Ecclesiastes 6:1-9

I have seen another evil under the sun, and it weighs heavily on mankind: 2 God gives some people wealth, possessions and honor, so that they lack nothing their hearts desire, but God does not grant them the ability to enjoy them, and strangers enjoy them instead. This is meaningless, a grievous evil.

3 A man may have a hundred children and live many years; yet no matter how long he lives, if he cannot enjoy his prosperity and does not receive proper burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he. 4 It comes without meaning, it departs in darkness, and in darkness its name is shrouded. 5 Though it never saw the sun or knew anything, it has more rest than does that man even if he lives a thousand years twice over but fails to enjoy his prosperity. Do not all go to the same place?

Everyone’s toil is for their mouth, yet their appetite is never satisfied.

What advantage have the wise over fools? What do the poor gain by knowing how to conduct themselves before others?

Better what the eye sees than the roving of the appetite. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

~ UPDATED-IN-PERSON CORPORATE WORSHIP ~

We encourage our vulnerable population, as well as anyone feeling ill, to continue joining us online. The service will be live in the Crossroads Ministry Center and streamed to the Schoolhouse and to the Sanctuary. The following steps will be taken to ensure the safety of all worshippers:

- Worship service will begin at 10:15 a.m., in the following locations:
  - Crossroads Ministry Center – face coverings required.
    - Please park in the south and east parking lots and enter via the south and east doors to the CMC.
  - Schoolhouse – face coverings required.
    - Please park in the parking lot adjacent to the Schoolhouse.
  - Sanctuary – face coverings required
    - Please park in the schoolhouse parking lot and enter via the doors labeled “Sanctuary/Office.”

- Emissary newsletters available online only. No handouts will be provided.
- No nursery or childcare available – families sit and stay together.
- No children’s Sunday School classes or Good News Club.
- All entry and restroom doors will be propped open. Hand sanitizers placed strategically.
- Water fountains not in service. Coffee not available but may bring a beverage from home – not to be shared.
- The Café, offices, conference room, nurseries, and basement classrooms closed on Sundays.
- Come prepared to remain in Crossroads Ministry Center, Schoolhouse, or Sanctuary. If child requires restroom, must be accompanied by adult.
- Sit alone, sit as a couple, or sit in a family unit and remain in original seat. Extra seats will be available for larger family units. Ushees will assist in seating and if extra chairs needed. Maintain social distance by remaining six feet apart from other persons/family groups.
- Offerings collected online or in boxes at the doors.
- Structured/guided dismissal by ushers.

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim

Contentment in a Discontented World
(CMC, live streamed in Sanctuary)
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 6:1-9

SPECIAL NOTICE... With Allen County moving to a Level 3 (red alert) Public Emergency due to the coronavirus, Allen County residents are being asked to wear face masks when they are in public. With this state declaration, the leadership team at Ebenezer is asking those attending in-person services today and until further notice, to wear a face covering. This applies to those 10 years and older. Those uncomfortable with wearing a mask are encouraged to watch the service online. This is an opportunity for a time such as this to “love our neighbor as we love ourselves.” (Matthew 22:39) Thank you for your understanding.
~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on July 12:
  Morning Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.)..............231

Giving for July 12:
  Benevolent Fund........................................515.00
  Building Fund/ HVAC Project..........................3,330.00
  Christian Education Fund...............................565.00
  General Fund...........................................8,960.00
  Missions Fund.........................................4,020.00
  Youth Fund..............................................140.00

White Christmas Giving:
  Sunday, July 5........................................500.00
  Sunday, July 12.......................................570.00

~ WHITE CHRISTMAS IN JULY ~

During the month of July we honor our Ebenezer missionaries with our White Christmas giving. This annual offering is to help make Christmas a little more special for our missionaries. If you wish to give, please place your gift in a separate envelope marked White Christmas as this offering is not tax deductible. You may also give through EasyTithe Mobile App found on the church website. Thank you!

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JULY 20-26 ~

(CMC Crossroads Ministry Center)

Tuesday 6:30 a.m.  Men’s Small Group (Home of Bart Moner)
Friday 8:30 a.m.   Wild Game Trap Shoot (outside)
Sunday 10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering (CMC Sanctuary)

PRAY FOR THOSE GOING TO MIRACLE CAMP (JULY 19-25)
Jackson Brauen
Sami Scoles
Quinn Eachus
Skyler Scoles

~ PRAYER CONCERNS ~

Pray for elders located in area nursing homes, isolated in their rooms without visitors.
Pray for missionaries, local and around the world. See the Weekly Prayer Guide for the Missionaries of the Week.

~ WHO CARES ABOUT YOUR TROUBLE? ~

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)
Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

~ NOTE FROM OUR DEACONS ~

Our contract with David Glick, Pastor of Student Ministries, expires in August. A congregational vote should be taken to consider extending it. However, the entirety of our congregation has not yet begun meeting in person, and there is no sure way to conduct an anonymous vote outside of in-person. Therefore, the Deacons have agreed to extend the contract for Pastor David indefinitely, until such time a proper anonymous, in-person vote may be held. Pastor David’s love for the Lord and His people is evident, and his work is greatly appreciated.

~ DESIRE BAPTISM? ~

Baptism is the public expression of a believer’s faith. It is an important step of discipleship that is intended to be shared and celebrated with other Christ-followers. If you desire to follow the Lord’s command to be baptized, please sign up with Pastor Jim (jim.king@ebenezerminnonite.org) or Pastor David (david.glick@ebenezerminnonite.org). We ask that candidates for baptism be entering high school or older. The baptism service will take place on Sunday, August 9.

~ FUND CASH BALANCES AS OF 6/30/20: ~

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June 2020 Financial Report - Giving & Expenses

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Outstanding HVAC loan balance: $93,005

~ STAY CONNECTED ~

Join the all-church email group. If you would like to be added to our all-church email group or have any prayer requests, concerns, or needs, please let us know by calling 419-358-8588 or email kathy.brauen@ebenezerminnonite.org.

~ MANY THANKS ~

One year ago, we said some of the hardest goodbyes to friends and family, and one of the “easiest” yeses to the Lord. No amount of planning could have prepared us for all God had in store in us and through us. But we are even more excited to step into year two! God has been so incredibly faithful, and we are so thankful for the Ebenezer Family and our partnership in the story God is writing in this valley and our surrounding area. His gospel is spreading, His kingdom is expanding, and we are in awe! We appreciate having you in our corner! – Shane & Amanda