



January 11, 2015

# Ebenezer Emissary

**We greet you in the name of our Lord. Let us join with the psalmist who prayed: *You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.* Psalm 16:11. Be assured that God's love is present here for one and all.**

### ~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship (*Various Classrooms*)  
Stephen Ministries (*112*)  
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 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*)  
*Go Deeper-The B-I-B-L-E*
- 11:30 a.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (*103*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Music Committee Meeting (*Church Library*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (*King's, Lemleys*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (*118-119*)  
Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
High School Small Groups (*Meet in schoolhouse*)

### ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**Our sympathy** to the family of Jack Adair. Jack, husband of Kathy and father to Laurie, Alison, Scott, and Christopher, passed away Wednesday, January 7. Visitation is this afternoon from 4:00-8:00 at Bluffton Chiles-Laman Funeral Home, and services will begin tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. here at the church.

**In the Hospital:** Bill Schantz, St. Rita's Medical Center.

**Scheduled Surgery:** Joan Steiner, Wednesday, January 14, Orthopaedic Institute of Ohio.

### ~ THANK YOU ~

**Thank you for all** for the love and joy the Sunshine Gift Bag gave me. Also a special thank you to those who delivered the packages. - *God bless, Joan & Don Anderson*

**Dear Church Family:** We consider it a privilege to call you our friends. Thank you all for your support through prayers, words of encouragement, and your presence with us. Thank you to everyone who provided food for our family meal and to the ones who served us. We are incredibly blessed to be part of this fellowship of believers. Thanks also to Pastor Jim, Pastor Dick, and Kathy Brauen for your gift of time to us. - *The Donna Steiner Family*

**Thank you so much** for your cards, phone calls, and visits during the recent loss of our dear wife and mother, Helen Diller. Thanks also to all the Pastors and Kathy Brauen for your visits at the hospital. A special thank you to Pastor Ford for giving the message during the service. - *The Helen Diller Family*

### ~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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*)
- Feb. 15** Congregational Meeting (*11:30 a.m., CMC*)
- Apr. 11** Wild Game Event (*5:00 p.m., CMC*)
- Apr. 26** Disciple Singers' Spring Musical, *Here for the Gold* (*7:00 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**For anyone who takes turns** leading a Bible study, small group, or teaching Sunday School there will be a workshop on *How to Study and Share the Bible* on Sunday, January 18, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come be refreshed and get excited about God's Word! For questions please call Tim Diller at 419-646-3682 or Pastor Dale at 419-792-0147.

**Note from Trustees:** We plan to have a work day in the Sanctuary Saturday, January 24, beginning at 8:00 a.m. We need volunteers to help paint and clean up. If you have any questions, contact Greg Luginbill at 419-306-4122 or John Good at 419-420-5698.

**We are excited** about the coming year and have already started plans for Transport for Christ Second Chance Chapel's Banquet which will be Friday, February 20. The Three Bridges' singing group will perform. More details will come later. Hope to see you there! - *David Lugibihl*

**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.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on January 4:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	275
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	413

**Giving on January 4:**

**\$15,584.54**

Benevolent Fund	137.00
Building Fund	725.00
Christian Education Fund	567.54
General Fund	8,544.00
Missions Fund	5,511.00
New Building Fund	100.00

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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are **Bryan & Felicia Friesen** who serve with **Wycliffe Bible Translators** in **Waxhaw, North Carolina**. With the new year starting, Bryan is working on plans for a global training program called SRV (Spiritual and Relational Vitality team). For 2015, he is also preparing to go to Africa and Australia to train some of Wycliffe's Bible translation partners to help them in strengthening relationships as they work together on teams. Please send an encouraging note to the Bryan & Felicia at: 200 Yamasee Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173 or e-mail to: bwfriesen5@gmail.com.

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~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

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**Congratulations** to Benjamin & Sarah Bergstrand on the birth of their son, Tate Christopher, on Saturday, January 3, weighing 10 lb. 10 oz.

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**India Missions Trip Meeting:** Next Sunday, January 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the schoolhouse we will have a meeting for all high school students planning on going on the trip to India. Also, if you haven't signed up for an interview, please do so today.

**High School Ice Camp:** All high school students are invited to go to Ice Camp, Friday, January 30 – Sunday, February 1. Sign up today at the Information Center in the Missions Center. The cost is \$100. Please make checks out to Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Susan Hawk, Hanné Burkholder – *Crossroads Ministry Center*  
Bart & Joy Moser – *Missions Center*

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 12-18

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MOPS</b> (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Small Group (173 Albert Street, Bluffton)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Com. Meeting (103)
<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 Small Group (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>	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>	Disciple Singers' Solo Tryouts (118-119)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Adult Sunday School Workshop (FH)
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
		High School Small Groups (Meet in schoolhouse)
		Junior High Small Groups (Guys B11, Girls 116)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 ~

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**Infant & Toddler Nursery:**

Phil & Sarah Shank, Brian & Kendy Young Family

**Good News Hour:**

Nicki Biery, Cassandra Bishop, Janet Brauen, Leah Eiden,  
Kim Gordon, Mandy Klinger, Marti & Melina Meza

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~ JOIN A SMALL GROUP ~

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*All are invited from college students to older adults to join a small group. Groups will meet every week through Easter.*

\*Sunday evenings at 6:31 at Jim & Pat King's home

152 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton

\*Sunday evenings at 6:31 at Jim & Marty Lemley's home

403 E. Main Street, Pandora

\*Monday evenings at 7:05 at Thomas Fett's home

173 Albert Street, Bluffton

\*Wednesday evenings Connections at 7:05 at Bluffton McDonald's  
*Basic Christianity* (Book may be purchased from Pastor Jim)

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Remember to pray** for our junior high students and their leaders as they return from Ice Camp later this afternoon.

**Time to start preparing cookies for SIM:** Make your favorite recipe, and roll into balls or a log, and freeze. Do not bake. Mark clearly on the package with SIM, kind of cookies, and baking temperature. Then put in the church freezer. We need as many as possible. Thank you so much for taking this opportunity to serve our missionaries. They appreciate the cookies throughout the year.

**Praying the Psalms** is the next Women's Bible study. Books are available at \$5 from Linda Sommer. You may contact Linda at 419-358-0054. Our study will resume on Wednesday evening, January 14, in the Grade 5 classroom (S4).

**Year-end reports** for 2014 are due next Sunday, January 18. All boards and committees please submit their annual reports to the church office for inclusion in the 2014 Annual Report.