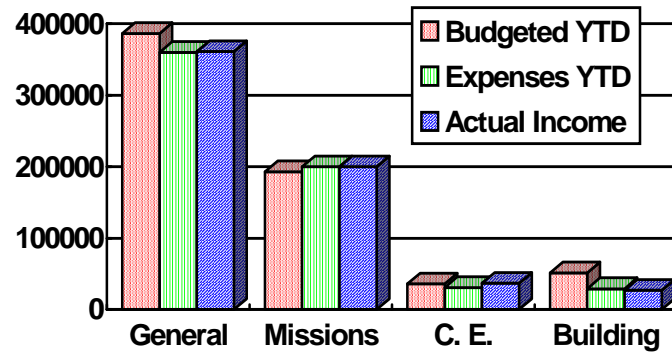


Financial Report – Final 2008 Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	386,515	193,000	35,900	51,380
Expenses YTD	360,314	199,849	30,675	29,136
Actual Income	361,085	200,055	36,677	26,969



Cash Fund Balances as of 12/31/08:

General	\$14,188
Missions	\$31,179
Christian Education	\$16,622
Building.....	\$8,142
New Building	\$378
Benevolent.....	\$1,423

Thank you for your faithful and generous giving through the past year. Please note that \$38,100 is remaining to be paid on the Crossroads Ministry Center construction loan.

Do you remember what church services were like when you were a young child? We want our children to enjoy great worship and fellowship experiences here at Ebenezer so they can have wonderful memories about going to church. To ensure this, we are in need of more helpers for the Good News Hour! We have been averaging about 30 children during the worship service for our 2 – 5-year-old classes, which means we could use another helper in each class. Please call Joan Steiner at 419-358-0486 or Kathy Steiner at 419-358-2213 if you are willing to volunteer for even one Sunday a quarter. May God bless you and the Holy Spirit nudge you to help our little ones know Jesus.

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

▶ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Feb. 16** Constitutional Revision Committee (7:00 p.m., FH)
- Feb. 18** Congregational Meeting (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Feb. 22** VBS Committee Meeting (5:00 p.m., Library)
- Feb. 27** Transport for Christ Banquet/Beaverdam Chapel (6:00 p.m., Marbeck Center, BU)
- 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** Lost & Found Puppet Team from BU (10:00 a.m., 4-year-olds – Grade 5, Sanctuary)
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)



EBENEZER

Emissary Weekly

February 8, 2009

Opportunities of the Day

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Membership Class (*Library*)
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*)
- 11:45 a.m.** Welcome to Ebenezer Luncheon (*FH*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (*FH*)
- 6:45 p.m.** Children's Choir (*Grades 1-6, Rooms 118-119*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service/Ezra 3
Rebuilding Foundations (Sanctuary)
Cherub Choir (*2-year-old – K, Room 105*)
Junior & Senior High School Small Groups

In the Hospital: Luke Luginbill, Brandon, Florida.

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. Today, 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. We look forward to visiting with you!

All seniors are invited to attend a free breakfast with entertainment by the BHS Ladies' First Choir and Men's Chorus this Wednesday, February 11, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bluffton Middle School Cafetorium.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on February 1:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	314
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	383
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	38

Giving on February 1:

\$15,606.87

Benevolent Fund	785.00
Building Fund	693.00
Christian Education Fund	176.38
Current Expense Fund	8,814.49
Missions Fund	3,923.00
New Building Fund	1,215.00

Missionaries of the Week: Dale & Ruth Seefeldt serve in India with TEAM. Dale teaches at Woodstock School in Mussoorie. Ruth is a member of the Controlling Board at Woodstock and Administrative Assistant of the Health Clinic. Please send a note to the Seefeldts at daleseefeldt@woodstock.ac.in.

Missionary Updates: Copies of letters received in January from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map – Michael & Maren Boehm, Brad & Debbie Dukes, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, David & Mary Glick, Duane & Millie Gow, Don Leader, Lyn & Lori Loewen, Joel & Nada Mathai, David & Marjory Patrick, Dale & Ruth Seefeldt, Chuck & Naomi Smith, Linda Sommer, Bonnie Spallinger, Kerry & Krista Wright.

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.

Opportunities of the Week: February 9-15

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

Monday	9:00 a.m. MOPS (FH)
	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
	7:00 p.m. Christian Education Com. Meeting (FH) Ebenezer Men's Basketball Game (CMC) Women's Ministries Meeting (115)
Tuesday	6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH)
	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Walking Program
	7:00 a.m. Missions Committee Meeting (B14)
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	7:30 a.m. Valentine's Breakfast (FH)
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Membership Class (Library) 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)
	11:30 a.m. College Students' Meal (FH)
	4:30 p.m. ABF Teachers/Officers Meal (FH)
	7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service/Ezra 4 Opposition to Faith (Sanctuary)

~ Helpers for Sunday, February 15 ~

Nursery: Jessica Amstutz, Randy & Christy Garmatter, Dave & Channan Garmatter, Holly Gudakunst

The Good News Hour: Alaina Bixel, Virginia Gladwell, Jane Shank, Andrea Spallinger

TODAY'S GREETERS

Craig Burkholder & Brittany Sheehan, Missions Center
Marvin & Gloria Diller, Crossroads Ministry Center

Attention All Kids Grades 1-6! The children's choir will be presenting the musical, *Arkeology-Remembering God's Plan and Promise*, this spring. Come join us on Sunday evenings at 6:45 as we practice this fun and hilarious musical. This familiar Bible story is told using creative dialogue from the animal's perspective as God led Noah on one of the most outrageous adventures in the history of mankind. Contact Angela Steiner at 419-643-8260, Karen Steiner at 567-712-1908, or Renea Zimmerman at 419-369-4543 for more information.

Congregational Meeting: Our annual meeting to discuss last year's reports and this year's proposed budgets is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All other activities that evening are canceled. The ushers will be distributing the Annual Report for 2008 following the morning worship gathering.

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. Beginning today they will be held at the Church Library on the following Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.:

1. **Church History:** Today.
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

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.