
~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The Truth Project produced by *Focus on the Family* will begin this evening 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.

~ 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.

~ POSTCARDS AND VISITOR INVITES ~

Available in the Missions Center are ready made Welcome postcards and also smaller cards with all the church contact information you can use to invite someone to worship. What a blessing a postcard in the mail can be!

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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*)

~ SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EBENEZER ~

9:00 a.m.

Infant & Toddler Nursery - 106

Sunday School for Children

Age 2 – B16

Age 3 – B10

Ages 4&5 – B11

Grade 1 – B12

Grade 2 – B14

Grade 3 – B18

Grade 4 – B13

Grade 5 – S4

Grade 6 – B15

Grade 7-8 – B17

Senior High – Schoolhouse

Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF)

Agape ABF (*College & Career*) – 103

Genesis ABF – Sanctuary Foyer

(*Young adults married and single*)

Maranatha ABF – Sanctuary 2-3

Living Faith ABF – 117 (CMC)

Berean ABF – 118-119

10:00 a.m.

Children's Good News Hour

Age 2 – B4

Age 3 – B10

Ages 4,5&6 - B11

10:15 a.m.

Worship Gathering - Crossroads Ministry Center

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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June 8, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome to worship! In the spirit of the psalmist who wrote: *I will give thanks to God with my whole heart. Psalm 9:1 Let us wholeheartedly approach the throne of grace. Let us offer God our love, gratitude, and the best of all that we have. Then let us share our hearts with one another.*

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 Dale (*CMC*)
Fifth Command – Honor Your Parents
- 11:30 p.m.** Youth Missions Trip Meeting (*School house*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
Senior High Girls' Small Group (*B17*)
Truth Project Series (*FH*)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy for the family of Bob Zimmerman, Sr. Bob, the father of Pat (Dennis) Bassett, Bob (Carolyn) Zimmerman, and Amy (Kevin) Parthemore, passed away on Friday, May 30. Services were held here at the church on Tuesday, June 3.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on June 1:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	292
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	436

Attendance Vacation Bible School week:

Sunday, June 1	(6:30 p.m.)	166
Monday, June 2	(6:30 p.m.)	161
Tuesday, June 3	(6:30 p.m.)	166
Wednesday, June 4	(6:30 p.m.)	181
Thursday, June 5	(6:30 p.m.)	163

Giving on June 1:

\$17,304.40

Benevolent Fund	225.00
Building Fund	1,000.00
Christian Education Fund	533.40
General Fund	9,046.00
Missions Fund	6,300.00
New Building	50.00
Youth Fund	150.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Nick & Debbie Siemens*. They serve with **Trans World Radio** in **Germany**. Nick continues as a vital part of the Russian/Ukrainian ministry and spends many weeks away from home in his work related travels. Debbie is the assistant to the TWR Central Asian ministry director and helps coordinate the ministry for that region. They treasure every opportunity they have to travel into the various countries to meet with the local staff and experience the ministry firsthand. God is at work in the countries of the former Soviet Union. Send a message of encouragement to Nick & Debbie at: Martinskirchweg 20, 35638 Leun, Germany or email to: nickanddebbiesiemens@gmail.com.

~ 2014 FAMILY CAMP NEWS ~

Pick up your packet for Family Camp today or next 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.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Nicki Biery and Brittany Reigle - *Missions Center*
Ralph & Melba Gerber - *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 9-15

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 pm.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
	7:30 p.m.	Senior High Navigators 2:7 (<i>B17</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Truth Project Small Group (<i>Tim & Diana Diller's home</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministries (<i>112</i>) Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B4,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>) Middle School 1 – Grades 5&6 (<i>Leave for Miracle Camp</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Group (<i>Pastor Jim & Pat's home</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) Truth Project (<i>FH</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 15 ~

Nursery: Jason & Kim Fritsch, Jeremy & Ashley Fry
Good News Hour: Nicki Biery, Melissa Hilty, Emily Koogler,
Ariel Schantz, Erica Sheehan

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ~

Congratulations to Mike & Lou Geiger. Tomorrow will mark their 60th wedding anniversary!

Congratulations to David & Mary Ream celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 13. We love you! – *John & Marcia Schutz, Steve & Brenda Hilty, Ben & Angela Carman, and Jeremy & Christina Lemley and all their families*

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Mission Trip Meeting: There will be a meeting for all youth and their parents who are attending the missions trip directly following today's Morning Worship Gathering. We will meet in the school house, and it should not last any later than 12:15 p.m. Please bring all completed rafting waivers and medical forms if you have not yet turned them in. We will be taking pictures for your mission trip prayer cards, so dress how you would like to be dressed for your picture.

Senior High Girls' Summer Small Group: Tonight at 7:00 in the Junior High Room B17 we will be hanging out and talking about Jesus. Come for a good time and catching up!

Youth service 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.

Junior High Cookout: On Sunday, June 22, we will be having a Junior High Cookout at the Village Park in Bluffton to celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. This will also be a great time to welcome in our new seventh graders and to give them a chance to get acquainted with the group. The cookout will be from 1-3 in the afternoon. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers, and there will also be Frisbee, corn hole, volleyball, and other fun outdoor activities. If there are any parents who are willing to help out by bringing food or bringing an activity to play, please let Collin Reid know within the next couple of weeks.

~ THANK YOU ~

Ebenezer: Thank you for the items donated for the Haitian people. You gave us enough underwear (501) to fill one-third of the hygiene bags. You collected enough sewing scissors to fill 25 sewing kits, a huge blessing for the sewing program. You collected so many children's school scissors, I didn't even count. You collected 9,300 vitamins with iron. This would treat 25 malnourished children for one year. God is using you and your church to change lives in Haiti. Love you guys and find it great joy to serve with you. – *Pam Macke, Mission Possible Representative*