

June 18, 2017

# 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.***

**~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~**

- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
*(Various Classrooms)*
- 10:00 a.m.** Junior High 1 *(Leave for Miracle Camp, Grades 6-8)*  
The Good News Hour *(2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim *(CMC)*  
*Teach Us to Pray – Pray like Jesus*  
*Special Music: Julie Rieman*
- 6:30 p.m.** Youth Toronto Trip Meeting *(Schoolhouse)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*

**~ CAMP NEWS ~**

**Junior High 1 – Grades 6-8 (June 18-24)**

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| Ameilia Alexander | Ella Badertscher | Bella Basinger   |
| Jacob Boisvert    | Wes Brauen       | Isaiah Conley    |
| Jasi Crawfis      | Lukis Deckard    | Roric Dunifon    |
| Riley Eachus      | Marco Eiden      | Eli Huffman      |
| Will Huffman      | Owen Huffman     | Thayme Kleman    |
| Dillion Krohn     | Jacob Lehman     | Aiden Morris     |
| Jacob Schutz      | Samantha Scoles  | Skyler Scoles    |
| Olivia Smallcombe | Riley Setzer     | Marissa Thompson |
| Carsen Weaver     | Jasmine Whitlow  | Karis Willow     |
| Josie Woodruff    | Cara Young       | Bryan Zimmerman  |
- Driving to camp:* Rob & Shelleigh Alexander  
Anita & Lauren Willow, Brent & Renea Zimmerman  
*Driving home:* Larry Moser, Brian Young

## Prayer for Fathers

By Rebecca Barlow Jordan

*Dear Lord,*

*Bless every father and every grandfather with the best of your spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care. Show him how much you delight in his work, and affirm the value of whatever You have given him to do—both as a father or grandfather and as a child of Yours. Confirm his worth daily so he has no reason to doubt whether he is loved in the eyes of his Heavenly Father.*

*Create in him a deep sense of trust in You, knowing that He can count on You to help him lead and protect those dependent on him. Let him know that every unselfish act of love and encouragement he has offered has been a gift that You receive gladly. Show him how effective the prayers of a godly man really are, and what a difference he has and can make to those around him, no matter how big or small the assignment.*

*When challenging times push him beyond his limits, assure him that You can take Him further into the realm of possible impossibility. Speak deep into his spirit the powerful words he longs to hear from You—that nothing can ever separate him from Your love. Help him to grasp firmly the promises of Your Word, standing with faith on the things You declare are true. Reward him for his faithfulness past, present, and future, assuring him that true success and satisfaction don't lie in his accomplishments or accolades, but in the steadfast, Christ-like character You are forming in him.*

**~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~**

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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**To our dear friends at Ebenezer:** Thank you for your cards, thoughts, and prayers for the passing of Marvin's sister, Janice (Diller) Wohlgemuth. We knew you were praying. - *Marvin and Gloria Diller*

**Thank you for your prayers.** We are so blessed to have a caring church family. – *Dot Gratz*

**~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~**

- July 2** FaithFull Singles Luncheon *(11:30 a.m., FH)*
- July 9-16** High School Students *(Toronto, Canada)*
- July 21-23** Family Camp *(Deer Creek Park)*
- July 27** Ladies Mystery Dinner *(meet at church at 5:15 p.m., will go to Hollander On Main in Lima)*
- July 30-Aug. 2** Grade School 3 Half Week *(Miracle Camp, Grades2-4)*
- July 30-Aug. 5** Grade School 2 Full Week *(Miracle Camp, Grades2-4)*
- Aug. 4,5,6** Dinner Theatre – *The Service at Rocky Bluff*  
*(6:00 p.m. each night, CMC)*
- Aug. 13** Baptism Service *(6:30 p.m.)*
- Jan. 12-14** Junior High Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*
- Feb. 23-25** High School Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on June 11:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	221
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	394
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	19

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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Kerris Jr. & Krista Wright**

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

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~ WEDDING RECEPTION INVITATION ~

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**Luke & Tiffany (Bixel) Jones** were united in marriage on Sunday, June 4, in Palmer Lake, Colorado. Luke & Tiffany would like to invite you to a reception on Saturday, June 24, from 2-4 p.m., in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Please RSVP to Susan Bixel online at <https://www.theknot.com/us/tiffany-bixel-and-luke-jones-jun-2017> or at 567-242-9919.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center: Rhody Hartman, Jean Reichenbach*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JUNE 19-25**

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

- Tuesday 6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*FH*)
- 6:15 p.m.** Worship Team Rehearsal (*CMC*)
- 6:30 p.m.** Youth Volunteer Toronto Trip Meeting (*Schoolhouse*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Adult Bible Study & Prayer (*103*)
- Youth Toronto Trip Meeting (*Schoolhouse*)
- 7:05 p.m.** Connections Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)
- Thursday 6:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner (*meet at China Wok in Bluffton*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Deacon Meeting (*103*)
- High School Summer Session (*Ron & Tobi Meyer's home*)
- Men's Prayer Time (*Sanctuary*)
- Young Adult Small Group (*Jaden & Amber August's home*)
- 8:30 p.m.** Young Adult Basketball (*CMC*)
- 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*)
- Senior High 1 (*Miracle Camp, Grades 9-12*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering (*CMC*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
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~WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS~

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**Congratulations** to Brett & Kylie (Cox) Baxter who were united in marriage on Saturday, June 10 in Florida.

**Congratulations** to Mathias & Julie (Althaus) Klausung who were united in marriage yesterday here at Ebenezer.

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 25 ~

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**The Infant and Toddler Nursery:**

Jason & Kim Fritsch, John & Jaime Shaw

**The Good News Hour:** Jaden & Amber August, Emily Gladwell, Dan & Deb Huber, Jared Meyer, Rachel Moser, Kathy Steiner, Sarah Walker, Hannah Willow

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**High School Toronto trip meeting** on Wednesday, June 21, in the schoolhouse. Volunteers will meet from 6:30-7:00 p.m. and students 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Miracle Camp Reminder:** After registering online at <http://www.miraclecamp.com/> please sign up at the Information Center in the Missions Center so we can arrange transportation and approve scholarships. Located with the sign-up sheet is a suggested packing list you may find helpful for your camper.

**Join us this summer** as our Connections small group dives into the book "Crossing the Waters," winner of the 2017 Christianity Today Book of the Year for Christian Living. The author is Leslie Leyland Fields. In the book, she'll cross the waters of time and culture to take us out on the Sea of Galilee, through a rugged season of commercial fishing with her family in Alaska, and through the waters of the New Testament. This small group will be a ten-week series, beginning Wednesday, June 21, through Wednesday, August 23. Meet at the Bluffton McDonald's at 7:05 p.m. Books may be ordered from Pastor Jim for \$10.

**Ladies Mystery Dinner:** Although not such a mystery, we are meeting on Thursday, June 22, at China Wok, in Bluffton at 6:00 p.m. If anyone needs a ride to China Wok please e-mail [womens.ministry@ebenezermennonite.org](mailto:womens.ministry@ebenezermennonite.org) or call Tammy Whitlow at 260-433-9491.

**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, July 2. A luncheon will be provided following the morning Worship Gathering.

**Women's Ministries Note:** Vertical Church Band with Lysa Terkeurst is on Wednesday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The church van will leave Ebenezer at 3:00 p.m. We have contacted those who have signed up. If you have not been contacted or would like to sign up, please call Jaime Shaw at 260-241-0843 or e-mail at [jjshawfamily@gmail.com](mailto:jjshawfamily@gmail.com) by Wednesday, June 21.