

September 13, 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)*  
*Crazy Busy*
- 11:30 a.m.** Junior High & High School Parent Meeting  
*(Schoolhouse)*
- 4:00 p.m.** Junior High Small Group Kick off *(Jeremy & Ashley Fry's, 9605 Lugabill Rd.)*
- 5:00 a.m.** Trustee Meeting *(103)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups *(King's and Wright's)*
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(Grades 1-6, CMC, 118 & 119)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*  
*Something Old, Something New*  
High School Small Group Kick off *(Ron & Tobi Meyers, 7055 Lugabill Rd.)*

## ~ GUEST SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY ~

**Chris Schaffner** has over 20 years of experience working with children and teens. He is a speaker, writer, counselor, and soul care provider. Chris and his wife Trudy are the parents of four children. Please invite others to come with you next Sunday, September 20, for all sessions.

### *Learning the Language of our Longings*

9:00 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center  
Junior High through Adult Bible Fellowship Classes

### *Re-imagining Adolescence*

10:15 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center

### *All Church Picnic*

11:30 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center  
Please bring a full dish to share.  
All service and drinks will be provided.

### *Soul Care*

1:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center

## Mennonite Memorial Home's Fall Festival and Bake Sale

will be held in the MMH lobby on Friday, September 25, and Saturday, September 26, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The bake sale will feature a variety of home-baked goods. Lunch will be available as well as a silent auction. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will provide money for assistance for special projects at the MMH. Would you be willing to donate a baked good to this worthy cause? Please mark donations with MMH and either take to MMH or place in the church kitchen by that Friday at 8:30 a.m. Be sure to come early for your homemade baked goods, and thank you for your donation!

**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.

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

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

**Ladies...** Had to miss the Beth Moore Simulcast? No worries! Join us for three Monday evenings in Room 103 beginning September 21 through October 5, at 7:00. We will watch each session of the Simulcast and take time for discussion.

### 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 throughout the school year. Thanks so much! – Jodi Conley

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on September 6:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	274
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	371
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	42

**Giving on September 6:**

**\$17,654.60**

Benevolent	80.00
Building Fund	710.00
Christian Education Fund	753.60
General Fund	10,709.00
Missions Fund	5,207.00
New Building Fund	95.00
Van Fun	100.00

**Missions Giving**

\$2,400 Justin & Elya Kantner's outgoing expenses to Paraguay

**White Christmas Gifts for Ebenezer Member Missionaries**

**Total - \$3,990**

\$157.00 Tiffany Bixel	\$313.00 Sarah & Caleb Elsea
\$469.00 Tim & Tiffany Gallant	\$469.00 David & Mary Glick
\$313.00 Don & Ann Leader	\$313.00 Lyn & Lori Loewen
\$313.00 Rick & Pat Shaner	\$469.00 Hannah & Wade Slechter
\$157.00 Bonnie Spallinger	\$469.00 Phillip & Mindy Steiner
\$548.00 Kerris & Krista Wright	

*Thanks to those who have given for our missionaries.*

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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Missionaries of the Week** are **Tom & Dora Becker** who partner with **ReachGlobal** for the **Czech Republic and in Indiana**. *ReachGlobal has a special emphasis on the Roma people in Europe. Why? 10-12 million Roma live in Europe, making them the largest minority in Europe. Roma population growth outpaces the European average by 4 to 1 in some places. Revival is taking place among the Roma in Spain, Serbia, Romania, England, and many other countries. There are lessons about how God is working among the marginalized that we can learn from the Roma church.* Take time to send greetings and encouragement to the Becker's by writing to: 1540 Duffer Dr., Chesterton, IN 46304 or by e-mail to: thomas.becker@efca.org.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center: Sarah Elsea, Susan Hawk  
Missions Center: Janie Wireman*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 14-20**

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<b>Monday</b>	<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 (Arby's)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (Fellowship Hall)
	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Parenting Beyond Capacity Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's & Schoolhouse)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Dodgeball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacon Meeting (103) Prayer Action Team Meeting (church library)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	Senior High Fifth Quarter (Crossroads Ministry Center)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Wild Game Trap Shoot (field by church garage)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Junior High Corn Maze (Meet at Schoolhouse)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Chris Schaffner (Junior High through Adult Bible Fellowship, CMC) Sunday School (Age 2-Grade 6, 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 (Crossroads Ministry Center) <i>Re-imagining Adolescence</i> Guest Speaker-Chris Schaffner
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	All Church picnic (Crossroads Ministry Center)
	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Chris Schaffner (Crossroads Ministry Center)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Small Group (Jim & Pat King's home)
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Junior High Small Groups (Schoolhouse) High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

*\*No Evening Fellowship Service\**

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 ~

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**Nurseries:**

Christy Garmatter, Sarah Lehman, Brian & Kendy Young  
**The Good News Hour:**  
Leah and Ben Eiden, Mary Glick, Lauren Willow

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~PRAYER CONCERNS ~

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**In the Hospital:** Joyce Cupples, OSU James Center.

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~MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ~

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**The Wednesday Night** Children's Ministry is looking for teachers and helpers for this coming year. If you 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 sheet available in the Missions Center to see how you can help. 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.

**Ministry Opportunity:** A group of willing servants is needed to join Mission Possible in Haiti February 6-13. Areas of work may include medical clinics, construction, teach sewing, cooking, prayer, and outreach. Anyone over 18 with interest or questions, please contact Joshua Steiner at 419-234-7041 or steinerjd@gmail.com.

**MOPS** (mothers of preschoolers) is in need of childcare volunteers! 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! We greatly appreciate your willingness to serve and your prayers as we plan the coming year!

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~PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Small Groups have begun!** Join us Wednesdays at Bluffton McDonald's or the Ebenezer schoolhouse at 7:05 p.m. Contact Pastor Jim to purchase your book for \$15.

**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.