

November 13, 2016

Ebenezer Emissary



53RD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MISSIONS

*The Lord's
Hand Was
With Them
Acts 11:21*



~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Junior High-Adult Bible Fellowship Classes with Gracia Burnham (CMC)
Grades 1-6 with Youth for Christ (Sanctuary Foyer)
Sunday School (ages 2-6, 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.** Festival of Missions – Gracia Burnham (CMC)
Special Music: Janie Wireman
- 5:00 p.m.** Festival of Missions Banquet (CMC)
- 6:00 p.m.** Children's Missionary Adventure with Sarah Elsea (Grades 1-3, Sanctuary Foyer)
Please note: Grades 4-6 will stay in the CMC for Gracia's message.
Missionary Message – Gracia Burnham (CMC)
Faith Promise Report
2017 Youth Missions Trip Announcement
- 7:00 p.m.** Missions Committee Meeting (103)

Welcome to each missionary participating in our 53rd Annual Festival of Missions, *The Lord's Hand Was With Them*. Also a special welcome to our guest speaker this morning, Gracia Burnham, who served 17 years with New Tribes Mission in the Philippines. She and her husband Martin were taken captive by a militant group of Muslims and though Gracia survived this experience, Martin did not. Garcia shares the spiritual lessons she has learned.

dates on your calendar and talk with friends and family over the holidays about attending camp next year! Keep in mind that campsites can be reserved six months ahead of time. This state park also has a lodge and cabins that may be open for reservations earlier, so be sure to check it all out at the park website <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/deercreek>. Be watching for more information about registration in January.

The Wild Game Committee is in need of any kind of wild game for our annual Wild Game Event. If you have some and would like to donate it, call Joe Alt at 419-234-1247. Thank you.

Greetings from Kenya! Thank you so much for your continued support. The church here in Tsimba continues to thrive, and many people are hearing the gospel. Please pray with us that their hearts would be opened to the love that Jesus has for them. We know that God is moving here, and we thank you for supporting us. *Adam and Heather Cheney*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Dec. 3** High School (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Dec. 4** Junior High and High School Small Groups Worship Night (6:30 p.m., Schoolhouse)
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)
- Dec. 18** Junior High and High School Small Groups Christmas Caroling (5:30 p.m., meet at the Schoolhouse)
- Dec. 18** Junior High and High School Ice Skating (12:15 p.m., meet at the Schoolhouse)
- Jan. 13-15** Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
- Feb. 24-26** High School Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)

~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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

Infant Nursery - 111
Toddler Nursery – 106

... Sunday School for Children ...

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 _____

~ CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE ~

Next Sunday, November 20

At our Child Dedication Service, parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family.

Parents, if you would like to take part in this service we need you to:

- * Register your child or children in one of the following ways:
Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim.
- * Provide a digital photo of you with the child or children to be dedicated. Send to: info@ebenezermennonite.org.
- * Please register and have photo turned in today. There will be a time in the dedication where your child will specifically be prayed for. This prayer can be offered by you, a family member, friend, or pastor. Please let us know who will be praying.

Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication.

We are looking for ladies who would like to decorate a table for the Tea. It's a great time to pull out those special settings that you don't get to use often! For more information and details see us at the ticket area or contact Christy Garmatter at garmatterc@gmail.com

Attention Family Campers! Next year's Family Camp will be July 21-23 at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Mark the

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on November 6:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	327
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	434
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	267

Attendance on November 7:

Missions Conference	(7:00 p.m.)	186
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Attendance on November 8:

Missions Conference	(7:00 p.m.)	152
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Attendance on November 9:

Missions Conference	(7:00 p.m.)	187
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In the Hospital: Marvin Reigle, St. Rita's Medical Center.

Congratulations to Joseph & Mary (King) Cherry on the birth of their son, Jax Train, on Tuesday, November 8, weighing 7 lb. 11 oz.

Congratulations to Nick & Jennifer High on the birth of their daughter, Cora Lynn, on Sunday, November 6, weighing 6 lb. 15 oz.

~ RALLY POINT BENEFIT BREAKFAST ~

Grace Mennonite Church, invites you to attend its annual book sale, bake sale, and benefit breakfast on Friday and Saturday, November 18-19. Beginning on Friday evening at 6:30 Jilaine Graber of Faith and Life Books, Berne Indiana, will have an array of books, gift items, and CDs for sale and the MYF will host a bake sale. On Saturday morning, a benefit pancake and sausage breakfast will be served from 8:30-10:00 a.m. with proceeds to support Rally Point Youth Center in Lima. The book sale and bake sale continues from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Bart & Joy Moser

Missions Center: Robert & Sue Spallinger

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOV. 14-20 ~

Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF), Crossroads Ministry Center (CMC) - Fellowship Hall (FH)

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (103)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	5:30 p.m.	Family Supper (FH)
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Prayertime for Families (103)
		Women's War Room (FH)
	6:15 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)
		Children's Ministries (Various Classrooms)
		Junior High Wednesday Night (117)
		Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)
	8:30 p.m.	Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
		Junior High/High School Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (103)
		Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
		Prayer Action Team (Church Library)
		Young Adult Small Group (Jaden & Amber August's home)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
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 (CMC) <i>Child Dedication</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Haiti Trip Meeting (103)
	6:30 p.m.	Junior High/High School Small Groups (Schoolhouse)
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 ~

Infant & Toddler Nurseries:

Jason & Kim Fritsch, Seth & Kara Zink

Good News Hour:

Janet Brauen, Rosemary Carman, Kim Gordon,
Charles & Alison Mosler, Jessica Robinson,

Diane Sharrock, Olivia Spallinger

~ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2016 ~

National Collection This Week, November 14-20 here at Ebenezer! If you would like to volunteer (greet people, collect shoeboxes, and do simple paperwork) please sign up in the Missions Center for available dates: Monday-Friday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 1-3 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Tom or Annie Spallinger at 419-358-0140. *Thank you for praying and volunteering with Operation Christmas Child!*

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Our sympathy to the family of Doris Hamman. Doris, sister-in-law of Dean Sommers, sister of Darlyn Sommers and JuLee Chidester, passed away on Wednesday, November 9. A memorial service will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at First Mennonite Church.

Nacer USA invites you to join us for a potluck supper Tuesday, November 15, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet for supper in the Fellowship Hall, then hear an informal presentation of a new ministry, Corazon Nueva, founded by Lilian & Freddy of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Bring a hot and cold dish to share and learn of this new ministry to the girls of Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Bluffton University Holiday Concert featuring the concert band and several instrumental ensembles will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 20 in Yoder Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Ladies Christmas Tea will be held Friday evening December 9, at 6:30. Join us for a wonderful evening of season inspired food, decor, and of course tea. Please get your ticket (\$5) for this year's Christmas Tea in the Missions Center. Talk to friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers and put together a table. Space is limited and tickets will only be sold until Sunday December 4, so don't delay! Hope you'll join us.

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: _____