



November 23, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. Such is the proclamation of Psalm 113:3. Welcome to this house of worship where we shall indeed praise God with gratitude and love.

~ 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 – Pastor Jim *(CMC)*
The Thanksgiving Chair-Give Him Thanks
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers’ Choir *(B10a)*
- 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)*

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Jack Adair, in Naples, Florida.

~ FAITH PROMISE UPDATE~

The promises presently amount to \$218,697, towards our goal of \$275,000. Faith Promise pledges will be taken until the end of December. Pledge cards may be picked up in the Missions Center or the church office. Thank you again for your prayers and pledges that make our missions program a great blessing to many missionaries and ministries. - *Missions Committee*

Financial Report – October 2014

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	448,083	243,514	35,542	115,417
Expenses YTD	412,910	235,914	34,976	32,165
Actual Income	375,122	189,776	26,169	34,695

Cash Fund Balances as of 10/31/14:

General.....*	(\$7,116)
Missions.....	\$48,000
Christian Education.....	\$16,473
Building.....	\$8,913
Cemetery Restoration Project.....	\$9,707
New Building/Land Purchase.....	\$87,245
Benevolent.....	\$7,412

***Note:** General Fund income is lagging behind expenses, as are the Missions Fund and the Christian Education Fund. Please prayerfully consider this while making year-end donations. For your convenience and designating towards the above-listed funds, giving envelopes are available in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and at the Information Counter in the Missions Center.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Dec. 5** Ladies’ Christmas Tea *(6:30 p.m., CMC)*
- Dec. 7** *Messiah* *(4:00 p.m., Bluffton University)*
No Evening Fellowship Service
- Dec. 10** Congregational Meeting *(7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)*
- Dec. 14** Children’s Christmas Program *(7:00 p.m., CMC)*
- Dec. 21** Christmas Worship Service *(10:15 a.m., CMC)*
No Sunday School or ABF
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service *(6:00 p.m., CMC)*
- Jan. 9-11** Junior High Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*
- Jan. 30-Feb. 1** High School Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*
- Feb. 1-14** SIM Roofing Team *(Charlotte, North Carolina)*
- Feb. 8-14** SIM Work Team *(Charlotte, North Carolina)*
- Apr. 11** Wild Game Event *(5:00 p.m., CMC)*

~ 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 _____

~ THANK YOU ~

Dear friends of Ebenezer: Thank you for including the Lima Rescue Mission in your Missions Festival. We are thankful for your faithful support over the years in prayer, financial gifts, and coming for the evening service. Thank you also for your Sharing Room. We were able to pick out a new quilt for our bed. May God richly bless you! – *In His Service, Chuck & Colleen Ferguson*

Lori (our daughter) and her husband, Steve Flick, would like to thank you for your prayers for Steve and his brother, Kevin. The kidney transplant went very well last Friday. The surgeon said Steve’s kidney was "beautiful" and it began working right away after it was transplanted into Kevin. Kevin’s creatinine level went down immediately! We thank God for the wisdom and abilities He has given to the medical team at Indiana/Purdue University Hospital. We thank you for praying and making God’s grace so evident. Please remember Kevin and pray that he will continue to accept his brother’s kidney and that Steve will heal well. Thank you again! - *Dave & Kathy Steiner*

Dear Ebenezer Mennonite Church: The 182 blankets you supplied were a God-send to so many people. It was a delight to see the people filled with awe and wonder as they received the new blankets. Your support of Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen has been so precious to us and we know it is precious in the eyes of our Lord and Savior. – *With His Grace, Stephen Jenkins*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on November 16:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	260
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	418
Festival of Missions Banquet	(6:00 p.m.)	162

Giving on November 16:

\$13,713.92

Benevolent Fund	80.00
Building Fund	480.00
Christian Education Fund	945.92
General Fund	7,276.00
Missions Fund	4,712.00
New Building	220.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Norm & Gwen Bowman*. They serve with **Global Outreach International** in **Barcelona, Spain**. Norm has been preaching once a month in an Indian-Pakistani church. *These are precious brothers and sisters in Christ, but they experience resistance among their families and friends who have roots in the historic religions of India and Pakistan. I am preaching a series of messages on our identity in Christ which is rooted in the love of the Father for the Son before the foundation of the world. There are special times of prayer as well as a meal after the service.* Encourage this couple as they enter their 32nd year of ministry by writing to: Avenida Manuel Girona, 70 Izda. 2o, 1a, 08860 Castelldefels, Barcelona, Spain or e-mail to: normandbowman@gmail.com.

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Corey & Andrea (Stockman) Leichty on the birth of their son, Talon James, born Sunday, November 16, weighing 8 lb. 15 oz.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Jerry & Vickie Cartwright – *Crossroads Ministry Center*
Kevin & Gina Burkholder – *Missions Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 24-30

Monday	9:00 a.m.	<i>MOPS (FH)</i>
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
Thursday	**Church Offices Closed-Happy Thanksgiving**	
Friday	**Church Offices Closed**	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry (<i>112</i>) Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>) <i>Child Dedication Service</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	A Place for Cherubs (<i>Age 2-K, B10</i>) Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>118-119</i>) High School Small Groups (<i>Meet in schoolhouse</i>) Junior High Small Groups (<i>Guys B11, Girls 116</i>)
	No Evening Fellowship Service	

~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 ~

Nursery: Aaron & Emily Koogler

Good News Hour: Miranda Schutz, Lauren Willow,
Renea & Caity Zimmerman

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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

Upcoming for High School students: Plan now to go to the Lima Rescue Home in Lima on Saturday, December 6. Please meet at the church at 5:15 p.m. and bring \$5 for pizza!

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Small items needed for the Sunshine Boxes! The Women's Ministry Team would again like your help in providing small gifts for our elderly and shut-in members. The tear-off sheets will be passed around Adult Bible Fellowship classes today and next week. There are extra tear-off tags on the bulletin board if you are unable to select one during class. Please place your selected items in the Missions Center (red tub) on or before Sunday, December 14. Thank you for your help. If you have any questions see Pat King or Bev Stockman.

The Bluffton University Music Department will host a holiday concert at 2:30 this afternoon in Yoder Recital Hall. The performance will feature the concert band and chamber ensembles. Admission is free.

Transport for Christ Second Chance Chapels at Beaverdam will be the Church of the week on WTGN, today through Friday, November 28. Come pray with us at the WTGN station through the week. – *David Lugibihl*

If you would like to join WTGN's Diaper Drive for Heartbeat of Lima, please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center or across from the kitchen window for more information.

Child Dedication Service Sunday, November 30. Parents, if you would like to take part in this service, please register your child or children. Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim.

It's time for the Christmas Tea! Ladies, grab friends and family, and join us on Friday evening, December 5, at 6:30 for our annual Ladies' Christmas Tea. Pick up your free tickets in the Missions Center. Also we are looking for people to decorate tables! Last year they were absolutely beautiful. If you would like to put a table together, e-mail Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com or sign up in the Missions Center. Details about what you should have on your table will be given to you when you sign up. Thanks!

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.

Prime Timers Annual Christmas Party is December 2 at noon at St. John Mennonite Church. Prime Timers is a non-denominational monthly fellowship open to adults 55 and over. The meal is free, but donations are accepted.