

~ 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.

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- Ebenezer Mennonite Church     Baptism     Membership
- Child dedication     Getting involved in ministry
- Joining a small group     Prayer requests \_\_\_\_\_

**A Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, October 4, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Campus Life Room across from Bluffton High School. A free will donation will be accepted to benefit Missy Bischoff who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Also a cinnamon roll bake sale. – *Sponsored by Ebenezer Youth and Community.*

**Thank you so much** for praying and supporting Transport For Christ Second Chance Chapel ministry in Beaverdam at the Flying J Travel Plaza while we waited for the new chapel to arrive. We are up and running! Remember to join us under the tent at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, as we celebrate this milestone in ministry. Thank you so much and see you there! – *Chaplain David Lugibihl*

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, October 7, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon the Pandora Gilboa Choir will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

**Rehearsals** for Bluffton University’s 119<sup>th</sup> performance of Handel’s *Messiah* begin Tuesday, October 7, in the Gilliom Room of Mosiman Hall. Anyone interested in singing, from high school students to adults, are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. each Tuesday until the performance, set for 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 7, in Founders Hall.

**Men’s Bible Study** will start up on Wednesday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary overflow and run in conjunction with the Wednesday Night Children’s Ministry.

~ INVITATION TO SINGLES ~

**FaithFull Singles:** The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and *all* singles age 50 and older to our next gathering scheduled for Sunday, October 12. A luncheon will be provided following the Worship & Communion Service. Hope to see you there!

~THANK YOU~

**Dear Team:** Thanks so much for the White Christmas gift! What a surprise and a blessing! Lori & I greatly appreciate the support and prayers that you have given to the ministry for lost kids in Van Buren. Please continue to pray for the Youth for Christ ministry that we may step through any doors the Lord opens up to share Jesus by any and all possible means. Thank you again for partnering with us. - *Wild4the1, Lyn & Lori Loewen Philippians1:6*

**Dear Ebenezer Family:** With much gratitude, we say a heart-felt thank you for the recent White Christmas gift. How encouraging it is to know that our family there at Ebenezer continues to lift us up in prayer and support. It would be an impossible task were it not for you standing with us. Our “home” truly will always be there in Bluffton at Ebenezer. Again, thank you. - *Rick & Pat Shaner*

**Thank you so much** for the card and gift card. I also want to thank you for your prayers for me both in and out of the Army. - *God bless you, Jeremy Mogrovejo*

**Ebenezer Mennonite Church:** Thank you all so much for partnering with us in our ministry and investing in the Lord’s work on college campuses. We are beyond humbled and challenged by your generous giving! We are so thankful for such a sweet and encouraging church body! Thank you again. – *Love, Andrew & Sarah Winebrenner*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Oct. 6**    **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Oct. 12**    Worship & Communion Service (10:15, CMC)  
FaithFull Singles Luncheon (11:30 a.m., FH)
- Oct. 27**    Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 28**    All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Nov. 9-16** Missions Conference - *Live. Tell. Serve.* John 3:17



September 28, 2014

# Ebenezer Emissary

*A joyous welcome to each of you! We count your presence at worship as a blessing. Lift up our hearts unto the LORD.*

*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 - Ladies (CMC), Men (Sanctuary)  
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 – Jay & Laura Laffoon  
*Have Serious Fun (CMC)*
- 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)

**All Adult Bible Fellowship classes** today 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.

**A special welcome to** Jay & Laura Laffoon our guest speakers during our morning Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Jay & Laura, authors of numerous books and DVDs, and also have a weekly online talk show that offers practical and witty tips on how it is possible to have a thriving and lasting marriage. The Laffoons have two children and live in Michigan.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on September 21:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	277
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	407
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	102

**Giving on September 21:**

**\$10,067.90**

Benevolent Fund	310.00
Building Fund	630.00
Christian Education Fund	560.90
General Fund	6,020.00
Missions Fund	2,297.00
New Building	200.00
Youth Fund	50.00
Gideon Offering	\$830.00

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~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are *Scott & Caitlin Andrews* serving with **TEAM** in the **Czech Republic**. Scott & Caitlin write, *Join us in praising the Lord for the good reports we are getting on all fronts: new confessions of faith, our own progress in the language, and improving effectiveness in many aspects of our lives and ministry! There are spiritually depressive and psychologically negativistic aspects of living here, however; please pray for supernatural joy, peace, and patience to be constantly manifested in our hearts, minds, words, and actions!* Uplift them in prayer, but also by sending a note to: Soukenicka 15, Praha 1 110 00, Czech Republic or by e-mail: explore.the.vertical@gmail.com.

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**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*

**Women's Bible Study** will start on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Grade 5 Room (S4). We will study Lesson 1 in the series *Abiding in Christ*. Contact Linda Sommer at 419-358-0054 if you need more information.

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

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Jerry & Vickie Cartwright – Missions Center  
Jim & Marty Lemley – Crossroads Ministry Center

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPT. 29-OCT. 5

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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group ( <i>Bluffton Arby's</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Small Group ( <i>173 Albert St.</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time ( <i>FH</i> )
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Wednesday Night Children's and Junior High Ministries Kick-Off ( <i>Bill &amp; Joan Steiner's, 8161 Columbus Grove Road</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> ) Adult Choir Rehearsal ( <i>115</i> ) Women's Bible Study ( <i>S4</i> )
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries ( <i>Church Kitchen</i> ) Dodgeball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball ( <i>CMC</i> )
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Youth Prayer Group ( <i>Bluffton McDonald's</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	College Age Small Group ( <i>103 W. Elm St.</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-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&amp;6 year olds-B11</i> )
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering/Paul Ginther Christian Education Sunday ( <i>CMC</i> )
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Trustee Meeting ( <i>103</i> )
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir ( <i>118-119</i> ) Evening Fellowship Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) Place for Cherubs ( <i>B10</i> ) Senior High Big Group ( <i>Schoolhouse</i> )

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 ~

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**Nursery:**

Wayne & Susan Bixel, David & Mary Glick, Gail Schantz

**Good News Hour:**

Janet Brauen, Lillian Burkholder, Leah Eiden, Pat King,  
Brooke Koontz, Amanda Reigle, Leah Shadle, Bev Stockman

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**We are excited** about visiting the Lord's people in India, October 7-28. Our focus will be on a conference with Nasreen and Manoj Kumar Daliya, the teachers and evangelists of HELP village school project, and then the local church. We then will try to catch up on the translation and printing of a Garhwali language New Testament and some Gideon Bibles in Hindi. Ebenezer has had a major part in all of the work that is now coming to fruition, the outreach to needy village people through Christian schools, the publishing of Christian literature, especially Bibles, and the training of village evangelists and school teachers. Please pray for believers who live in India! – *Pastor Dale & Ruth Seefeldt*

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Wednesday Night Children's Ministry** will have the kick-off this week October 1, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Bill & Joan Steiner's home (8161 Columbus Grove Rd.). Families are encouraged to attend. Junior High students are also invited. 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. Teachers are still needed for Grade 2 and Grades 3&4 boys' class. Also needed are 2-3 helpers and 2-3 substitute volunteers.

**Thursday Night Basketball:** High School age and up are invited to play basketball on Thursday nights at 8:30. If you have any questions contact Cory Meyer at 419-792-9202 or Ben Moser at 419-303-5775.

**High School Love-ology:** The High School will meet for the last video on *Love-ology* which is on singleness, Sunday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. This is open to any High School student, even if you haven't made it to one yet, you're still invited.

**A Place for Cherubs** begins next Sunday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. for children ages 2 through Kindergarten. This program will be held on Sundays in Room B10 and will enable the parents to attend Evening Fellowship Activities. Please contact Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907 for more information.

**Junior High** Wednesday Night Youth Group Kick-off is October 1, 6:00-7:30 at Bill & Joan Steiner's home (8161 Columbus Grove Rd.). We will have our first regular meeting here at the church on October 8, at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the Crossroads Ministry Center to start out! There will be a group game, a lesson, and then a snack. Wednesday Night Youth Group is always a sweet time to have fun and learn.

**Junior High Small Group Kick-off:** On Saturday, October 11, we will be going to the Suter's Corn Maze then heading to Steve & Doneta Reigle's home (5498 Rd. R Pandora) for some outdoor fun, a bonfire, and some s'mores. Drop off at the schoolhouse at 2:00 p.m. and pick up at the Reigle's at 5:00. The cost is \$4. per person.

**High School Small Group Kick-off:** We have been in a Big Group stage and now we need to kick-off the Small Groups for the year. On Sunday, October 12, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. we will be at Ron & Tobi Meyer's House (7055 Lugabill Rd) for some Gold Rush, outdoor games, food, and for the news about small groups for the year. If you are in High School, this is the place you need to be!

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