

August 20, 2017



Ebenezer Emissary

Come friends; let us warmly welcome each other and join together to worship God. In the spirit of the psalmist who wrote: *O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and Let the redeemed of the Lord say so...* (Psalm 107: 1-2), let us praise the Lord. Hearts warmed by the Spirit cause hands to reach out in love.

Make yourself at home, you are among friends who would love for you to be part of the family! 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. Please feel free to place completed ones in the offering plate.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Week 4 – ABF Elective (115)
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 – Pastor Jim (CMC)
Teach Us to Pray – Pray Like a Tax Collector
Scripture: Pastor Dick
Special Music: Kara Zink
- 11:30 a.m.** Youth Parent Meeting (FH)
- 6:30 p.m.** Small Group (Pastor Jim & Pat's home)

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

In the Hospital: Dick Dukes, OSU James Center.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Maurice & Eileen Garmatter. They are celebrating their 66th Wedding Anniversary today!

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 _____

~ ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS ~

The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please e-mail the church office with the name of your college, starting date, your mailing address, and college year to: info@ebenezymennonite.org. You may also fill out the appropriate information below. Thanks so much!

Name of College: _____
 Starting Date: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

 College Year: _____
 E-mail Address: _____

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Sept./Oct.** Message Series – *Live Generously*
- Sept. 23** Hunter Safety Class (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., FH)
- Oct. 30** Evening Sew (6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 31** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., CMC)
- Nov. 5-12** Missions Conference – *Punching Holes in the Darkness*
For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! – Ephesians 5:8 (NLT)
- Jan. 12-14** Junior High Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
- Feb. 23-25** High School Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
- July 27-29** Family Camp 2018 (Whitewater Memorial State Park, Indiana)

Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 13:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	234
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	330
Baptism Service	(6:30 p.m.)	131

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 21-27

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

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (<i>Bluffton McDonald's</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Engage Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>) Men's Prayer Time (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Wild Game Trap Shoot (<i>outside field</i>)
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Engage and Youth Ministries (<i>by Bluffton Tennis Courts</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Week 5 – ABF Elective (<i>115</i>) Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>2 year olds-B16,</i> <i>3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	11:30 a.m.	Engage Luncheon (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Small Group (<i>Pastor Jim & Pat's home</i>)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

Frank & Patty Boehm, Ashley Fry, Olivia Spallinger

The Good News Hour:

Jaden & Amber August, Emily Gladwell, Cory & Molly Meyer,
Kathy Steiner, Hannah Willow

All students with projects at the county fairs please give a copy of your schedule to Pastor David. Thank you!

~ CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Engage and Youth Ministries will be handing out free hotdogs and bottled water to anyone before the Bluffton High School and Cory Rawson football game on Friday, August 25, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will also have available information for our upcoming September message series, *Generous Living*. Please stop by the tennis courts and say hi!

Those newer to our fellowship and college age are invited to stay for lunch shortly after the Worship Gathering next Sunday, August 27. This is an opportunity to get to know one another better! Lunch will be provided - all we need is you! Contact Pastor Jim at jim.king@ebenezermennonite.org if you have any questions.

The Service Group of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will hold a silent auction during the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 23, at the Mennonite Memorial Home. The service group is seeking donations for this fund raiser. If you have an item that you would like to donate, please contact Benji Bergstrand, MHCO volunteer coordinator, at 419-358-1015, Ext. 248 before Wednesday, August 30.

Hunter Safety Class: The Wild Game Committee is sponsoring a Hunter Safety Education Class on Saturday, September 23. You can sign up online at <http://ohiodnr.gov>, look under Programs – Classes. Youth 10 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls after my laser spine surgery. Thank you also for those who supported the Gold Star 4-H Chicken BBQ in my benefit. I am so blessed to have such a loving church family. God bless you all. – *Gina Burkholder*

Dear friends at Ebenezer: Thank you so much for allowing us to come and share an update with you recently. It's always a privilege to report on what God is doing in our ministry at the Bible School and around the world. We serve an awesome God! It was a real blessing to share in the Junior High and High School Sunday School class. We thank the Lord for their interest in missions at a young age and we look forward to what He will do in their lives in the future. Thank you also for allowing us to visit the Sharing Room and pick up some much needed things. We are so thankful for your faithful support, your continuous prayers, and your loving care for our family. We are truly blessed to be a part of your team. - *For the least-reached, Chuck & Naomi Smith*

Week 5 - Adult Bible Fellowship Elective

Sunday, August 27, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 115

“Lead – Servant Leadership”

Mission: Reach – Teach – Care

Home model of three rooms; family room, living room, kitchen

Leader: Pastor Jim King

Note from Women's Ministry Committee: If you would like to be contacted by e-mail to be informed about upcoming Women's Ministries activities, please RSVP to their e-mail address as follows: womens.ministry@ebenezermennonite.org.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Marvin & Karen Garmatter

Missions Center: Madeline Burghaze, Maria Spallinger