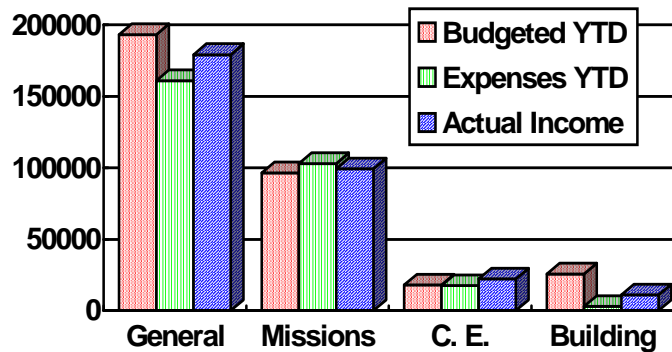


Financial Report – June 2008

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	193,258	96,500	17,950	25,690
Expenses YTD	160,972	102,965	17,523	2,878
Actual Income	179,181	99,156	22,162	10,954



Cash Fund Balances as of 6/30/08:

General	\$31,626
Missions	\$27,159
Christian Education.....	\$15,260
Building.....	\$18,385
Benevolent.....	\$5,190
New Building	\$15,555

EMC Softball Schedule

(All games held at the Village Park in Bluffton, complete schedule is on the table in the Missions Center.)

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., Aug. 4	7:15 p.m.	EMC vs. Bluffton Baptist Church

Eight more weeks until a new year of 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.
- * **Fourth Grade** teacher/teachers (to share the position)
- * **Substitutes** for various grade levels.

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, kind words, and gifts that made our 60th wedding anniversary special. God bless you. – *Dick & Ruth Tschetter*

Dear Friends at Ebenezer: Greetings from very hot Arizona! Ronda and I are just back to the US for a short break before we head to Nepal. We are having a great time catching up with family here in Arizona. In order to smoothly transition the boys in school, we had to take a short furlough and thus will only be staying on the west coast this time. We plan to visit Ebenezer the next time we are in the US. However, we wanted to take a moment to express our deep gratitude to your faithful giving to our ministry with MAF. Thanks ever so much for your gifts! May God bless each of you. - *Stanley & Ronda Unruh*

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.

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 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)
- Aug. 24** Christian Education Sunday (Sanctuary)
Family Music Night (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Aug. 31** Combined Worship Service (10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
- Sept. 6&7, 13&14** Dinner Theatre/*The Rubber Room* (6:00 p.m., CMC)



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Emissary Weekly
July 13, 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*)
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Dick (*Sanctuary*)
Children's Church (*3 & 4-years-old*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Unified Worship Informational Meeting (*CMC*)

Congratulations to Jeremy & Ashley (Saunders) Wilkins who were united in marriage on Saturday, July 5, at the Missionary Church in Pandora.

Congratulations to Steven & Traci (Althaus) Heinze who were united in marriage yesterday here at the church. Flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of their wedding day.

Congratulations to Nick & Jennifer (Henkle) High who were united in marriage yesterday at the Forest Park United Methodist Church in Lima.

Our sympathy to the family of Glen Carnahan. Glen, the father of Bev Stockman, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 9. Funeral services were held yesterday in Defiance, OH.

Questions? The Pastors and Deacons invite you to attend an informational meeting tonight at 7:00 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.

Missionaries of the Week: Laverne & Marilyn Busenitz serve with **Biblical Ministries Worldwide**. Last year they concluded their 38 year ministry in Germany and returned to the US. They are now living in Newton, KS. Marilyn is the daughter of our former pastor, Rev. & Mrs. Dan Dalke. Please send an encouraging email note to them at: lbusenitz@biblicalministries.org.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on July 6:

Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.)	175
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	326
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	228
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	57

Giving on July 6:

\$13,317.25

Benevolent Fund	300.00
Building Fund	388.00
Christian Education Fund	439.21
Current Expense Fund	5,721.04
Missions Fund	3,932.00
New Building Fund	2,365.00
White Christmas Offering	172.00
Memorials for Velma Basinger – Missions Fund	20.00

Missionary Updates: Copies of letters received in June from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map – *Margaret Edmondson, Bryan & Felicia Friesen, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, David & Mary Glick, Rod & Lori Kraybill, Don & Ann Leader, Steve & Carol Lehman, Dave & JoAnn Loewen, Lyn & Lori Loewen, Jorge & Lynn Mogrovejo, Daniel & Lynn Plett, Dan Reisacher, Nick & Debbie Siemens, Joe & Jeanie Stucky, and Murray & Kathy Trim.*

Please Notice: The Crossroads Ministry Center will be closed tomorrow and Tuesday, July 15, for floor cleaning.

Be sure to pick up your free ticket today! Founder's Day is scheduled for next 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. Free tickets for the noon meal are available in the Missions Center today or you may pick them up in the church office this week. Please be sure to get your ticket so we can have a count of how many will attend. Any undesignated money in the offering that day will go to defray the costs of the meal.

Opportunities of the Week: July 14-20

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

Monday	6:00 p.m.	EMC Softball Game (<i>Village Park, Bluffton</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Time (<i>FH</i>)
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	Junior & Senior High Students (<i>meet at the Campus Life Room, to go to Toledo</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (<i>FH</i>) Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (<i>CMC</i>)
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Founder's Day Service (<i>CMC</i>) <i>No Sunday School, ABF, or Evening Fellowship Service</i>
	10:15 a.m.	Middle School 2 (<i>leave for Miracle Camp</i>)
	12:00 p.m.	Founder's Day Meal (<i>CMC</i>)

Nursery workers for next Sunday, July 20

Jessica Amstutz, Sara Amstutz, Amber Bewsey,
Molly & Rachel Moser, Madison Schantz

Attention VBS teachers and guides: Please stop in the library and pick up the follow-up packet of cards to send to your students this summer.

White Christmas in July: White Christmas offerings will be received through the month of July. Please use the special White Christmas envelope enclosed in last week's bulletin. Additional envelopes are on the tables in the Sanctuary Foyer and Missions Center. 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*

TODAY'S GREETERS

Richard & Gera Bixel, *Sanctuary Foyer*
Mike & Deb Hilty, *Missions Center*
Don & Vicki Kirkendall, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

All Junior & Senior High Students: Come join us on Thursday, July 17, at 12:00 p.m. at the Bluffton Campus Life Room to go to the Toledo Zoo and the Franklin Park Mall. Bring \$13.00 to cover the cost of transportation, parking, and zoo admittance. Bring extra money to eat on your own at the mall food court. We will return at 9:30 p.m. Please call Pastor Wade at 419-358-8588 if you plan to come.

One driver is needed for Saturday, July 26, to pick up the Middle School Campers at Miracle Camp at 10:00 a.m. If you would be willing and available please contact Diane Sharrock at 419-634-7699.

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.

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

Dear Church Family: We wish to thank each of you for your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement during Al's recently diagnosed cancer. The first chemo and hormone treatments went well. Psalm 46:1 – *Al & Carolyn Frysingar*

Dear Friends at Ebenezer: We wanted you to know just how much we appreciate you. The Lord continually amazes us with His mighty power at how He meets our needs. Thank you for allowing Him to use you as the avenue through which we are blessed. In our times of extra need, you have shown your love and care for us and we are so thankful for good friends like you. We know the Lord blesses faithfulness and will bless you for your generosity on our behalf. - *In His Service, Chuck & Naomi Smith*