

October 25, 2015

Ebenezer Emissary



~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 6** *Messiah* *(4:00 p.m., Bluffton University)*
- Dec. 13** Children’s Christmas Program *(6:30 p.m., CMC)*

~ SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EBENEZER ~

9:00 a.m.

**Infant Nursery – 111 and Toddler Nursery - 106
Sunday School for Children**

Age 2 – B16

Age 3 – B10

Ages 4&5 – B11

Grade 1 – B12

Grade 2 – B14

Grade 3 – B18

Grade 4 – B13

Grade 5 – S4

Grade 6 – B15

Grades 7-8 – B17

Senior High – Schoolhouse

Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF)

Agape ABF *(College & Career)* – 116

Young Married/Single ABF - 103

Genesis ABF – Sanctuary Foyer

Maranatha ABF – Sanctuary Overflow

Living Faith ABF – 117 (CMC)

Berean ABF – 118-119

10:00 a.m.

Children’s Good News Hour

Age 2 – B16

Age 3 – B10

Ages 4,5&6 - B11

10:15 a.m.

Worship Gathering - Crossroads Ministry Center

~ 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
Knock, Knock (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 11:30 a.m.** Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon *(CMC)*
Wild Game Committee Meeting *(103)*
- 4:30 p.m.** Nominating Committee Meeting *(103)*
- 5:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers’ Actors *(CMC Stage)*
- 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)*
Persevering Prayer
Junior High & High School Small Groups *(Schoolhouse)*

Congratulations to Josh & Autumn (Burkholder) Clinger who were united in marriage yesterday here at the church.

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 today 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.

Missions Banquet: Please be sure to stop by the table today in the Missions Center to reserve your ticket for the Missions Banquet, Sunday, November 15, at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per adult and children 10 and under free. Tickets may also be picked up at the church office during the week.

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 _____

DVDs and program booklets of the 175th celebration will be on sale next Sunday, November 1, in the Missions Center. They will be sold for one Sunday only. The booklets are \$5 each and the DVDs are \$20.

The Bluffton University Nutrition Association (BUNA) will hold its annual fall dinner, benefiting both the Bluffton Community Assistance Program and the Lima-based Churches United Pantry, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on November 6, at First Mennonite Church, Bluffton. This year’s dinner will include homemade soup, bread and dessert. Nonperishable food items will be accepted, as will cash and checks made payable to BUNA. All proceeds will benefit the two food pantries.

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.

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.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on October 18:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	285
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	450
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	134

Giving on October 18:

\$25,270.94

Benevolent	810.00
Building Fund	660.00
Christian Education Fund	420.73
General Fund	19,560.21
Missions Fund	3,820.00

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Adam & Heather Cheney** who are serving in **Kwale, Kenya through Africa Inland Mission**. Please pray for the village and home church that is going on. They have encountered intense spiritual warfare over the souls of the men and women. God is moving in big ways though and is bringing people to their house to hear the good news that Jesus has died the death that they deserve to die, made a way to be right with God, and then rose from death defeating sin and death itself. Pray for those who are standing in opposition to hearing about the Lord. Encourage the Cheney family by writing to: P.O. Box 259, Kwale, Kenya or send an uplifting e-mail to: heathernadam@yahoo.com.

~THANK YOU ~

Thank you!! Each member of the pastoral staff deeply appreciates your prayers over this past month. They are much felt and are so important to each of us on a daily basis as we interact with each other, our church family, our local community, and around the world. Your prayers truly are the best gift you could ever give! - *Pastor Jim, Pastor Dale, Pastor David, Pastor Dick, Pastor Warren, Kathy & Deb*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jean Reichenbach, Donita Luginbill
Missions Center: Brittany Reigle, Nicki Biery

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1

Monday	9:00 a.m. <i>MOPS (Fellowship Hall)</i>
	6:00 p.m. <i>Evening Sew (Crossroads Ministry Center)</i>
	7:00 p.m. <i>Beth Moore Study Group (103)</i>
Tuesday	7:05 p.m. <i>Small Group (173 Albert Street, Bluffton)</i>
	6:30 a.m. <i>Men's Small Group (Arby's)</i>
	9:00 a.m. <i>All Day Sew (Crossroads Ministry Center)</i>
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. <i>Missions Committee Meeting (103)</i>
	9:00 a.m. <i>Game Time (Fellowship Hall)</i>
	5:30 p.m. <i>Family Supper (Fellowship Hall)</i>
Thursday	6:00 p.m. <i>Women's Prayer Group (Fellowship Hall)</i>
	6:15 p.m. <i>Worship Team Rehearsal (115)</i>
	7:00 p.m. <i>Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)</i>
Sunday	<i>Children's Ministries (age 3-Grade 6)</i>
	<i>Junior High Meet (B17)</i>
	7:05 p.m. <i>Parenting Beyond Capacity Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's & Church Schoolhouse)</i>
Sunday	8:30 p.m. <i>Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)</i>
	<i>Junior High and High School Dodgeball (Crossroads Ministry Center)</i>
	8:30 p.m. <i>Young Adult Basketball (Crossroads Ministry Center)</i>
Sunday	9:00 a.m. <i>Stephen Ministries (112)</i>
	<i>Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (Various Classrooms)</i>
	10:00 a.m. <i>The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11)</i>
Sunday	10:15 a.m. <i>Worship Gathering (Crossroads Ministry Center)</i>
	5:00 p.m. <i>Trustee Meeting (103)</i>
	<i>Women's Ministries Meeting (115)</i>
Sunday	5:45 p.m. <i>Disciple Singers' Actors (CMC Stage)</i>
	6:30 p.m. <i>Small Groups (Kings and Niswanders)</i>
	6:45 p.m. <i>Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)</i>
Sunday	7:00 p.m. <i>Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)</i>
	<i>Junior High & High School</i>
	<i>Small Groups (Schoolhouse)</i>

~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 ~

Nurseries: Deb Hilty, John & Jamie Shaw, Tammy Whitlow

The Good News Hour: Ashley Fry, Traci Heinze, Janet Brauen, Ashley Eachus, Kathy and Cassandra Bishop

~PLEASE NOTE ~

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 tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. We greatly appreciate your willingness to serve and your prayers.

Evening Sew is tomorrow 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.

Ladies: Join us tomorrow 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!

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 at the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center or in the Missions Center. There is no cost for this lunch.

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.