



November 30, 2014

Ebenezer Emissary

~ 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 ~

Ebenezer Family: The Bluffton community assistance program (Food Pantry) thanks you! Thank you for the food and toiletries you have provided for our community. These supplies will help us into the coming New Year! Again, thank you for this outpouring of love for your neighbors. *Sincerely grateful, Sarah Shank and Jami Crawfis, Co-Directors BCAC*

Ebenezer Family: Thank you so much for your hospitality and encouragements throughout the Missions Conference! Also, I thank you for your financial, prayer, and hands on support you offer Rally Point! I enjoyed the fellowship and conversations with many of you and was personally challenged and encouraged by the other missionaries as well! It is a privilege to serve alongside you, making our Lord Jesus known! – *In Christ, Jared Diller*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service
- 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)

The annual congregational meeting is Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will discuss the 2015 General Fund, Building Fund, Christian Education Fund proposed budgets and the three additional underlined points added to our doctrinal statement. Elections will also be held. An information packet will be distributed today following the Worship Gathering. The Wednesday Night Children’s Ministries, Junior High, and Bible Studies will not meet that evening.

Candidates for Offices in 2015

Deacons: (three positions)

David Glick, Jared Lehman, Dave Miller, Chuck Niswander, Lynn Saunders

Trustees: (two positions)

Thomas Eachus, Tony Gratz, Steve Shaw

President: Ron Epp, Marvin Foster

Secretary: Jean Bash, Caroline Dawson, Noni Rhodes

Assistant Secretary: (runner-up from secretary)

Ushers:

Keith Bates, Mike Biery, Jim Bish, Randy Forrer, Alan Garmatter, David Garmatter, Randy Garmatter, Bob Geiger, John Good, Alan Hefner, Russell Koontz, Bruce Moser, Larry Moser, Mike Powell, Jim Spallinger, Robert Spallinger, Ron Steiner, Bob Zimmerman, Jr.

Head Usher:

Mike Biery, Ron Steiner

Nominating Committee At-Large: (two positions)

Alan Hefner, Dave Miller, Tammy Spallinger, Bev Stockman

Christian Education Committee: (two positions)

Ginny Moser-Secretary
Bill Steiner-Treasurer

Missions Committee: (three positions)

Wayne Bixel, Jeremy Lemley

Outreach Ministries: (three positions)

Jim King-Discipleship/Evangelism
Dick Potter-Secretary/Treasurer
Clyde & Janie Wireman- Greeter Coordinators

Women’s Ministries: (one position)

Kerris & Nancy Wright-Kitchen Coordinators

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Stephen Ministry (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 – Pastor Jim (CMC)
The Thanksgiving Chair-I Choose Thankful
Child Dedication: Judah Glick, Roman Shank, Tyler Shaw
- 6:00 p.m.** Children’s Christmas Rehearsal (CMC)
- 7:00 p.m.** A Place for Cherubs (*Age 2-K, B10*)
Disciple Singers’ Choir (118-119)
High School Small Groups
(Meet in schoolhouse)
Junior High Small Groups
(Guys B11, Girls 116)
****No Evening Fellowship Service****

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of David Boisvert. David, the father of Chris (Elizabeth King), passed away on Tuesday, November 18. A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 29.

~ FAITH PROMISE UPDATE~

The promises presently amount to \$237,000, 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*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on November 23:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	256
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	354
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	122

Giving on November 23:

	<u>\$15,573.68</u>
Benevolent Fund	20.00
Building Fund	610.00
Christian Education Fund	615.68
General Fund	8,728.00
Missions Fund	5,350.00
New Building	250.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Adam & Heather Cheney** who with their six children are preparing to work among the **Digo** people in **Kenya**. Serving with **Africa Inland Mission International**, they will leave in January. They have less than one week left to raise their support level to 85%, and then raise the remainder within a month. To encourage and uplift them write to: 4951 Chiles Dr., San Jose, CA 95136 or by e-mail: ahcheney@aimint.net.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

India Mission Trip Meeting will be on Sunday, December 7, right after church in the schoolhouse. This first meeting is for those students who are curious about the trip and want information about when to sign up. There also will be information sent home for the parents. For further questions please talk to Ben Moser.

High School Rescue Mission: On Saturday, December 6, at 5:15 p.m. we will meet at the schoolhouse to prepare to go to the Lima Rescue Mission. Please bring your Bible and \$5 for pizza following the service. I am really looking forward to learning with the men at the Rescue Mission! – *Ben Moser*

Junior High Ice Camp: For those Junior High students interested in going to Ice Camp (January 9-11) please sign up now. There is a sheet at the Information Center in the Missions Center or you can e-mail me at ben.moser@ebenezymennonite.org to reserve your spot. The cost is \$100 please make check out to Ebenezer. We are looking forward to this awesome weekend!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Chuck & Saun Niswander – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 1-7

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (<i>115</i>)
		Children's Ministries (<i>age 3-Grade 6</i>)
		Junior High Youth Group (<i>CMC</i>)
		Men's Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary overflow</i>)
		Women's Bible Study (<i>S4</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>)
		Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Ladies' Christmas Tea (<i>CMC</i>)
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	College Age Small Group (<i>103 W. Elm St.</i>)
	5:15 p.m.	High School Students (<i>meet at schoolhouse then we will go to the Lima Rescue Mission</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	9:50 a.m.	Disciple Singers' Meet (<i>FH</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>)
	11:30 a.m.	Berean ABF Class Lunch (<i>FH</i>)
		High School Mission Trip Meeting (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Messiah</i> (<i>Bluffton University</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	A Place for Cherubs (<i>Age 2-K, B10</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, DECEMBER 7 ~

Nursery: Gail Schantz, John & Jaime Shaw, Brian Young Family

SIM Missions Trip: A work team is scheduled to go to Charlotte, North Carolina February 8-14, with an additional roofing week planned for February 1-7. Sign up is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Frank Boehm at 567-371-9541 by December 31, if interested.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Last chance today to pick up your tickets! It's time for the Christmas Tea! 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!

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. 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. If you have any questions see Pat King or Bev Stockman. Thank you!

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, December 2, at St. John Mennonite Church. We hope to see you at our Annual Christmas Party with a free luncheon. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Come and speak Swiss: The Bluffton/Pandora Swiss Community Historical Society is hosting a time to speak Swiss with each other on Tuesday, December 2, 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 supplied. If you have questions, call Rich Bucher at 419-358-0505 or e-mail him at: richardwbucher@yahoo.com.

Transport For Christ Second Chance Chapel will have a Christmas Carry-in on Saturday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Beaverdam Church of Christ. Please bring one hot and one cold dish. Meat, table service, and drink will be provided. The Southern Gospel Second Chance Band from Cairo will be our musical guests.

Berean ABF Class Lunch: Join us for a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7, following the morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall.