



October 19, 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.** Safe Sanctuary (114)  
Stephen Ministries (112)  
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 (CMC)
- 11:30 a.m.** Welcome Luncheon (FH)
- 5:00 p.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (103)
- 6:00 p.m.** Worship U (CMC)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (King, Lemley)
- 7:00 p.m.** A Place for Cherubs (Age 2-K, B10)  
Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)  
Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)  
High School Small Groups (Meet in schoolhouse)  
Junior High Small Groups (Guys B11, Girls 116)

**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 today, 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.

**Safe Sanctuary Training Session** today 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!

## ~ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday Night Children's Ministry:** The Grade 2 class still needs a teacher. Please call Marti Meza at 419-296-9574 if you are interested in volunteering.

**Christian Education Fund Update:** The Christian Education (CE) Committee is so thankful to each volunteer who so faithfully serves, whether it be with young persons or older ones. The congregation approved a modest 2014 CE budget of less than \$43,000. Presently, giving for CE is lagging behind expenses for the year. The CE Fund provides assistance for many ministries, both for the church family and for the community such as: Miracle Camp, Vacation Bible School, Sunday morning classes, Wednesday evening activities, youth ministry events, family camp, church library resources, nursery expenses, and more. Please consider a special gift to bolster the CE Fund and to enable these valuable ministries to continue for this year and beyond, if the Lord wills. *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.* – Philippians 4:19

**All Day Sew** is Monday evening, October 27, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 28, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We will be knotting comforters for our missionaries. Everyone is invited. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a noon potluck on Tuesday. The potluck is also open to all spouses of those working and all widows and widowers. Come and share the evening or day with us. *Please return any finished comfort tops to the sewing room before Monday, October 27. Thank you!*

**Lima Rescue Mission Banquet** will be held at the Veterans Memorial Civic Center in Lima this Friday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are free, but required. Request your tickets by calling 419-224-6961 or e-mail at: [rescue@limamission.org](mailto:rescue@limamission.org). The Brown Family will deliver the powerful message of the gospel through word and song that engaging audiences of all ages.

**The Berean Class** is invited to attend a lunch and a hymn sing on Sunday, November 2, after the Worship Gathering. Please bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert. Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided. At 1:00 p.m. Janice Shields (organ) and Marcine Geiger (piano) will accompany us as we choose our favorite songs to sing.

## ~ NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

### Women's Interest

*Kingdom Woman* – Tony Evans & Crystal Evans Hurst

*Praying for Your Husband from Head to Toe* – Sharon Jayne

### Christian Living

*Wounded by God's People* – Anne Graham Lotz

*The Jesus Answer Book* – John MacArthur

*The Red Sea Rules* – Robert Morgan

### Family DVD

*God's Not Dead*

### Answers in Genesis DVD's – Body of Evidence

*The Integumentary System (Skin)*

*Cells & Tissue*

*The Skeletal System, Cartilage, & Bone*

*The Cardiovascular System*

*The Respiratory System*

*The Digestive System*

*The Urinary System*

*The Hearing Ear & the Seeing Eye*

*DVD Study Guide*

## ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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)
- 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)
- Feb. 1-7** SIM Missions Trip (Charlotte, North Carolina)

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on October 12:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	223
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	357
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	63

**Giving on October 12:**

\$12,555.78

Benevolent Fund	502.50
Building Fund	1,532.50
Christian Education Fund	774.28
General Fund	6,421.50
Missions Fund	2,757.50
New Building	417.50
Youth Fund	150.00

Memorial for Rev. Dan Dalke – Missions Fund \$50.00

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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are **Ryan & Erin Bennett** partner with **World Team** to plant reproducing churches in and around **Paris, France**. Along with still studying the language, they have been meeting with the ministry team to start a community of believers in their neighborhood. As they intern at a local church, they are beginning to build more relationships and feel more settled. Please introduce yourself, and encourage as well, this young couple as they begin their ministry: 17 Rue Corbon D, Paris 75015 or e-mail them at: ryan.bennett@worldteam.org.

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~ OUR SYMPATHY ~

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**James A. Root** father of Julie (Jeff) McKanna, passed away Sunday, October 12. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 16. at Parkside Christian Church, Cincinnati.

**Ron Anderson** father of David Anderson and Deb Sommers, passed away Tuesday, October 14. A private graveside service was held on Friday morning, October 17.

**David Gillett** father of Dan, passed away in Indianapolis on Thursday, October 16.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Marvin & Karen Garmatter – *Crossroads Ministry Center*  
Nicki Biery, Brittany Reigle – *Missions Center*

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 20-26

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Church Council Meeting (103)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Small Group (173 Albert St.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
		Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)
		Junior High Youth Group (CMC)
		Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary overflow)
		Women's Bible Study (\$4)
		VBS Committee Meeting (Nursery)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
		Dodgeball (CMC)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5:45 p.m.</b>	Ladies' Mystery Dinner (meet at church)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Outreach Ministry Com. Meeting (103)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	College Age Small Group (103 W. Elm St.)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Nefarious, please see insert (Schoolhouse)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & ABF (Various Classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Spring Musical Tryouts (Room 115)
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Small Groups (King, Lemley)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	A Place for Cherubs (Age 2-K, B10)
		Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 ~

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**Nursery:** Sue Epp, Ann, Emily, & Amber Gladwell  
Janeth Magiri, Naomi Miller, Phil & Sarah Shank  
**Good News Hour:** Emily Bish, Leah Eiden, Kim Gordon,  
Emily Koogler, Marti & Melina Meza

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Small Groups start tonight!** The Junior High and High School will start at 7:00 p.m. every Sunday. The JH girls will be in Room 116 and the JH guys will be in B11. The JH students will be going over the curriculum *Dare to be a Daniel*. All of the HS will meet in the schoolhouse and we will go over the book of John. Pray as these groups start and come if you are in these age groups.

**Fifth Quarter help needed:** If you would be able to help bring food for the 5th Quarter on Friday, October 31, it would be greatly appreciated. There is a table in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center for sign-ups. If you miss the table please contact Caroline Dawson at krusedawson@embarq.com.

**College Age Small Group:** We will be digging into the Basic videos by Francis Chan starting on Saturday, October 25. Young adults (ages 18-24) are invited to 103 W. Elm Street, Bluffton on Saturday mornings at 10:30 for some food and some Jesus.

**Attention all kids in Grades 1 – 6:** Acting tryouts for Disciple Singers' Spring Musical *Here For the Gold* will be held next Sunday evening, October 26, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 115. If you are interested in trying out for a part, please contact either Renea Zimmerman or Angela Steiner to get a CD and script of the musical. All kids in Grades 1-6 are invited to join Disciple Singers as we begin practicing this musical in the next few months. The spring musical will be performed in April 2015.

**High School Fifth Quarter** at Ebenezer, on October 31 immediately following the football game.

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Hospitality Opportunities!** Our Missions Conference begins on Sunday, November 9, and we need your help. We have several missionaries and their families attending and they need a place to stay and places to eat. What a great way to share your heart of generosity! Please sign up in the Crossroads Ministry Center foyer to host and/or provide meals for our missionaries. Thank you and may God be praised for your generosity!

**Anyone willing to donate** a deer or any type of wild game for our Wild Game Event Saturday, April 11, 2015, please contact Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.

**Mystery Dinner...Ladies...**This Thursday, October 23, meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. This will be our last dinner out until spring! E-mail Christy Garmatter by Tuesday at garmatterc@gmail.com if you are planning to attend. Hope to see you Thursday!