

## Financial Report – June 2014

### Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	268,850	146,109	21,325	69,250
Expenses YTD	252,600	150,844	19,662	6,706
Actual Income	240,910	125,209	11,740	15,325

#### Cash Fund Balances as of 6/30/14:

General.....	\$23,936
Missions.....	\$68,503
Christian Education .....	\$17,358
Building.....	\$21,701
Cemetery Restoration Project.....	\$6,072
New Building/Land Purchase .....	\$84,252
Benevolent.....	\$10,316

~ THANK YOU ~

**Thank you!** SR Hunter Joseph (presently stationed in Spain) sends his gratitude for the gift card and letters from the church. "There's something about a written letter from loved ones to military personnel that hits the deepest parts of the heart."

**Ebenezer Mennonite Church:** Thank you to all our friends and church family for your kindness, prayers, and cards during the passing of our dads, Donavin Montgomery and Robert Zimmerman. A special thank you to the Pastors and Kathy for their time given. Seemingly in such a short time of each other, God provided comfort to us through it all. When we put our faith and trust in God, God will always come through. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. *Bob & Carolyn Zimmerman & Family*

~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

**Congratulations** to Paul & Julienne Diller on the birth of their daughter, Isabella, born July 21 weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz.

**Congratulations** to Nathan & Katie (Althaus) Schumacher on the birth of their son, Daniel Ned, born July 23 weighing 6 lbs 10 oz.

**Congratulations** to Harley & Donna Steiner. Wednesday, July 30, will mark their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

#### Ebenezer Communications Card

*Please take a moment to complete the information below.  
Place in the offering plate or the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter. Thank you for joining in worship!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I am interested in information on:

Ebenezer Mennonite Church     Baptism     Membership

Child dedication     Getting involved in ministry

Joining a small group     Prayer requests \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ~ EBENEZER ADULT COED SOFTBALL SCHEDULE ~

**All games played at Bluffton Village Park Field 2 at 6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, July 30                      Ebenezer vs. Bluffton Trinity

Wednesday, August 6                      Ebenezer vs. Lima First Assembly

#### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

**Aug. 3**                      Baptism Service (6:30 p.m., Stratton Pond)

**Aug. 3-6**                      Grade School 3 – Grades 2-5 (Miracle Camp)

**Aug. 3-9**                      Grade School 2 – Grades 2-5 (Miracle Camp)

**Aug. 6**                      Open Gym Basketball (8:30-10:00 p.m., CMC)

**Aug. 13**                      Ladies-Where's Dinner (meet at church at 5:45)

**Sept. 20-21**                      Hunter Safety Course (FH)

**Sept. 27-28**                      Marriage Seminar w/Jay & Laura Laffoon (CMC)

**Oct. 1**                      Wednesday Night Children's Program Kick Off  
(Bill & Joan Steiner's)



July 27, 2014

# Ebenezer Emissary

**Welcome! The prophet Isaiah reminds us that those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint (40:31) Let us claim that wonderful promise as we present ourselves humbly before God.**

**Please take a moment to fill out the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary. This communication is a vital link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to place completed ones in the offering plate or in the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter.**

#### ~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

**9:00 a.m.**                      Adult Bible Fellowship (Various Classrooms)  
Stephen Ministries (112)

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)

Exceed the Pharisee

**12:00 p.m.**                      Baptism Class (Bluffton Campus Life Room)

**4:30 p.m.**                      2015 Israel Trip Meeting (103)

**6:31 p.m.**                      Small Group (Pastor Jim & Pat's home)

**7:00 p.m.**                      Truth Project (FH)

Senior High Navigators 2:7 (B17)

#### ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**Scheduled Surgery:** Bristol Motter, tomorrow at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on July 20:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	61
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	239
Family Camp Weekend at Chain O'Lakes, Indiana		190

**Giving on July 20:**

**\$11,216.25**

Benevolent Fund	120.00
Building Fund*	1,480.00
Christian Education Fund	235.00
General Fund	6,646.25
Missions Fund	2,215.00
White Christmas	470.00

\*Memorials for Paul Reichenbach – Building Fund \$1,320.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are Joe & Jeanie Stucky serving with Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission in Brazil. Joe and Jeanie recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary by visiting a quaint little fishing village called Galinhos. *The purpose of our time there was to reflect on the past year and to plan for the coming year. Our room was very quiet and we were able to work on this without distractions. This left us time to go walking around the village and check out the shops and restaurants. We also went walking on the beach. We took a donkey cart ride along the beach to the next village about 5 kilometers east.* Thank you for your continued support. To send a note to Joe & Jeanie, please write to: Caixa Postal 95, Mossoro', RN, Brazil or email to: jnjstucky@gmail.com.

**White Christmas in July:** Today is the last Sunday to remember and honor our Ebenezer Member Missionaries with our White Christmas giving. This annual offering helps make Christmas a little more special for our missionaries. Please use the small envelope marked with White Christmas (extras are available in the CMC Foyer and the Missions Center) for your gift and place in the offering plate. Since Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS, no tax-deductible receipts will be issued. - *The Missions Committee*

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Jerry & Vickie Cartwright - *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 28-AUGUST 3**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group ( <i>173 Albert St., Bluffton</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Arby's</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Youth Leaders' Meeting ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Ebenezer vs. Bluffton Trinity ( <i>Bluffton Village Park Field 2</i> )
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer ( <i>103</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Open Gym Basketball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacons Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Truth Project ( <i>Tim &amp; Diana Diller's home</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Lima Rescue Home Service
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Grade School 2&3 ( <i>Leave for Miracle Camp</i> )
		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>5:00 p.m.</b>	Trustee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Small Group ( <i>Pastor Jim &amp; Pat's home</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Truth Project ( <i>FH</i> )
		Senior High Navigators 2:7 ( <i>B17</i> )
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	MOPS Steering Committee ( <i>Library</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 ~

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**Nursery:** Joshua & Heidi Steiner, Kim & Jason Fritsch

**Good News Hour:** Andy & Natalie Armstrong, Emily Bish, Kaitlyn Kidd, Cindy, Molly, & Rachel Moser

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Senior High Navigators 2:7** have moved their meeting time to Sunday at 7:00 p.m. for the last two sessions.

**Open Gym Basketball:** High School students and older, come play basketball in the Crossroads Ministry Center Wednesdays, July 30 and August 6, 8:30-10:00 p.m.

**Ebenezer Youth Group Facebook Page:** We invite all to check out our Ebenezer Youth Group page on Facebook. Here you can get up-to-date information, pictures from events, and see what is going on with the youth at Ebenezer.

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~ CAMP NEWS ~

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**Camp Aides – July 20-August 2**

Emma Burkholder	Alex Hord	Aaron Runk
Erica Sheehan	Adel Sommers	

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Sunday Evening Fellowship Service** will be discontinued until Sunday, August 10, at 7:00. This is due to the many activities and vacation schedules during the summer season. I look forward to continuing the service in August. May the Lord give each of you a blessed summer season. – Pastor Dick

**Prime Timers:** The next PrimeTimers event is coming up on Tuesday, August 5, at noon at St. John's Mennonite Church. This month's featured guests will be the youth groups from Ebenezer Mennonite Church and St. John Mennonite Church as they share about their mission trip experiences this summer to North Carolina and Detroit. PrimeTimers, a non-denominational monthly fellowship event sponsored by Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio and hosted by St. John Mennonite, is for area persons 55 and up. A full meal will be provided. The meal is free, but donations are accepted.

**Would you like to change a child's life?** This year's training to work with Children Choosing Christ at the Allen County Fair will be this afternoon from 2:00 – 4:00 and Monday, July 28, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m, both at Cable Road Alliance Church in Lima or here at Ebenezer in Room 103 on Tuesday, August 5, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. If none of these dates works for you, please contact Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346 for other options to get the needed training.

**2015 Israel Trip-March 4-15:** Bur Shilling is planning the trip and will be the leader. There will be an informational meeting with Bur today at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room (103).

**John & Rosemary Good** invite families for Wednesday afternoon swim from 12:00-4:00 at their home at: 401 County Road 33, Bluffton. All Wednesdays, weather permitting, until school starts. Any questions please call 419-358-0384.

**13 Passenger Bus for Sale:** The trustees are accepting bids to purchase the 1989 GMC 13 passenger church bus. The 6.2 diesel bus with tires in good shape has 60,000 miles and runs well. It does need power steering and brake work. Please contact Jerry Cartwright at 419-303-1542 to place your bid or if you have any questions.