

Ebenezer Emissary



~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Junior High-Adult Bible Fellowship
Learning the Language of our Longings
(Crossroads Ministry Center)
Sunday School (Age 2-Grade 6, 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-Chris Schaffner
Re-imagining Adolescence (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 11:30 a.m.** All Church Picnic (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 1:00 p.m.** *Soul Care* (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 5:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors (FH)
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups (King's and Niswander's)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Junior High & High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)
No Evening Fellowship Service

Special welcome to Chris Schaffner: Chris 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. Don't miss any of the sessions today with Chris and be sure to stay for the all church picnic!

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

How can we show appreciation to our pastors? Look for the brochure in next week's Emissary, *31 Days of Praying for Your Pastor*, which is set to begin on October 1. More details next week!

Faith Investment Services in Bluffton is hoping to hire an office assistant in the near future. This part-time position (12-20 hours/week) would entail data entry, attention to detail, confidentiality, friendliness, and professionalism with the public. They are searching for a person who is teachable and has strong computer skills. For more information, please see the bulletin board by the church kitchen.

Financial Report – August 2015 - Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	352,233	179,269	30,400	46,233
Expenses YTD	329,856	123,253	24,270	3,577
Actual Income	287,006	164,695	24,713	12,886

Fund Cash Balances as of 8/31/15:

General.....	** (\$32,960)
Missions.....	\$96,709
Christian Education.....	\$23,971
Building.....	\$21,830
Cemetery Restoration Project.....	\$12,197
New Building.....	\$24,892
Benevolent.....	\$7,657

**** For prayerful consideration:** The General Fund giving/income continues to lag behind actual expenses and budgeted amount. Thank you for your sacrificial giving, and please prayerfully consider and be open to how the Lord can continue to use each one of us to meet this need.

~ 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)

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 _____

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. A variety of home-baked goods will be featured. Lunch will be available, as well as a silent auction. All proceeds will provide money for assistance for special MMH projects. Would you be willing to donate a baked good? Please mark donations with MMH and take to MMH or place in the church kitchen by that Friday at 8:30 a.m. Come early for your homemade baked goods, and thank you for your donation!

FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and all singles age 50 and older to our next gathering scheduled for next Sunday, October 4. A luncheon will be provided in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Gathering.

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@ebenezymennonite.org to sign up.

Toy Donations: At this time both nurseries are well stocked with toys, equipment, and books. Please do not drop off used/unwanted items as we do not have the space for them. If you have an item that the nursery needs, please contact Heidi Steiner at 419-358-0116.

Thank you: With much appreciation, we are happy to report that 58 campers were given financial help to attend Miracle Camp this summer. Through your faithful giving these children were also safely transported to and from camp. Special thanks to Diane Sharrock for being our camp coordinator and taking care of the logistics to make it all happen. - *The Christian Education Committee*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 13:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	291
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	439
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	66

Giving on September 13:

\$14,921.64

Benevolent	140.00
Building Fund	585.00
Christian Education Fund	366.64
General Fund	10,790.00
Missions Fund	3,020.00
New Building Fund	20.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Ryan & Erin Bennett* who serve with **World Team in Paris, France**. At the beginning of September, they hit the 2-year mark of being in France. *One of the strangest things about the 2-year mark, however, is our evaluation of our overall progress. Because even though we have made much progress in many ways, we are just beginning to be able to work on what we came here to do, start new churches, and it will still take much time and commitment before we feel effective at it. So it's a mixed bag, really encouraging some days and really discouraging other days. But we still feel just as incredibly privileged to be able to serve the Lord in France today as we did on day one. It is something we thank God for each day.* To send a word of encouragement, write to: 17 Rue Corbon D, Paris 75015, France or e-mail at: ryan.bennett@worldteam.org.

~YOUTH NEWS~

High School Corn Maze – Saturday, September 26
Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. Bring \$4.

High School Rake and Run – Saturday, October 3
Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. Please bring rakes.

Junior High Trip to Squirry Worm – Saturday, October 3
Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. Bring money for games.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Chuck & Saun Niswander
Missions Center: Dean & Deb Klingler

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 21-27

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Beth Moore Simulcast & Discussion (103)
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (173 Albert Street, Bluffton)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Arby's)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (103)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	Family Supper (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Prayer Group (Fellowship Hall)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
	7:05 p.m.	Parenting Beyond Capacity Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's & Church Schoolhouse)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	High School Corn Maze (meet at the church)
Sunday	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)
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	5:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Actors (CMC Stage)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Solo Tryouts (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	Small Groups (Kings and Niswanders)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary) Junior High & High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 ~

Nurseries:

Ashley Fry, Aaron & Emily Koogler, Janeth Magiri

The Good News Hour:

Rosemary Carman, Leah and Ben Eiden, Jessica Robinson, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles, Olivia Spallinger

~PLEASE NOTE~

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.

Family Serve Project: Help clean the creek bank by Shannon Cemetery on Thursday, September 24. Any families who would like to help out, please meet at 5:00 p.m. near the Shannon Cemetery. Come ready to load debris on trucks. At 6:00 p.m. we plan to do weed whacking and finish by 8:00 p.m. Please wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and wear gloves. Poison ivy is in that area.

Other possible Family Serve Projects

- Village park – Bluffton High School girls' softball dugout (picking up stones) and weed the bank.
- Wash emergency medical team vehicles.
- Mulch front row of trees at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Please contact Pastor Jim at 419-296-0885 or Pastor David at 567-204-9777 to find out how your family can help!

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

Next Sunday, September 27 we are asking every family/person to give the gift of food. Please bring a sack of groceries (box or canned, no glass, nonperishable foods, no potatoes until right before the third Saturday of the month) for the Bluffton Community Assistance Food pantry.

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! Please contact Jessica Meyer at 419-303-3190 if you are available to volunteer! We greatly appreciate your willingness to serve and your prayers.

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. Any questions, feel free to call Marti Meza 419-296-9574 or e-mail at m.m.meza@juno.com.