

**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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~**

The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Just fill in the information needed below or e-mail the church office at: info@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you!

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

College Year: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 good tires 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.

**~ ARE YOU MISSING A RING OR KEY? ~**

**Please check** in the church office with Deb Hilty if you have misplaced a ring or a key. Both were found here at the church. The key was found in the east parking lot on Sunday, June 15. The ring was found during VBS week on June 2, near the kitchen area.

**~ THANK YOU ~**

**Dear Church Family:** We wanted to send you a quick thank you for the prayers, card, and gift card. It means so much to our family to know that we have the thoughts and prayers of a church family back in Bluffton! - *Thanks again, Aaron, Melody, and Dianna Schmutz.*

**~ EBENEZER ADULT COED SOFTBALL SCHEDULE ~**

**Played at Bluffton Village Park Field 2 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Wednesday, August 6                      Ebenezer vs. Lima First Assembly

**~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~**

- Aug. 13**              Ladies-Where's Dinner (meet at church at 5:45)
- Sept. 20-21**        Hunter Safety Course (FH)
- Sept. 27-28**        Have Serious Fun w/Jay & Laura Laffoon (CMC)
- Oct. 1**                Wednesday Night Children's Program Kick Off  
(6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's)
- Oct. 5**                New TFC Second Chance Chapel Dedication  
(Flying J Truck Plaza)

**~ OUR MISSIONARIES NEED OUR PRAYERS ~**

**Many of the missionaries** we support send letters to the church through e-mail. Many times these letters include prayer requests. This provides a great opportunity for us to support our missionaries through prayer. There are a couple of ways that you can receive a copy of these letters. There are a few copies of the letters placed under our world map in the Missions Center on the church office wall. If you would like to receive an e-mail newsletter forwarded through the church office send your e-mail address to info@ebenezermennonite.org.



**August 3, 2014**

# Ebenezer Emissary

*With genuine gladness, welcome to all who have come to praise God. May all our hearts be open to our Creator and one another as we share in worship together.*

*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)  
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)
- 10:00 a.m.**        Grade School 2 (Leave for Miracle Camp)  
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)  
*The Heart of the Matter*
- 5:30 p.m.**        Worship U (Junior & Senior High, CMC)
- 6:30 p.m.**        Baptism Service (Elnora Stratton's Pond)

**~ BAPTISM SERVICE ~**

**Please join us for a baptism service** this evening at 6:30 p.m. The baptism will be at Elnora Stratton's Pond, 6121 Bentley Road. Come and encourage Mariah Burkholder, Caleb Elsea, Thomas Fett, Keaton Halker, Kirby Halker, Molly Moser, Hui Shen, Makayla Smith, and Rich Streicher who will share their testimonies before being baptized. Pray this will be a meaningful experience. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair to sit on. Please note there will be no regular Evening Fellowship Service.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on July 27:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	260
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	399

**Giving on July 27:**

**\$11,313.04**

Benevolent Fund	170.00
Building Fund	510.00
Christian Education Fund	429.04
General Fund	6,862.00
Missions Fund	2,972.00
New Building	320.00
Youth Fund	50.00
White Christmas	635.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are *Caleb & Beth Anne Trim*. They are currently raising support to serve with **TEAM in Japan**. We just returned back from a short vision trip to Japan, where we met with friends, family, and missionaries with whom we may be working. Currently we are seeking God's direction in where to be located upon arriving in Japan. When we arrive in Japan in 2015, we will be joining an existing team of missionaries. Please pray that as we pursue our vision of starting a language tutoring and translation center, we will have open hearts and minds as to how God is currently at work within our team and how we may best serve and love the Japanese people. Please encourage Caleb & Beth Anne by sending a note to: 10790 Brentwood Dr., Apt 1A, La Vista, NE 68128 or by email: calebtrim@teamjapan.org.

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~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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**Scheduled Surgery:** Brittany Sheehan tomorrow at OSU.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Mariah Burkholder, Makayla Smith – Missions Center  
Clyde & Janie Wireman – Crossroads Ministry Center

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 4-10

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Trustee Meeting (103) <b>7:05 p.m.</b> Small Group (173 Albert St., Bluffton)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b> Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's) <b>11:25 a.m.</b> Youth Missions Team (meet at the church) <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Children Choosing Christ Training (103)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Game Time (FH) <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Adult Coed Softball (Bluffton Village Park Field 2) <b>6:15 p.m.</b> Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC) <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103) <b>7:05 p.m.</b> Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Truth Project (Tim & Diana Diller's home)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Sunday School & ABF (Various Classrooms) <b>10:00 a.m.</b> The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B4, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11) <b>10:15 a.m.</b> Worship Gathering (CMC) <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary) Truth Project (FH)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 ~

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**Nursery:** Janet Brauen, Kelli Foster, Steven & Traci Heinze  
**Good News Hour:** Crystal Badertscher, Charlie & Alison Mosler,  
Joe & Jenny Navarro, Diane Sharrock

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~ CAMP NEWS ~

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**Grade School 2 – August 3-9**

Kaden Basil	Jackson Brauen	Wes Brauen
Isaiah Conley	Riley Eachus	Marco Eiden
Eliana Hixon	Owen Huffman	Regan Oaks
Levi Richard	Zane Yoder	

**Grade School 3 – August 3-6**

Ella Armstrong	Landon Armstrong	Kasey Brough
Jasi Crawfis	Amber Gladwell	Ethan Luginbill
Samantha Scoles	Skyler Scoles	Ruben Spallinger
<i>Drivers to Camp:</i>	Jeff & Leah Eiden Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles	
<i>Drivers from Camp:</i>	August 6 – Tom & Annie Spallinger August 9 – Jodi Conley	

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Worship U:** This is an opportunity for Junior High through Senior High school students to use their musical gifts in Worship. If you're in this age group bring your instrument tonight at 5:30 in the Crossroads Ministry Center. If you have any musical talent come tonight and have some fun. For more information please contact Ben Moser at 419-303-5775 or Sam Brauen 419-303-1691.

**Youth Mission Trip Presentation:** We have the opportunity to present what the Lord has taught us on the Missions trip to the community living at Maple Crest. Those students who participated on the missions trip are encouraged to come and share the stories, the work, and how the Lord worked. This Tuesday, August 5, at 11:25 a.m. we will meet here at Ebenezer, drive somewhere to get something to eat, and then go to Maple Crest near Bluffton. Please remember to wear your Missions Trip shirt.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Sunday Evening Fellowship Service** will restart next Sunday, August 10, at 7:00. Please plan to attend the Baptism Service planned for this evening. – *Pastor Dick*

**Prime Timers** is this Tuesday, August 5, at noon at St. John 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 here at Ebenezer in Room 103 this Tuesday, August 5, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Please contact Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346 for other options to get the needed training.

**Where's Dinner?** Hey ladies...Need a night out? Don't want to cook? Want to let someone else figure out where to go? You're in luck! Another evening of food and fellowship is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13. Meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. and we will head out to eat. Where are we going? It's always somewhere yummy! We have four ladies already going and would love for you to join us. RSVP to Christy Garmatter at: garmatterc@gmail.com by next Sunday, August 10.