

# Ebenezer Emissary



~ PRAYING FOR YOUR PASTOR'S WIFE ~

**10/9 Protection from Evil** - *Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.* Psalm 91:9 Ask God to protect your pastor's wife from the evil plots of Satan. Pray that she will not be corrupted as she rubs shoulders with the world.

**10/10 Prayer Hedges** - *The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.* Proverbs 31:11 Pray that God will build a hedge of protection around her marriage and that she and her husband will be aware of the potential for any improper relationships. Pray that their family time will be protected.

**10/11 A Guarded Heart** - *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.* Romans 13:14 Pray that your pastor's wife will be morally pure and that she will wear the armor of God so that she will not fall into sexual temptation. Ask God to guard her heart concerning the use of free time and that she will be especially discerning in her use of e-mails, the Internet, television, and other media.

**10/12 Deep Friendships** - *Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise.* Proverbs 13:20 Pray that God will bring godly friends and encouragers to your pastor's wife and her family to strengthen them for the ministry and to provide meaningful fellowship, accountability, and times of rest.

**10/13 Prayer and Worship** - *And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.* Mark 1:35 Pray that she will be a woman of prayer and worship and that she will lead by example—teaching women how to walk in a close relationship with the Father.

**10/14 A Balanced Life** - *But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.* 1 Corinthians 9:27 Your pastor's wife is a busy woman. Pray that she will make wise lifestyle choices in order to protect her health, especially in the areas of exercise, eating moderately, and getting sufficient rest. Pray for times of relaxation and renewal to balance the stress of ministry.

**10/15 Fearing God** - *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.* Hebrews 11:6 Pray that your pastor's wife will focus on the Word of God and walk by faith in the fear of the Lord—rather than the fear of man. Pray that she will not seek acceptance from others or compare herself with them, but that she will discover true freedom in her position in Christ.

**Ebenezer Communications Card**

Please take a moment to complete the information below. You may place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I am interested in information on:**

- Ebenezer Mennonite Church    Baptism    Membership  
 Child dedication    Getting involved in ministry  
 Joining a small group    Prayer requests \_\_\_\_\_

**Trustees** are now accepting snow removal bids until Friday, October 13, at 5:00 p.m. Please give your bid to the church office.

**A 2018 trip** to Haiti with Mission Possible is planned for February 3-10. Volunteers are needed. Interested people can contact Joshua Steiner at 419-234-7041 or steinerjd@gmail.com.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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. 22** Area Mennonite Church Hymn Sing *(4 p.m., Yoder Hall BU)*

**Christian Education Weekend**

- Oct. 28** Teacher Training *(9-11 a.m., FH)*  
**Oct. 29** *The Last Christian Generation in America*  
*(9 a.m., for all ABF classes, CMC)*  
 Christian Education Sunday *(10:15 a.m., CMC)*  
*Whoever Wants Our Kids the Most, Will Get Them*  
 Parent Seminar *(11:30 a.m., lunch will be provided, CMC)*  
*Creating a Jesus Friendly Environment in Our Homes*

- 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 Week *(Punching Holes in the Darkness)*  
**Dec. 2** Youth Group *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*  
**Dec. 8** Ladies' Christmas Tea *(6:30 p.m., CMC)*  
**Jan. 12-14** Junior High Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*  
**Feb. 3-10** Missions Trip with Mission Possible *(Haiti)*  
**Feb. 11-17** SIM Work Team *(Charlotte, NC)*  
**Feb. 11-24** SIM Building Construction Team *(Charlotte, NC)*  
**Feb. 23-25** High School Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*  
**July 27-29** Family Camp 2018 *(Whitewater Memorial State Park, Indiana)*

~ 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 Gathering – Pastor Jim *(CMC)*  
*Generous Living: Change-Giving Generously*  
*Scripture Reading: Pastor David*  
*Special Music: Tiffany Rodabaugh*  
**11:30 a.m.** Congregational Meeting *(Sanctuary)*  
 Women's Ministries Meeting *(115)*  
**6:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers' Choir *(Grades 1-6, 118-119)*  
 Junior High & High School Small Groups  
*(Meet in schoolhouse)*  
 Small Groups *(Kings, Lemleys)*  
**7:00 p.m.** Sunday Evening Bible Study *(Sanctuary Foyer)*

**Our sympathy** to the family of Leola Stemen. Leola, the mother of Kay Spallinger, passed away on Tuesday, October 3. Services were held yesterday at Lima Baptist Temple.

**A special congregational meeting** will be held in the Sanctuary today immediately following the Worship Gathering to discuss and vote on the following recommendation:

*Following a thorough and comprehensive inspection and evaluation of the church's present Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems, it was confirmed that our present HVAC systems need to be either repaired, replaced, or improved to make the systems more efficient and reliable. The Trustee and Deacon Boards are recommending this work be completed in the near future, have solicited bids, and have developed a proposal based on the lowest bidder. The Trustees and Deacons are requesting approval to 1) move ahead with this project at an estimated cost of \$357,000 plus a 10% contingency and to 2) approve the needed financing for this project.*

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on October 1:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	254
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	405
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	122

**E-Giving:** Giving to Ebenezer is available electronically. This can be done by using your checking account or card online ([www.ebenzermennonite.org/giving](http://www.ebenzermennonite.org/giving)) or by using EasyTithe Mobile App. If you desire assistance with the set-up process or have questions or problems, please contact Kathy Brauen at the church office 419-358-8588.

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~ MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK ~

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**Tim & Tiffany Gallant - Global Partners-Cambodia**

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tntgallant@hotmail.com

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

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**A Neighboring Child:** Many from Ebenezer are sponsoring a child through Compassion and Mission Possible. All sponsors are invited to share their stories and pray for their children on Saturday, October 14, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Bluffton McDonald's. Pastor Jim will moderate the event.

**The Wednesday Night Children's Ministry** is still in need of one teacher for Grades 3&4 boys and 3-4 helpers. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. High school students as well as adults are encouraged! The classes meet for a little over an hour with recreation and snack time included. The teaching materials are provided and are simple to use. If you are interested or have questions, please call or text Marti Meza at 419-296-9574.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center: Larry & Ginny Moser*

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 9-15**

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	MOPS (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Beth Moore's Daniel Study (Sanctuary Foyer) Christian Education Com. Meeting (103)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Family Supper (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Prayertime for Families (103) Women's War Room (FH) Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Devotional & Prayer (103) Children's Ministries (Various Classrooms) Cup of Grace (115) Junior High Dodgeball and Devos (CMC) Ladies' Bible/book study (Room S4) Women Walking in Grace (Schoolhouse)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	High School Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen) High School Dodgeball (CMC)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship (Various Classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)
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~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 ~

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**Infant and Toddler Nurseries:** Ella Badertscher,

Lehman Family, Jennifer Navarro

**The Good News Hour:** Rosemary Carman, Ashley Fry, Pat King, Karna Marquart, Jessica Robinson, Kathy Steiner, Olivia Spallinger

**Special Note:** Josh (Lisa) Boehr, son-in-law of Dave & Naomi Miller and brother of Jamie Nygaard, was recently ordained and will be installed as a pastor at Knox Presbyterian Church today.

**Mennonite Women Invitation:** First Mennonite Church, Bluffton, would like to invite you to their Mennonite Women Centennial Celebration, Thursday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. in their Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Anita Hooley Yoder, author of the book, Circles of Sisterhood, which celebrates 100 years of Mennonite women history of mission, service, and fellowship. Autographed copies of the book will be available at the cost of \$25. Betty Shelly will lead devotions from the chapter, "Give" in the devotional, *Live Your Call*. Focusing on Jesus' need to pass on the gifts and teaching necessary for His disciples to continue His ministry, author Anna Liechty Sawatzky writes, "Sharing power is a transformative action, it is the intentional act of giving up some of one's own power in order that someone else might have it. We sometimes call this servant leadership." Refreshments will be served following the program.

**You are invited** to be a part of a Swiss Community Historical Society public hymn sing, "Great Day of Singing," scheduled for Sunday, October 22, at 4 p.m. in Yoder Recital Hall of Bluffton University. Join together to sing traditional Mennonite hymns (a cappella). Ebenezer will be providing a special hymn selection during the program. In addition, Bradley Kauffman, project director of a forthcoming new hymnal from MennoMedia, will lead the congregation in hymns exploring the musical heritage of local Swiss immigrant churches. This special hymn sing is one of the events of "The Mirror of the Martyrs" on exhibit at Bluffton University from October 1-November 5. This exhibit is based on illustrated martyr stories from the 1685 "Martyrs Mirror," which tells in fresh ways how martyrs past and present have witnessed to their faith under oppression and persecution. For more information on the events associated with the exhibit, see the posters on the bulletin boards in the Missions Center and near the Kitchen.

**Christian Education Weekend:** KidMin Trainer, Richard Crider, Director of Training for DiscipleLand Curriculum, will be here at Ebenezer the weekend of October 28 & 29. Richard will share with us his passion for seeing children's ministry leaders, teachers, and parents capture a renewed vision of how God can use them to disciple children in their lives. Child care will be available.