

June 19, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary



Father's Day is a time for us to show our appreciation to God for our families. As we pray for our fathers and all other members of our families, let us also show kindness toward all who have come to worship. We are very pleased that you are here.

Please take a moment to fill out the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary. 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 year olds-B11)*
Middle School 1 *(Grades 5&6, to Miracle Camp)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering, Pastor Jim *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
Hard Hearts
Scripture Reading: Pastor Jim
Special Music: Kaite & Roger Rhodes
- 6:00 p.m.** Agape ABF Small Group *(Jaden & Amber August's home)*
**** No Evening Fellowship Service ****

~ CAMP NEWS ~

Middle School – Grades 5&6 (June 19-25)

Ella Armstrong	Landon Armstrong	Lauren Bassett
Kyle Basil	Jacob Boisvert	Ryan Bowsher
Isaiah Conley	Tyler Cupples	Riley Eachus
Marco Eiden	Wade Ginther	Thayne Kleman
Leah Klinger	Isaiah Mikesell	Reagan Oaks
Sami Scoles	Luke Shadle	Olivia Smallcombe
Carsen Weaver	Jasmine Whitlow	Karis Willow

Driving to camp: Ron & Cindy Bowsher
Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles
Driving home: Jon Bassett, Wes Klinger, and Chad Weaver

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- July 10** FaithFull Singles *(11:30 a.m., FH)*
- 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)*
- Aug. 10-13** Grade School 4 *(Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)*
- Aug. 13** Cup of Grace *(9:00 a.m., 103)*
- Aug. 14** Baptism Service
(6:30 p.m., Elnora Stratton's Pond, 6121 Bentley Road)

Cleanse Me

*Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.*

*I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill Thy Word and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with same;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.*

*Lord, take my life and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor Word and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.*

*Lord, take my life and make it wholly Thine;
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;
I now surrender, Lord in me abide.*

*O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival start the work in me.
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.*

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 – May 2016

Giving & Expenses

	General	C. E.	Building
Budgeted YTD	209,208	19,771	24,825
Expenses YTD	202,982	20,566	1,858
Actual Income	188,642	19,684	22,756

Cash Balances as of 5/31/16:

General.....	\$6,730
Christian Education	\$16,610
Building	\$25,963
Cemetery Restoration Project	\$6,580
Digital Keyboard	\$7,735
Archive	\$2,355
Sanctuary Roof Replacement	\$900
New Building.....	\$27,149
Benevolent.....	\$10,632
Van.....	\$14,797

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on June 12:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	280
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	437
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	56

Giving on June 12:

\$42,533.48

Benevolent Fund	190.00
Building Fund (\$4,000 towards roof replacement)	4,130.00
Christian Education Fund	1,489.48
General Fund	15,379.00
New Building Fund	45.00
Youth Fund	200.00

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Tuesday, June 21 – 22: Junior High serve trip to Columbus. Sign up with Pastor David. Cost is \$50.

Serve to Send: If you have any projects, the High School youth would love to help! Sign up at the table in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center or call Pastor David at 567-204-9777.

~ AGAPE (COLLEGE & CAREER) ABF CLASS ~

Beginning tonight you are all invited to a weekly Small Group Bible Study on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at Jaden & Amber August home at 9449 Phillips Road, Bluffton. Please bring lawn chairs.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Missions Center: Daniel Huber, Jared Meyer

Crossroads Ministry Center: Marvin & Karen Garmatter

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 20-26

Tuesday **6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)
12:30 p.m. Junior High Serve Trip (*Leave for Columbus*)

Wednesday **9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*Fellowship Hall*)
6:15 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
(*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer (*103*)

Thursday **6:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Planning Night (*FH*)
7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting (*103*)
8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball
(*Crossroads Ministry Center*)

Saturday **8:30 a.m.** Wild Game Trap Shoot (*outside field*)

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 year olds-B11)
10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
6:00 p.m. Agape ABF Small Group
(*Jaden & Amber August's home*)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 26 ~

Infant & Toddler Nursery:

Jason & Kim Fritsch, Renea & Caity Zimmerman

Good News Hour:

Emily Gladwell, Deb & Daniel Huber, Jared Meyer, Rachel Moser,
Sarah Shank, Kathy Steiner, Sarah Walker, Hannah Willow

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Videotaping help needed: We are looking for someone to help with the videotaping on Sunday mornings. This would be one Sunday a month or less depending on how many people respond. Please call or text Jerry Cartwright at 419-303-1542 if interested.

Baptism: Take your next step in your journey with Jesus. Sign up with Pastor Jim or Pastor David to take three baptism classes meeting on Sundays July 17, 24, & 31, in the schoolhouse (available for anyone Grade 9 to adult). Classes will meet from noon to 1:00 p.m. and lunch will be included. The baptism service will take place on Sunday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Elnora Stratton's pond.

American Heritage Girls: Faith/Service/Fun, American Heritage Girls is growing in the Bluffton area! We need additional leaders to make this ministry possible. If interested in serving as treasurer or as a leader/assistant leader this year, please e-mail ahgbluffton@gmail.com or talk to Randa Kinn (419-358-0752) for more information.

The Swiss Community Historical Society will celebrate the life of John U. Amstutz, a prominent local farmer, entrepreneur, and community servant at its annual June Swiss Day. The public is invited to attend the annual event on Sunday, June 26, in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The day begins with displays of local artifacts at 12:30 p.m. prior to a potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. Bring table service with a hot and cold dish to share. The presentation on John U. Amstutz will follow, beginning at 2:00 p.m. At the conclusion of the program, the Schumacher homestead located at 8350 Bixel Road will be open for visitors.

~ HELPING HAND MINISTRY ~

Are there times when you need some practical assistance? Many persons in our church family have indicated a willingness to 'lend a helping hand' to you in a variety of ways. Helping Hand Ministry areas include: **outdoor work** (mowing, raking, painting, trimming, flower care, window washing, snow removal, gutter cleaning); **indoor work** (electrical, plumbing, painting, household chores, window washing, TV, DVD, internet problems); and **other tasks** (minor auto work, transportation, trash removal). Please contact Help Hand Ministry Coordinator, Kerris Wright, at 419-358-2730 or the church office at 419-358-8588.

~ MANY THANKS ~

Our thanks to all who come early to set up the chairs in the Crossroads Ministry Center, help in the nursery, on the worship team, with the greeter's ministry, and also to those who teach in the children's classrooms. We are One Body.