

May 22, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary



Today is...



There will be no Adult Bible Fellowship classes, but all are encouraged to attend this special time for our youth held in the Crossroads Ministry Center at 9:00 a.m.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 8:35 a.m.** Disciple Singer's Choir meet (115)
- 9:00 a.m.** Promotion Sunday (Crossroads Ministry Center)
- 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: Gentleness
Missionary Report: Dan & Beth Aikens
Scripture Reading: Pastor Jim
Special Music: Jasmine Whitlow
- 11:30 a.m.** Child Safety Update Session (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 p.m.** Women's Ministry Meeting (115)
- 7:00 p.m.** Bluffton High School Baccalaureate (Crossroads Ministry Center)
**** No Evening Fellowship Service ****

~ SPECIAL WELCOME ~

Dan & Beth Aikens will share their missionary report during our Morning Worship Gathering. Dan & Beth, one of our newest missionaries, serving with Christar in Lyon, France.

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

~ GRADUATION INFORMATION ~

Please fill in the information needed below or e-mail the church office at: info@ebenezymennonite.org. Thank you!

Student Name: _____
 Date/Time: _____
 High School/College: _____
 Degree (if applicable): _____

A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, June 5, immediately following the Worship Gathering to discuss and vote on the following recommendation:

Following a thorough inspection of the roof over the sanctuary portion of the church, it was confirmed that the old roof needs to be replaced within the year. The Trustee Board is recommending replacement in the near future and have solicited bids to install a new roof. They have accepted the lowest bid of \$59,225 from 5-C Roofing Professionals, Inc. of Ada, Ohio. The proposal is to install a 24 Ga. metal roof (titanium 30 synthetic felt) over the existing shingles. The color would match our other metal roofs. The Trustees are requesting approval to move ahead with this project after a sufficient portion of the cost has been raised.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a Trustee.

Charter Fishing: The Ebenezer Wild Game Committee is sponsoring a charter boat fishing trip on Lake Erie Saturday, June 11. The cost is \$35 per person. Space is limited to 30 people so if you are interested, call Pastor Dick at 419-358-8588.

Donations needed for the week of Vacation Bible School. Stop by the tables in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer to see how you can help. Please mark all donations with VBS and place in the church kitchen by Saturday, June 4. A few items are still needed for the Blessing Bags that our youth will be taking with them for the homeless people in NYC this summer; deodorant, wipes, socks, and Chapstick (all travel size). - *Thank you, VBS Committee*

Dear Ebenezer Family: Thank you, thank you, thank you! We have sponsors!! God is moving mountains, and He is using you! - *With joy, Benito, Loukmane, Abril, Shalom, Yayra, Emily, and Chinsi (sponsored children through Compassion International)*

Financial Report – April 2016

Giving & Expenses

	General	Missions	C. E.	Building
Budgeted YTD	167,367	88,830	15,817	19,860
Expenses YTD	157,020	59,946	14,866	0
Actual Income	152,973	70,527	13,586	16,706

Cash Balances as of 4/30/16:

General.....	\$17,023
Missions.....	\$89,232
Christian Education.....	\$16,213
Building.....	\$24,202
Cemetery Restoration Project.....	\$6,450
Digital Keyboard.....	\$4,735
Archive.....	\$1,790
Schoolhouse Chairs (chairs on order).....	\$2,164
New Building.....	\$26,829
Benevolent.....	\$10,227

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- May 27-June 7** Ethiopia Missions Trip
- June 5** Congregational Meeting (11:30 a.m., CMC)
- June 5-10** Vacation Bible School (6:30 p.m – 9:00 p.m.)
- June 19-25** Middle School 1 (Grades 5&6, Miracle Camp)
- June 26-July 8** France Missions Trip
- July 3-10** High School Missions Trip to New York City
- July 15-17** Family Camp (Grand Lake St. Mary's State Park)
- 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)

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on May 15:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	282
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	396

Giving on May 15:

\$13,168.02

Benevolent Fund	75.00
Building Fund	530.00
Christian Education Fund	355.02
General Fund	7,028.00
Missions Fund	4,525.00
New Building Fund	30.00
Youth Fund	625.00

Missions Giving:

\$240	Be 2 Live/La Mision Mexico – Ben & Evania Moser short-term summer ministry.
\$300	Echo Ranch Bible Camp/Alaska – Adel Sommers short-term summer ministry.
\$2,000	Friends of India's Families – Arc Family ministry nutrition program and widow self-support project.
\$1,200	TEAM/Spain – Christina Wolber Sports Ministry.

~MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

Murray & Kathy Trim

TEAM - Japan

1-9-10 Higashi Shirakawadai
Suma-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo-ken
JAPAN 654-0102
mtrim@teamjapan.org
ktrim@teamjapan.org

Feel free to take with you missionary newsletters located in the Missions Center under the large world map.

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Tuesday, May 31: Junior High and High School trip to Cedar Point! Cost is \$49 which includes transportation and ticket into the park! You must sign up with Pastor David for this event!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

*Missions Center: Don & Vicki Kirkendall
Crossroads Ministry Center: Richard & Gera Bixel*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 23-29

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>)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>103</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Meet the Teacher) & Adult Bible Fellowship (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4,5&6 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>) <i>Graduate Recognition Sunday</i>

**** No Evening Fellowship Service ****

~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 29 ~

The Infant and Toddler Nurseries will be combined in the Toddler Nursery Room now through Sunday, June 5.

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Jason & Kim Fritsch, Jeremy & Christina Lemley

Good News Hour:

Ashley Eachus, Jammie, Kirby, & Keaton Halker, Julie Rieman,
Lily Shadle, Renea & Caity Zimmerman

~ CHILD SAFETY ~

Mandatory Child Safety Update Session: All volunteers serving those from birth through college age please meet after the Morning Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall, today for a 30 minute refresher on child safety presented by Hannah Slechter. Volunteers include those serving through Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Good News Hour, Wednesday Night ministry, High School and Junior High Youth Group, and College ministry.



You are invited to an open house for:

Misha Groman

Today (2-6) Bluffton Town Hall

Ariel Schantz

Sunday, June 5 (12-3) at Colonial Golfers Club

Nathan Willow

Sunday, June 12 (2-5) Crossroads Ministry Center

Congratulations to all the children and young adults for completing this Sunday school year. Also huge thanks to all the parents who made it a priority to bring their children each Sunday. God's heart must be full as He sees each precious one coming to learn from His Word and His example. Heartfelt thanks to all the teachers, assistants, helpers, and substitutes who faithfully served these children throughout this year. Your faithfulness and love reflects God's glory to all of us. Truly you have lived out our theme verse this year; *This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.* John 15:8 May God continue to bless both the children and the adults as they continue following Jesus and learning how to be his disciples. Please note that next Sunday is "Meet the Teacher Sunday", please do come and enjoy this special Sunday when an exciting new year starts. We will look forward to welcoming you and show you your new classroom and teacher!

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 29, during the Worship Gathering at 10:15 a.m. Please fill out the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary with the Graduation Information and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School News! It will be June 5-10, from 6:30-9:00 each night. We have over 200 children register each year! Registration is now open online for participants and for volunteers. Go to ebenezymennonite.org and follow the link for VBS. You can register all of your children there and also sign up to volunteer. We appreciate this church body making VBS possible. - *God bless from your VBS committee. Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from Him.* Psalm 127:3