

**Dear Church Family:** Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, and words of encouragement during my dad's (Glen Carnahan) battle with cancer and its side effects. A special thank you to all of you who made the trip to Defiance for visitation and/or funeral services in support of my family and me. We truly appreciate the tremendous outpouring of love we feel at Ebenezer. *Love to all.* – Tim, Bev, Eric, & Andrea Stockman

**The Family Fun Finder:** If you are looking for something for the family to do this summer without traveling a long distance, *The Family Fun Finder* booklet may be helpful and is available for you to pick up off the table in the Missions Center.

**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.

**Flowers for the Sanctuary:** Please sign your name on the Flower Calendar in the Missions Center if you would be interested in supplying an arrangement for our Sanctuary on August 10 & 17 and September 21 & 28.

### ► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Aug. 10** Berean ABF Class Get-together (Hefner Dairy on Route 309, following 7:00 p.m. service)
- Aug. 17** David & Marjory Patrick TEAM (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)  
Afterglow following Evening Service (CMC)
- 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)

### ***Ebenezer Mennonite Church Staff***

Pastor Dick Potter, Senior Pastor  
Pastor Jim King, Associate Pastor Elect  
Pastor Wade Slechter, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Rev. Charles Warren, Pastor Emeritus  
Kathy Brauen, Visitation Coordinator/Administrative Assistant  
Deb Hilty, Secretary



## ***Ebenezer***

**Emissary Weekly**  
**July 27, 2008**

### ***Opportunities of the Day***



- 9:00 a.m.** Family Camp Worship Service (*Bluffton, IN*)
- 9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:30 a.m.** Combined Worship Service – Pastor Jim  
(*Sanctuary*)

**The flowers in the sanctuary** are given in honor of Paul & Jean Reichenbach's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 25. We wish God's blessings on you at this special time. - *With love Dean, Ann, Karlyn, Barb, & families*

**Family Camp:** More than 43 families from our church are worshipping today at Ouabache State Park, Bluffton, IN. Please pray for their safe return later this afternoon. **Notice there will not be an Evening Fellowship Service tonight.**

**Congratulations** to Aaron & Melody (Boley) Schmutz who were united in marriage yesterday by Pastor Jim in Birmingham, AL. Their new home address is 628 Wolfchase Drive, Clarksville, TN 37042. Aaron is stationed at Fort Campbell Army Base, TN. May God bless their marriage.

**In the Hospital:** Marie Place, Bluffton Hospital.

**Missionaries of the Week:** **Brad & Debbie Dukes** serve with **Campus Crusade for Christ** at the **University of Toledo**. They have completed a summer assignment where they were on project in Virginia Beach, May 23 – July 5. Pray for them as they minister to college students. Please send an encouraging email note to the Dukes at: [brad.dukes@uscm.org](mailto:brad.dukes@uscm.org).

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on July 20:

Founder's Day Service (10:00 a.m.) 382

### Giving on July 20:

\$57,283.95

Building Fund 108.00

Christian Education Fund 188.00

Current Expense Fund 2,377.00

Missions Fund 1,497.00

New Building Fund 52,738.95

White Christmas Offering 375.00

**White Christmas Offerings:** Today is the last Sunday to give your offerings for our Ebenezer-member missionaries. Please use the special White Christmas envelope and place in the offering plate. Additional envelopes are on the table in the Sanctuary Foyer and Missions Center. (Since Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS, no tax-deductible receipts will be issued.) – *Missions Committee*

**Congratulations** to Harley & Donna Steiner who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Wednesday, July 30. May God bless them on this very special and happy occasion!

**Praise the Lord!** Results of the Bill Glass Weekend of Champions this past weekend: 511 Salvation Decisions, 879 Recommitments (588 of these were at the Ohio Reformatory for Women).

**New Address:** Allene Luginbuhl and Thelma Sharrock have both recently moved to the Mennonite Memorial Home, 410 W. Elm Street, Bluffton, OH 45817.

**Attention library patrons:** The fiction section has been rearranged alphabetically according to the author's last name. Also, there is a table of used fiction books in the library, free to anyone who is interested.

## Opportunities of the Week: July 28-August 3

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

**Monday 7:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)

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**Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (FH)

**6:30 p.m.** Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**7:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)

**7:15 p.m.** EMC Softball Game (Village Park, Bluffton)

**Thursday 7:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)

**Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.** Phillip Steiner/The Quest (Sanctuary)

**6:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115)

**7:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (CMC)

Youth NYC Missions Trip Report (Sanctuary)

### Nursery workers for next Sunday, August 3

Sara Amstutz, Jessica Amstutz, Crystal Badertscher,  
Joyce Gratz, Melissa Hilty, Victoria Parsons,  
Gail, Quinn, Madison, & Ariel Schantz

**The Founders Day Committee** wishes to thank all of those who had a part in helping with the Founders Day activities. It was a great day of celebration! To this point \$112,436 has been collected or pledged for the building fund for the remainder of 2008. Founders Day Committee -- *Seth Bixel, Chuck & Saun Niswander, Steve & Jane Shaw*

**Please Notice:** Ebenezer Sunday School Classes use Discipleland Curriculum. If you check out the website for DiscipleLand you will see some photos of our classrooms featured.

<http://www.discipleland.com/spotlights/ebenezerbaptoh.phtml?ckc=0>

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Bob & Patty Geiger, *Sanctuary Foyer*

Mike & Kathy Biery, *Missions Center*

Charles & Jayne Huffman, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

**Dinner Theatre tickets** will be available beginning Sunday, August 10, from 8:00 a.m. – Noon and 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Missions Center. Plan now to attend and invite a friend or two to **The Rubber Room** scheduled for September 6, 7, 13, & 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. All tickets are \$10.00. Please be prepared to pay for your tickets when you pick them up.



### EMC Softball Schedule

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

Wed., July 30 7:15 p.m. EMC vs. Lutheran Church

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

**Come out and support our EMC softball team:** This Wednesday, July 30, at 7:15 p.m. EMC will play the Lutheran team at the Village Park just outside Bluffton on County Line Road. Our team has won two games and lost only one, so come out for an evening of fun, good fellowship, and cheer them on! *Please notice there will not be a prayer time meeting on Wednesday of this week.*

**Berean Adult Bible Fellowship Class Get-together:** On Sunday, August 10, immediately *after* the 7:00 Evening Fellowship service, we will be going to the Hefner Dairy on Route 309 for a time of fellowship.

**Would you like to be a classroom helper** for a 3, 4, or 5-year-old Sunday School Class once a month? All you need to do is smile, help with attendance, and guide the children during class time. Only 12-15 adults could fill the needed positions and missing out on your regular class only 12 times during the year. Think about this and contact the church office 419-358-8588 or Joan Steiner 419-358-0486. You'll enjoy working with these little ones.