



September 21, 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*)
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour
(*2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim
Love God First (CMC)
- 12:00 p.m.** Maranatha ABF Class Picnic (*Bluffton Village Park*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Love-ology Small Groups (*King, Stockman, Lemley*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (*118-119*)
Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
Senior High Big Group (*Schoolhouse*)

During the Worship Gathering we will have a brief Gideon presentation by Gerald & Nancy Glick. A special retiring offering for this ministry will be received at the end of the service.

You won't want to miss the *Ultimate Date Night* with **Jay & Laura Laffoon** next Saturday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Tickets are on sale today in the foyer. 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.ebenzermennonite.org, or the church office Monday-Friday (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

All Adult Bible Fellowship classes next Sunday, September 28, at 9:00 a.m. will be split into two different classrooms. Laura will speak to the ladies in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Jay will speak to the men in the Sanctuary.

~ 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@ebenzermennonite.org. Thank you!

Financial Report – August 2014

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	358,467	194,811	28,433	92,333
Expenses YTD	333,638	159,764	23,025	16,375
Actual Income	313,732	160,546	15,207	23,645

Cash Fund Balances as of 8/31/14:

General.....	\$12,574
Missions.....	\$94,920
Christian Education	\$17,461
Building	\$16,525
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$8,137
New Building/Land Purchase	\$85,942
Benevolent.....	\$10,051

Dear Ebenezer Family: This is the day the LORD has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24 It is our routine to begin each day saying this. As we do, we know many kids do not have joy and do not know Jesus. Thank you for the White Christmas gift being used to help more kids hear of the love of Jesus and experience joy in their lives. – *We are blessed, Don & Ann Leader*

Thank you for the thoughts and words of encouragement this week. Your cards and prayers for a complete recovery are deeply appreciated. Thank you to Pastor Warren and Pastor Dick for being with us during surgery. With each day God's love is evident and healing is taking place. May God receive the glory. – *Arlene Garmatter*

How do we pray? Here is part four of suggestions of how to pray 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 remember that when they feel forsaken, that Jesus was forsaken for them so they must not fear being abandoned by You. {“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” He said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.” – Mark 14:34} Help them to remain faithful to You when they are called to deny Your Name. Help them to not fear death, but to find courage in the hope of the greater resurrection that awaits them. {Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. – Matthew 10:28} {Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. Revelation 2:10} Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. - Revelation 22:20b

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Oct. 1** Wednesday Night Children's Program and Junior High Kick Off (*6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's, 8161 Columbus Grove Road*)
- 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*)
- Oct. 12** Worship & Communion Service (*10:15, CMC*)
FaithFull Singles Luncheon (*11:30 a.m., FH*)
- Nov. 9-16** Missions Conference - *Live. Tell. Serve.* John 3:17

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 14:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	270
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	437
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	129

Giving on September 14:

\$13,987.78

Benevolent Fund	320.00
Building Fund	1,450.00
Christian Education Fund	1,284.78
General Fund	7,619.00
Missions Fund	3,144.00
New Building	20.00
Youth Fund	150.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Kerry & Krista Wright** with **Converge America** serving in **Louisville, Kentucky**. They continue to see growth in Encounter Church. Unfortunately a local church recently shut its doors. Thankfully though, they have gained some solid families from it and are thankful for these individuals as they are willing to dig in and help. The Lord has proven Himself faithful over and over, and they are thankful they get to be a part of what He is doing. Send a note of encouragement to Kerry & Krista at: 9711 Old Six Mile Lane, Louisville, KY 40299 or an e-mail to: kerrywright@insightbb.com.

Today, September 21, Mission Possible is having an open house at the Mission Possible Office (124 W. Front Street) in Findlay from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Come, have some refreshments, and meet with our staff, our board members, with Pastor Herve Pierre who serves in Haiti, and with Pastor Moise Sam who serves in the Dominican Republic. We would love to have you join us in celebration of what God is doing on the island of Hispaniola.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Dean & Deb Klingler – *Missions Center*

Frank & Patty Boehm – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 22-28

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Young Adult Small Group (<i>173 Albert St.</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>)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>) Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	College Age Small Group (<i>103 W. Elm St.</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Ultimate Date Night (<i>CMC</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School (<i>Various Classrooms</i>) ABF – Ladies (<i>CMC</i>), Men (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 ~

Nursery: Thomas Eachus Family, John & Jaime Shaw,
Anita, Hannah, & Lauren Willow

Good News Hour: Hannah Conley, Ben & Sarah Bergstrand,
Ashley Fry, Jamie Halker, Hui Shen, Renea Zimmerman

The Trustees are now accepting snow-removal bids for the 2014-15 winter season. Please have your bids submitted to the church office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3.

Youth volunteers needed for the Ultimate Date Night on Saturday, September 27. We are looking for 15-20 Junior & Senior High and College age students to help serve, help in the nursery, and run the merchandise table. There are sign-up sheets in Sunday School and at the Information Center in the Missions Center. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and please wear jeans and a white shirt. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Moser 419-303-5775.

Dodgeball and Bread of Life: We started last week and are going strong! This is for Junior High and Senior High students, but anyone from the church is welcome. Hope to see you Wednesday evening from 8:30 – 10:00 in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

The Wednesday Night Children's Ministry will have the annual kick-off on October 1, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bill & Joan Steiner (8161 Columbus Grove Road). Families are encouraged to attend together. Junior High students are also invited to attend. There is a sign-up sheet in the Missions Center for this kick-off as well as a registration sheet for those who plan to attend the Wednesday Night program. You may also contact Marti Meza at 419-296-9574 or e-mail at: m.m.meza@juno.com. Teachers are still needed for Grade 2 and Grades 3&4 boys' class. Also needed are 2-3 helpers and 2-3 substitute volunteers.

A Place for Cherubs: Sunday, October 5, will be the beginning of a new program. Children ages 2 through Kindergarten will have activities which will include play, singing, lesson, and of course a snack. This program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sundays in Room B10 and will enable the parents to attend the Evening Fellowship Service, small group, or engage in ministry to others. If you have questions, please contact Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907.

Mennonite Memorial Home's Fall Festival and Bake Sale will be held in the MMH lobby this Friday, September 26, and Saturday, September 27, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The bake sale will feature a variety of home-baked goods. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will go to the MMH's Service Group. Would you be willing to donate a baked good to this worthy cause? Please mark donations with MMH and either take to MMH or place in the church kitchen by that Friday at 8:30 a.m. Be sure to come early for your homemade baked goods, and thank you for your donation!

Adult Choir will soon begin rehearsals on the first Wednesday in October. Those who love to sing and praise the Lord through music are welcome! See you all Wednesday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room (115). – *Nancy Wright, Adult Choir Director*

Join Global Disciples for dinner on Thursday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center to hear how God used a simple act of healing 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 freewill offering will be taken.