



January 18, 2015

# Ebenezer Emissary

*Everyone is welcomed here, let God's grace fill and strengthen you for the week we have begun. May our fears be dissolved and, with God's help, our spirits given courage. Our God offers us hope and guidance.*

*We are genuinely glad you have chosen to worship with us! Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! 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. Please feel free to 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.** Adult Bible Fellowship (*Various Classrooms*)  
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, Tim Gallant (*CMC*)  
*Go Deeper-Transcendent and Immanent*
- 5:30 p.m.** India Missions Trip Meeting (*Meet in schoolhouse*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actor Practice for Act 1(*CMC*)  
Disciple Singers' Solo Tryouts (*118-119*)
- 6:30 p.m.** Adult Sunday School Workshop (*FH*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups (*Kings, Lemleys*)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (*118-119*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
High School Small Groups (*Meet in schoolhouse*)  
Junior High Small Groups (*Guys B11, Girls 116*)

### ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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

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

**Cookies for SIM:** We need as many as possible. 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 before Sunday, February 8. Thank you so much for taking this opportunity to serve our missionaries. They appreciate the cookies throughout the year.

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

**Mother and Son Date Night:** A time of fellowship and fun for mothers and their sons ages 3 to 13 is planned for Saturday, February 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Come out and enjoy some pizza, brownie ice cream sundaes, and games. Sign up today through Sunday, February 1, in the Missions Center. A \$5 charge per family is due at sign up. Let's make this a great evening for you and your son(s). If you have any questions please contact Kelli Foster at 419-234-3559 or e-mail at kelli.foster@gmail.com.

**PrimeTimers** will take place at noon on Tuesday, February 3, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon the West Independence Quartet 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 board near the church kitchen.

**The Mission, Peace, and Service Commission** of First Mennonite Church, Bluffton, helps to organize a Red Cross blood drive twice each year. The next blood drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall at First Mennonite Church located at 101 S. Jackson Street., Bluffton from noon to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 5. If you wish to schedule a blood donation, please call 1-800-Red Cross or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), sponsor code "fmennobl."

**Keep the date open:** 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.

### ~ CHOIR ANTHEM ~

#### *Come as a Child*

*(by Ken Bible & Tom Fettke)*

Come as a child with your problems.

Come, you who are weary.

Come as a child with your burdens.

Come, come and find rest.

Come as a child, simply and honestly.

Come now and trust. Come and find rest.

Come as a child with your problems.

Come, you who are weary.

Come as a child with your burdens.

Come, come and find rest.

### ~ 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*)

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on January 11:**

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	232
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	370
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	78

**Giving on January 11:**

\$17,422.22

Benevolent Fund	115.00
Building Fund	160.00
Christian Education Fund	254.22
General Fund	8,083.00
Missions Fund	8,590.00
New Building Fund	120.00
Youth Fund	100.00
Memorials for Donna Steiner – General Fund	\$885.00
Missions Fund	\$100.00

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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are *Tim & Tiffany Gallant* who serve in Cambodia with Global Partners. *God bless and thank you for your partnership in what God is doing in the Wesleyan Church in Cambodia and with our family. Please keep our family in your prayers as we swiftly move around the States, meeting, speaking, sharing, and visiting with family, friends, and supporters. These times can be overwhelming as in the next 24 days we have 6 days of meetings (G15), 6 days of speaking, 6 days of traveling, and 6 days off (visiting with family). Your prayers are significant to us as the cold and snowing weather has already proven to make things difficult for our family's first days of traveling. Take time to greet, visit, and encourage the Gallant Family (Tim, Tiffany, Katie & Jonathan) today as they join us for the morning service! Their e-mail address is [tntgallant@hotmail.com](mailto:tntgallant@hotmail.com).*

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~ HOW TO STUDY AND SHARE THE BIBLE ~

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**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* this evening from 6:30-9:00 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.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Jerry & Vickie Cartwright – *Crossroads Ministry Center*  
Wayne & Susan Bixel – *Missions Center*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 19-25**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Church Council 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>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 (B17)
		Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary overflow)
		Women's Bible Study (S4)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacon Meeting (103)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Painting Work Day (Sanctuary)
	<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>3:00 p.m.</b>	High School Ladies (home of Cindy Moser)
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Small Groups (Kings, Lemleys)
	<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 25 ~

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**Infant & Toddler Nursery:**

Kelli Foster, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Janeth Magiri, Jamie Nygaard

**Good News Hour:**

Cassandra Bishop, Janet Brauen, Kim Gordon, Mandy Klinger, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Marti & Melina Meza

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**India Missions Trip Meeting:** This afternoon at 5:30 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.

**The high school ladies** are meeting next Sunday, January 25, at 3:00 in the afternoon at the home of Cindy Moser (6485 Grismore Road, Columbus Grove) for an afternoon of watching the movie *God's Not Dead*, having our small group, and having supper together. So if you are a high school lady check it out. For more information please call Cindy Moser 419-234-2770

**A shout out and big thank you** to Mateo Bonifaz, Hannah Conley, Jodi Conley, Evania Moser, Rachel Moser, and Skyler Noble. Thanks for taking last weekend and spending it with the 21 Junior High students that went to Ice Camp. We had 10 guys and 11 girls coming from four different schools all come together at Miracle Camp. We all had an awesome weekend having fun and learning about Jesus! Thanks again to the volunteers for making this weekend happen! – *Thank you, Ben Moser and Jaden August*

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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

**The Women's Ministry Team** would like your help in providing gift cards for our college students. This year we will be asking for monetary donations. The Women's Ministry Team will then buy and send the gift cards to the students. We have a list of 41 students this year we would like to uplift and encourage. Envelopes for donations will be passed around the Adult Bible Fellowship classes this morning and next Sunday, January 25. You may also give your donations to Bev Stockman, Pat King, Teresa Marquart, or Julie McKanna. Thank you for contributing! (Parents of college students, please let the church office know of any updated addresses.)