

**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@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you!

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

**How do we pray?** So many struggles, trials, and persecution are going on around the world. We wonder, how can we pray - where would we even begin? To help us as we pray, here is part two of a prayer from Pastor Garrett Kell of Del Ray Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA. See and print the prayer in its entirety at: <http://garrettkell.com/a-prayer-on-behalf-of-iraqi-christians/>

Dear Father, Help them to believe that when they cry out for help, that You hear their voices and are near to their crushed spirit {The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. - Psalm 34:17-18}

Help them to believe that they can joyfully surrender their property because they know they have a better and lasting possession stored up in heaven with You. {You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because

you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. - Hebrews 10:34} {Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. - 1 Peter 1:3-5} Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. - Revelation 22:20b

**Financial Report – July 2014  
 Giving & Expenses**

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	313,658	170,460	24,879	80,792
Expenses YTD	292,950	156,058	22,567	6,879
Actual Income	274,333	144,051	13,648	19,115

**Cash Fund Balances as of 7/31/14:**

General.....	\$15,463
Missions.....	\$82,131
Christian Education.....	\$16,361
Building.....	\$23,626
Cemetery Restoration Project.....	\$6,382
New Building/Land Purchase.....	\$85,142
Benevolent.....	\$9,218

**~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~**

- Sept. 7** Disciple Singers Party (7:00 p.m., 118&119)  
**Sept. 14** Worship Gathering/Rev. Dan Dalke (10:15 a.m., CMC)  
**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/Paul Ginther (10:15 a.m., CMC)  
 Christian Education Sunday  
 New TFC Second Chance Chapel Dedication (Flying J Truck Plaza)



**August 24, 2014**

**Ebenezer  
 Emissary**

Come friends; let us warmly welcome each other and join together to worship 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)  
 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)  
 I Am Only a Little Child  
**11:30 p.m.** Junior High Parent Meeting (Schoolhouse)  
**6:30 p.m.** Small Group Information/Training  
 (Bluffton Campus Life Room)  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service – Pastor Dick  
 Praise & Deliverance (Sanctuary)  
 Truth Project (FH)

**Junior High Parent Meeting today**

**Senior High Parent Meeting next Sunday, August 31**

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

Parents 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 and I will get the information to you. – Ben Moser, Youth Ministry Intern

**~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~**

**Congratulations** to Emerson & Helen Diller. On Wednesday, August 27, will mark their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on August 17:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	259
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	387
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	26

**Giving on August 17:**

**\$14,154.29**

Benevolent Fund	200.00
Building Fund	1,320.00
Christian Education Fund	340.29
General Fund	8,599.00
Missions Fund	3,245.00
New Building	100.00
Youth Fund	350.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are **Stan & Ronda Unruh** serving with **MAF in Indonesia**. While Stan remains behind in Indonesia, Ronda has returned to the US to see their middle son settled for his first year of college and to visit their eldest as well. Also while here she has had the joy of visiting with many family members. Recently she traveled to Arizona to be with her mother, who has been battling cancer. For more information about their work in Indonesia, please check the Missions Center (under large map) for current letters. To send a note to Stan & Ronda, please email them at: [sunruh@maf.org](mailto:sunruh@maf.org).

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Senior High and Young Adult Basketball:** We are going to move from Wednesday night to Thursday night beginning August 28. Same time frame 8:30-10:00 and if you're in this age group you should play. This is a sweet ministry.

**Thursday Morning Prayer:** If you are interested in McDonalds and Jesus, check this out. Senior High students who are interested in coming to Bluffton McDonald's for some community and some prayer. We will meet every Thursday morning at 7:00 beginning August 28, hope to see you there!

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Gabe Meyer & Ross Zimmerman – *Missions Center*  
Ralph & Melba Gerber – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 25-31

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Arby's</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Committee Meeting ( <i>103</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>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting ( <i>103</i> ) Truth Project ( <i>Tim &amp; Diana Diller's home</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball ( <i>CMC</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,</i> <i>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>	Senior High Parent Meeting ( <i>Schoolhouse</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Worship U ( <i>Junior &amp; Senior High, CMC</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Truth Project ( <i>FH</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 ~

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**Nursery:** John & Jaime Shaw, Renea & Caity Zimmerman  
**Good News Hour:**  
Deb, Dan, & Tim Huber, Krista Lehman, Joan Steiner

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**Attention All Kids in Grades 1-6:**

What is your talent: singing, dancing, playing an instrument, crafting, acting, or something else? Whatever it is, there is a spot reserved for you in the Christmas program this year! We are opening it up to all Sunday School children (Grades 1-6) whether you want to join the Disciple Singers Choir or not.



So put on your thinking caps and let us know what talent you have been given and then have your parents contact us. We will start the year like we usually do with fun, games, and food, everyone is welcome. So come have some fun on Sunday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 118 & 119. For those who wish to join the choir, this will give you an idea of what we are planning to do for the Missions Conference and Spring Musical. Contact Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907 or Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 for more information.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**You're Invited!** Small group information and training for a four week series coming in September called *Love-ology*. This will be held at the Bluffton Campus Life Room (111 W. College Ave - across from BHS) **today** at 6:30 p.m. Learn how you can promote, host, or lead a small group any day of the week in September. We launch the week of September 7. If you cannot attend today, it's okay. Just contact Pastor Jim of your interest. I know we're all busy. We won't hold you long. We'll even have some hot coffee and cold bottled water to see you through. September is marriage month for Ebenezer, *With This Ring*. Small groups will help us further promote, strengthen, and heal marriages in our church and community. As always, invite others to tag along with you!

**Small Group:** *Connections-Connecting Christ with Culture*. This small group will involve reading *Soul Keeping* by John Ortberg and the Bible. It will be a ten-week series held on Wednesdays, September 3 to November 5 from 7:05 - 8:10 p.m. at Bluffton McDonald's. You don't need to attend every week, but your consistent participation is appreciated! The book, *Soul Keeping*, is available for \$15. Contact Pastor Jim if you are interested.

**On Sunday, September 14,** Rev. Dan Dalke, former Ebenezer pastor, will be speaking during the Morning Worship Gathering. Immediately following there will be a graveside service for his wife, Edna Dalke. You are invited to a carry-in luncheon in the Crossroads Ministry Center where you will have opportunity to visit with Rev. Dalke and his children following the interment.

**Free Literature:** Stop by the Information Counter in the Missions Center to pick up booklets from Day of Discovery (Radio Bible Class). Feel free to take as many booklets as you would like. They are great to share with family and friends!

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~ THANK YOU ~

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**Ebenezer Church Family:** Thank you so much for your prayer and financial support that allowed me to travel to Maneadero, Baja California, Mexico. During my time at Rancho Genesis, I was able to work as part of the staff. It was an amazing experience to see how the Lord is working. My life has been permanently changed thanks to you and your love and support. – *Maddie Schantz*

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