

Financial Report – March 2014

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	134,425	73,054	10,662	34,625
Expenses YTD	134,661	73,868	9,219	121
Actual Income	129,518	54,473	5,364	6,600

Cash Fund Balances as of 3/31/14:

General	\$32,814
Missions	\$74,743
Christian Education	\$21,425
Building.....	\$23,764
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$4,247
New Building/Land Purchase	\$81,802
Benevolent.....	\$22,581

Disciple Singers' Choir will present a musical, *I Can Only Imagine*, next Sunday evening, April 27, at 7:00 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.

Help Needed: The Vacation Bible School team is looking for volunteers junior high and older. We will meet on the following evenings at the church May 7, 14, 21, 28, 29, & 30 from 6:00 to 8:00. We will be working on creating the decorations for the stage and putting together other items. This includes painting, creating fun jungle trees and flowers, putting together the crew bags, creating name tags, and much more. If you are interested in helping, contact Melissa Hilty at 419-357-5823 or e-mail at hilty.melissa@gmail.com or just show up on the days you can. Thanks again! - *VBS Committee*

Many Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed: There are several different areas where you can help with VBS, June 1-6. Please fill out the yellow form located in the Missions Center letting the VBS Committee know where you have an interest in serving the children in our community and church. You may place the insert in the offering plate or in the basket in the Missions Center. Thank you! - *VBS Committee*

Interested in local history? Do you enjoy wordworking, gardening, farming, or working with children? The Swiss Community Historical Society has need for volunteers to be docents to help with tour groups at the Schumacher Homestead on Bixel Road. Orientation and training will be available. Contact Joanne Niswander at 419-358-0186 or niswanderdj@bluffton.edu for more information.

~ THANK YOU ~

Dear Ebenezer Family: Thanks so much for the continued prayer for Don and now for Derek too! The visits at the hospital were very much appreciated, he still talks about those who came to see him. A special thanks to Pastor Warren who made a follow-up phone call. Thanks again. - *Don & Denise Luginbuhl & family*

Thank you to everyone who kept us in your prayers, sent cards, flowers, and food during my surgery and recuperation. We feel blessed to be a part of such a caring church family. – *Rella & Marvin Augusburger*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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 4** Safe Sanctuary Training (*8:30 a.m., 113&114*)
VBS Training (*11:30 a.m., 103*)
- 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*)
Graduates Recognition Day (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)
No Evening Fellowship Service
- June 1-6** Vacation Bible School (*6:30-9:00 p.m.*)
- June 15-21** Middle School 1 – Grades 5&6 (*Miracle Camp*)
- June 22-28** Senior High 1 – Grades 9-12 (*Miracle Camp*)



April 20, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome this
Resurrection Sunday!
Let us greet one another with,
He is risen! He is risen indeed!

We joyously greet all worshipers in the name of the risen Lord. Easter is the most glorious day in the Christian calendar. On this day we rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. Praise God with great enthusiasm. Christ is risen indeed!

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 7:30 a.m.** SonRise Service (*CMC*)
- 8:30 a.m.** SonRise Breakfast (*CMC*)
- 10:00 a.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir Meet (*118-119*)
The Good News Hour (*2-year olds-B10*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Resurrection Sunday Service – Pastor Jim (*CMC*)

~No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service~

Good News Hour: There will be Children's Church for the 2-year-olds only today. Visitors are welcome to attend! There will be no classes for 3,4,5,6-year-olds. Please have your little ones from these classes worship with you in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our Sympathy to the family of Mary Badertscher. Mary, the mother of Pete (Sara Steiner), passed away Thursday, April 3. A celebration of Mary's life was held yesterday.

Our Sympathy to the family of Mary Morris. Mary, the mother of Sue Spallinger, passed away Wednesday, April 16, at St. Rita's Medical Center. Services were held yesterday in Deshler, Ohio.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on April 13:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	259
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	364
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	92

Giving on April 13:

\$31,337.49

Benevolent Fund	330.00
Building Fund	85.00
Christian Education Fund	254.49
General Fund	13,490.00
Missions Fund	17,028.00
New Building Fund	100.00
Youth Fund	50.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week: Gary & Pearl Nussbaum serve with **Transport for Christ** and live in Dalton, Ohio. "We have invitations at many travel plazas across North America which are willing to team with us to provide ministry to professional drivers and the trucking industry. We are also working with trucking companies, members of the travel plaza industry, and churches to develop new forms of outreach." Send a note to Gary & Pearl at: 15511 Hackett Rd., Dalton, OH 45817 or e-mail: gpntfc@aol.com.

~ NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ~

Stop by the display at the table at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center to sign up to pray for one-half hour during the 24 hours of the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 1. As you sign up, you will receive a prayer guide with prayer points to assist you in your prayer time. Also, mark your calendars to attend a special program at 7:00 that evening in the Crossroads Ministry Center. There will be a variety of persons leading us as we lift up in prayer our nation, our community, and many other prayer focus points. The program will also include special music led by the worship team. - *sponsored by the Prayer Action Team Committee*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Emma Burkholder, Mariah Burkholder – *Missions Center*
Al & Carolyn Frysinger – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: APRIL 21-27

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (103)
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	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (103)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/ABF (Various classrooms)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (2-year olds-B10)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	5:30 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Rehearsal (CMC)
	5:30 p.m.	Navigators 2:7 (B17-B18)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Musical
		<i>I Can Only Imagine</i> (CMC)
		Junior & Senior High Small Groups (Various locations)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery: Jeff & Julie McKanna,
Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Dave & Mary Glick

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

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

All Senior High Students, on Saturday, May 3, we will present a student led service to the men at the Lima Rescue Mission. If you're in high school and are interested, please contact Collin or Ben. We will meet at 6:15 p.m. outside the schoolhouse. Bring \$5 for pizza after the meeting.

Wednesday Night Junior High final night to meet will be April 30 from 7:00-8:30.

Navigators 2:7: Navigators 2:7 is the new discipleship program for any senior high students. We will meet on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in Room B17. Contact Ben or Collin and we will get you the inside scoop.

Mother's Day Chicken BBQ: Want an awesome way to say thank you to your mom on Mother's Day and support missions at the same time? If so, you should drop off your Chicken BBQ order at the table in the Missions Center or at the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. The youth going on the trip will be sitting at the table for more information. The chicken is from Ted's Market. Make sure to pick up a reminder of your order. We will take orders until Sunday, May 4. Donations will be accepted on Mother's Day. 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.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Attention Fishermen: There is a Charter Fishing Trip with Fisherman's Wharf of Port Clinton, Ohio scheduled for Saturday, June 14, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person which includes bait. Bring your own equipment or rent some. This is a great opportunity to invite friends who don't know the Lord. See Steve Shaw or Jim Lemley for tickets.

Coed Church Softball games start in July! We need to get our team registered ASAP, so please sign up in the Missions Center! See Sam Brauen with questions.

BBQ Chicken Dinners: Today is the last day tickets will be sold for the BBQ Chicken Dinner at St. John Mennonite Church. The dinner is next Sunday, April 27, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. You may dine in or carry out. Tickets are \$7.50 and 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 to their mission trip to Jamestown, Colorado. See Bev Stockman for more information.

A Safe Sanctuary training class will be held Sunday, May 4, at 8:30 a.m. in Rooms 113 & 114 for those age 17 to adult who have not taken the class and are planning to or are currently working with children. There is a sign-up sheet in the Missions Center for all who plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dale at 419-358-8588.