

September 6, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary



~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship
(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 *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
Bulls Eye - The Goal of Parenting
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Kick off Party *(Grades 1-6, 118 & 119)*
Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*
"Good" Ground

We are growing! This morning will be the first meeting of a new Adult Bible Fellowship Class. This group, geared to newly married and single adults, is being led by Pastor Jim & Pat and Lynn & Linda Saunders and is meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 103. You are welcome to attend - and spread the word!

Attention All Kids Grade 1-6: The Disciple Singers Choir will begin its upcoming season tonight from 7:00-8:00 in Rooms 118-119. We will start the year like we usually do with fun, games, music, and snacks. Everyone is welcome. For those who wish to join the choir, this will give you an idea on what we are planning to do this year (including the bell choir). If you have any questions, please contact Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 or Angela Steiner at 567-712-1907.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Bob & Dot Gratz. Today marks their 69th wedding anniversary!

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Congratulations to Aric & Keri McCoy on the birth of their son, Cody Eugene, on Tuesday, September 1, weighing 7 lb. 12 oz.

Congratulations to George & Kathy Claud on the birth of their son, Calvin, on Wednesday, September 2, weighing 7 lb. 10 oz.

Note from Trustees: The Crossroads Ministry Center electric hydraulic lift platform that is used to change light bulbs has stopped working. A recent evaluation of the repairs needed would cost more than to replace it. Another used lift is available for \$2,000. Any contributions towards this purchase, would be very much appreciated.

College-age Detroit missions trip is scheduled for October 16-17. The total cost is \$40, which includes hotel, transportation, supper, and breakfast. Please contact Pastor David at 567-204-9777 or e-mail at david.glick@ebenezermennonite.org to sign up.

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you to all who prayed for Children Choosing Christ at the Allen County Fair. In four days we spoke to 230 children and 67 adults, with many of them making decisions for the Lord. We had 48 volunteers representing 12 area churches helping us reach those children.

The Swiss Mennonite 175th celebration was a beautiful day with 750 in attendance of remembering our spiritual heritage. Thank you to all of you who helped in so many ways: parking, ushering, baking, and cutting pies, greeting those who visited the library display, and to all who helped set up. Also, thank you to the church for allowing us to display the Bluffton University archival books at Ebenezer.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Sept. 30** Wednesday Night Children's Program Kick Off
(6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's, 8161 Columbus Grove Rd., Bluffton)
- Oct. 3** Berean ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- Oct. 4** Christian Education Sunday *(10:15 a.m., CMC)*
FaithFull Singles Luncheon *(11:30 a.m., FH)*
- Oct. 5** **MOPS** *(9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall)*
- Oct. 11** Worship & Communion Service *(10:30 a.m., CMC)*
- Oct. 13** Ladies' Mystery Dinner *(5:00 p.m., meet at the church)*
- Oct. 26** **MOPS** *(9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall)*
Evening Sew *(6:00 p.m., (Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- Oct. 27** All Day Sew *(9:00 a.m., (Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- Nov. 7** Maranatha ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- Nov. 8-11&14-15** Missions Conference – 1 John 2:2
From Anywhere to Everywhere
- Nov. 22** Child Dedication Service *(10:15 a.m., CMC)*
- Dec. 13** Children's Christmas Program *(6:30 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

~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~

The church office would like to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Just fill in the information needed below or e-mail the church office at: info@ebenezermennonite.org. Thanks!

Name of College: _____

Starting Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

College Year: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Generous Living Seminar: Local nonprofit organizations are planning an informational seminar titled "Generous Living, Tools for Giving" on Thursday, September 10. This free, one-hour seminar will be offered two times in Bluffton - at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center (132 N. Main Street) and 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall (154 N. Main Street). Those who participated in a similar seminar in May found it to be a comfortable, no-pressure environment in which to ask questions and learn about various ways to support the nonprofit organizations they care about. ***This seminar will explore charitable gifts that provide an income stream to you and a gift to the nonprofit organizations you care most about.*** To reserve your spot at one of the seminars, please call Doug Luginbill at 419-358-1015 by tomorrow.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 30:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	281
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	427

Giving on August 30:

\$21,198.19

Building Fund	45.00
Christian Education Fund	255.19
General Fund	12,268.00
Missions Fund	8,545.00
New Building Fund	85.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Scott & Caitlin Andrews* serving with **TEAM** in the **Czech Republic**. Their ministry focus is to engage and administer grace to the people of the Czech Republic who have dismissed Jesus Christ as irrelevant to twenty-first century life. *During our first term, we will seek to lay a solid foundation for effective future ministry by faithfully studying the Czech language, attuning ourselves to our new cultural surroundings, building intentional relationships, and learning everything we can from God's laborers here.* Uplift them by sending a note to: Soukenicka 15, Praha 1 110 00, Czech Republic or by e-mail: explore.the.vertical@gmail.com.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

The Wednesday Night Children's Ministry is looking for teachers and helpers for this coming year. A big thank you to those of you who are returning to help! For others who are interested in working with children, there are many opportunities available. We need about six to eight teachers (helpers and co-teachers) to make this year successful. Each class lasts about an hour and there is time during the hour for snacks and gym. Age appropriate curriculum is provided as well as a resource library. Please check out the table in the Missions Center to see what is available and to sign up. The first class is Wednesday, October 7. If you have any questions, feel free to call Marti Meza 419-296-9574 or e-mail at m.m.meza@juno.com.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Richard & Gera Bixel
Missions Center: Dean & Deb Klingler

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 7-13

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>Fellowship Hall</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.	Parenting Beyond Capacity Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's & Schoolhouse</i>)
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	Ladies' Mystery Dinner (<i>Meet at the church</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Beth Moore Simulcast (<i>CMC</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship (<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>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	11:30 a.m.	Junior High/High School Parent Meeting (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	4:00 p.m.	Junior High Small Group Kick off (<i>9605 Lugabill Road, Bluffton</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir Meet (<i>118-119</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>) High School Small Group Kick off (<i>7055 Lugabill Road</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 ~

Nursery:

Janet Brauen, Arlene Garmatter, Jeremy & Christina Lemley

The Good News Hour:

Ashley Fry, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Small Groups start Wednesday: The topic is *Parenting Beyond Capacity*. One group will meet at Bluffton McDonald's and one will meet in the Ebenezer schoolhouse, both will begin September 9, at 7:05 p.m. Contact Pastor Jim to purchase your book for \$15.

Ladies Mystery Dinner Time! This Thursday, September 10, is this month's dinner. There are only two left for this year, so if you have wanted to join in on the fun and haven't, time is running out! Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Christy Garmatter by phone 419-358-0864 or e-mail garmatterc@gmail.com.

Beth Moore Simulcast tickets on sale in the Missions Center! Invite a friend to join you next Saturday, September 12, for a day of teaching with Beth Moore! Tickets are \$10 and join us for lunch for only \$5 more! You may order tickets through the week by calling the church office at 419-358-8588. For the schedule and other information check out www.ebenezermennonite.org.

Audacious: Beth Moore's new book Audacious will be available for purchase at the simulcast for only \$15! Reserve your copy by signing up at the ticket table in the Missions Center. This book will not be available in stores until November, so get your copy early at the simulcast!

Hunter Safety Class: The Wild Game Committee is sponsoring a Hunter Safety Education Class on September 19 and 20. You can sign up online at <http://ohiodnr.gov>, look under Programs – Classes. Youth 10 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

The Wild Game Committee will again host a Trap Shoot on Saturday, September 19, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Plan to meet on the north end of the parking lot and bring a friend.

MOPS (mothers of preschoolers) is in need of additional childcare volunteers! Currently we have 35 moms and 43 children planning to attend this wonderful ministry! Some are traveling from as far as Kenton, Findlay, and Kalida! If you have a heart and interest for serving the Lord through caring for and teaching children, MOPS needs you! We have the need for the following volunteers: helper in infant nursery, helper in toddler (1 year old) nursery, helper in 2 year old class, substitute helpers for all ages. Please contact Jessica Meyer at 419-303-3190 if you are available to volunteer! MOPS meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. October through May (with the exception of our first meeting which is Monday, October 5). We greatly appreciate your willingness to serve and your prayers as we plan the coming year!

Donations needed for Weekday Christian Education:

We need several packages of fruit snacks (Smiles brand with a smile imprinted on the candy). They are found only at Walmart. Also we use lots of white cardstock paper. Any donations can be placed in the box by the church kitchen all throughout the school year. Thanks so much! – Jodi Conley