

September 3, 2017

Ebenezer Emissary



We give you a warm welcome. What a delight to have you join in fellowship today. May you feel God's presence as you worship. *Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Psalm 95:6*

We are so excited to be starting a new series this morning entitled, *Generous Living*. If you are here for the first time this morning we would like to give you a gift. Please stop by the welcome table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and drop off your completed Ebenezer Communications Card (helps our Body stay connected) which is part of the Emissary to receive Andy Stanley's book, *How to be Rich*.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Week 6 – 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)
Creator God – The Generous Giver
Scripture: Pastor Dale
Special Music: Jasmine Whitlow

~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

Congratulations to Jaden & Amber August on the birth of their daughter, Maren Marie, on Friday, August 25, weighing 8.8 oz.

~ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ~

Congratulations to Bob & Dot Gratz. Wednesday, September 6, will mark their 71st wedding anniversary!

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@ebenezermennonite.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. 23** Hunter Safety Class (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., FH)
Wild Game Trap Shoot (8:30 a.m., outside field)
- Sept. 27** See You at the Pole (7:15 a.m., BHS flag pole)
Wednesday Night Children's Program Kick Off
(6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's, 8161 Columbus Grove Rd., Bluffton)
- Sept. 28** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner
(5:15 p.m., meet at the church)
- Oct. 7** Berean ABF (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Oct. 19** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner
(5:15 p.m., meet at the church)

- Oct. 21** Wild Game Trap Shoot (8:30 a.m., outside field)
 - 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. 4** Maranatha ABF (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
 - Nov. 5-12** Missions Conference – *Punching Holes in the Darkness*
 - Dec. 2** Youth Group (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
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- 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)

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

The Beginning

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:26-31 (NIV)

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on August 27:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	245
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	379

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Junior High and High School Small Groups kick off will be held on Sunday, September 10, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse.

Junior High Students: Dodgeball and devos will begin on Wednesday, September 13, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

High School Students: Dodgeball will begin on Wednesday, September 13, from 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Bread of Life Ministries (John 6:35): This is a Senior High activity which will coincide with Wednesday night Dodgeball. The evening will consist of cooking, fun, food, and fellowship in the Church Kitchen. It will last from 8:30-10 and starts up September 13. Hope to see you there!!

Junior High trip to the corn maze will be held on Saturday, September 16. Please meet at the church at 6:00 p.m.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Janie Wireman

Missions Center: Dave & Lydia Huber

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 4-10

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

Monday ** Labor Day Holiday – Church Offices Closed**

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (*FH*)
6:00 p.m. Men's Prayertime for Families (*103*)
Women's War Room (*FH*)
Worship Team Rehearsal (*CMC*)

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Time (*Sanctuary*)
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*)
6:00 p.m. Junior High and High School
(Small Groups Kick Off, Schoolhouse)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

Brett & Kylie Baxter, Grant & Emily Warner

The Good News Hour:

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

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Our Daily Bread: Pick up your copy of the September, October, & November 2017 issue at the Information Center in the Missions Center or the wall rack in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer.

PrimeTimers will take place at noon this Tuesday, September 5, at St. John Mennonite Church. Following a free luncheon, the Morse Family Gospel will perform. PrimeTimers is a monthly lunch gathering for persons age 55 or older. For more information including the menu, please see the church bulletin boards.

Come join us to pray for our youth: The Women's Prayer War Room will start this Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. We are excited to see our Heavenly Father moving in answer to prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Seefeldt at 404-788-9079 or Saun Niswander at 419-615-5621.

Men's Prayertime for Families: Any men interested in praying for the families of our church are invited to join us in the Conference Room (103) on Wednesdays beginning this week at 6:00 p.m. Call Pastor Dale at 419-358-8588 if you have any questions.

MOPS News: On Saturday, September 9, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon, we will have our Mom2Mom Sale in the Crossroads Ministry Center. We will have a bake sale by donation and will be collecting non-perishable food for the Bluffton Food Pantry. For more information, please contact Lydia Steiner at 419-606-3230.

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.

Please stop by the Information Center in the Missions Center. There you will find ready-made welcome postcards and also smaller cards with all the church contact information you can use to invite someone to worship. Also junior high and high school fall calendars and information on how to stay connected with our Ebenezer youth activities via text alerts. There are a wide variety of pamphlets, missionary prayer cards, Daily Bread booklets, ministry opportunities, and building reservation forms.

~ THANK YOU ~

Small Town Super Hero Owen Weaver: A gift of \$1,300 is being donated to Owen Weaver and his family. This gift represents the net proceeds from this year's Dinner Theatre ticket sales and other donations. Since the specially outfitted van has been purchased, Owen's parents, Chad and Melissa, have been saving the extra donated funds to plan a bathroom remodel for him. Thank you to each one for your support of Dinner Theatre and for your demonstration of love to the Weaver family!