

Please contact Nancy Wright at 419-759-2730 if God is calling you to lead this group of young singers.

**Today's Christian:** We have received the July/August issues of the popular magazine, *Today's Christian*. They are located in the Sanctuary Foyer and are available for purchase at \$2.00 a copy. Stop by the table today and pick up your issue.

**Beijing Bound** – With the Summer Olympics headed for Beijing, China, this August, we thought we'd do a special section on the Games. First up is Ryan and Sara Hall, a married couple literally on the run – Ryan will race in the marathon, and as we went to press, Sara was hoping to qualify in the 1500. Both are serious about their running, but even more devoted to their faith. Also, Josh Davis, who won three gold medals in swimming at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, reminisces about what really matters from an eternal perspective. We also take a look at the current state of Christianity in China, especially in the burgeoning urban church movement. And finally, we talk to a few missions organizations about their evangelism plans in Beijing this summer. Plus:

- **A Nurse Behind Bars.** How veteran nurse Kathy Lang found new direction in a juvenile justice center and brought hope and healing to the inmates. Plus: An honest crook.
- **Not My Job.** When my daughter started abusing drugs in college, I launched into control-freak mode, determined to fix everything, till a friend reminded me who's really in control.
- **Focused on Families.** In retirement, Robb and Ruth Brandt decided to turn their home into a weekend marriage retreat to mentor young couples in their church.
- **It Takes Two to Tandem.** A bicycle built for two requires at least some degree of cooperation between the riders, something that didn't quite come naturally for this couple!
- **A Church Tackles AIDS.** The HIV/AIDS pandemic is especially horrendous in Africa. Here's how one large suburban church responded to the need of its global neighbor.
- **Home Repair Disaster.** When comedian Charles Marshall

tried to fix a piece of loose siding at his house, it took 1 year, 12 steps, and a lot of trial-and-error to finish the job.

**Nine more weeks** until Sunday School starts! Please pray about the following Sunday School needs and contact Joan Steiner or the church office if you are willing to help.

- \* **Second Grade** teacher/teachers.
- \* Several **Teaching Assistants** –3-year-old, 4-year-old, 5-year-old classes.
- \* **Substitutes** for various grade levels.

**Missing Items:** Please call the church office at 419-358-8588 if anyone knows the whereabouts of a dark colored Coleman sleeping bag with orange trim or a pink duffle bag with blankets inside. These items did not return home from recent Miracle Camp trips.

**Dear Friends at Ebenezer:** I was so touched by your thoughtfulness to remember my Dad's life by giving Gideon Bibles to hotels. I think that is such a wonderful way to remember and honor his life! You have all blessed us in so many ways and we thank you for your friendship. – *Love, Lester & Verla Unruh*

**Dear Church Family:** We send these greetings from our hearts to yours. We are so thankful for your prayers and financial support for the ministry to Ghana, West Africa. We are able to continue because of your faithfulness to our Lord. Thank you for all you do! – *In His Love, Steve & Karen Rance and family*

**Church Around The World:** Copies of the monthly newsletter about how God is moving worldwide are located on the table in the Sanctuary Foyer for those who would like to pick up a copy.

### ► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- July 18&19** Bill Glass Weekend of Champions (Findlay)  
**July 20** **Founder's Day** (10:00 a.m., CMC) *No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service*  
**Founder's Day Meal** (12:00 p.m. CMC)  
**July 25-27** Family Camp (Ouabache State Park - Bluffton, IN)  
**July 27** Combined Worship Service (10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)  
*No Evening Fellowship Service*  
**Aug. 3** Youth NYC Missions Trip Report (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)  
**Aug. 17** David & Marjory Patrick/TEAM (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)



# Ebenezer

## Emissary Weekly

### July 6, 2008

### Opportunities of the Day

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Dick (*Sanctuary*)
- 9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
 Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Senior High (*leave for Miracle Camp*)
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Dick (*Sanctuary*)  
 Children's Church (*3 & 4-years-old*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** today are our thanks to God for the blessings of his goodness, guidance, and grace over the past 60 years. We can say what the Bible affirms of Jacob, *They seemed to him but a few days, because of his love for her.* Genesis 29:20 NASB – *Dick & Ruth Tschetter*

### Senior High to Miracle Camp

July 6-12 • Grades 9-12

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Katlyn Bates              | Amber Bewsey                   |
| Evania Bonifaz            | Eli Bradshaw                   |
| Tyler Domer               | Cody Fields                    |
| Eli Hoffer                | Isaac Honiford                 |
| Adam Klingler             | Andrew Klingler                |
| Austin Marquart           | Elaine McCall                  |
| Trevor Meyer              | Ben Moser                      |
| Amy Reichenbach           | Julie Reichenbach              |
| Quinn Schantz             | Brittany Schroeder             |
| Aaron Shelly              | Clay Wannemacher               |
| <b>Drivers to camp:</b>   | <b>Ron &amp; Tobi Meyer</b>    |
|                           | <b>Bruce &amp; Cindy Moser</b> |
| <b>Drivers from camp:</b> | <b>Keith &amp; Alice Bates</b> |
|                           | <b>Larry Moser</b>             |

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on June 29:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	321
Combined Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	352
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	105

### Giving on June 29:

	<u>\$12,159.15</u>
Benevolent Fund	50.00
Building Fund	260.00
Christian Education Fund	605.15
Current Expense Fund	5,892.00
Missions Fund	3,202.00
New Building Fund	2,150.00

### Missions Giving –

\$600 - to Africa Inland Mission for Rodney & Faith Unruh, one time gift as they return to Kenya.

\$355 - to JANZ TEAM Ministries for Tiffany Bixel going to Germany and Czech Republic, July 12 – August 2.

\$355 - to JANZ TEAM Ministries for Tyler Bixel going to Germany and Czech Republic July 12 – August 2.

\$100 - to Stonegate Fellowship for Dan & Priscilla Thacher and family going to Acuna, Mexico July 14-19.

**Missionaries of the Week:** *Norman & Gwen Bowman* serve with **Global Outreach** in **Spain**. They write, *As you are aware, the dollar continues to weaken, and the Euro strengthens. Barcelona and Catalunya NEED the Lord! Our commission from Him is to be faithful, keep calm, and keep looking for opportunities to preach and teach the salvation that is in Christ.* Please send an email note to the Bowmans at: normanDBowman@gmail.com.

**Christmas in July:** White Christmas offerings will be received through the month of July. Please use the special White Christmas envelope enclosed in your bulletin for your gift and place in the offering plate. The total offering will be divided among our Ebenezer-member missionaries. (Since Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS, no tax-deductible receipts will be issued.) – *Missions Committee*

## Opportunities of the Week: July 7-13

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - Walking Program – Gym

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Christian Education Planning Com. (B14) Trustee Meeting (FH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	EMC Softball Game (Village Park)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Prayer Time (FH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Junior & Senior High Pizza & Putt Putt <i>(meet at Bluffton Campus Life Room to leave for Findlay)</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Unified Worship Informational Meeting <i>(CMC)</i>

Nursery workers for next Sunday,  
July 13

Sara Amstutz, Jeff & Jaime Combs, Joy & Alexis Moser,  
Renea Zimmerman

**Come join us in prayer** this Wednesday, July 9, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Let us lift up in prayer the number of transitions and needs here at Ebenezer. - *Pastor Dick*

**Pizza & Putt-Putt:** All Junior High and Senior High students are invited for a night of *Stevi B's Pizza* and a **Putt-Putt Party** on Thursday, July 10. We will leave the Bluffton Campus Life Room at 4:00 p.m. to head for Findlay. Bring enough money for your pizza and putt-putt (at least \$10.00). If you plan to come give Pastor Wade a call at 419-358-8588.

**Teachers, pastors, and ministry leaders:** You are invited to a free luncheon on Thursday, July 10, at noon at the Winebrenner Theological Seminary (950 N. Main Street, Findlay). Gateways to Better Education will present a program to help public school students learn about Christian history, thought and values by equipping Christians already involved in public schools. Please RSVP at 800-929-1163 by Tuesday, July 8. For more information see the Missions Center Bulletin Board.

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Jim & Nancy Spallinger, *Sanctuary Foyer*  
Bill & Tammy Spallinger, *Missions Center*

Kevin & Gina Burkholder, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

**Summer Adult Softball League** begins tomorrow. Games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. They will be held at the Village Park. Come out to support your EMC Softball Team! *For the complete schedule of games you may pick one up on the table in the Missions Center.*

### EMC Softball Schedule

Wed., July 9	6:00 p.m.	EMC vs. First UM Church
Mon., July 14	6:00 p.m.	EMC vs. Birchaven
Mon., July 21	7:15 p.m.	EMC vs. Lukes
Wed., July 30	7:15 p.m.	EMC vs. Lutheran Church
Mon., August 4	7:15 p.m.	EMC vs. Bluffton Baptist Church

**Questions?** The Pastors and Deacons invite you to attend an informational meeting next Sunday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m. regarding the move to one unified worship service beginning on January 4, 2009. The meeting will be held in the Crossroads Ministry Center and will include a question-and-answer time.

**Walleye Fishing Trip:** The St. John Mennonite church has invited all Ebenezer men to join them on a walleye fishing trip on Lake Erie, July 18 & 19. Please contact Tim Diller at 419-646-3682 for more information.

**Founder's Day** is scheduled for Sunday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m. As we will celebrate our past, we look forward to what God would have for us in the future. There will be an emphasis that day on retiring the remaining construction loan on the Crossroads Ministry Center of \$200,000 on or before December 31, 2008. Tickets for the noon meal that day are available beginning today in the Missions Center. Please be sure to get your ticket so we can have a count of how many will attend. There will be no charge for the meal, however, any undesignated money in the offering that day will go to defray the costs of the meal.

**Extra BANKS are available** at the back of the church and in the Missions Center for any child who wants them. The banks will be collected on Promotion Sunday, August 24, and the money will be used toward the new building fund.

**Choir director for grades 1-6** is needed starting this fall.