

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 _____

FaithFull Singles: The deacons and pastors would like to invite our widows, widowers, and *all* singles age 50 and older to our next gathering scheduled for Sunday, October 16. A luncheon will be provided following the Worship Gathering. A special guest speaker will describe how his faith helped him during times of historical significance in our country's past. Hope to see you there!

Help still needed: The Christian Education Committee is looking for help in age 3, kindergarten, and Grades 1&2 (combined) class for this year's Wednesday Night Children's Ministry. Volunteers can be in high school or older. If you have any questions, want more information, or would like to volunteer, please contact Marti Meza at 419-296-9574 or real.meza4@gmail.com.

MOPS is in need of childcare volunteers for the MOPPET (kids) program 9-11 a.m. every second and fourth Monday from October 2016 to May 2017. Your willingness to serve makes the MOPS ministry possible! Substitute teachers and helpers are needed for the one and two year olds. Contact Jessica at 419-303-3190.

Ebenezer Family: *Though the enemy is working overtime, he runs scared when God steps in. May God move mightily in our midst in the days ahead!* (Susie Larson) With your faithfulness to us and YFC, the enemy has been scared and God has been moving. Thank you for your generous gift. – Don & Ann Leader

NEXT WEEKEND!

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE & OPEN TO PUBLIC



Chapman "Chap" R. Clark
Associate Provost for Strategic Projects.
Professor and Chair of Youth, Family, and
Culture Department in the School of
Theology at Fuller Seminary.

Saturday, October 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

*Sticky Faith and Hurt 2.0: Nurturing the Long-Term
Faith of Adolescents*

Sunday, October 9, 9:00 a.m.

Adoptive Church: The Essence of Biblical Community

Sunday, October 9, 10:15 a.m.

Who We Are Together - Mark 10:13-16, John 1:1-14

Sunday, October 9, following a potluck luncheon

*Parenteen: Understanding Today's Young...
A seminar for parents and other caring adults.*

All events will be held in the Crossroads Ministry Center

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Oct. 11** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner
(5:00 p.m. meet at the church)
- Oct. 15** Beth Moore Simulcast *(8:30 a.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- Oct. 16** FaithFull Singles Luncheon *(11:30 a.m., FH)*
- Oct. 22** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(8:30 a.m., Outside field)*
- Oct. 24** Evening Sew *(6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., CMC)*
- Oct. 25** All Day Sew *(9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., CMC)*
- Oct. 30** Fellowship of Evangelical Church Sunday
(11:30 a.m. question and answer session with FEC leaders)
- Nov. 5** Maranatha ABF Class *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- Nov. 6-13** Missions Conference-Acts 11:21 *(CMC)*
- Dec. 4** *Messiah* *(4:00 p.m., Bluffton University)*
- Dec. 9** Ladies' Christmas Tea *(6:30 p.m., Crossroads Ministry Center)*
- Dec. 11** Children's Christmas Program *(CMC)*



October 2, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary

Worship is our opportunity to be glad and rejoice in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day. We come as the children of God, knowing that we are welcomed here where all are meant to be one in the Lord. Let us lay down our burdens and rejoice in the Lord for the Lord is good, the Source of love.

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. Feel free to place completed cards 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)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship & Communion Service
Pastor Jim *(Crossroads Ministry Center)*
Ending It All Too Soon
Scripture: Pastor Dale
Special Music: Jan Althaus
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting *(103)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Junior High and High School Small Groups
(Schoolhouse)
- 6:31 p.m.** Small Groups *(Kings, Lemleys)*
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(Grades 1-6, 118-119)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*

Please note: All loose offerings taken during the Morning Worship Gathering will go towards the Benevolent Fund (in connection with communion).

Wednesday Night Kick-Off postponed due to weather, will be held on October 5, in Bill & Joan Steiner's barn from 6:00 until 7:30. In the event of rain or thunderstorms, the kick-off will be held at the church. For any questions please call or text Marti Meza at 419-296-9574.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on September 25:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	255
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	413
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	68

Thank you to everyone who came in and was photographed for our 2016 pictorial directory. You should have already or soon will receive your ordered prints at your home address. The complimentary 8x10 portraits were delivered to the church. Please see Deb Hilty today or stop by the church office sometime during the week to pick up your photo.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ~

Congratulations to Dick & Rosa Lee Greenway. Friday, October 7, will mark their 65th wedding anniversary!

Congratulations to Don & Dorothy Burkholder. Saturday, October 8, will mark their 62nd wedding anniversary!

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Ralph & Melba Gerber
Missions Center: Nicki Biery, Brittany Reigle

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 3-9

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</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.	Wednesday Night Children's Program and Junior High Kick Off (<i>Bill & Joan Steiner's home</i>)
		Women's Prayer Group (<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>) Ladies' Bible Study (<i>Schoolhouse</i>) Small Group (<i>115</i>)
	7:01 p.m.	Divorce Group (<i>Grades 7-12, Sanctuary Overflow</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Groups (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</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 a.m.
7:00 p.m.		Young Adult Small Group (<i>Jaden & Amber August's home</i>)
8:30 p.m.		Young Adult Basketball (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Friday	9:30 p.m.	High School 5 th Quarter (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Chapman "Chap" Clark (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School (<i>Age 2-Grade 6, Various Classrooms</i>) Chapman "Chap" Clark (<i>Junior High-ABF, Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11</i>) Disciple Singers' Choir Meet (<i>FH</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Christian Education Volunteer Sunday (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>) Chapman "Chap" Clark, <i>Speaker</i>
	12:00 p.m.	Potluck with Seminar following (<i>Crossroads Ministry Center</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Junior High and High School Small Groups (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	6:31 p.m.	Small Groups (<i>Kings, Lemleys</i>)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (<i>Grades 1-6, 118-119</i>)
7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)	

~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 ~

Infant & Toddler Nurseries:

Janet Brauen, Mary Glick, Joshua & Heidi Steiner

Good News Hour:

Ben & Sarah Bergstrand, Karna Marquart, Marti Meza,
Melina Meza, Jeremy & Stephanie Scoles

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

PrimeTimers will take place at noon on Tuesday, October 4, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, entertainment will be provided by Believe, a ladies trio. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Rehearsals for Bluffton University's 121st performance of Handel's *Messiah* begin Tuesday, October 4, in the Gilliom Room of Mosiman Hall. Anyone from high school students to adults is welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. each Tuesday except November 22 until the performance, set for 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 4, in Founders Hall. Contact the conductor, Jonathan Wey, at weyj@bluffton.edu or 419-358-3347 for more information.

Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Study...The Best Yes, by Lysa Terkeurst. Join us for this six-week study beginning October 5 at 7 p.m. in the schoolhouse. Sign up in the Missions Center or contact Heidi Steiner at steinerhl@gmail.com. Cost is \$12 for the book and study guide. This same study is offered on Monday evenings.

All are invited to attend the Decision America Tour sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. This prayer event will be led by Franklin Graham at Ohio State Capitol at 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 6. We are planning to leave the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Please contact Tim Diller at 419-646-3682 or Paul Burkholder at 419-969-4170 if interested. There will be no Thursday evening men's prayer on this day.

A Living Proof simulcast featuring Beth Moore will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, October 15, in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Join women from around the world for this one-day event, during which participants can hear Moore's dynamic storytelling and passionate Bible teaching. The morning session begins with coffee and pastries. The cost for tickets is \$15 with an additional \$5 optional Subway lunch. Tickets are available until Sunday, October 9. To purchase tickets, visit ebenezer mennonite.org or call the church office at 419-358-8588.