were but more simple, we would take Him at His word;  
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

(Chorus)

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~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Apr. 17** Senior High Man Night (5:00 p.m., here at the church)
- 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 1** National Day of Prayer Event (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- 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)
- May 18** Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., CMC)  
High School Baccalaureate Service (7:00 p.m., CMC)  
*No Evening Fellowship Service*
- May 25** Meet the Teacher (9:00 a.m., Various Classrooms)  
*No Evening Fellowship Service*
- 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)



April 6, 2014

# Ebenezer Emissary

*It is a joy to welcome you to worship today. Thank you for joining us as we prepare to approach the Throne of Grace. May God be present and bless us.*

~ 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 Jim (CMC)  
*Now What? Point to Jesus*
- 11:30 a.m.** Berean ABF Fish Fry (11:30 a.m., FH)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (FH)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers Rehearsal (CMC)  
Senior High Navigator 2:7 Discipleship (Schoolhouse)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (King's, Lemley's)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)  
Junior & Senior High Small Groups  
(Various locations)

**In the Hospital:** Gary Lugibihl, Mount Carmel, New Albany, Columbus.

**Please notice** the Green Ebenezer Communications Card in your Emissary. These cards may be used to request prayer for you and/or your family or friends; to request information concerning our many church ministries; to provide address information or address/phone changes, etc. 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 in the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter. Thank you!

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on March 30:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	304
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	468
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	64

**Giving on March 30:**

\$11,285.06

Building Fund	430.00
Christian Education Fund	1,102.06
General Fund	7,250.00
Missions Fund	2,253.00
New Building Fund	150.00
Youth Fund	100.00

<i>Brent Henderson Freewill Offering</i>	\$656.00
<i>Benevolent – Willow Family</i>	\$40.00

**Missions Giving –**

\$295	Mattison Larson for Miracle Camp Aid for June 8-21
\$1,200	Phil Steiner insurance for Ghana.
\$2,500	Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission for water wells project in Africa (Brad Graber)

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the Week:** *Joel & Nada Mathai* serve with **Christar** in Texas. They organize gatherings where the Gospel can be shared and questions can be openly discussed, focusing on reaching local ethnic Indian students. They praise God for another new Hindu family who came last fall. They are developing a good relationship with them. The wife attends Nada's English conversation class each week. They thank us for our partnership in this vital ministry to one of the toughest people groups to reach. They are deeply grateful for our prayer and support. Send a note of encouragement to Joel & Nada at: 802 Pershing Dr., College Station, TX 77840 or e-mail at: joelmathai@gmail.com.

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~ 2014 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES ~

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**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!

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Nicki Biery, Brittany Reigle – *Missions Center*  
Larry & Ginny Moser – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 7-13**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Committee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Arby's</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Choir Rehearsal ( <i>115</i> ) Children's Ministries ( <i>age 3-Grade 6</i> ) Junior High Meet ( <i>CMC</i> ) Paul Windsor/Langham Partnership ( <i>Sanctuary, with an afterglow in the Sanctuary Foyer</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries ( <i>Church Kitchen</i> ) Dodgeball ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Stephen Ministries ( <i>112</i> ) Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various classrooms</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<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>	Wild Game Committee Meeting ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Prayer Action Team Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Small Groups ( <i>King's, Lenley's</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) Junior & Senior High Small Groups ( <i>Various locations</i> )

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~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 13 ~

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**Infant & Toddler Nursery:** Steven & Traci Heinze,  
John & Jaime Shaw, Josh & Heidi Steiner  
**Good News Hour:** Crystal Badertscher, Summer Burkholder,  
Charlie & Alison Mosler, Joe & Jenny Navarro, Diane Sharrock

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Small Group Update:** Senior High girls, this week we will have all of the high school girls meeting together in the Junior High classroom (B17) tonight at 7:00. This week we will go through Luke 19-23. Come give small groups a try!

**Senior High Students Navigator 2:7 Discipleship:** As a body of believers we want to be pushed in our faith, we want the young people at Ebenezer to also grow deeper in their faith. This going deeper, we are hoping to find through a new discipleship program named, *Navigator 2:7* (from Colossians 2:7). Navigators 2:7 consists of scripture memory, daily quiet time, Bible studies, and growing with other believers; if this seems to be something you're interested in, talk to Ben or Collin, or come to the meeting tonight at 6:00 in the schoolhouse to learn more.

**Senior High Man Night:** On Thursday, April 17, Man Night will consist of sports, video games, food, and talking about what it means to be a man of God. We will kick things off here at the church at 5:00 and will be done around midnight!

**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. Inserted in today's Emissary is a form to sign up for Ted's Market Chicken BBQ. You can drop off the form at the table in the Missions Center or in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Then be sure to pick up a reminder of your order. We will take orders until Sunday, May 4. Thank you for appreciating your mothers and helping the youth go on their summer missions trip to Black Mountain Home for Children in North Carolina.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**The Trustees** are now accepting bids for the 2014 mowing of the church and cemetery lawns. Please submit your bid to a Trustee no later than 5:00 p.m. today.

**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 hold their annual Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, April 12. The bake sale will feature a variety of home baked goods. 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.