

November 26, 2017

# Ebenezer Emissary



*We welcome you to worship this Sunday with sincere joy! 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.** 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 Dale *(CMC)*  
*Bless the Children: A Good Family*  
*Scripture Reading: Pastor David*  
*Special Music: Janice Althaus*
- 6:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers’ Choir *(Grades 1-6, 118-119)*  
Junior High & High School Small Groups  
*(Meet in schoolhouse)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Sunday Evening Bible Study *(Sanctuary Foyer)*

### ~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

**In the Hospital:** Pastor Warren - cards may be sent to: c/o Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Baker, 1924 Liberty Court, Pekin, IL 61554.

### ~ FAITH PROMISE UPDATE~

**Give our praises to our Lord!** The promises presently amount to \$282,430, exceeding our goal of \$275,000. Faith Promise pledges will be taken until the end of December. Pledge cards may be picked up in the Missions Center, Crossroads Ministry Center, or the church office. Thank you again for your prayers and pledges that make our missions program a great blessing to many missionaries and ministries. - *Missions Committee*

### 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 ~

- Dec. 8** Ladies’ Christmas Tea *(6:30 p.m., CMC)*
- Dec. 10** Children’s Christmas Program *(6:30 p.m., CMC)*
- Dec. 13** Congregational Meeting *(7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)*
- Dec. 21** Women’s Ministries Mystery Dinner  
*(5:15 p.m., meet at church)*
- 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. 6** Living Faith ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- 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)*
- June 10-16** Middle School 1 *(Grades 5&6, Miracle Camp)*
- June 17-23** Junior High 1 *(Grades 7&8, Miracle Camp)*
- July 8-14** Senior High 2 *(Grades 9-12, Miracle Camp)*
- July 14-21** Young Adult Missions Trip with Be2Live *(Mexico)*
- July 27-29** Family Camp 2018 *(Whitewater Memorial State Park, Indiana)*
- July 29-Aug. 1** Grade School 2&3 *(Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)*
- July 29-Aug. 4** Grade School 2&3 *(Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)*

**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. 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.

**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.

### ~ THANK YOU! ~

**Ebenezer Family:** Thank you! It was a real honor and privilege to be a part of your 54<sup>th</sup> annual missions conference. We truly appreciated your hospitality, love, and encouragement that we received from each one of you! Again, thank you for your support and may God bless you! – *Serving Him, Mike & Sandy Gleason*

### ~ CONTACT INFORMATION ~

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on November 19:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	248
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	441
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	91

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~ LADIES, TIME TO GET YOUR TICKETS ~

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

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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Crossroads Ministry Center: Bart & Joy Moser  
Missions Center – Wayne & Susan Bixel

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: NOV. 27 – DEC. 3

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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>	Youth Volunteer Meeting (schoolhouse)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Committee Meeting (103)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Prayertime for Families (103) 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)
	<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>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	High School Students (Lima Rescue Home)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Haiti Medical Trip Meeting (Church Library)
	<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 Gathering (CMC)
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	Women's Ministries Meeting (115)
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Messiah (Bluffton University)
	<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, DECEMBER 3 ~

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**Infant and Toddler Nurseries:**

Sue Epp, Jennifer Navarro, Gail Schantz, Tammy Whitlow

**The Good News Hour:**

Kathy & Kassandra Bishop, Mary Glick, Traci Heinze,  
John & Jaime Shaw

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~ BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ~

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**Congratulations** to Andrew & Sarah Winebrenner (missionaries with Cru at the University of Cincinnati) on the birth of their daughter, Finley Carolyn, on Friday, November 17, weighing 7 lb. 9 oz. Their current address is 89 Grandview Avenue, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075.

**Bluffton Family Recreation** (BFR) is collecting gently worn, new, or used shoes through Friday, December 1. Collection points in Bluffton are Polished, Village Cut 'n' Curl, Spectrum Salon, and BFR. The donations will go to support BFR.

**Bluffton University** will host the Holiday Collage Concert at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, in Yoder Recital Hall. Become wrapped in the sounds of the season when all of Bluffton's music ensembles come together to celebrate Christmas. This event is free and open to the public. A free-will offering for scholarships will be collected.

**The Bluffton University** music department will showcase its ensembles during the annual Christmas Festival Forum on campus. The holiday concert will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, in Yoder Recital Hall. During the concert, ensembles will perform compositions that prepare hearts and minds for the Christmas season. This event is free and open to the public.

**Children's Christmas Program** is Sunday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. This will be a lovely evening of music and drama presented by the children of the church, a great way to be reminded of God's gift to everyone at Christmas.

**SIM Missions Trip:** A work team is scheduled to go to Charlotte, North Carolina, February 11-17, 2018. An additional building construction week is planned for February 18-24 if the required permits can be obtained by that time. If you are interested in serving with the team, please contact Frank Boehm at 567-371-9541 by Sunday, December 31.