

# MAKING KINGDOM DISCIPLES

TEACHING – REACHING – CARING

## Sunday, August 24 Annual Promotion & Christian Education Appreciation Sunday

**8:15 a.m.** Contemporary Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

**Speaker:** \* Rev. Dr. M. John Nissley

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School Class Promotion and Recognition of memory work participants. (*Sanctuary*)

**10:30 a.m.** Traditional Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

**Speaker:** \* Rev. Dr. M. John Nissley

**12:00 p.m.** Lunch in the Crossroads Ministry Center provided by the C. E. Committee. Menu: roast beef, potatoes, corn, salad, & dessert. There will be no charge.

\* Rev. Dr. M. John Nissley presently serves as the Academic Dean and Professor of Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Theology at Winebrenner Theological Seminary in Findlay.

***Everyone is invited!***

**Please sign up for the lunch in the Missions Center or check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card so we will have a count on how many will attend.**

***Come and show your appreciation for our Teachers and Christian Education workers!***

**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 September 21, 28 and October 5, 19, 26.

### ► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

**Aug. 21** Ladies' Reading Fellowship (Common Grounds, Bluffton)

**Aug. 24** Christian Education Sunday (Sanctuary)  
CE Appreciation Lunch (12:00 p.m., CMC)  
Family Music Night (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)

**Aug. 31** Combined Worship Service (10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)  
Video - *Effective Stewardship: Wisdom on the Environment*  
(7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)

**Sept. 6&7, 13&14** Dinner Theatre/~~The Rubber Room~~ (6:00 p.m., CMC)

**Sept. 7** Agape/Living Faith ABF Breakfast (9:30 a.m., CMC)  
Communion Sunday (8:15 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

**Sept. 28** Gideon Presentation (8:15 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

**Oct. 28** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)

**Nov. 16-23** Missions Conference – *A World Waiting for Jesus*

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## ***Ebenezer***

**Emissary Weekly  
August 10, 2008**

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

**8:15 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Wade (*Sanctuary*)

**9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)

**10:30 a.m.** Worship Service – Pastor Wade (*Sanctuary*)  
Children's Church (*3 & 4-years-old*)

**5:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (*CMC*)

**7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)  
Senior High Students Meet (*Schoolhouse*)

**8:15 p.m.** Berean ABF Class Get-together (*Hefner Dairy*)

**Congratulations** to Jared & Sarah Lehman on the birth of their son, Eli Benjamin, on Wednesday, August 6, weighing 6 lb. 3 oz.

**Beginning today** Dinner Theatre tickets are available from 8:00 a.m. – Noon and 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Missions Center. ~~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. **A donation of \$1.00 per ticket will be given to the Bluffton Community Assistance Corp.** Please be prepared to pay for your tickets when you pick them up.

**All Senior High Students:** Beginning tonight at 7:00 in the schoolhouse we will begin a new three week group study. – *Pastor Wade*

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

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on August 3:

Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.)	177
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	361
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	228
Youth Mission's Trip Report	(7:00 p.m.)	165

### Giving on August 3:

\$18,935.33

Benevolent Fund	10.00
Building Fund	578.50
Christian Education Fund	747.33
Current Expense Fund	6,927.50
Missions Fund	5,652.00
New Building Fund	4,745.00
White Christmas Offering	275.00

### Missions Giving –

\$500 to SIM for Les & Verla Unruh for expenses to go to Liberia.

**Missionaries of the Week:** *Don & Brenda Ernst* serve in **Alaska** with **InterAct Ministries**. Summer brings camp time! Don's plane has made it possible for youth to get to camp that otherwise would never go. He flew over 50 kids to different camps. Pray for them as they serve the Lord in Alaska. Please send an e-mail note to them at [koyukonflight@gci.net](mailto:koyukonflight@gci.net).

**Missionary Updates:** Copies of letters received in July from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map – *Brad & Debbie Dukes, Don & Brenda Ernst, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, Duane & Millie Gow, Jim & Pat King, Steve & Belva Rae Kotlarczyk, Don & Ann Leader, Lyn & Lori Loewen, Dale & Ruth Seefeldt, and Chuck & Naomi Smith.*

## Opportunities of the Week: August 11-17

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	EMC Softball Tournament Game <i>(Village Park)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time <i>(FH)</i>
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
		Prayer Time <i>(FH)</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal <i>(CMC)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	David & Marjory Patrick/ <b>TEAM</b> <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
		Afterglow following Evening Service <i>(FH)</i>

### Nursery workers for next Sunday, August 17

Lynette & Amber Bewsey, Ron & Sue Epp, Ashley Fry,  
Deb Hilty, Vicki & Megan Kirkendall, Hui Shen

**Reminder to all youth with 4-H projects:** Please provide a schedule with the dates, places, and times you will be showing your projects at the County Fairs. – *Pastor Wade*

**Volunteers are needed** to serve and help clean up for Dinner Theatre. Please sign up at the tables in the Missions Center.

**Do you like to bake cookies?** Youth for Christ is planning a farewell for Pastor Jim King at the Centre in Bluffton next Sunday, August 17, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. If you would like to donate cookies (any amount) please place in the church kitchen freezer marked for YFC, anytime this week. Thanks so much!

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Curt Burkholder & Cory Hilty, *Sanctuary Foyer*  
Alaina Bixel & Kaitlin Thompson, *Missions Center*  
Katlyn Bates & Alexis Moser, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

**Afterglow:** Plan now to attend next Sunday, August 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the Evening Fellowship Service. David & Marjory Patrick serve with TEAM and they will share with us some of their ministry in South Africa. Following the service join us for some good fellowship and snacks will be provided in the Fellowship Hall.

**Just a reminder** to all Sunday School Scripture Memory Program Students - Promotion Sunday will be August 24, and your memory work will need to be completed before this day.

**Attention College Students:** The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please complete the information sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Missions Center or e-mail the church office with the name of your college, starting date, your mailing address, and college year to: [info@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:info@ebenezymennonite.org). You may also fill out the appropriate information on the green EMC Communications card. Thanks so much!

### Ministry Opportunity

**A classroom helper** is needed for a 3, 4, or 5-year-old Sunday School Class just once a month. All you need to do is smile, help with attendance, and guide the children during class time. Could this be the ministry opportunity you have been looking for? Pray about this and contact the church office 419-358-8588 or Joan Steiner 419-358-0486. You'll enjoy working with these little ones.



**Lost & Found:** Please check out the clothes rack outside the Fellowship Hall for any items you may have left here at the church. Items include: clothes, two sleeping bags, Bible, umbrellas, and kitchen items.

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