

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: _____

College Year: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Several from the congregation have expressed an interest in becoming chaplains at the new TFC Second Chance Chapel at the Flying J Travel Plaza at Beaverdam. We would like to invite anyone interested to the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, September 6, at 7:30 a.m., so we can begin putting the team together for the new TFC Chapel. The Prayer Breakfast is held at the Beaverdam Church of Christ on Main Street in Beaverdam. If you have questions please call Chaplain David at 419-230-3294.

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.

Mark your calendar for the *Ultimate Date Night* with Jay & Laura Laffoon on Saturday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All married couples and those who are currently dating will enjoy attending this hilarious glimpse into married life. It's full of laughter, entertainment, and ministry as they explore the unique reality marriage brings to everyday life! Dinner is included in the ticket price of \$10 per person. Check online at www.jayandlaura.com, www.ebenzermennonite.org, or the church office Monday-Friday (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.), or on Sunday mornings beginning next week, September 7, to get your tickets!

A **Women's Bible study** will begin on Wednesday evening, October 1, at 7:00 in the Grade 5 (S4) Room. The study will be on *Abiding in Christ*, a series of eight lessons using an InterVarsity Press booklet. The book is available on Kindle. Please contact Linda Sommer at 419-358-9954 if you are interested by Tuesday, September 9.

~ BUILDING FUND NEEDS ~

The Trustees have been busy this season working on many projects, some expected and some unexpected as listed below:

- floor autoscrubber - \$5,550
- computer upgrades (including new network server) - \$4,000
- main parking lot restoration and sealing (partly finished/partly upcoming) - \$12,000-\$14,000
- new computer-monitored thermostats in the Crossroads Ministry Center - \$2,700
- air conditioning compressor (unexpected expense) - \$5,000

Expenses such as these are budgeted through the Building Fund. The Trustees are concerned there will be inadequate funds to cover these expenses. Please prayerfully consider increased giving to the Building Fund to assist with these much-needed projects.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Sept. 13** Training for Bible Teachers (8:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall)
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)



August 31, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

Warm greetings to all! Let us be mindful of the words of the ancient prophet, Zephaniah, who said to his people: *Gather together and pray ... while there is still time* (2:1-2). We have today, this hour, to present ourselves before the living God. Let us approach God with love and joy in fellowship 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. 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)
Declare His Glory among the Nations
- 11:30 p.m.** Senior High Parent Meeting (Schoolhouse)
- 6:00 p.m.** Worship U (Junior & Senior High, CMC)
- 7:00 p.m.** Truth Project (FH)

Senior High Parent Meeting today: Parents please plan to meet in the schoolhouse following the Worship Gathering. If you are unable to attend, you may send an e-mail to ben.moser@ebenezymennonite.org and we will get the information from the meeting to you. – Ben Moser, Youth Ministry Intern

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Miriam Hawk. Miriam, the mother of Janet Brauen, passed away on Monday, August 25. Services were held on Thursday in Norwalk, Ohio.

In the Hospital: Katy Alt, Blanchard Valley.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 24:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	274
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	411
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	47

Giving on August 24:

\$9,967.09

Benevolent Fund	180.00
Building Fund	180.00
Christian Education Fund	363.74
General Fund	5,638.00
Missions Fund	3,305.35
New Building	200.00
Youth Fund	100.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionary of the Week is *Brynden Wiens* who serves with **Avant Ministries** at **Echo Ranch Bible Camp** in **Alaska**. This year the camp celebrated its 50th anniversary of summer camping for kids in southeast Alaska. Included in the week-long special schedule were former directors and staff as guest speakers. Each day they remembered a different decade of camping from their past. Brynden's responsibilities include administrative duties and hospitality. Please send a note of encouragement to Brynden at: P.O. Box 210608, Auke Bay, AK 99821 or by e-mail: bryndenwiens@gmail.com.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Hannah Marie Hefner was born to Darin & Jaime on Saturday, August 16, weighing 7 lb. 13 oz.

Natalie Mccarty was born to Steven & Katy (Alt) on Tuesday, August 26, weighing 6 lb. 8 oz.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Bob & Dot Gratz. Saturday, September 6, will mark their 68th wedding anniversary!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Brooke Koontz, Brittany Reigle – *Missions Center*
Marvin & Karen Garmatter – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 1-7

Monday	**Labor Day – All Church offices closed**	
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 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Teens for Christ (<i>Schoolhouse</i>) Truth Project (<i>Tim & Diana Diller's home</i>)
Sunday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry (<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>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers Choir Party (<i>118-119</i>) Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) Truth Project (<i>FH</i>)

~ THANK YOU ~

We would like to thank the Ebenezer families who came to swim on Wednesday afternoons this summer. We so enjoyed hearing the laughter and seeing all the smiles. A set of keys were left last Wednesday, please contact the church office if you think they may be yours. – *John & Rosie Good*

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Morning Prayer: Senior High students who are interested in coming to Bluffton McDonald's for some community and prayer. We will meet every Thursday morning at 7:00, hope to see you!

Attention Young Adults Ages 18-24: Free doughnuts while talking about God, Love, Marriage, and Sex. There will be a college age small group starting Saturday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Ben & Evania's Home (103 W. Elm Street) You do not need to be in college, as long as you are around the college age you are welcome. If you are looking for a new way to dig into God's Word now is the time. We will be looking in the *Love-ology* for the first four weeks, then transitioning into a book study. Please feel free to invite friends and family. If you have any questions contact Jaden August at 419-889-9652.

Attention All Kids in Grades 1-6:

What is your talent? 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 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 join in on the fun 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.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Do you enjoy shopping? The Bread of Life Ministries (John 6:35) is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to do the weekly grocery shopping for this youth ministry program that meets on Wednesday nights. For more information please contact Ben Moser at 419-303-5775 or ben.moser@ebenezymennonite.org.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, September 2, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon Jeff Allison, Professor of Pharmacy will share about pharmacy myths, old time remedies, and more. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

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.

Training for Bible Teachers: On Saturday, September 13, at 8:30 a.m., you are invited to a time of fellowship and training for anyone who leads adults in studying God's Word. Please contact Pastor Dale for more information at 404-539-9707. *Till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.* - Psalm 71:18b