

October 18, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary



Financial Report – September 2015

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	396,262	201,678	34,200	52,012
Expenses YTD	371,284	181,870	37,350	3,577
Actual Income	324,150	177,024	26,491	14,496

Fund Cash Balances as of 9/30/15:

General.....	** (\$37,244)
Missions.....	\$50,420
Christian Education.....	\$12,668
Building.....	\$23,415
Cemetery Restoration Project.....	\$12,222
New Building.....	\$25,027
Benevolent.....	\$8,002

**** For continued prayer:** The General Fund giving/income continues to lag behind actual expenses and budgeted amount. Thank you to those who are sacrificially giving, and please prayerfully consider and be open to how the Lord can use each one of us to meet this need.

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.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 16-23** Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week
- 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)

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 _____

Hospitality Opportunities!!!! Our Missions Conference begins soon, November 8-11 and November 14-15, and we need your help. We have several missionaries who need a place to stay and meals to eat. What a great way to share your heart of hospitality! Please sign up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer to host and/or provide meals for our missionaries. Thank you and may God be glorified through your generosity!

Missions Conference All Church Lunch: The church family is invited to lunch with our missionaries Sunday, November 8. The Missions Committee will provide shredded pork and shredded chicken sandwiches. Please bring salads, breads, and desserts to share. Let us know your participation by signing up in your Adult Bible Fellowship class or in the Missions Center beginning next Sunday, October 25. There is no cost for this lunch.

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.

~ 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
Jesus for Eunuchs & Everyone (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 5:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors (CMC Stage)
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actor/Actress 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)
Debt Reduction
Junior High & High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Caleb & Margaret Barnes on the birth of their daughter, Naomi Jane, on Tuesday, October 13, weighing 9 lb. 2 1/2 oz.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

The Ebenezer High School youth are partnering with **Students Against Destructive Decisions** (SADD) for an after football game party until midnight on Friday, October 23. It will be held in the old Bluffton High School gym. We could use some help with food or monetary donations. Please see one of our High School students today in the Crossroads Ministry Foyer to sign up. Items can be dropped off at the church office until 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 23. Questions about food, please call Tobi Meyer at 419-303-2899.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on October 11:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	270
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	400
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	91

Giving on October 11:

\$15,253.00

Benevolent	260.00
Building Fund	124.60
Christian Education Fund	514.40
General Fund	10,997.00
Missions Fund	3,257.00
Youth Fund	100.00

~ MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK ~

Missionary of the Week is *Laverne Busenitz* who serves with **Biblical Ministries Worldwide and lives in Kansas**. He is thankful for our faithfulness to him and his late wife (Marilyn) ever since they left for their first missionary assignment to Germany back in 1969. Laverne is seeking to be faithful in teaching and practicing the Word of God. Please send a note to encourage Laverne at: 14569 N.W. Prairie Creek Road, Newton, KS 67114 or e-mail at: lbusenitz@biblicalministries.org.

~ INVITATION ~

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 today. All three stores, Et Cetera Shop, Ten Thousand Villages, and Book ReViews, will offer substantial savings to shoppers, enter-to-win, and provide refreshments. For more information please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center or across from the kitchen.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Marvin & Karen Garmatter

Missions Center: Jady Barhorst, Lelani Bischoff

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 19-25

Monday	6:00 p.m.	Finance/Investment Com. Meeting (103)
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (103)
	7:05 p.m.	Small Group (173 Albert Street, Bluffton)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Arby's)
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 (115)
	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.	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (103)
Friday	9:30 p.m.	High School SADD Party (BHS Old Gym)
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Wild Game Trap Shoot (field by garage)
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)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (Crossroads Ministry Center)
	11:30 a.m.	Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon (CMC)
		Wild Game Committee Meeting (103)
	5:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Actors (CMC Stage)
	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)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 ~

Nurseries: Sue Epp, Bev Stockman, Brian & Kendy Young

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

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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

Wild Game Committee meeting will be next Sunday, October 25, following the Morning Worship Gathering in Room 103.

If you have a deer or any type of wild game you are willing to donate for the Wild Game Event (April 9, 2016), please contact Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.

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 next 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: Join us 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. The workbook is \$16. Looking forward to studying with you!

Evening Sew is Monday, October 26, from 6:00-9:00 and the all-day sew is on Tuesday, October 27, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We will be knotting comforters for our missionaries. Everyone is invited. Please bring a hot and cold dish to share for the noon potluck on Tuesday. The potluck is open to all spouses of those working and all widows/widowers to be our guest. Please come and share this evening or day with us.

Lima Rescue Mission Banquet: We are celebrating our 109th anniversary this year with a banquet at the Lima Civic Center on Friday, October 30, at 6:30 p.m. The Soul'd Out Quartet will be there to sing praises to God for what He has done with the Mission this year. Please call 419-224-6961 for tickets or e-mail at: rescue@limamission.org.

Ministry Opportunity with Mission Aviation Fellowship: Currently, there is a need for a replacement teacher for Tarakan, East Kalimantan, Indonesia. Please join in praying for a teacher or share the need for a teacher. For more information, please see the bulletin board near the kitchen and in the Missions Center.