



February 22, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary

Welcome to everyone! 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*)
Membership Class (*Church Library*)
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-Powered by the Holy Spirit
- 2:00 p.m.** Youth Pastor Search Committee (*103*)
- 4:00 p.m.** Finance & Investment Com. Meeting (*103*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors (*CMC, Acts 4,5,6 narrators 3&4, Prodigal Son actors*)
Disciple Singers' Choreography (*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*)

Please remember to pray: Four of our church family are returning today after serving in Haiti the past week. Continue in prayer for those serving this week (two from Ebenezer).

~ 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 _____

Financial Report – January 2015

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	44,029	22,409	3,800	5,779
Expenses YTD	33,085	950	6,724	0
Actual Income	33,293	20,410	1,965	2,780

Fund Cash Balances as of 1/31/15:

General.....	\$10,099
Missions.....	\$74,726
Christian Education	\$18,768
Building	\$16,236
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$10,747
New Building.....	\$22,478
Benevolent.....	\$8,651

Training to be a Christian Leader: Whether you're already heavily involved as a leader, ready to be trained, or just unsure of your own abilities, your leadership is needed and there is room to grow! A new class in Christian leadership will start meeting March 8, Sunday morning at 9:00 in Room 116. The focus will be on becoming leaders who are disciples of Jesus. For more information, contact Pastor Dale 419-792-0147 or Dan Steiner 419-358-6783.

Registration is available for the Bluffton University Women's Council conference, *Women Enriching Women: Finding Your Inspiration*, on Saturday, April 18. Sandy Monfort, an award-winning criminal justice professional from Lima, will be the keynote speaker. To register, go to <http://tickets.bluffton.edu>; for more information, contact Julia Szabo at 419-358-3245. Cost is \$45 per person.

~ THANK YOU ~

Dear Ebenezer Church Family: We greatly appreciate and thank our Ebenezer family for the love, prayers, and support we have felt while grieving the recent loss of my father, Vernon Saunders. May God continue to richly bless all who are faithful and obedient to His word. – *Lynn and the entire Saunders Family*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

Feb. 15-Mar. 1 Ebenezer & St. John Mennonite Missions Trip

(*Haiti*)

- Mar. 1** Teaching the Bible Workshop (*6:30 p.m., 103*)
- Mar. 2** Evening Sew (*6:00 p.m., CMC*)
- Mar. 3** All Day Sew (*9:00 a.m., CMC*)
- Mar. 7** High School Students (*7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home*)
- Apr. 5** SonRise Service (*7:30 a.m., CMC*)
SonRise Breakfast (*8:30 a.m., CMC*)
Easter Worship Service (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)

No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service

- Apr. 11** Wild Game Event (*5:00 p.m., CMC*)
- Apr. 26** Disciple Singers' Spring Musical, *Here for the Gold* (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)

May 31-June 5 Vacation Bible School Week

June 21-27 Middle School (*Miracle Camp, Grades 5-6*)

July 19-25 Senior High (*Miracle Camp, Grades 9-12*)

July 26-Aug. 1 Junior High (*Miracle Camp, Grades 7-8*)

Aug. 9-15 Grade School Full Week (*Miracle Camp, Grades 2-4*)

Aug. 9-12 Grade School Half Week (*Miracle Camp, Grades 2-4*)

Aug. 12-15 Grade School Half Week (*Miracle Camp, Grades 2-4*)

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on February 15:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	247
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	391
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	61

Giving on February 15:

\$12,654.15

Benevolent	105.00
Building Fund	310.00
Christian Education Fund	379.50
General Fund	5,901.00
Missions Fund	5,805.65
Van Fund	153.00
Memorials for Jack Adair – Missions Fund	\$555.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Don & Ann Leader** who partner with **Findlay Area Youth for Christ**. *What does relentless mean? Relentless is an adjective meaning: Unyielding, Determined, Persistent, Never-ceasing. Hebrews 10:39 says "But we are not those who draw back and are destroyed, but those who have faith and obtain life." A way to rephrase the verse might be: "But we are not those who RELENT, but those who are RELENTLESS." The staff of Findlay Area Youth For Christ is RELENTLESS - they have Relentless love, Relentless pursuit, Relentless devotion and are on a Relentless mission to reach lost kids. Thank you for partnering with us on our journey of being relentless in our devotion to lost kids. Continue to encourage Don & Ann by sending them a note: 189 Hillcrest Dr., Bluffton, OH 45817 or by e-mail: dnaleader@gmail.com.*

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Paul & Kristen (Luginbill) Camacho on the birth of their son Adrian Cruz on Tuesday, February 17, weighing 8 lb. 1 oz.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Weldon & Marcine Geiger. Tuesday, February 24, will mark their 62th wedding anniversary!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

*Crossroads Ministry Center: Larry & Ginny Moser
Missions Center: Jady Barhorst, Hannah Conley, Rachel Moser*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 1

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (173 Albert Street, Bluffton)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton Arby's)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (103)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary Choir Loft)
		Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)
		Junior High Youth Group (B17)
		Ladies' Small Group (Infant Nursery)
		Men/Ladies' Bible Study (Church Library)
		Men's Bible Study (114)
		Women's Bible Study (S4)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
		Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (103)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	College Age Small Group (Ron & Sue Epp's)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Membership Class (Church Library)
		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 (CMC)
	11:30 a.m.	Wild Game Committee Meeting (103)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (103)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Actors (CMC)
		Disciple Singers' Choreography (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	Teaching the Bible Workshop (103)
	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)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Deb Hilty, Wes & Mandy Klinger Family

Good News Hour:

Madeline & Allison Burghaze, Jeannie Lee, Julie McKanna, Cindy & Rachel Moser, Diane Sharrock

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Rescue Mission: High school students will be going to the Lima Rescue Mission on Saturday, March 7. Please meet at the schoolhouse at 5:30 p.m. and then we will head out together. Bring \$5 for our Pizza Hut tradition! If you are in high school, this is a sweet experience to be a part of!

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

All reports from 2014 and the proposed Missions Budget for 2015 were approved last Sunday.

Open House: Beth & Jim Bish invite you to a Community Open House **today** 2:00-4:00 p.m. at their newly opened business, Bluffton Pediatrics, located at 505 E. Jefferson Street - Suite A, Bluffton (corner of Jefferson Street and County Line Road). Stop by to celebrate Bluffton's first pediatric primary care office!

Teaching the Bible Workshop is for anyone who takes turns leading a Bible study, a small group, teaches Sunday school, or anyone who would like to come be refreshed and get excited about God's word. Join us on Sunday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 103. If you have questions, please call Tim Diller at 567-242-9357 or Pastor Dale at 419-792-0147.

Evening Sew is Monday, March 2, from 6:00-9:00 and the All Day Sew is Tuesday, March 3, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We will be knotting comforters for our missionaries. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a noon potluck meal on Tuesday. The potluck is also open to all spouses of those working and all widow/widowers to be our guest. Everyone is invited. Please come and share the evening or day with us.

Several area churches are collecting feminine hygiene products for homeless or poor women. **Supply Our Sisters** (SOS) is a month-long collection of pads and tampons of various types which will be distributed to The Samaritan's House and Crossroads Crisis Center in Lima. A drop-off box is provided in the Missions Center from now until March 30. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Nygaard at 419-358-4884.