

October 11, 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.** Stephen Ministries (112)
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 & Communion Service – Pastor Jim
Pray for Boldness (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 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 Niswandars)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers’ Choir (118-119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Junior High & High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Stephen & Elizabeth (Potter) Venugopal on the birth of their daughter, Nora Grace, on Saturday, October 3, weighing 7 lb. 7 oz.

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Frank Eachus. Frank, the brother of Thomas, passed away on Thursday, October 8. Services are incomplete at time of printing.

Stephen Ministry: We have several Stephen Ministers equipped to listen and help provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to you or to those you may know in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties. More information concerning this caring ministry can be found at the Information Center in the Missions Center in a yellow brochure titled *Stephen Ministry* or feel free to contact Pastor Dick, Kathy Brauen, or Dave Brauen; Stephen Ministry Leaders, at 419-358-8588.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Oct. 24** Wild Game Trap Shoot (8:30 a.m., field by garage)
- Oct. 25** Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon (11:30 a.m., CMC)
- 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 Adult Bible Fellowship Class
(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Nov. 8-11&14-15** Missions Conference – 1 John 2:2
From Everywhere to Anywhere
- Nov. 22** Child Dedication Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Dec. 5** High School Students (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Dec. 13** Children’s Christmas Program (6:30 p.m., CMC)

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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 _____

MOPS (mothers of preschoolers) is in need of childcare volunteers! If you have a heart and interest for serving the Lord by caring for infants through 2-year-olds, please contact Jessica Meyer at 419-303-3190. The next MOPS meeting is on Monday, October 26, at 9:00 a.m. We greatly appreciate your willingness to serve and your prayers.

Volunteer Cleaning Opportunity: We are looking for a few people interested in doing some light cleaning in both nurseries once a month. Dusting, cleaning sinks/bathroom, wiping down tables/chairs/toys, vacuuming. Anyone interested High School age or older, please contact Heidi Steiner at 419-358-0116 or steinerhl@gmail.com.

Mennonite Memorial Home Needs Volunteers: Currently there is an increased need for volunteers to help in a variety of ways. For a complete list of ways you can help enhance the lives of our elders, check the bulletin board in the Missions Center and also across from the church kitchen window.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on October 4:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	272
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	425
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	117

Giving on October 4:

	<u>\$20,052.01</u>
Benevolent	50.00
Building Fund	2,400.00
Christian Education Fund	543.01
General Fund	10,939.00
Missions Fund	5,970.00
New Building Fund	50.00
Youth Fund	100.00
Offering for Gideons	\$1,115.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Norm & Gwen Bowman**, serving in **Barcelona, Spain with Global Outreach International**. *Gwen is the “welcome wagon” of our small condominium community. It turns out that two brothers from Lebanon have purchased an apartment on our same floor. (In our small condominium there are eight nationalities of people who speak 12 languages!) As usual, Gwen took over a plate of cookies and banana bread, introduced us, and we ended up visiting with them for a while since they speak English, French, and Arabic, but no Spanish or Catalanian. Caring for Spaniards and foreigners in our condominium is a large part of what it has meant for us to become all things to all people for the sake of the Gospel!* Bless the Bowman’s with a note of encouragement as they continually reach out to those around them by writing to: Avenida Manuel Girona, 70 Izda. 2o, 1a, 08860 Castelldefels, Barcelona, Spain or e-mail them at: normandbowman@gmail.com.

~ SELECTION OF 2016 CHURCH OFFICERS ~

Just a reminder: Please fill out the blue form (Selection of 2016 Church Officers) with your recommendations. Extra forms are available in the Missions Center. Completed forms may be placed in an offering plate, given to an usher, or to any member of the Nominating Committee.

~ TODAY’S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Mark & Kay Spallinger
Missions Center: Alton Burkholder, Hunter Garmatter

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 12-18

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (173 Albert Street, Bluffton)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men’s Small Group (Arby’s)
	5:00 p.m.	Ladies’ Mystery Dinner (meet at the church)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	Family Supper (Fellowship Hall) Women’s Prayer Group (Fellowship Hall)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103) Children’s Ministries (age 3-Grade 6) Junior High Meet (B17)
	7:05 p.m.	Parenting Beyond Capacity Small Group (Bluffton McDonald’s & Church Schoolhouse)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen) Junior High and High School Dodgeball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (103) Prayer Action Team (Church Library)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (Various Classrooms)
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~ WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Cody & Kaitlyn (Saunders) Sanderson who were united in marriage yesterday here at the church.

~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 ~

Nurseries: Ann Gladwell, Sarah Shank, Barry & Mandy Schneck

The Good News Hour: Benji & Sarah Bergstrand,
Lillian Burkholder, Leah Conley, Cory & Molly Meyer

~PLEASE NOTE ~

Ladies: Our last Mystery Dinner for this year will be this Tuesday evening, October 13! If you’ve wanted to go and just haven’t yet, now is the time! We will meet at the church at 5:00, and then be off for great food and even better fellowship. Please RSVP to Christy Garmatter at 419-358-0864 or garmatterc@gmail.com.

Annual Open House: As a token of our appreciation to all sponsoring churches, the Et Cetera Shop Inc. stores will host a three hour (2:00-5:00 p.m.) open house on Sunday, October 18. All three stores Et Cetera Shop, Ten Thousand Villages, and Book ReViews will offer substantial savings to shoppers. Each store will have an enter-to-win and provide refreshments. For more information please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center or across from the kitchen.

The Wild Game Committee will host a final Trap Shoot for 2015 on Saturday, October 24, at 8:30 a.m., if the weather cooperates. Please plan to come.

You may have been attending Ebenezer for several months, weeks, or perhaps visiting for the first time today. Whatever the case, you are invited to a Welcome Luncheon Sunday, October 25, immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All college age students are also invited. The luncheon will give us the opportunity to further introduce you to the various ministries of Ebenezer.

Ladies...Did you love the Beth Moore Simulcast? Do you want to dive into The Word? Join us beginning Monday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 103 as we study the book of Esther using Beth Moore’s Bible study. The study is nine sessions. Please let Christy Garmatter know ASAP at garmatterc@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of this study, so that books can be ordered and ready for the first night. The workbook is \$16. Looking forward to studying with you!