

~ 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 and also your mailing and e-mail addresses. Please send to: info@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you!

The Wednesday Night Children's Ministry is looking to fill each teacher and helper positions before the Kick-Off on October 1. Recently an e-mail was sent to all teachers/helpers from last year but have not heard from many of you. Please contact Marti Meza at 419-296-9574 or e-mail m.m.meza@juno.com if you are willing to teach or help with this ministry. There is always room for each and every willing person. Thanks.

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. Book is available on Kindle. Contact Linda Sommer at 419-358-0054 if you are interested by Tuesday, September 9.

It began over three decades ago. With a simple act of healing, a church movement burst forth in Nepal! Join Global Disciples for dinner on Thursday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center to hear how God used this simple act to ignite a phenomenal church movement that has transformed thousands of lives! Register online at GlobalDisciples.org or contact Julie Stratton at 419-302-0369. A free-will offering will be taken.

Thank you so much for your generosity and for supporting all of us soldiers overseas. All of the letters, care packages, gift cards, support, and prayers mean more than you know. I appreciate you all so much! - Jess McGuire-Reed

~ HOW DO WE PRAY? ~

Here is part three of prayer suggestions for the many persons undergoing struggles, trials, and persecution around the world. 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 while they may be snatched from their homes, they shall never be snatched from the hand of Your Son. {I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. – John 10:28} Help them to believe that when they feel as if no one cares, that You see and You hear and that their tears do not fall to the ground unnoticed by You. {I cried to my God for help. From His temple He heard my voice; my cry came before Him, into His ears. - Psalm 18:6 List my tears on your scroll—are they not in Your record? - Psalm 58:8} Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. - Revelation 22:20b

~ 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. 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)
Oct. 6 MOPS (9:00 a.m., FH)



September 7, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

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. 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 Ministry (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)
Practice Your Promise
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (103)
- 6:00 p.m.** Worship U (Junior & Senior High, CMC)
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir Party (118-119)
Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Truth Project (FH)

Sign up today in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer to get connected with a Love-ology Small Group. (See insert)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Marjorie Saunders. Marjorie, the mother of Lynn, passed away on Saturday, August 30. Services were held on Wednesday, September 3, in Lima.

Scheduled Surgery: Jim Lemley, Wednesday, September 10, at Orthopaedic Institute of Ohio.

~ NEXT SUNDAY ~

Rev. Dan Dalke, former Ebenezer pastor, will speak during the Morning Worship Gathering, September 14. Immediately following there will be a graveside service for his wife, Edna Dalke. All are invited to a carry-in luncheon in the Crossroads Ministry Center where you will have opportunity to visit with the Dalke Family.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 31:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	260
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	369

Giving on August 31:

\$11,707.97

Benevolent Fund	360.00
Building Fund	455.00
Christian Education Fund	452.97
General Fund	6,823.00
Missions Fund	3,397.00
New Building	220.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Dennis & Cindy Wiens* serving with **SAT-7 in Missouri** with an emphasis on Arab nations. Special programs have been added to the broadcast schedule to help SAT-7 viewers deal with the crisis in the Middle East and North Africa. SAT-7 is still waiting for final approval from the government of Turkey for a channel on Turk SAT. Keep praying! They are thankful SAT-7 continues to increase viewership and growing its social media impact. Please let Dennis & Cindy know you are supporting and praying for them by sending a note to: 11260 N. Summit St., Kansas City, MO 64155 or e-mail to: denniswiens@sat7.org.

Tickets are on sale today in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer! You won't want to miss 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 menu of chicken breast or pork chop, mixed vegetables, au gratin potatoes, and a dessert is included in the ticket price of only \$10 per person. You may also purchase your tickets online at www.jayandlaura.com, www.ebenezermennonite.org, or the church office Monday-Friday (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Paul & Cheryl Burkholder – *Missions Center*
Chuck & Saun Niswander – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 8-14

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Training for Bible Teachers (FH)
	10:30 a.m.	Young Adults Small Group (103 W. Elm St.)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (Various Classrooms)
	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 (CMC) Rev. Dan Dalke, speaker
	12:00 p.m.	Carry-in Luncheon (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119) Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Attention All Kids in Grades 1-6: We have a spot reserved for you in the Christmas program this year! All Sunday School children are invited to join. Let us know what talent you have been given and then have your parents contact us. We will start the year with fun, games, and food tonight at 7:00 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.

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. 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. Invite friends and family. Contact Jaden August at 419-889-9652 with any questions.

Junior & Senior High youth and parents check out the Information Center in the Missions Center for a new look with updates, calendars, and information sheets!

Tail Gate on the Tennis Courts: For both Junior and Senior High School students we will be tailgating on the BHS Tennis Courts before the football game. Music, free hotdogs, snacks, and some corn hole will start at 5:00. This is a perfect atmosphere to invite a friend and hang out before the Pirates take on Delphos Jefferson on Friday, September 12. We are looking for a few more corn hole sets. If you have one you could lend us, please e-mail ben.moser@ebenezermennonite.org or call 419-303-5775.

Dodgeball and Bread of Life: What is better than some dodgeball, Auntie Anne's style pretzels, sno cones, all with some cool people who love Jesus? The answer is nothing! Starting September 17, we will kick off Dodgeball and Bread of Life for all Junior and Senior High School students. This is a sweet place to invite your friends from 8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. every Wednesday.

Squirry Worm and Kewpee's: Senior High students, are you ready for two hours of unlimited go-karts, putt-putt, and the boats all for \$10? On Saturday, September 20, we will go to the Squirry Worm and then grab some Kewpee in Lima. Meet in the church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. and we will return by 8:00 p.m. Bring \$10 for Squirry Worm and money for supper.

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@ebenezermennonite.org.

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

Ladies...The next "Where's Dinner" is scheduled for Thursday, September 18. Meet at church at 5:45 and be ready for an evening of food and fellowship! Please RSVP to Christy Garmatter at: garmatterc@gmail.com so that we can make reservations.

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.wildlifelicenses.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.