
~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you to everyone who participated in May Madness. Each Sunday we were given the opportunity to share God's love with others through the Bluffton Community Assistance Program, Heartbeat of Lima, Mission Possible, and on Compassion International Sunday, *Tell a child, I'm here for you*, 13 children living in poverty will be given hope. Thanks so much for the overwhelming support of each of these programs.

We want to express our thanks to our church family for their prayers, cards, and sympathy shown us in the loss of our son and brother Dan. – *Dean & Darlie Sommer and family*

~ NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

DVDs

The American Heritage Series by Historian David Barton

Why History Matters

Unearthing America's Christian Foundations Pts. 1 & 2

The Faith of Our Founding Fathers Pts. 1 & 2

The Ideas That Birthed a Nation

Our Biblical Constitution

Is America a "Christian Nation?"

Church, State & the Real 1st Amendment Pts. 1 & 2

Influence of the Bible In America

How Pastors Shaped Our Independence Pts. 1 & 2

When Religion Was Culture

Faith in Our Early Courts

Myths of the Judiciary

Evidence of America's Spiritual Heritage Pts. 1 & 2

Four Centuries of American Education Pts. 1 & 2

Great Black Patriots

From Bondage to the Halls of Congress

The Civil Rights Movement

The Assault on Judeo-Christian Values

The Duty of a Free Citizen

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

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*)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER CHAIN ~

Please call the church office for any names or concerns that you want listed in the Weekly Prayer List or prayed for during our Worship Services. To start the Prayer Chain, call or text Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 or call the church office at 419-358-8588.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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June 1, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

We rejoice in having each of you here for worship. Your presence lifts our spirits. Remembering the love which God has for us, let us extend our hands in love and respect to one another.

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 – Pastor Dick (*CMC*)
Fourth Command-Sabbath Rest

5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (*103*)

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School Begins - *Weird Animals*

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to David & Mary Glick on the birth of their son, Judah Eli, on Wednesday, May 28, weighing 8 lb. 3 oz.

~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Jaden & Amber (Bewsey) August who were united in marriage yesterday at Chuck & Saun Niswander's home near Pandora. May God bless their new home.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 25:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	272
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	431

Giving on May 25:

\$6,143.08

Benevolent Fund	185.00
Building Fund	45.00
Christian Education Fund	389.08
General Fund	4,384.00
Missions Fund	920.00
New Building	220.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Rick & Pat Shaner* serving with Avant Ministries in Ketchikan, Alaska. They were once again assured that they are where God wants them to be when they were invited to attend a dinner for the Chamber of Commerce to talk about *Young Life* and instead, were given the *Outstanding Youth Workers* of the year award. As they got up to receive the award, about 15 of their "kids" came walking out to join them. They are each very precious to them. Please continue to lift them up in prayer as they lead and counsel these youth. To send a message of encouragement, write to: 835 Monroe St., Ketchikan, AK 99901 or email to: rpshaner@yahoo.com.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Youth volunteers are needed for the Gideons' Dinner on Friday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. This is another scholarship toward the Youth Missions trip to Black Mountain Home for Children in Black Mountain, North Carolina. We need at least 12-15 volunteers to serve. Please let Ben or Collin know if you are able to help.

Youth and Parents: Please fill out the yellow Parent Communication Card that was inserted in the Emissary last Sunday and drop off in the Missions Center in the basket on the Information Center counter. You will find additional forms at the counter as well. Thanks for keeping the communication open!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Mateo Bonifaz and Gabe Meyer - *Missions Center*
Dan & Barb Steiner - *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 2-8

- Monday 6:30 p.m.** Vacation Bible School – *Weird Animals*
- Tuesday 6:30 p.m.** Men's Small Group (*Arby's*)
Vacation Bible School - *Weird Animals*
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*FH*)
6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School - *Weird Animals*
- Thursday 6:30 p.m.** Vacation Bible School - *Weird Animals*
- Friday 6:30 p.m.** Vacation Bible School - *Weird Animals*
Closing Program (*CMC*)
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School & ABF (*Various Classrooms*)
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 (*CMC*)
11:30 p.m. Youth Missions Trip Meeting (*School house*)
7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
Truth Project (*FH*)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 8 ~

Nursery: Steven & Traci Heinze, Deb Hilty, Naomi Miller
Good News Hour: Nicki Biery, Melissa Hilty, Emily Koogler,
Janie Wireman, Renea & Caitlyn Zimmerman

~ PRAYER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~

We are looking for volunteers to pray during VBS this week. We will meet at 6:45 p.m. in the Choir Room (Room 115) to pray for the Bible School teachers, all the various helpers, committee, and most of all for each child attending. We will be praying tonight through Thursday, so if you would be available one or more of the evenings, we would love to have you join us. - *Prayer Action Team*

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon Tuesday, June 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, *Easy Ed & The Country Pals* will be featured. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for elders age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Youth leadership evaluation forms are available in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and in the Missions Center. Parents will receive a form electronically. Please place completed forms, by next Sunday, June 8, in the baskets provided in the CMC Foyer and in the Missions Center.

Family Campers: Packet Pick-Up for Family Camp 2014 next Sunday, June 8 and Sunday June 15 in the Missions Center. Packets contain information for group meals and services, site information for our group, and other general info. If you have not registered for Family Camp and would like to join us, you can still register at www.camp.IN.gov. Dates for camp are July 18-20, at Chain O' Lakes State Park in Indiana. Any questions, e-mail Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com.

The Truth Project produced by *Focus on the Family* will begin next Sunday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This 12-week series will focus on pertinent topics such as what is truth, who is man, who is God, philosophy and ethics, sociology and much more. Join us for a time of thinking and discussion. Contact Chuck Niswander at 419-384-3588 for more information.

Another opportunity for you to join the Truth Project, a small group will be held on Thursdays beginning June 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Tim & Diana Diller (15014 Old State Route 12, Columbus Grove). Please contact Paul Burkholder at 419-969-4170 or Tim Diller at 419-646-3682 if you would like to attend or have any questions.

Our Daily Bread: To pick up your copy of the June, July, August 2014 issue, please stop by the Information Center in the Missions Center or the wall rack in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

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 if you have any questions.