

~ 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 _____

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I am interested in information on:

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

There will be another Safe Sanctuary Training Session held on Sunday, October 19, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in Room 114. Any adult who is teaching or helping with our children will need to take this hour of training. If you have had this training before, you won't have to repeat it for several years. Any new teachers or helpers, please come and complete your safe sanctuary training!

You may have been attending Ebenezer for several months, weeks, or perhaps visiting for the first time today. Whatever the case, you are invited to a Welcome Luncheon on Sunday, October 19, immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All college age students are also invited. The luncheon will give us the opportunity to further introduce you to the various ministries of Ebenezer.

Help fight Ebola: Dr. Bognunjoke (SIM International Director) and Bruce Johnson (SIM USA President) are asking all to join together for focused prayer regarding the Ebola crisis in West Africa. Please consider setting aside time today for special prayer for this situation. What seems to us to be a desperate situation is not impossible for God. May our prayers be heard and used by God to accomplish the impossible. Updated prayer requests and other resources can be found at www.praytoendEbola.org.

~ NEW IN THE LIBRARY FROM JAY & LAURA LAFFOON ~

Make Love Everyday He Said, She Said

DVD's: *Holy Sex* *May I Have This Dance?* *Woo Her. Wow Him.*
I Did. Growing Intimacy Till Death Do Us Part (14 Session)

~ THANK YOU ~

Dear Ebenezer Family: We just wanted to say a big thank you for your support, your prayers, and encouragement over the years. Especially the recent White Christmas Gift. Ebenezer's generosity has always been above and beyond the needs and we thank you. You are our family, even when we are in Cambodia, your prayers and encouragement are always felt and needed. Once again, thank you for your recent generous gift and all your prayers for the family and ministry. - *You are a Blessing to us, Tim & Tiffany Gallant*

Ebenezer Family: Wow! Thank you! Your White Christmas gift was such a blessing. We are so thankful for you all back home. We know you all are faithful prayer warriors and encouragers of many ministries. We are thankful for your partnership with us and Encounter Church. Thank you again. May God bless you all richly. - *Kerry & Krista Wright & kids*

Ebenezer Mennonite Church: Thank you for the White Christmas gift. What a blessing! We are so grateful for your continued support and desire to see young people come to know Jesus. - *Wade & Hannah Slechter, Youth for Christ*

Dear friends and family at Ebenezer! Thank you so much for your Christmas in July gift! It will go directly towards my graduate schooling. I am two thirds the way through the program. Currently, I am doing my practicum here at Bryan College. Hopefully, once I graduate with a Masters of Arts in Professional Counseling, I will be able to use my new skills in ministry. God bless you for your kindness. - *Bonnie Spallinger*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Oct. 19** Safe Sanctuary (9:00 a.m., 114)
Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon (11:30 a.m., FH)
- Oct. 27** **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 28** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Nov. 2** Berean Adult Bible Fellowship Class Party (11:30 a.m., FH)
- Nov. 9-16** Missions Conference - *Live. Tell. Serve.* John 3:17
- Nov. 10** **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Nov. 24** **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Dec. 7** Bluffton University *Messiah* (4:00 p.m., Bluffton University)
- Dec. 10** Congregational Meeting (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Dec. 14** Children's Christmas Program (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- Jan. 12** **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Jan. 26** **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)



October 5, 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.** Sunday School & ABF (Various Classrooms)
- 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 – Paul Ginther
Christian Education Appreciation Sunday (CMC)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (103)
- 6:00 p.m.** Worship U (CMC)
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
A Place for Cherubs (age 2-K, B10)
Senior High Big Group (Schoolhouse)

Today is Christian Education Volunteer Appreciation Sunday. A special welcome to our guest speaker this morning, Paul Ginther, Deacon of Youth Ministries at St. John Mennonite Church, Pandora.

~ OUR SYMPATHY ~

Rev. Dan Dalke (Ebenezer pastor 1961-1979) passed away suddenly Monday evening at his home in Kansas. At the age of 93, he had still been active, having just preached a message at Ebenezer three weeks ago on September 14, and then attended the graveside service of his wife, Edna, who died just four months ago. A memorial service is planned for 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 18, at Grace Bible Church in McPherson, Kansas.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 28:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	238
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	343
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	91

Giving on September 28:

\$9,113.97

Benevolent Fund	100.00
Building Fund	1,225.00
Christian Education Fund	640.97
General Fund	3,748.00
Missions Fund	3,150.00
New Building	200.00
Youth Fund	50.00

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Tom & Dora Becker** serving with **Reach Global** in **Indiana** and in **Europe**. Tom is currently in Europe for an International Roma Mission Conference in Budapest. He will also meet with the Reach Global team that is there, as well as participate in a mission trip to Romanian villages. Dora is working with a private organization that runs a preschool for children with developmental delays. She will help teach there while taking classes to re-qualify for teacher certification. Please write to Tom & Dora at: 1540 Duffer Dr., Chesterton, IN 46304 or e-mail to thomas.becker@efca.org.

Remember to join Transport For Christ Second Chance Chapel ministry in Beaverdam at the new chapel at the Flying J Travel Plaza under the tent at 2:00 this afternoon as we celebrate this milestone in ministry. Tom Kennerk, the Sax Man of Monroeville, Indiana, will be ministering in music at the dedication. – *Chaplain David Lugibihl*

~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

Dick & Rosalee Greenway will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on Tuesday, October 7.

Don & Dorothy Burkholder will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, October 8.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 6-12

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
	7:05 p.m.	Young Adult Small Group (173 Albert St.)
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) Adult Choir Rehearsal (115) Junior High Youth Group (CMC) Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary overflow) Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6) Women's Bible Study (S4)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen) Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	College Age Small Group (103 W. Elm St.)
	2:00 p.m.	Junior High Small Group Kick-off (Schoolhouse)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (Various Classrooms)
	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 & Communion Service (CMC)
	11:30 a.m.	FaithFull Singles Luncheon (FH)
	4:00 p.m.	High School Small Group Kick-off (Ron & Tobi Meyer's Home)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119) Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary) Junior High Small Groups (Guys B17, Girls 116) A Place for Cherubs (Age 2-K, B10)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 ~

Nursery: Jason & Kim Fritsch, Aaron & Emily Koogler, Janeth Magiri, Seth & Kara Zink

Good News Hour: Janet Brauen, Pat King, Brooke Koontz, Alison Mosler, Amanda Reigle, Diane Sharrock, Bev Stockman

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

High School Love-ology: The High School will meet for the last video on *Love-ology* tonight at 7:00. This is open to any High School student, even if you haven't made it to one yet.

A Place for Cherubs begins tonight at 7:00 for children age 2 through Kindergarten. This program is held on Sundays in Room B10 and will enable the parents to attend Evening Fellowship Activities. Contact Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907 for more information.

Junior High Wednesday Night Youth Group 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 Road R, Pandora) for some outdoor fun, a bonfire, and s'mores. Drop off at the schoolhouse at 2:00 p.m. and pick up at the Reigles 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 Small Groups for the year. On Sunday, October 12, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. we will be at Ron & Tobi Meyer's home (7055 Lugabill Road) 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!

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon this 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.

Men's Bible Study will begin 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 next Sunday, October 12. A luncheon will be provided following the Worship & Communion Service. Hope to see you there!