

### 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](mailto:info@ebenezermennonite.org). Thank you!

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_  
Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
College Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ~ ENCOURAGEMENT CARD SHOWER ~

**Many of you might know** Chaplain 'Popeye' (Denne Kornechuk). He will be missed this year at the Allen County Fair, as well as the several weeks in February when he serves at the TFC Second Chance Chapel. He does not feel good enough to drive down to help us at the TFC Second Chance Chapel anymore. He told Chaplain David Lugibihl that, *Heaven is the next stop*. He has been a bold and faithful servant to God and this ministry for several years. His address is: Denne Kornechuk, 3410 Regional Road 69 & 24, St. Ann's Ontario Lor Iyo, Canada. If you would like to send a card, postage is \$1 to Canada.

#### ~ HOW DO WE PRAY? ~

**So many struggles, trials, and persecution** are going on around the world. We wonder, how can we pray - where we would even begin? To help us as we pray, a prayer from Pastor Garrett Kell of Del Ray Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia will be shared in six parts through the coming weeks. See and print the prayer in its entirety at: <http://garrettkell.com/a-prayer-on-behalf-of-iraqi-christians/>

Dear Father, We do not know how to pray for our brothers and sisters, but You promise to help us in our weakness, so we come in faith knowing Your Spirit will guide our prayers. {*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.* – Romans 8:26}

Help them to believe that while they are cursed by men, that they are indeed blessed for their sufferings. {*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.* - Matthew 5:10-12} *Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.* - Revelation 22:20b

**Please go to the following websites** for information on how to pray for or to give help to those in Western Africa and Iraq.

- Ebola outbreak in Western Africa – [www.simusa.org/ebolacris](http://www.simusa.org/ebolacris)
- Crisis in Iraq – [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

#### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Sept. 7** Disciple Singers Party (7:00 p.m., 118&119)  
**Sept. 20-21** Hunter Safety Course (FH)  
**Sept. 27** Ultimate Date Night/Jay & Laura Laffoon  
(6:30 p.m., CMC)  
**Sept. 28** Worship Gathering/Jay & Laura Laffoon  
(10:15 a.m., CMC)  
**Oct. 1** Wednesday Night Children's Program Kick Off  
(6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's)  
**Oct. 5** Worship Gathering/Christian Education Sunday  
Paul Ginther speaker (10:15 a.m., CMC)  
New TFC Second Chance Chapel Dedication  
(Flying J Truck Plaza)  
**Oct. 12** Worship & Communion Service (10:15, CMC)  
**Nov. 9-16** Missions Conference



August 17, 2014

# Ebenezer Emissary

#### ~ 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)  
A 'We' Prayer
- 5:30 p.m.** Worship U (*Junior & Senior High, CMC*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service – Pastor Dale  
(*Sanctuary*)  
Truth Project (FH)

#### ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**In the hospital:** Joyce Conrad, at St. Rita's Medical Center.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Russell Deringer. Russell, brother of Glen, passed away on Tuesday, August 5. A celebration of his life will be held at West Side Baptist Church, in Billings, Montana on Saturday, August 23.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Levi Smith. Levi, the infant son of Josh & Sara (Amstutz), passed away on Tuesday, August 12.

**Our sympathy** to the family of Rachel Yoakam. Rachel, the mother of Kathie Amstutz, passed away on Tuesday, August 12. A memorial service was held on Friday at St. John Mennonite Church, Pandora.

#### ~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

**Birth announcement:** Carston Joseph Nicholas Pickering born to Mark & Natalie on Thursday, August 7, weighing 9 lbs. 7.3 oz.

**Maurice & Eileen Garmatter** will celebrate their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on Wednesday, August 20!

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on August 10:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	221
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	384
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	62

**Giving on August 10:**

**\$11,720.42**

Benevolent Fund	485.00
Building Fund	390.00
Christian Education Fund	224.42
General Fund	6,714.00
Missions Fund	3,827.00
New Building	30.00
Youth Fund	50.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are *Les & Verla Unruh* serving with SIM USA in **Charlotte, North Carolina**. Two weeks ago, SIM became international news when Charlotte's Nancy Writebol, a SIM missionary in Liberia, contracted the deadly Ebola virus. SIM is new to this media glare. Nancy Writebol's illness and SIM's public efforts to get her treatment have raised the group's profile. More people are going to the mission's website ([www.simusa.org](http://www.simusa.org)). There, they can get updates on Writebol's condition and are invited to pray for her. Les & Verla recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. Send a note of congratulations to Les & Verla at: 511 Crescent Leaf Lane, Rock Hill, SC 29730 or e-mail at: [les.unruh@sim.org](mailto:les.unruh@sim.org).

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~ YOUTH LEADERSHIP UPDATE ~

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**Collin Reid** has completed his Youth Ministry Intern as of July 31, 2014. Collin has accepted a position in Findlay, Ohio. The deacons have extended Ben Moser's Youth Ministry Intern position through July 31, 2015. Jaden August will be assisting Ben, part time, with Youth Leadership Responsibilities. The deacon board will be initiating a Youth Pastor Search Committee beginning in November of 2014.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Jeannie Lee, Tiffany Rodabaugh – *Missions Center*  
Larry & Ginny Moser – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 18-24**

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Arby's</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time ( <i>FH</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>	Young Adult Basketball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Truth Project ( <i>Tim &amp; Diana Diller's home</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & ABF ( <i>Various Classrooms</i> )
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	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>11:30 p.m.</b>	Junior High Parent Meeting ( <i>Schoolhouse</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) Truth Project ( <i>FH</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 ~

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**Nursery:** Ashley Fry, Brian & Kendy Young & Family  
**Good News Hour:**  
Deb, Dan, & Tim Huber, Krista Lehman, Joan Steiner

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Junior High Parent Meeting Sunday, August 24**  
**Senior High Parent Meeting Sunday, August 31**

*Both meetings will be in the schoolhouse following the Worship Gathering.*

For parents only, you will have an opportunity to get to know what goes on with Ebenezer Youth Ministries, ask some questions, and learn how communication works. If you are unable to attend, please send an e-mail to [ben.moser@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:ben.moser@ebenezymennonite.org) and I will get as much of the information to you as possible. Thank you for loving your youth! – *Ben Moser, Youth Ministry Intern*

**Worship U** is an opportunity for Junior High through Senior High school students to use their musical gifts in Worship. If you have any musical talent, come join in at 5:30 this afternoon in the Crossroads Ministry Center. For more information, please contact Ben Moser at 419-303-5775 or Sam Brauen 419-303-1691.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**The Wild Game Committee** is sponsoring a Hunter Safety Course here at the church on Saturday, September 20, and Sunday, September 21. To attend, registration is required at the ODNR website, [https://www1.oh.wildlifelicense.com/training\\_index.php](https://www1.oh.wildlifelicense.com/training_index.php). This training is listed as training through Hancock County. If you have any questions, please call Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346.

**We are looking for more** Transport for Christ chaplains to serve the two chapels at Beaverdam. Please pray for willing workers to fill the openings, one at the Pilot Travel Center and the one coming in September at the Flying J Travel Plaza. If God has placed on your heart the desire to serve, we encourage you to visit any day or call 419-230-3294. You can pick your own hours to serve. The chapel is open 10 a.m.-10 p.m., with two or three chaplains taking shifts each day. God bless you as you prayerfully consider serving Jesus in this ministry. – *Chaplain David Lugibihl*

**Free literature:** Stop by the Information Counter in the Missions Center to pick up booklets from Day of Discovery (Radio Bible Class). Subject matters available range from family life, grief, holidays, books of the Bible, persons of the Bible, and many, many more. Feel free to take as many booklets as you would like. They are great to share with family and friends!

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~ MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ~

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**Weekday Christian Education:** Ebenezer has the opportunity to help with a great ministry, WCE (release time). There are eight classes from 8:15 a.m. to 2:40 p.m., with a lunch break at 12:40. Each class lasts 30 minutes. The task is to walk children from the Bluffton Elementary School to First Mennonite Church, sit with the students during class, then walk them back to school. Volunteers for all or part of the time are welcome. Even parents with children can help. Please contact Pastor Dale at 419-358-8588 or e-mail at: [dale.seefeldt@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:dale.seefeldt@ebenezymennonite.org).

**Nursery workers:** We are using VolunteerSpot, the online tool, to help us organize the nursery schedule. This site will allow you to choose the Sundays you would like and how often. We receive an e-mail when a person signs up. At the end of August we will send out an e-mail with a calendar of who is working in the nursery September - December. Please send an e-mail to Melissa at [hilty.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:hilty.melissa@gmail.com) or call 419-357-5823 to sign up through VolunteerSpot or if you have any questions. Thank you! – *Melissa Hilty & Heidi Steiner, Ebenezer Nursery Directors*