

November 22, 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.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Dec. 4** Ladies' Christmas Tea-*Memories of Christmas Past* (6:30 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)
- Dec. 5** High School Students (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Dec. 6** *Messiah* (4:00 p.m., Bluffton University)
All Small Groups Christmas Party (6:30 p.m., Jim & Marty Lemley's)
No Evening Fellowship Service
- Dec. 13** Children's Christmas Program (6:30 p.m., CMC)
- Dec. 20** Christmas Worship Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Jan. 2** Living Faith Adult Bible Fellowship Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Jan. 31-Feb. 13** SIM Building Maintenance Team (Charlotte, North Carolina)
- Feb. 6** Maranatha Adult Bible Fellowship Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Feb. 7-13** SIM Work Team (Charlotte, North Carolina)

~ NEW IN THE LIBRARY ~

Juvenile Literature

Elsie Dinsmore, The Original Classics.
Volumes 1 – 20 – Martha Finley

Family Reading

Hero Tales – Volume 2
Hero Tales – Volume 3
Hero Tales – Volume 4

Bible Story Books

Heroes & Villains of the Bible
The Young Reader's Bible
My Awesome God Bible Storybook
The Rhyme Bible Storybook

Adult Reading

A Hunger for God – John Piper
A Grief Observed – C. S. Lewis
The Five Love Languages for Singles – Gary Chapman

~ POSTCARDS AND VISITOR INVITES ~

Available in the Missions Center are ready-made Welcome postcards and also smaller cards with all the church contact information you can use to invite someone to worship. What a blessing a postcard in the mail can be!

~ 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 Gathering (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Praise and Proclaim – Pastor Jim
Dedication to the Lord - Tate Bergstrand,
Alivia Dunlap, Callie Fry,
Avery & Ezekiel Halker, Nataniela Makene,
Cody McCoy, Jolene Mosoka, James Schmutz
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Actors (CMC Stage)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
A Bargain Is a Bargain
Junior High & High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

Rolls for Rally Point! High school students have prepared dinner rolls to raise funds for the Rally Point high school and junior high youth to attend Ice Camp. If you placed an order, you may pick up your rolls today following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall.

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 _____

Financial Report – October 2015

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	440,292	224,087	38,000	57,792
Expenses YTD	406,399	184,270	38,530	22,782
Actual Income	382,144	191,661	28,467	17,761

**** Fund Cash Balances as of 10/31/15:**

General.....(\$16,540)
Missions.....\$62,657
Christian Education \$13,464
Building \$6,851
Cemetery Restoration Project \$12,247
New Building..... \$25,097
Benevolent..... \$8,760

**** For continued prayer:** The Lord is providing, and during the month of October, much progress was made toward the General Fund deficit. We endeavor to end the year strong in all of our funds – each one is important! Thank you to all who are sacrificially giving, and please prayerfully consider how the Lord can use each one of us to meet these needs.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on November 14:

Missions Conference Breakfast (8:30 a.m.) 75

Attendance on November 15:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship (9:00 a.m.) 320

Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 516

Missions Conference Banquet (6:00 p.m.) 135

Giving on November 15:

\$16,490.55

Benevolent 400.00

Building Fund 920.00

Christian Education Fund 745.55

General Fund 9,359.00

Missions Fund 4,966.00

Youth Fund 100.00

Missions Giving:

\$1,000 Trans World Radio, towards medical fund for the children of Daniel & Lynn Plett

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are **Brad & Debbie Dukes** who serve with **Cru** at the **University of Toledo**. Brad & Debbie are coaching a freshman team of four men and three women. *Every campus ministry is three years away from extinction if you don't reach the freshman class*, observed one Cru leader. Brad writes, *Freshmen are in fact our future leaders in not only the Cru movement at UT, but also the ones we want to build into and send to the world equipped with the gospel*. Please write to Brad & Debbie and let them know you stand behind them not only financially but in prayer as well that they may be encouraged in the ministry. Write to: 2426 Meadowwood Drive, Toledo OH 43606 or e-mail them at brad.dukes@cru.org or debbie.dukes@cru.org.

~ FAITH PROMISE UPDATE ~

The promises presently amount to \$234,930, towards our goal of \$250,000. Faith Promise pledges will be taken until the end of December. Pledge cards may be picked up in the Missions Center or the church office. Thank you again for your prayers and pledges that make our missions program a great blessing to many missionaries and ministries. - *Missions Committee*

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jerry & Vickie Cartwright

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 23-29

Monday 9:00 a.m. MOPS (9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study Group (115)

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (Arby's)

5:00 p.m. High School Bowling (Meet at the church)

7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (103)

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday **Church Offices Closed-Happy Thanksgiving**

Friday **Church Offices Closed**

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)
Reception of New Members

6:00 p.m. Disciple Singers' Actors (CMC Stage)

6:30 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)

7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Junior High & High School
Small Groups (Schoolhouse)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 ~

Nurseries: Ashley Fry, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Janeth Magiri

The Good News Hour: Kevin & Melissa Hilty,
Marti & Melina Meza, Bruce, Cindy & Rachel Moser

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Tuesday, November 24: High school students, please meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. to leave for bowling at Westgate, Lima. Please bring \$15 for pizza and two games.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Ladies' Christmas Tea: This year's Christmas Tea, *Memories of Christmas Past*, will be Friday evening, December 4, at 6:30. Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship, yummy Christmas treats, and of course tea! Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the Missions Center today and next Sunday. Haven't been to a Christmas Tea? Grab some friends and make this a new holiday tradition!

If you are interested in decorating a table this year for the tea, please come sign up in the Missions Center, or contact Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com. We usually need 12-14 tables, so this is a great opportunity to get out the china that you love, or that was passed on to you. Not sure what you need? Check us out in the Missions Center!

Transport For Christ Second Chance Chapel Christmas carry-in and concert. Please bring a friend or neighbor on Saturday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The concert will feature, The Jericho Road. Please bring one hot and one cold dish to share. Table service and drink will be provided.

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.

Counselors Needed: Echo Ranch Bible Camp is looking for camp counselors for the summer of 2016. Please see the bulletin board near the church kitchen for more information.

Free piano available: An Ivers and Pond upright piano late 1800's, needs only mild tuning, no other worked needed. Also includes the bench. Anyone interested please contact the church office at 419-358-8588.

~ THANKS ~

Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods to the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio service group's Thanksgiving bake sale last Friday. The bake sale was a success because of your generosity.

~ HOW TO CONTACT US ~

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