

~ 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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**I am interested in information on:**

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

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

**run4haiti:** This third annual 4 Mile Road Race will be held on Saturday, November 15, with the start and finish at the First Presbyterian Church in Findlay. All proceeds benefit the eight Mission Possible schools in Haiti. For more information see the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

**Good News! Great Joy!** Shoebox collection time is just around the corner! Drop-off dates at Ebenezer are next Sunday, November 9 and November 16. National Collection week will be November 17-24. If you have any questions, please contact Tom or Annie Spallinger at 419-358-0140.

**Come Speak Some Swiss:** The Swiss Community Historical Society is hosting a time to speak Swiss with each other this Tuesday, November 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the Family Room at Maple Crest in Bluffton. Come and dust off your Swiss language skills and see what you remember of the Schwyzerdutsch! The only agenda is to speak Swiss. Refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions, phone Rich Bucher at 419-358-0505 or e-mail him at: richardwbucher@yahoo.com.

**On Friday, November 21** volunteers from our church will be handing out new blankets in Lima at *Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen*. We need your help to provide over 200 blankets. If you would like to donate a new blanket, please bring it to the church on Sunday, November 16. Any size will be fine. If you have any questions please call the church office. *Volunteers are Dwight & Clarabeth Bixel, Marv & Gloria Diller, and Lynn & Linda Saunders*

~ CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 ~

At our Child Dedication Service, parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family. Parents, if you would like to take part in this service, we need you to register your child or children in the following ways:

- \* Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim.
- \* Provide a digital photo of you with the child or children to be dedicated. Send to: info@ebenezermennonite.org.
- \* Please register and have photo turned in by November 23.
- \* There will be a time in the dedication where your child will specifically be prayed for. This prayer can be offered by you, a family member, friend, or pastor. Please let us know who will be praying.

*Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication.*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Nov. 9-16** Missions Conference - *Live. Tell. Serve.* John 3:17
- Nov. 10** **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Nov. 30** Child Dedication Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Dec. 7** *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. 9-11** Junior High Ice Camp (*Miracle Camp*)
- Jan. 30-Feb. 1** High School Ice Camp (*Miracle Camp*)
- Feb. 1-13** SIM Roofing Team (*Charlotte, North Carolina*)
- Feb. 6-13** SIM Work Team (*Charlotte, North Carolina*)
- Apr. 11** Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m., CMC)

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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November 2, 2014

# Ebenezer Emissary

~ 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 – *Serve* – Pastor Jim (*CMC*)
- 11:30 a.m.** Berean ABF Class Lunch/Hymn Sing (*FH & Sanctuary*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (*103*)
- 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*)

**Today is the International Day of Prayer** for the Persecuted Church. Please take some time today to pray for our Christian brothers and sisters whose lives are threatened just for believing in Jesus Christ. Please see the insert in the Emissary for ways you can pray for our Persecuted Family. For more information, go to *The Voice of the Martyrs* website at [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com).

~ PLEASE PRAY FOR AREA MINISTRIES ~

- Bill Glass Prison Ministry:** Jim Spallinger
- Bluffton Community Assistance Program:** Sarah Shank
- Children Choosing Christ:** Kay Spallinger
- Gideons:** Marlin Burkholder
- Helping Hands:** Kerris Wright
- Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio:** Vickie Cartwright
- MOPS:** Gera Bixel
- Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen:** Lynn Saunders
- Transport For Christ:** Dave Lugibihl
- Weekday Christian Education:** Jodi Conley
- WTGN:** Dave Steiner
- Youth for Christ/Rally Point:** Don Leader, Dave Glick

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on October 26:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	271
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	427
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	107

**Giving on October 26:**

\$12,994.19

Benevolent Fund	100.00
Building Fund	120.00
Christian Education Fund	1,297.19
General Fund	8,167.00
Missions Fund	3,110.00
New Building	200.00

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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionary of the Week** is *Tiffany Bixel* who serves at **Texas A&M with Cru**. Over this past year as she has been getting to know girls and their struggles, God has made it clear that she needs more training in order to help in the healing process. She will be pursuing a Master's degree in counseling primarily to be more equipped to serve the women she meets through ministry. She has started online classes through Denver Seminary and will continue studying this way for the next eight months so there is time to transition. Lord willing in June 2015, she will move to Colorado to continue classes in person and to be on staff with Valor (Cru) at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Please send your love and encouragement to Tiffany by writing to: 311 Glade St., College Station, TX 77840 or by e-mail: [tsbixel@gmail.com](mailto:tsbixel@gmail.com).

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Missions Conference Youth Night:** The High School 2015 Missions Trip will be announced on Sunday, November 9, during the 7:00 service.

**All Wednesday night activities** including Dodgeball, Bread of Life, and Junior High Youth Group will be cancelled on November 12 (Missions Conference) and November 26 (Thanksgiving).

**Upcoming High School Activities:** Woman Night and Man Night on November 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*  
Steve & Doneta Reigle – *Missions Center*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 3-9**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Small Group (173 Albert St.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
<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 (S4)
	<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>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>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Junior High – Adult ABF Classes with Owen Githanga (CMC)
		Age 3-Grade 6 with Ed & Jane Skowron (Sanctuary Foyer)
	<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>	<b>Opening of 51st Annual Festival of Missions</b> – Owen Githanga (CMC)
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	All Church Carry-in Lunch with Missionaries (CMC)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Children's Missionary Adventure with Ed & Jane Skowron (Sanctuary Foyer)
		Evening Missionary Service (CMC)
	<b>8:15 p.m.</b>	Afterglow (CMC)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 ~

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**Nursery:** Kelli Foster, Deb Hilty, Janeth Magiri,  
Josh & Heidi Steiner

**Good News Hour:** Jason & Kim Fritsch, Deb & Dan Huber,  
Emily Koogler, Makayla Smith

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~ 2014 MISSIONS CONFERENCE NEWS ~

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**For the afterglow on Sunday, November 9,** please bring plenty of finger foods for your family and also to share with others. Afterglows on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, will be provided by the committee.

**All Church Breakfast:** Breakfast for all on Saturday, November 15, at 8:30 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Our missionary Joel Mathai will speak at 9:30 a.m. There is no cost for the breakfast, but reservations must be made. Sign up today in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center or call the church office at 419-358-8588 during the week.

**Missions Banquet:** Please be sure to stop by the table at the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center to reserve your ticket for the Missions Banquet, Sunday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per adult and children 10 and under free. Menu will consist of ham or ½ or ¼ of chicken, baked potato, green beans, tossed salad, roll, cheese cake or brownie. At 7:00 Dr. Gary Staats will be our speaker. Tickets may also be picked up at the church office during the week.

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**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, November 4, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon musician Jim Boedicker 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.

**There will be a benefit** spaghetti meal held for Tim Bame on Saturday, November 15, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Southside Christian Church in Lima. If anyone is willing to donate a dessert for that evening, please contact Carol Bixel at 419-235-5111.

**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.