

Ebenezer Family: Because of your selfless giving young people are able to hear of the love of Jesus Christ. Thank you for partnering with Youth for Christ. – *David Glick, Hannah Slechter, & Ann Leader*

Thank you from our house to yours: You have made our ministry possible. We can NEVER thank you enough. May God bless you in a mighty way!! – *Serving Him, Rick & Pat Shaner*

We want to thank the ladies of Ebenezer for your labor of love that went into the making of our comforters and quilts. Each is beautiful. We appreciate and are blessed by your generosity, time, and care that went into making these special gifts for us. - *Pastor Dick & Cheryl, Pastor Jim & Pat, and Pastor Wade & Hannah*

Do you desire to be a member/partner with us at Ebenezer Mennonite Church? If interested, please join us...

There are four required sessions to take to be a partner/member. They will be held at the church in the library on the following Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.:

1. **Church History:** Sunday, February 8.
2. **Conversion:** Sunday, February 15.
3. **What is Baptism?** Sunday, February 22.
4. **My Position in Christ:** Sunday, March 1.

~ Missed sessions can be made up at a different time. ~

Upon deacon approval, you will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, March 22, 2009.

Please let us know of your interest, or if you have questions, or need more information, contact...

- Pastor Dick Potter at 419-358-8588
- Pastor Jim King at 419-296-0885
- Deacon Chairman Chuck Niswander at 419-384-3588

You may also check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card. Thank you for your desire to partner with us as members. Together may we as a local church follow the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ more closely and be about making disciples.

▶ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Feb. 14** Valentine's Breakfast (7:30 a.m., FH)
- Feb. 15** College Students' Meal (11:30 a.m., FH)
ABF Teachers/Officers Meal (4:30 p.m., FH)
- Feb. 18** Congregational Meeting (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Feb. 22** VBS Committee Meeting (5:00 p.m., Library)
- Mar. 1** Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Mar. 2** Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Mar. 3** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Mar. 7** Senior High/Agape Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Mar. 7** Men's Fellowship Breakfast (7:30 a.m., FH)
- Mar. 15** College Students' Meal (11:30 a.m., FH)
- Mar. 16** Wild Game Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., FH)
- Mar. 29** Hymn Sing (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Apr. 4** Ambassador Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Apr. 18** Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- May 2** Berean Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- July 24-26** Family Camp 2009 (Maumee Bay State Park)

FAMILY CAMP 2009
Maumee Bay State Park
July 24-26
Contact Greg & Sue Luginbill for reservations.
kglugin@fairpoint.net or 419-306-4122/419-384-3586



EBENEZER
Emissary Weekly

February 1, 2009

Opportunities of the Day

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (2-3-year-olds, Room B10 & 4-5-year-olds, B17)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (CMC)
- 5:30 p.m.** Junior High Super Bowl Party (Greg Luginbill's home)
- 6:45 p.m.** Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, Rooms 118-119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service/Ezra 1& 2
The Restoration of the Temple (Sanctuary)

In the Hospital: Luke Luginbill, Bradenton, FL.

Giving Receipts: Thank you for your faithful giving to the church this past year. Please stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer to pick up your 2008 giving receipt. Any remaining receipts will be mailed tomorrow.

Cherub Choir will not meet for rehearsal tonight.

All Junior High Students are invited to a Super Bowl Party tonight at 5:30 at Greg & Sue Luginbill's home (506 Hawthorne Drive, Pandora).

Missionaries of the Week: Scott & Nikki Russell serve in Chile with ABWE. It has been over 20 years since they felt God calling them to missions. They marvel at what God has done these past 20 years and His faithfulness to supply their every need through their supporting churches, individuals, family, and friends. Please send a note to the Russells at scottandnikki@abwe.cc.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on January 25:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	356
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	445
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	135

Giving on January 25:

\$17,451.50

Benevolent Fund		465.00
Building Fund		1,833.00
Christian Education Fund		420.50
Current Expense Fund		6,513.00
Missions Fund		4,005.00
New Building Fund		4,215.00

Remember to pray for the Senior High as they return later today from Winter Retreat: Katy Alt, Katie Althaus, Jerrod & Jessica Amstutz, Jaden August, Jeremy Basinger, Katlyn Bates, Amber Bewsey, Alaina Bixel, Evania Bonifaz, Eli Bradshaw, Lindsey Buettner, Craig & Curt Burkholder, Hanné Burkholder, Kelsie Criblez, Mikaela Diller, Tyler Domer, Andrew Dulle & Dominique, Will Enderle, Cody Fields, Mariah Fleming, Ashlin Gable, Patric Garlock, Kayla Geiger, Jared Gesler, Lauren Goldenetz, Jesse Gudakunst, Amber Henry, Jennifer & Kaitlin Hieronimus, Eli Hoffer, Megan Kirkendall, Dakota Kirtland, Devin Kisor, Matt Kohli, Drew Luginbuhl, Austin Marquart, Kristen McKamey, Trevor Meyer, Ben Moser, Shelby & Victoria Parsons, Derek Putnam, Amy Reichenbach, Kaitlyn Rhodes, Kevin Romey, Alix Rumbaugh, Brittany Schroeder, Marissa Schutz, Zach Shaw, Brittany Sheehan, Aaron & Amber Shelly, Evan Skilliter, Jené Sommers, Ryan Sommers, Andrea & Laura Spallinger, Sam & Drusilla Spallinger, Colin Sprague, Stephanie Steiner, Sara Stienecker, Bonnie & RJ Stratton, Dylan Terry, Emily Thompson, Spencer Tuttle, Kaitlin Thompson, Alex Wentz, Jamie Wickert, Alexis Winings, Wynter Wise, and David & Paul Yoder. Helpers are: Sara Amstutz, Mark Brauen, Aaron & Emily Koogler, Krista Lehman, and Pastor Wade & Hannah.

Opportunities of the Week: February 2-8

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

- Monday 6:30 p.m.** Ladies' Walking Program
- Tuesday 6:30 p.m.** Ladies' Walking Program
- 7:00 p.m.** Ebenezer & Ebenezer 2 Men's Basketball Game *(CMC)*
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Game Time *(FH)*
- 6:00 p.m.** Wednesday Night Supper *(CMC)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Adult Bible Study & Prayer *(112)*
- Children's Ministry *(ages 2-grade 6)*
- Ladies' Bible Study *(B17)*
- Men's Bible Study *(115)*
- Music Ministry Rehearsal *(Choir Loft)*
- Prayer Group Meet *(114)*
- Small Group Meet *(Pastor Jim's home)*
- Thursday 6:30 p.m.** Ladies' Walking Program
- Saturday 7:00 p.m.** Living Faith ABF Class *(Lima Rescue Home)*
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School & ABF *(Various classrooms)*
- 10:00 a.m.** Good News Hour *(ages 2-3, B10 & ages 4-5, B-17)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering *(CMC)*
- 11:45 a.m.** Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon *(FH)*
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting *(FH)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service/Ezra 3
The Restoration of the Temple (Sanctuary)

~ Helpers for Sunday, February 8 ~

- Nursery:** Lynette & Amber Bewsey, Patty Boehm, Deb Hilty, Jared & Sarah Lehman
- The Good News Hour:** Amber Bewsey, Evania Bonifaz, Karla Burkholder, Kathy Steiner

TODAY'S GREETERS

Alexis Moser & Jonica Schmutz, *Missions Center*
Al & Carolyn Frysinger, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

Congratulations: Dan & Edna Dalke, former pastor of Ebenezer, recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on January 22. They live in an independent living unit of Pleasant View Estates, Inman, KS, where he also serves as nursing home chaplain.

Pray also for the SIM trip: Twenty-three members of our church will leave tomorrow for Charlotte, NC for a missions trip. They will return on Saturday, February 7.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study will not meet this week on February 3, but will resume on February 10.

EMC basketball tomorrow night at 7:00 Ebenezer and Ebenezer 2 basketball teams will play each other in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Come watch the fun and cheer on your favorite team/teams!

A Ladies' Bible Study will begin this Wednesday, February 4. Come join us at 7:00 p.m. in Room B17, for *Daniel: Lives of Integrity, and Words of Prophecy*, by Beth Moore. Please call Rhonda Thompson at 567-204-2384. We need to order books!

Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon: You may have been attending Ebenezer Mennonite Church for several months, weeks, or perhaps visited us for the very first time today. Whatever the case, we want you to know that we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us. Next Sunday, February 8, the Outreach Committee of Ebenezer invites you to a *Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon* at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Rooms 112-114). It will provide you an opportunity to find out more about us, our families, and the ministries of the church. If you have any questions, call the church office at 419-358-8588. We look forward to visiting with you!

Valentine's Breakfast: On Saturday, February 14, at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Rooms 112-114) all men and women are invited to attend a special Valentine's Breakfast. Our speaker will be Charles DuPree (Chaplain at Oakwood Correctional Facility, Lima). Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center or on the green Ebenezer Communications Card.

Do you like to bake and/or cook? The Pandora - Bluffton Youth for Christ is serving close to 60 students each week for breakfast. If you would be willing to make a coffeecake, egg casserole, muffins, etc. please call Ann Leader at 419-302-1275, David Glick at 567-204-9777, or Hannah Slechter at 419-236-5281. Arrangements can be made to pick up your donation. Thank you.