

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friendly Reminder:** When scheduling any ministry or other event, please contact the church office to have it placed on the church calendar and to complete any necessary forms. This includes the use of any rooms or areas within the church buildings, outside fields, or bonfire pit. Hopefully this will prevent any overlap, and it is an insurance requirement, as well. Building request forms are located in the Missions Center at the Information Center. Please use the sign-out sheet on the bulletin board in the kitchen when borrowing items.

~ MANY THANKS ~

**Dear Church Family:** Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift to Luke and me! We are looking forward to celebrating our Savior's birthday for the first time as a married couple. Thank you for thinking of us and praying for us as we enter the holiday season. – *Much love & prayers, Luke & Tiffany Jones*

**Dear Ebenezer Family:** Thank you so much for your encouragement, prayer, and support! Thanks also for your generosity with the White Christmas Gift! What a blessing, may God bless you. – *Love, Lyndon & Lori Loewen*

**Dear Ebenezer Church Family:** Thank you for the nice Christmas gift. You are such a blessing in the ministry and to our family! – *All for His glory, Sarah & Caleb Elsea*

### ~ CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE ~

Sunday, November 19

At our Child Dedication Service, parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family.

**Parents, if you would like to take part in this service we need you to register your child or children in one of the following ways:**

- \* Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Jim.
- \* Provide a digital photo of you with the child or children to be dedicated. Send to: info@ebenezymennonite.org.
- \* Please register and have photo turned in to the church office today. There will be a time in the dedication where your child will specifically be prayed for. This prayer can be offered by you, a family member, friend, or pastor. Please let us know who will be praying.

*Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication.*

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- 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)
- Dec. 10** Children's Christmas Program (6:30 p.m., CMC)
- Dec. 24** Christmas Worship Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)  
*\*\*No Sunday School or Adult Bible Fellowship\*\**  
Christmas Eve Service (6:00 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)
- Mar. 24** Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- July 14-21** Young Adult Missions Trip with Be2Live (Mexico)
- July 27-29** Family Camp 2018 (Whitewater Memorial State Park, Indiana)



November 12, 2017

# Ebenezer Emissary

## 54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF MISSIONS



### ~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Junior High-ABF, Keith Haywood (CMC)  
Grades 1-6, YFC Ministry Staff (Sanctuary Foyer)
- 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.** **54th Annual Festival of Missions -**  
Keith Haywood, Operation Mobilization (CMC)  
*Special Music:* Sarah Lehman
- 11:30 a.m.** High School Missions Trip Meeting (103)  
Young Adult Missions Trip Meeting (FH)
- 5:00 p.m.** Festival of Missions Banquet (CMC)
- 6:00 p.m.** Children's Missionary Adventure -  
Sarah Elsea, Child Evangelism Fellowship (CMC)  
**Celebration of Missions -** Keith Haywood (CMC)

**A special welcome** to our guest speaker this morning, Keith Haywood, who serves with Operation Mobilization. Special thanks to the Youth For Christ ministry staff who are sharing with our Grades 1-6 students in the Sanctuary Foyer.

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on November 5:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	279
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	388
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	163

**Attendance on November 6:**

Missions Conference	(7:00 p.m.)	145
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**Attendance on November 7:**

Missions Conference	(7:00 p.m.)	160
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**Attendance on November 8:**

Missions Conference	(7:00 p.m.)	200
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**Our sympathy** to the family of Imogene Bassett. Imogene, the mother of Dennis and sister of Don Anderson, passed away on Friday, November 3. Services were held Tuesday at Pleasant View Church of the Brethren.

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~ MISSIONS TRIP MEETINGS TODAY ~

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**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. An informational meeting will be held today in the Fellowship Hall following the morning Worship Gathering for those interested in finding out more. 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.

**High School** students and parents who are interested in the mission trip to Miami, Florida (June 21-28) will meet in the Conference Room (103) following the morning Worship Gathering today.

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Jerry & Vickie Cartwright

*Missions Center:* Bob & Sue Spallinger

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 13-19**

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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>7:00 p.m.</b>	Church Council Meeting (103) Prayer Action Team (Church Library)
<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>	Connections Small Group (serve meal at Rally Point) 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) 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>
	<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)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship/Child Dedication (CMC)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119) Junior High & High School Small Groups (Meet in schoolhouse)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Sunday Evening Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 ~

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**Infant and Toddler Nurseries:**

Ashley Fry, Halker Family, Olivia Spallinger

**The Good News Hour:**

Janet Brauen, Rosemary Carman, Kim Gordon,  
Gabe & Hannah Meyer, Jessica Robinson, Olivia Spallinger

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~ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2017 ~

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**National Collection This Week**, November 13-20, here at Ebenezer! If you would like to volunteer (greet people, collect shoeboxes, and do simple paperwork) please sign up in the Missions Center for available dates: Monday-Friday 5-7 p.m., Saturday 8-10 a.m., and Sunday 1-3 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Tom or Annie Spallinger at 419-358-0140. *Thank you for praying and volunteering with Operation Christmas Child!*

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**Ladies, Christmas tea is coming up!** Friday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale today through December 3. This year we are having guest speaker, Leah Lynch, share with us. Leah is wife of Andy Lynch, from WTLW-44. So bring your favorite tea cup, bring a friend, and enjoy an evening of fellowship, tea, and music. Any questions contact Kelli Foster at 419-234-3559.

**The Service Group** of the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will hold their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Friday, November 17, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The bake sale will feature a variety of home baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles, and breads. This annual event will be held in the Mennonite Memorial Home (MMH) lobby. If you wish to donate any baked goods, please mark with MMH and place in the church kitchen by 8:30 that morning or deliver to the MMH. Thank you for your support!

**The Wild Game Committee** is in need of any kind of wild game for the annual Wild Game Event (March 24). If you have some and would like to donate it, call Joe Alt at 419-234-1247.

**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.