



March 20, 2016

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.** 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 *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
Be Like Jesus: Joy
Scripture Reading: Pastor Jim
Special Music: Dave & Kathy Brauen, Kevin Gratz
- 11:30 a.m.** Congregational Meeting *(CMC)*
- 6:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir and Actors
(118-119, Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Groups *(Kings, Niswanders)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service-Pastor Dale *(Sanctuary)*
It Is Finished
Junior High and High School Small Groups
(Schoolhouse)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Don Thompson. Don, father of Bob, passed away on Wednesday, March 16. A private family service will be held.

Scheduled Surgery: Kyle Kirkendall, Friday, March 25, at Findlay Surgery Center.

exercises, and the objects proper for them, according to their own particular tenets; and right can never be safer than in their hands, where the Constitution has deposited it." (Thomas Jefferson, 1808)
Let us plan to join together in prayer for our nation, state, and community on Thursday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

Financial Report – February 2016 Giving & Expenses

	General	Missions	C. E.	Building
Budgeted YTD	83,683	44,415	7,908	9,930
Expenses YTD	74,706	* 2,091	12,670	0
Actual Income	71,709	37,458	8,008	10,889

Cash Balances as of 2/29/16:

General.....	\$18,073
Missions.....	* \$114,018
Christian Education.....	\$12,830
Building.....	\$20,371
Cemetery Restoration Project.....	\$6,381
Digital Keyboard.....	\$4,880
Archive.....	\$1,130
New Building.....	\$26,294
Benevolent.....	\$9,275

* **Please note:** First quarter mission payments of \$55,515 were sent in early March.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Apr. 1** Ladies' Fondue Night *(6:30 p.m., CMC)*
- Apr. 2** Berean Adult Bible Fellowship Class
(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Apr. 9** Wild Game Event *(5:00 p.m., CMC)*
- Apr. 24** Disciple Singers' Spring Musical *(10:15 a.m., CMC)*
- Apr. 30** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(8:30 a.m., outside field)*
- May 5** National Day of Prayer Event *(7:00 p.m., CMC)*
- May 7** High School Students *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- May 8** Mother's Day Chicken BBQ *(11:30 a.m., CMC)*
- June 19-25** Middle School 1 *(Grades 5&6, Miracle Camp)*
- July 17-23** Senior High 2 *(Grades 9-12, Miracle Camp)*
- July 24-30** Junior High 2 *(Grades 7&8, Miracle Camp)*
- Aug 7-13** Grade School 2 *(Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)*
- Aug 7-10** Grade School 3 *(Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)*
- Aug 10-13** Grade School 4 *(Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)*

~ 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 _____

Planning to attend the Good Friday Supper: # _____

March 25, at 6:00 p.m.

Supper menu: soup and bread.

Planning to attend the Easter SonRise Breakfast: # _____

March 27, at 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast menu: pancakes, sausage, fruit, and yogurt.

Dear Ebenezer family: I am so very grateful to you all for your prayers and cards, especially your encouragement during some health challenges and a heart catheterization. The procedure confirmed the good condition of the heart. Some adjustment in medicine was prescribed. Physical therapy also has gone well and I look forward to a soon return when I can again enjoy fellowship with you all. I have greatly missed you, my church family, and community friends. *God, Who has called you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.* 1 Corinthians 1:9 – *Pastor Warren*

Emily Crawfis remains hospitalized at Leesburg Regional Medical Center in Florida and continues to make improvement. She is so thankful and aware of your outpouring of love through calls, cards, greetings, gifts, thoughts, and most of all your prayers! Thank you to each one for taking time to reach out to Gary & Emily. Each act of love is noticed and appreciated.

National Day of Prayer Bite: "Fasting and prayer are religious exercises; the enjoining them an act of discipline. Every religious society has a right to determine for itself the time for these

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on March 13:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	248
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	391
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	91

Giving on March 13:

\$16,502.84

Benevolent Fund	120.00
Building Fund	310.00
Christian Education Fund	1,463.84
General Fund	9,407.00
Missions Fund	5,102.00
New Building Fund	100.00

~MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Rick & Pat Shaner

Avant Ministries – Alaska

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Missionary newsletters are located in the Missions Center under the large world map. The letters give us the opportunity to partner with our missionaries through prayer.

~ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ~

Following the Morning Worship Gathering we will have a short congregational meeting. Extra copies of the Constitution revision (changes are in bold italic) are available in the Missions Center and in the Crossroads Ministry Foyer.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

High School Students are invited to come watch the movie, *Passion of the Christ*, on Friday, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the schoolhouse.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Jim & Marty Lemley

Missions Center: Tim & Diana Diller

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MARCH 21-27

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Beth Moore Study Group (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Arby's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	5:30 p.m.	Family Supper (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Prayer Group (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>115</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
		Children's Ministries (<i>age 3-Grade 6</i>)
		Junior High Meet (<i>B17</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
		<i>Putting God First</i> (<i>Bible Study, Schoolhouse</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (<i>Church Kitchen</i>)
		Junior High and High School Dodgeball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Youth Prayer Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	2:30 p.m.	High School Students (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
		<i>Passion of the Christ</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Supper, Passover Presentation & Communion (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Wild Game Trap Shoot (<i>outside field</i>)
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Easter SonRise Service (<i>CMC</i>)
	8:30 a.m.	Easter SonRise Breakfast (<i>CMC</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (<i>CMC</i>)

No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 27 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Will be staffed and combined in the Toddler Nursery.

Good News Hour:

Children's Church for 2-year-olds only.

Please have your little ones worship

with you in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Don & Joan Anderson. Thursday, March 24, will mark their 65th wedding anniversary!

. ~ PLEASE SIGN UP! ~

Come join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center this Good Friday, March 25. A light supper of soup and bread will be provided. Please sign up at the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer or on the Communication Card. Wesley Taber from Life in the Messiah in Chicago will present *Messiah in the Passover*. We will also remember the Lord's sacrifice for us by taking communion together.

Plan now to attend the SonRise Breakfast next Sunday, March 27 at 8:30 a.m. Fill in the number attending on the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary and place in the offering plate or sign up at the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. The breakfast menu will be pancakes, sausage, fruit, and yogurt. There will be 15-20 minutes of music before the 10:15 Worship Gathering on Easter Sunday to help us prepare our hearts as we worship our resurrected Lord and Savior.

~PLEASE NOTE ~

Wild Game Committee will begin their monthly Trap Shoot, weather permitting, on Saturday, March 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Ready for a Ladies Night Out? Women's Ministry is hosting a Fondue Night on Friday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Seating will be limited and tickets are sold on a first come basis. Tickets are \$10 each and include multiple courses! Tickets will be sold today and Sunday, March 27, in the Missions Center. Fondue pots are needed! If you have an electric pot we could borrow, please mark your name on it and put it above the coat racks outside the kitchen. We do not need to use your dipping sticks. Thank you and we hope to see you for a fun evening of Fellowship!

Schoolhouse Chairs: In order to facilitate our growing youth ministry, we would like to purchase chairs to be used in the schoolhouse for Sunday morning classes and other youth events that meeting weekly. The Trustees have approved the purchase of (70) stackable chairs for \$2,000, provided this amount 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, "Schoolhouse Chairs" under Special Giving.

The Trustees are now accepting bids for the 2016 mowing of the church and cemetery lawns. Please submit your bid to the church office no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 1.