

Needed: Five people who are able to carry a cinder block and would like to go on a Missions Trip to Bolivia in early June 2009. Room, board, and flight \$1,500. Any interested persons please contact Peg Moser at 567-204-1798.

The Trustees (with the concurrence of the Deacons) have decided to sell the parsonage. The parsonage is being offered to current members/attendees of the church in its current condition (as-is) at the appraised price. Contact any Trustee for more information.

SIM workers needed February 1-7. Contact Ruth Bixel as soon as possible at 419-358-5078.

Attention Hunters: The Wild Game Committee is in need of your *game* that you have harvested (especially venison). The meat will be used for the 2009 Wild Game Event. Contact Gary Lugibihl at 419-235-9416 or Joe Alt at 419-234-1247 with your meat donations. Thank you and good luck hunting!

During this Christmas Season give the gift of goodwill – volunteer at Bluffton Hospital! Touch others by your compassionate smile and courteous ways shown to those entering the hospital. If interested contact Jane Shaw, volunteer coordinator 419-369-2326.

▶ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service (6:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Dec. 28** No Evening Fellowship Service
- Jan. 3** Potter's Clay Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Jan. 10** Men's Fellowship Breakfast (7:30 p.m., FH)
- Jan. 12** **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Jan. 18** Chili Festival (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- Jan. 26** **MOPS** (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Feb. 7** Living Faith Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Mar. 7** Senior High/Agape Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Apr. 4** Ambassador Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Apr. 18** Wild Game Event (CMC)
- May 2** Berean Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)

New Service Times - Beginning January 4, 2009

- Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Worship Gathering** 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

**Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship Class Locations
Beginning Sunday, January 4, 2009**

Room	Group
105-106	Toddler Nursery
103-104	College & Career (Agape)
B-16.....	Grade 1
B-17.....	Grade 6
B-12.....	Grade 5
B-13.....	Grade 4
B-14.....	Grade 3
B-15.....	5-Year-Old
B-11.....	Grades 7-8 Junior High
School House	Grades 9-12 Senior High
111.....	Infant Nursery
112-114 (FH)	Ambassador Class
118-119	Berean
117 (CMC).....	Living Faith, SALT, Potters Clay
Sanctuary.....	Maranatha Class
Sanctuary 1-3	Genesis
Sanctuary 4.....	2-year-olds

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**Emissary Weekly
December 14, 2008**

Opportunities of the Day

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
- 9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)
Children's Church (*2-5 year olds- Grade 3, 106*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (*FH*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Children's Choir (*Grades 1-6, Rooms 118&119*)
Women's Ministries Committee Meeting (*115*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)
Cherub Choir (*2-year-old – K, Room 105*)
Junior & Senior High School Small Groups

Congratulations to Brian & Hui Shen on the birth of their son, Jason, on Wednesday, December 10, weighing 4 lb. 10 oz.

There will be Children's Church today for 2-year-olds – Grade 3 in Room 106. Next Sunday, December 21, will be our Combined Christmas Service, so Children's Church will not meet so they may join their families for worship.

The Good News Hour will be starting January 4, for 2-5-year-old children. This will be held from 10:00 a.m. and run until the end of the worship service. It will be taking the place of Children's Church. During this time children will receive a snack and be involved in several creative Bible centered activities. Adults are needed to help guide the children through the centers. (NO LESSON PREPARATION IS INVOLVED.) Junior High and High School students will also be needed to help in this creative adventure. If you have any questions or are willing to occasionally volunteer your time please contact Joan Steiner at 419-358-0486.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on December 7:

Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.)	139
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.)	329
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.)	241

Giving on December 7:

\$14,075.67

Benevolent Fund	155.00
Building Fund	160.00
Christian Education Fund	136.64
Current Expense Fund	5,824.03
Missions Fund	4,685.00
New Building Fund	3,115.00

Missionaries of the Week: *Joel & Nada Mathai* live in Texas and serve with **Christar**. They ask us to pray for the salvation of Hindu families they have contact with that they would experience the love of the Lord through them. They send their thanks for your prayers and financial support which has been a tremendous encouragement to them. Please send an encouraging note to them at joelmathai@grace-bible.org.

In the Hospital: Dick Greenway, Lima Memorial Hospital, Jason Shen, St. Rita's Medical Center and Will Steiner, St. Vincent's Medical Center in Toledo.

Cheese Pick-up: Stop by the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer today to pick up orders. There is extra Colby, Swiss, and Mozzarella available.

Prayer Group: Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday in Room 114 for scripture meditation, praise, prayer requests, and prayer. This week's special prayer emphases will be our **Pastors, Church Staff, and Church Leaders**. This prayer gathering is led by the Prayer Action Team and is open to everyone.

2009 Faith Promise Update: The total amount of faith promises received to date towards our 2009 missions budget is at \$179,117.00 towards our goal of \$185,000. Additional cards (which are located on the tables in the Missions Center and Foyers) may be completed and turned in to the Church Office or placed in the offering plate through the end of the year.

Opportunities of the Week: December 15-21

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

- Tuesday 6:15 a.m.** Men's Bible Study (FH)
7:00 p.m. Ebenezer 2 Men's Basketball Game (CMC)
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time (FH)
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (CMC)
6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)
 Adult Bible Study & Prayer (112)
 Children's Ministry (ages 2-grade 6)
 Ladies' Bible Study (B17)
 Men's Bible Study (115)
 Prayer Group Meet (114)
 Small Group Meet (Pastor Jim's home)
- Thursday 7:00 p.m.** Deacon Meeting (FH)
 Open Gym (CMC)
- Saturday 9:00 a.m.** Cherub/Children's Choir Rehearsal (CMC)
- Sunday 10:00 a.m.** Combined Christmas Service (CMC)
No 8:15 a.m. service, Sunday School, or ABF
6:15 p.m. Children's Choir Meet (118&119)
6:45 p.m. Cherub Choir Meet (106)
7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Concert (CMC)

Nursery workers for next Sunday, December 21

Jessica Amstutz, Amber Bewsey,
Megan Kirkendall, Madison Schantz

Cherub Choir rehearsal for Christmas Program: Saturday, December 20, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. We will run through our performance and have a birthday party for Jesus. Anyone willing to help out would be greatly appreciated. For the performance on Sunday evening, please have your child at the church no later than 6:45 p.m.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Katlyn Bates & Alexis Moser, Sanctuary Foyer
 Larry & Ginny Moser, Missions Center
 Curt Burkholder & Corry Hilty, Crossroads Ministry Center

Year-end reports and proposed budgets for 2009 are due on Sunday, January 25. All boards and committees should submit their annual reports for 2008 and proposed budgets for 2009 to the church office for inclusion in the 2008 Annual Report. The annual congregational business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18.

Congregational Meeting: The following persons were elected at the annual meeting on Wednesday, December 10:
Deacons: *Three-year term* – Frank Boehm, Bart Moser, Ron Epp;
Trustees: Seth Bixel, Dennis Burkholder; **Church President:** Jed Marquart; **Congregational Recording Secretary:** Rosie Good; **Assistant Congregational Recording Secretary:** Kelli Foster; **Nominating Committee:** Sue Epp, David Ream; **Constitution Revision Committee:** Ralph Gerber, David Miller; **Head Usher:** Ron Steiner; **Ushers:** Keith Bates, Mike Biery, Jerry Cartwright, Randy Forrer, Alan Garmatter, David Garmatter, Randy Garmatter, Richard Garmatter, John Good, Alan Hefner, Corky Huffman, Don Kirkendall, Russell Koontz, Larry Moser, Mike Powell, Bob Spallinger, Bill Steiner, Ron Steiner.

Afterglow next Sunday, December 21: Following the Children's Christmas Program in the evening we will need cupcakes. Please bring two dozen. If you can supply any amount for this special occasion call Ginny Moser at 419-659-4191.

From the Trustees: With the move to the Crossroads Ministry Center (CMC) on January 4 there are some pieces of equipment which would make the facility more worship service friendly. Some specific pieces of equipment needed are (24) acoustic sound panels (\$6,720) and video projection equipment (\$19,459). There are also some needs associated with the Sunday School/ABF room changes, with the biggest need being carpeting for several rooms (\$5,413). If you would like to give a year-end gift to these upgrades, please mark your giving envelope **Transition Equipment**. Feel free to speak with Trustee Chairman, Lynn Lehman, or technicians, Greg Luginbill and Marvin Foster, with further questions. Also, please contact Randy Garmatter to volunteer to help with CMC set-up and tear-down.