

January 14, 2018

Ebenezer Emissary



Welcome, 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 Jim *(CMC)*
Be Holy – A Kingdom of Priests
Scripture Reading: Pastor Dale
Special Music: Tiffany Rodabaugh
- 5:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers’ Try-outs for speaking parts *(118-119)*
- 6:30 p.m.** Disciple Singers’ Choir *(Grades 1-6, 118-119)*
High School Small Groups *(Meet in schoolhouse)*
- 6:32 p.m.** Small Groups *(King, Lemley, Luginbuhl)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Sunday Evening Bible Study *(Sanctuary Foyer)*

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Our sympathy to the family of Phyllis Campbell. Phyllis, mother of Deb Klingler, passed away on Sunday, January 7. The funeral service was held on Friday, January 12, in Findlay.

In the Hospital: Ann Gladwell and Jed Marquart at St. Rita’s Medical Center and Owen Weaver at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus.

Please pray for the junior high students and their leaders as they return from Ice Camp at Miracle Camp in Michigan this afternoon.

Dear Ebenezer Family: Thank you for your generous year-end gift! It will help many more children hear about Jesus in our area! You are a blessing! - *All for His glory, Sarah Elsea, Child Evangelism Fellowship*

Employment Opportunity: If you are looking for seasonal employment (February – September) please check the bulletin board in the Missions Center and near the church kitchen window.

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Feb. 3** Maranatha ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- Feb. 3-10** Missions Trip with Mission Possible *(Haiti)*
- Feb. 11-17** SIM Work Team *(Charlotte, NC)*
- Feb. 23-25** High School Ice Camp *(Miracle Camp)*
- Feb. 25** Congregational Meeting *(11:30 a.m., CMC)*
- March 3** High School *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- Mar. 24** Wild Game Event *(5:00 p.m., CMC)*
- April 7** Berean ABF *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- May 5** High School *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- June 2** High School *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- June 10-16** Middle School 1 *(Grades 5&6, Miracle Camp)*
- June 17-23** Junior High 1 *(Grades 7&8, 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)*

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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 _____

Extra Cookies? If you have extra cookies or cookie dough left from the holidays, SIM (Serving in Mission) could use more than we brought last year! Please put in the church freezer marked for SIM. We will also need cookie dough in February before we go to Charlotte, North Carolina on Sunday, February 11. Thank you, it is so appreciated. - *Ginny Moser*

Year-end reports for 2017 are due on Sunday, January 28. All boards and committees should submit their annual reports to the church office for inclusion in the 2017 Annual Report.

2018 Birthday/Anniversary Calendars are available in the Missions Center and on the table in the CMC Foyer.

Dear Friends at Ebenezer: Thank you so much for your expression of sympathy on the home going of my father, Bud Sidle. Thank you also for the donation in his memory of 10 Bibles for distribution by the Gideons. It is a fitting tribute to my dad, who treasured the Word of God and sought to share it with others. I pray your gift will bear fruit for the Kingdom. - *In service together, Pam & Andy LaBreche*

Thank you Ebenezer not only for your generous Christmas gift and your ongoing financial support of the Steiners and Be2Live, but thank you for your prayers, love, and emotional support. We thank God for you, and we are grateful that we can be partners in furthering the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth. – *Thank you! Phil, Mindy, Caleb, and Chloe*

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 7:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	260
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	404
Evening Fellowship Ministries	(7:00 p.m.)	76

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Pelican Coffee orders are now in and may be picked up in the kitchen window.

Senior High Ice Camp is February 23-25. Cost is \$115 and financial aid is available. Payment is due the week before. Contact Pastor David at 567-204-9777.

Ebenezer provides transportation to and from High School and Junior High Ice Camp, but the students are responsible for the \$115 fee to attend. However, some students are unable to afford this cost. In an effort to not turn away any student wishing to attend, would you be willing to sponsor a student? If so, simply place your donation in the offering plate, but be sure to designate Ice Camp on the memo line. Thank you! If you have questions, please contact Pastor David at 567-204-9777.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Crossroads Ministry Center: Bart & Joy Moser
Missions Center: Steve & Doneta Reigle

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 15-21

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

Monday	6:00 p.m.	Finance/Investment/Legacy Committee Meeting (103)
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (103)
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	5:30 p.m.	Family Supper (FH)
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Time 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 (Church Library) Junior High Dodgeball and Devos (CMC) Pleasing Our Savior More Each Day (Schoolhouse)
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (Bluffton McDonald's)
	8:30 p.m.	High School Bread of Life Ministries (Church Kitchen) High School Dodgeball (CMC)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (103) Men's Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
	8:30 p.m.	Young Adult Basketball (CMC)
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Human Trafficking 101 (FH)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Demand for Sex Trafficking in the Trucking Industry (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.	Worship Gathering (CMC) Guest speaker-Connie Anderson
	6:30 p.m.	Disciple Singers' Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119) Junior High & High School Small Groups (Meet in schoolhouse)
	6:32 p.m.	Small Groups (King, Lemley, Luginbuhl)
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Bible Study (Sanctuary Foyer)

~ NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 ~

Infant and Toddler Nurseries:

Kevin & Melissa Hilty, John & Jaime Shaw

The Good News Hour:

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

~ JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH ~

All are invited to a seminar, this includes children who own a cell phone
Human Trafficking 101 - Connie Anderson
Director of Justice Ministries for InterVarsity Fellowship
Saturday, January 20, from 2-7:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
Free pizza supper included

Junior High, High School, and all ABF classes are invited to a seminar

Demand for Sex Trafficking in the Trucking Industry
Lynn Kolb, Transport for Christ/Exit 58
Sunday, January 21, at 9:00 a.m.
in the Crossroads Ministry Center

All are invited

Sunday, January 21, at 10:15 a.m. Morning Worship Gathering
Parents have the option for their children age 2-Grade 6 to leave before the message to be with Sarah Elsea/Child Evangelism Fellowship. They will meet in the Sanctuary Foyer.

Guest speakers:

- Connie Anderson, Director of Justice Ministries for InterVarsity Fellowship
- Kendra, trafficking survivor in the Ebenezer Crossroads Ministry Center

All events are free of cost. Please make plans to participate and invite your neighbors. Need more information, call 419-358-8588.

Family Campers: Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about booking your site for Family Camp 2018! This year we will be staying at Whitewater State Park in Indiana. Dates are July 27-29. Stop by the Missions Center for more information, or if you have questions!

Wednesday evening's Cup of Grace Bible Study is temporarily moved to the church library. We meet at 7:00 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to be a part of an eight-week Bible study titled "Pleasing our Savior More Each Day." Starting January 17 from 7-8 p.m. in the schoolhouse, we will be studying God's Word, memorizing eight verses, worshiping through hymns, praying with/for one another, and keeping each other accountable. For more information and study material, please contact Heidi Steiner 419-358-0116 or steinerhl@gmail.com.