

October 22, 2017

Ebenezer Emissary



~ PRAYING FOR YOUR PASTOR'S WIFE ~

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)

10/23: Ministry Team Unity Romans 14:19; *So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.* Romans 14:19 Pray for spiritual unity between the pastor's wife and others in the church—especially other staff members' wives. Pray that the enemy will not be allowed to create divisions, strife, or misunderstanding in any way.

10/24: Clothed with Christ Proverbs 31:25; *Strength and dignity are her clothing.* Proverbs 31:25 Pray that your pastor's wife will be clothed with strength and dignity. Pray that she will have a gentle and gracious spirit and represent the Lord well as His ambassador.

10/25: A Heart for Revival 2 Chronicles 7:14 *If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.* 2 Chronicles 7:14 Pray that your pastor's wife will seek God for personal revival and revival in your church and community. Pray that she will quickly repent when she sins or strays from her Good Shepherd's side and that she learn the will and ways of God.

10/26: The Mind of Christ Psalm 119:46 *I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame.* Psalm 119:46 Pray that your pastor's wife will think biblically—with the mind of Christ—and practice the expression of her faith with boldness in places of influence.

10/27: Seeking God's Will 1 Samuel 15:22; *Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice.* 1 Samuel 15:22 Pray that she will earnestly seek God's will and be committed to instant and complete obedience—ready for God to work powerfully in and through her life and ministry.

10/28: Virtuous Excellence Proverbs 31:10-31 *Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.* Proverbs 31:30 Pray that she will strive for personal excellence as a Proverbs 31 woman and will believe God to accomplish His will in her as a virtuous woman.

10/29: A Growing Faith 1 John 4:18; *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.* 1 John 4:18 Pray that your pastor's wife will be a woman of faith and passionate love for God, not giving in to worries, fears, or an uptight and anxious spirit.

~ 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: Live Appropriately
Scripture Reading: Don Leader
Special Music: Brent Zimmerman
- 11:30 a.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting *(FH)*
- 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)*

You are invited to be a part of a Swiss Community Historical Society public hymn sing, "Great Day of Singing," at 4 p.m. today in Yoder Recital Hall of Bluffton University. Ebenezer will be providing a special hymn selection during the program. 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. 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 – OCT. 28 & 29 ~

KidMin Trainer, Richard Crider, Director of Training for DiscipleLand Curriculum, will be our special speaker next weekend. 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. Sign up in the Crossroads Ministry Center foyer for the lunch and childcare on Sunday. Please see the insert for more details.

Ebenezer Communications Card

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

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 _____

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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)*
- Nov. 13-20** Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week
- 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)*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on October 15:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	214
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	369
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	112

~ MISSIONS CONFERENCE NOV. 5-8 & 12 ~

Hospitality Opportunities! Our 54th Annual Festival of Missions begins soon. There are several missionaries who need a place to stay and meals to eat. What a great way to share your heart of hospitality! Please sign up in the Crossroads Ministry Foyer to host and/or provide meals for our missionaries. Thank you and may God be glorified through your generosity!

Missions Conference All Church Lunch: The church family is invited to lunch following the morning Worship Gathering with our missionaries on November 5. The Missions Committee will provide shredded pork and shredded chicken sandwiches. Please bring salad and dessert to share. Let us know your participation by signing up in your Adult Bible Fellowship class or in the Missions Center. There is no cost for this lunch.

Missions Banquet: Reserve your ticket for the Missions Banquet, Sunday, November 12, at 5:00 p.m. in the Missions Center today. Cost is \$5 per adult and children 10 and under are free.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: OCTOBER 23-29

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

- Monday** 9:00 a.m. MOPS (FH)
7:00 p.m. Beth Moore's Daniel Study (Sanctuary Foyer)
- Tuesday** 6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (103)
- Wednesday** 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)
5:30 p.m. Family Supper (FH)
6:00 p.m. Connections Small Group (Cindy Clymer's home)
Men's Prayertime for Families (103)
Women's War Room (FH)
Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
7:00 p.m. 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)
8:30 p.m. High School Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen)
High School Dodgeball (CMC)
- Thursday** 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
8:30 p.m. Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
- Friday** 6:00 p.m. Genesis ABF Class Gathering (CMC)
- Saturday** 9:00 a.m. Teacher Training-Richard Crider (FH)
- Sunday** 9:00 a.m. *The Last Christian Generation in America* (All ABF classes, CMC)
Sunday School (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. Christian Education Sunday (CMC) *Whoever Wants Our Kids the Most, Will Get Them*
11:30 a.m. Parent Seminar (lunch will be provided, CMC) *Creating a Jesus Friendly Environment in Our Homes*
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)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries: John & Jaime Shaw, Brian & Kendy Young Family

The Good News Hour: Jaden & Amber August, Ashley Eachus, Jammie, Kirby, & Keaton Halker, Julie Rieman, Lily Shadle

Connections small group will feature the book, *Just Courage*, by Gary Haugen (International Justice Mission). The cost of the book is \$12. We will meet on Wednesdays at Bluffton McDonald's at 7:05 p.m. November 1, 15, & 29 and December 6 & 20. Contact Pastor Jim at 419-358-8588 or jim.king@ebenezymennonite.org for more information.

Volunteers Needed: The Wednesday Night Children's Ministry needs a teacher and 2-3 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.

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.

You're Invited to the Lima Rescue Mission 111th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, October 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. Musical guest is harpist Greg Buchanan. Tickets are free and are required for admission. Seating is limited-please request your tickets today by calling 419-224-6961 or e-mail at rescue@limamission.org.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week is November 13-20. Toothpaste or candy are no longer allowed in shoeboxes due to customs regulations. See all gift suggestions at (/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/). A flyer with more information will be in the Emissary next Sunday.

Young Adult Mission Trip: Young Adults (post high school – age 28) are invited to participate in a mission trip to La Mision, Mexico July 14–21, 2018 with Be2Live. The projects could include clearing land, building construction, painting, drywalling, interaction at orphanages, food distribution, and more. An informational meeting will be held in November for those interested in finding out more. Approximate cost for the trip, including air fare to San Diego, is \$1,100. Various fund raising projects will begin in January 2018. For additional information contact Barbara Steiner at 419-230-0979 or Dan Steiner at 419-234-5385.