

June 21, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary



We welcome you to worship this Sunday with sincere joy! 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.** 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*)
Middle School students-Grades 5-6
(*Leave for Miracle Camp*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (*CMC*)
Stand Firm in Speaking Jesus
Youth India Trip Dedication
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Group (*Jim & Pat King's home*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)

~ CAMP NEWS ~

Middle School – Grades 5&6 (June 21-27)

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| Ella Badertscher | Kaden Basil | Wesley Brauen |
| Allison Burghaze | Isaiah Conley | Jaci Crawfis |
| Riley Eachus | Meghan Erickson | Jordyn Garmatter |
| Amber Gladwell | Kylie Monday | Jacob Schutz |
| Samantha Scoles | Skyler Scoles | Luke Shadle |
| Jasmine Whitlow | Kerris Willow | Bryan Zimmerman |

Driving to camp: Levi & Lisa Shadle and Jeremy & Steph Scoles
Driving home: Jeremy & Steph Scoles
Crystal Badertscher and Josh Hanna

Rally Point is having their 7th Annual River Bike Ride on Saturday, August 8. There are 62.5, 50, and 20 mile routes, beginning and ending at Heritage Park in Lima. Register by July 25 for only \$30 or \$75 for a family. Sponsorship forms are available. All proceeds support Rally Point Youth Center in Lima. See Bev Stockman for more details and registration forms or register online at rallypoint.org. Come join the fun!

~ SWISS MENNONITE 175 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 3-8 P.M. ~

Dr. Gerald Mast will present a lecture *The Piety of the Swiss Mennonites*, exploring the spirituality of the early Swiss settlers. On display will be a collection of antique devotional books brought by the Swiss settlers. Several of those books are still published today and will be for sale. These books show that the Swiss Mennonites had a strong focus on virtues of yieldedness, and humility. Examples of books are Prayer Book for Earnest Christians (oldest Mennonite devotional), and Golden Apples and Silver Bowls.

Financial Report – May 2015 - Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	220,146	112,043	19,000	28,896
Expenses YTD	201,934	59,232	17,627	3,577
Actual Income	168,474	107,140	13,924	8,592

Fund Cash Balances as of 5/31/15:

General..... (\$23,570)
Missions..... ** \$103,174
Christian Education..... \$19,824
Building..... \$21,788
Cemetery Restoration Project \$11,522
New Building \$24,043
Benevolent \$10,054
**Quarterly mission payments totaling \$56,665 were sent in early June.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- June 23-July 9** Youth Trip (*India*)
- July 5** Worship & Communion Service (*10:15 a.m., CMC*)
- July 12** FaithFull Singles Luncheon (*11:30 a.m., FH*)
Dennis & Cindy Wiens, SAT-7 (*7:00 p.m., Sanctuary*)
- July 17-19** Family Camp (*Winton Woods*)
- July 19** *No Sunday School for children ages 2-Grade 6*
No Children's Church for 2-6 year olds
- July 19-25** Senior High (*Miracle Camp, Grades 9-12*)
- July 26-Aug. 1** Junior High (*Miracle Camp, Grades 7-8*)
- Aug. 7,8,&9** Dinner Theatre-*Suspect Hollywood* (*6:00 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 _____

Next Sunday, June 28 the Swiss Community Historical Society invites the public to a Swiss Day potluck, starting at 12:30 p.m. in Ebenezer's Crossroads Ministry Center. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. We will hear an update on Phase II of the Capital Campaign "Bringing alive the past by building for the future" and plans for the 175th anniversary celebration of the first Mennonite church in the Bluffton-Pandora area.

The Youth Pastor Search Committee along with the deacons have unanimously approved David Glick as our candidate for the Pastor of Youth Ministries position. David along with his wife Mary will share their testimonies, vision, and answer questions in the Crossroads Ministry Center for all classes Junior High through Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 12. Then an election, by ballot vote, will be held on Sunday, July 26, after the Morning Worship Gathering. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the membership will constitute a call. The call will be for a five-year term.

Baptism, take your next step in your journey with Jesus. Sign up with Pastor Jim, Ben Moser, or Jaden August to take the three baptism classes that will meet on Sundays July 12, 19, & 26, at the Bluffton Campus Life Room. Classes will meet from noon to 1:15 p.m. and lunch will be included. The baptism service will take place on Sunday, August 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Elnora Stratton's pond.

John & Rosemary Good invite Ebenezer families for Wednesday afternoon swim from 12:00-4:00 at their home at: 401 County Road 33, Bluffton. All Wednesdays, weather permitting, until school starts. Any questions please call 419-358-0384.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on June 14:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	253
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	397
Fellowship with Paul & Karla Gately	(7:00 p.m.)	38

Giving on June 14:

		\$9,826.71
Benevolent		30.00
Building Fund		130.00
Christian Education Fund		463.71
General Fund		7,563.00
Missions Fund		1,620.00
New Building Fund		20.00

Missions Giving:

\$500	BEE World, Phil & Deb Leach-ministry fund
\$700	Be 2 Live, Phillip & Mindy Steiner-mission trip Bibles
\$1,000	Samaritan's Purse, Nepal relief effort

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Lee & Michelle Sonius* who serve with **Reach Beyond in Ghana, West Africa**. *The kids and staff start arriving June 27, for our summer medical internship program. The goal of this internship is to expose college medical students to medical missions and give them a taste of how God could use them in the future in missions. Please pray that the Lord will prepare our hearts to minister to these students as they join us here in Ghana.* Send word of your support to them by writing to: reach beyond, d.b.a. HCJB Global, CT PMB 218, Cantonments Post Office, Accra, Ghana or by e-mailing them at: lsonius@hcjb.org or msonius@hcjb.org.

~ BLUFFTON/PANDORA CAMPUS LIFE SUMMER EVENTS ~

All events are open to students who have completed Grade 6 through 2015 graduates.

BCLR-Bluffton/Pandora Campus Life Room-111 W. College Avenue

Pool parties: Wednesday nights, 8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Monday, June 29	Movie Night	BCLR at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 14	Pizza & Putt Putt	BCLR at 5:15 p.m.
Sunday, August 2	Laser tag & shopping	BCLR at 1:00 p.m.

For more details see the flyer in the Missions Center at the Information Center or contact David Glick at 567-204-9777 or Hannah Slechter 419-236-5281.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Missions Center: Jady Barhorst, Hannah Conley, Rachel Moser
Crossroads Ministry Center: Marvin & Karen Garmatter

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 22-28

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>115</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministries Potluck (<i>Dave & Kathy Brauen's home</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	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>)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Group (<i>Jim & Pat King's home</i>) Small Group (<i>Kerris & Nancy Wright's home</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 28 ~

Infant & Toddler Nurseries: Help Needed

Good News Hour: Emily Bish, David & Mary Glick, Kim Gordon, Jammie, Kirby, & Keaton Halker, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

Youth and leaders will leave this Tuesday, June 23, at noon for India and return Thursday, July 9. Pray for guidance, for open hearts, and for us to show love to those we encounter. Please pick up a prayer card at the Information Center in the Mission Center as a reminder to continue in prayer for our group. On Sunday, June 28, and Sunday, July 5, there will be a time of prayer in the schoolhouse at 7:00 p.m. Parents and everyone are invited! **India trip members include:** Jaden & Amber August, Beth Baker, Jady Barhorst, Brooke Bewsey, Kyle Bewsey, Mateo Bonifaz, Allison Bowsher, Audrey Bowsher, Emma Burkholder, Hanné Burkholder, Lillian Burkholder, Hannah Conley, Leah Conley, Emily Gladwell, Alex Hord, Daniel Huber, Tim Huber, Gabe Meyer, Jared Meyer, Ben & Evania Moser, Rachel Moser, Tiffany Rodabaugh, Miranda Schutz, Dale & Ruth Seefeldt, Andrew Spallinger, Rich Streicher, Paige Swinehart, Lauren Willow, Nathan Willow.

High School: On Sunday nights beginning June 28 at 7:00 there will be a small group at Joel & Jodi Conley's house (477 Cherry Street, Bluffton). Those going into high school or just leaving it are invited. For any questions contact Jodi at 567-250-2360.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Attention Family Campers: Packets for Family Camp 2015 at Winton Woods are available in the Missions Center today for pick up. Packets include information about group meals and activities for this year's camp. Looking forward to a great time again this year!

Coed church softball games start in July! We need to get our team registered ASAP, so please sign up in the Missions Center! Contact Sam Brauen at 419-303-1691 if you have questions.

Urgent need for nursery volunteers: We are in need of 8-10 families, couples, or pairs of friends who would be willing to serve in the infant and toddler nurseries once a month (during both the ABF and Worship hour) for an entire year. With a consistent rotation of volunteers it will help to make our littlest ones more comfortable at church. Your commitment would be for 2.5 hours for 12 Sundays. Please prayerfully consider serving in this area to help our young families feel welcome when bringing their babies to church. Contact Heidi Steiner at: steinerhl@gmail.com or 419-358-0116 or Melissa Hilty at: hilytmelissa@gmail.com or 419-357-5823 to volunteer or ask questions.

Funds are needed to send kids to Miracle Camp: Some children wish to attend Miracle Camp, but are financially unable. Let's help these kids out! If you feel led to sponsor a child's trip to Miracle Camp (\$200) please contact Diane Sharrock at: dmsharrock@yahoo.com or 419-634-7699 or Heidi Steiner at: steinerhl@gmail.com or 419-358-0116. If you would like to help support sending kids to Miracle Camp but are unable to sponsor a child, please consider giving a special donation to the Christian Education Fund as the CE budget pays for 42% of the total cost for all children who attend Miracle Camp.

The Global Leadership Summit simulcast will be held August 6 & 7, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Winebrenner Theological Seminary at 950 N. Main Street, Findlay. Ebenezer is a Summit 2015 Partner Church and our members can receive leadership development at a special discount. The early bird partner rate is \$99 (must be received by June 23). Register at www.winebrenner.edu or www.willowcreek.com/summit. Enter the priority code 15GLSSPC. If you have questions, please contact Ginger Zambrano at gzambrano@winebrenner.edu or 419-434-4226.