

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 – Preliminary 2015
Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	528,350	268,904	45,600	69,350
Expenses YTD	494,516	253,690	42,976	31,727
Actual Income	506,306	249,900	36,942	29,046

**** Fund Cash Balances as of 12/31/15:**

General.....	\$21,681
Missions.....	\$51,476
Christian Education	\$17,492
Building	\$16,746
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$5,290
New Building.....	\$25,732
Benevolent.....	\$10,086

**** The Lord provided** and answered prayer in wonderful ways!
We ended the year strong in all of our funds! Thank you to each one who gave of the resources God has given.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Jan. 31** Haiti Missions Trip Meeting (11:30 a.m., 103)
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. 5-12 Missions Trip with Mission Possible (Haiti)
Feb. 7 High School Super Bowl Party (6:30 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)
Junior High Super Bowl Party (6:30 p.m., Greg & Sue Luginbill's home)
Feb. 7-13 SIM Work Team (Charlotte, North Carolina)
Feb. 14 Congregational Meeting (11:30 a.m., CMC)
Faithful Singles Luncheon (noon, FH)
Feb. 26-28 Senior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
Mar. 5 High School Students (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
Mar. 27 SonRise Service (7:30 a.m., CMC)
SonRise Breakfast (8:30 a.m., CMC)
Easter Worship Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service

~ SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 A.M. ~

Infant Nursery - 111
Toddler Nursery – 106

~ Sunday School for Children ~

- Age 2 - B16**
Age 3 - B-10
Ages 4&5 - B-11
Grade 1 - B-12
Grade 2 - B-14
Grade 3 - B-18
Grade 4 - B-13
Grade 5 – Sanctuary 4
Grade 6 - B-15
Grades 7 & 8 (Junior High) - B-17
Grades 9 – 12 (Senior High) - Schoolhouse

~ Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) ~

- Agape (college & career) – 116**
Young Married/Single - 115
Genesis - Sanctuary Foyer
Maranatha - Sanctuary Overflow
Living Faith – 112-114 (Fellowship Hall)
Old Testament in a Year – 103
Berean – 118-119



January 24, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary

We greet you in the name of our Lord. Let us join with the psalmist who prayed: "You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." Psalm 16:11. Be assured that God's love is present here for one and all.

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.** 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 Contagious Disciples Bond in Biblical Community (Crossroads Ministry Center)
6:30 p.m. Disciple Singers' Actors (Crossroads Ministry Center) Small Groups (Kings & Niswanders)
6:45 p.m. Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service – Miraculous Entry Pastor Dick (Sanctuary) Junior High and High School Small Groups (Meet in Schoolhouse)

Giving receipts for 2015 are ready and available for you to pick up in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Thank you for giving!

Five special prayer teams exist to support the congregation and ministries here at Ebenezer. If you would like to be part of one (or more) of these teams please fill out the Prayer Commitment Survey form located on the Prayer Counter in the Missions Center and place in the offering plate or in the basket on the Prayer Counter. Thank you for your prayers!

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 17:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	266
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	384
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	84

Giving on January 17:

\$16,085.62

Benevolent	65.00
Building Fund	3,695.00
Christian Education Fund	431.65
General Fund	8,684.97
Missions Fund	3,179.00
New Building	30.00

Missions Giving:

\$1,000	SIM USA - Ebenezer work team projects serving at SIM headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina 1/31- 2/12.
\$530	Mission Possible – Haiti missions trip 2/5-12, Jeremy Fry and Christian Nygaard.

~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Missionaries of the Week are *Steve & Carol Lehman* serving with **Mission Aviation Fellowship in Nampa, Idaho**. Steve is currently finishing up airplane audits in Mozambique. They just received a new turbine-powered Cessna Caravan which can carry more passengers and cargo than the piston-powered airplanes MAF currently has in Mozambique. *We want to thank each of you who partner with us in ministry through prayer and in your financial giving to the ministry we have with MAF. We continue to stand in awe of God's faithfulness to us through you, even after so many years. Please know that your care for us is appreciated.* To send a message of encouragement to Steve & Carol, write to: P.O. Box 47, Nampa, ID 83653 or send an e-mail to: clehman@maf.org.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High Super Bowl Party will be at Greg & Sue Luginbill's home, 506 Hawthorne Drive, Pandora, at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 7. Pizza will be provided. Bring a friend and a snack or drink. For more information please call 419-384-3586.

High School Super Bowl Party will be in the Crossroads Ministry Center, Sunday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. Come watch the Super Bowl football game with us! We will have corn hole tournaments and board games set up as well! Any questions see Pastor David! Cost is \$2 for pizza. Drinks will be provided!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Richard & Gera Bixel
Missions Center: Paul & Cheryl Burkholder

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 25-31

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
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)
	6:00 p.m.	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.	Connections Small Groups (Bluffton McDonald's & Schoolhouse)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen) Junior High and High School Dodgeball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (Crossroads Ministry Center)
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
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)
	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Actors (Crossroads Ministry Center) Small Groups (Kings & Niswanders)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (118-119)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary) Junior High and High School Small Groups (Meet in Schoolhouse)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 ~

Nurseries: Jason & Kim Fritsch, Kevin & Melissa Hilty
The Good News Hour: Kathy & Cassandra Bishop, Ashley Eachus, Jammie, Kirby & Keaton Halker, Julie Rieman, Lily Shadle

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Cookie dough or mixes are needed for the SIM Missions Trip (February 7-13). Make a cookie recipe dough, form into logs or balls, and freeze on a cookie sheet. **Please do not bake.** Then place in plastic bags marked with the kind and temperature to bake. Put in the church freezer. If you prefer to buy cookie or cake mixes there will be a labeled box in the kitchen for those. If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Moser at 567-204-1873. Thank you so much for taking this opportunity to serve our missionaries.

Ladies...Are you wanting to deepen your understanding of God's Word through the Psalms? Join a wonderful group of ladies on Monday evenings as we begin a new Beth Moore study entitled *Stepping Up*. The study runs for eight weeks and we meet in Room 115. We will begin on Monday evening, February 29, at 7:00. Please contact Christy Garmatter (garmatterc@gmail.com) by Sunday, February 14, if you are interested so a book can be ordered for you. We are looking forward to what God has to share with us during this study!

Church History: During the 175th Celebration, *founding of the first Mennonite church*, a number of items from the past history of Ebenezer was displayed. We would like to permanently display these items for future generations. The Trustees have approved the construction of a display case provided the \$4,600 cost is raised through donations and not from the trustee budget. If you would like to support this project, you can do so by marking your giving envelope, "archival fund" under special giving. Please direct any questions to Jane Shaw 419-302-2179 or Chuck Niswander 419-890-3797.

Caring Kits: Just a reminder of the caring kit gift bags which have been prepared and are ready for you to give to a neighbor, a newly married couple, someone who is ill, and for someone facing worry and uncertainties. The gift bags can be found in the rack which is located in the Missions Center outside the Conference Room door. Please use this great resource in reaching out to those around you!

~ HOW DO YOU TELL GOD YOU'RE SORRY? ~

1 John 1:9 (NIV) *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*