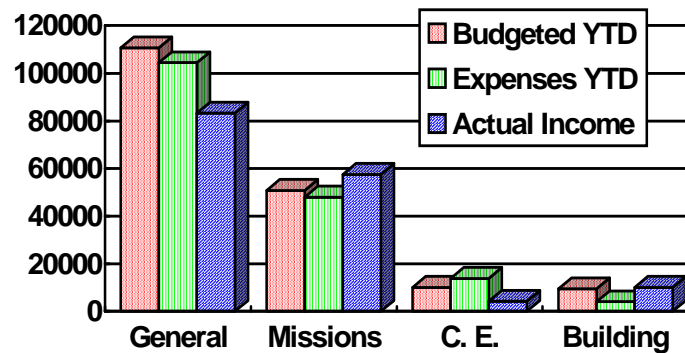


Financial Report – March 2009

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	110,687	50,817	10,125	9,484
Expenses YTD	104,439	47,928	13,816	4,067
Actual Income	83,220	57,510	4,327	10,139



Cash Fund Balances as of 3/31/09:

General	(\$7,032)
Missions	\$40,761
Christian Education	\$7,132
Building.....	\$14,213
New Building	\$1,520
Benevolent.....	\$7,120

National Day of Prayer: This year our prayer emphasis will take place in home prayer meetings. Look for sign-up sheets in your Adult Bible Fellowship classes beginning next Sunday, April 26, to indicate your desire to attend a home meeting on Thursday, May 7, National Day of Prayer. Please see the sign-up sheets for a home location and time convenient to you. In addition, there will be prayer resources available on a special table in the Missions Center beginning next Sunday.

Missing from the library: Beth Moore DVD Series, *A Woman's Heart-God's Dwelling Place*. Please contact Karla Burkholder at 419-358-9415 if you have it.

Attention Ladies of All ages: The Daughters of Promise Night is on Friday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided, but we need to know how many will attend. We want to have an accurate count so please sign up by Sunday, May 3. You may sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center or on the green Communications Card. It will be a great night so remember to invite all of the special ladies you know.

Dear Ebenezer Family: We would like to thank you for your prayers and cards during dad's illness and passing. We also want to thank Pastor Warren for his visits to the home. All your kindness is very much appreciated. – *The Jim Lemley Families*

Baby Food Jars Needed: The VBS committee is looking for the stage 2 baby food jars. These jars will be used for a craft project. Please place them in the church library. Any questions contact Melissa Hilty at hiltme@wapak.org.

Lost & Found Items are located on the coat rack outside the kitchen. Please check it out to see if something looks familiar. Thanks!

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Apr. 27** Area Mennonite Ladies' Meeting (6:30 p.m., CMC)
- May 2** Berean CLASS (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- May 3** Vacation Bible School Student Registration Begins
- May 7** National Day of Prayer
- May 8** Daughters of Promise (6:30 p.m., CMC)
- May 10** Mother's Day/Child Dedication (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- May 17** Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- May 24** Graduate Recognition Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
No Evening Service
- May 31** Promotion Sunday
- May 31-June 5** Vacation Bible School/**Crocodile dock** (6:30 p.m.)
- June 14-20** Grade School Full Week (Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)
- June 21-27** Middle School (Grades 5-6, Miracle Camp)
- June 21-July 5** Youth Missions Trip to Sondernach, France
- June 28-July 1** Grade School Short Week (Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)
- June 5-11** Junior High (Grades 7-8, Miracle Camp)
- July 12-18** Senior High (Grades 9-12, Miracle Camp)
- July 24-26** Family Camp 2009 (Maumee Bay State Park)
- Aug. 30** Teacher Appreciation Sunday (CMC)



EBENEZER

Emissary Weekly

April 19, 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)
- 12:00 p.m.** **Mortgage Burning Celebration Meal** (CMC)
- 5:00 p.m.** VBS Committee Meeting (Library)
- 6:00 p.m.** Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, Rooms 118-119)
Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service
Zechariah 7&8/God's Encouragement (Sanctuary)
Cherub Choir (2-year-old – CMC)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups

In the Hospital: Nelson Koogler, St. Rita's Medical Center.

Cherub Choir: Just a reminder we will meet tonight at 7:00 in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

Missionaries of the week: *Les & Verla Unruh* serve with SIM in North Carolina. They went back to Liberia in September 2008 and will be returning to the States at the end of May. SIM-Liberia partners with Radio ELWA, ECUL, and ETSI. ELWA is reaching all of Liberia and other West African countries with radio, broadcasting the gospel of Jesus Christ. The ELWA ministries also include a hospital, school, and a service department to aid in these services. Les and Verla praise the Lord for the privilege to serve. Please send a note to Les & Verla at: unruh@comporium.net.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on April 12:

SonRise Service	(7:30 a.m.)	224
Easter Worship Service	(10:15 a.m.)	500
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	60

Giving on April 12:

	<u>\$13,815.13</u>
Benevolent Fund	60.00
Building Fund	258.00
Christian Education Fund	213.00
Current Expense Fund	5,842.13
Missions Fund	6,142.00
New Building Fund	645.00
Youth Fund	655.00

Please join us next week as Ebenezer Children's Choir will present the spring musical *Arkeology-Remembering God's Plan and Promise* on Sunday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. This familiar Bible story is told using creative dialogue from the animals' perspective as God led Noah on one of the most outrageous adventures in the history of mankind.

Ladies come join us Monday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center for salad, desserts, and fellowship with women from area Mennonite churches. After the meal, Barb Steiner, members from the Soup Kitchen, and Family Promise will be sharing about their ministries. Please bring a salad and a dessert as well as an item to donate to the Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen is in need of: sugar, flour, noodles, sauces, condiments, #10 cans of vegetables or fruits, tin foil, plastic wrap, trash bags, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center or across from the kitchen or you may also check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card.

Invitation to Girls and Ladies: Please lend your voice in a special music number for the Area Mennonite Ladies' meeting scheduled at Ebenezer on Monday, April 27. We will be singing a simple song and will be joined by the girls and ladies from our other area Mennonite churches. We will have a short rehearsal immediately following our Worship Gathering next Sunday, April 26, in Room 115. We will rehearse together with the singers from the other churches at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, before the supper meeting begins. Copies of the music are located on the Prayer Table in the Missions Center and are available for you to take. If you have any question, please contact Kathy Brauen or Nancy Wright.

Opportunities of the Week: April 20-26

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

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Constitution Revision Committee (FH)
Tuesday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (FH)
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 (at Pastor Jim's home)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (FH)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Junior High Game Night (CMC)
Saturday	11:30 a.m.	Ambassadors ABF Class (FH)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
		Slate Ballot Elections (In classrooms)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	4:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Meet (118-119)
	7:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Musical (CMC)

~ Helpers for Sunday, April 26 ~

Nursery: Jessica Amstutz, Janet Brauen, Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Mark & Kay Spallinger, Bev Stockman

The Good News Hour: Alaina Bixel, Karla & Curt Burkholder, Kayla Geiger, Cheryl Potter, Brittany Sheehan, Kaitlin Thompson

Youth Fund-raiser: Does your car need a good spring cleaning? Our youth will have a car wash on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Diller Medical, Inc. (902 N. Main, Bluffton) parking lot. Your donation will help with the Youth Missions trip to France this summer.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Rich & Arlene Garmatter, *Crossroads Ministry Center*
Evania Bonifaz & Andrea Spallinger, *Missions Center*

~ Proposed 2009 Slate Ballot Election ~

The slate ballot election for approval of members to the Christian Education, Missions, Outreach, and Women's Ministries Committees will be held in the various ABF classrooms at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday, April 26. (Church members 18 years and older are eligible to vote.)

Christian Education

Support Ministries
Children's Church Supt.
Wednesday Evening Supt.
Teacher Training Ministries

Missions

Committee Member
Committee Member
Committee Member

Outreach Ministries

Evangelism & Discipleship Coordinator
Secretary
Greeter Coordinator

Women's Ministries

Kitchen Coordinator

2-Year Terms

Heidi Steiner
Kathy Steiner
Cheryl Potter
Needed

3-Year Terms

Karen Garmatter
Sharon Forrer
Larry Moser

2-Year Terms

Pastor Jim
Sue Epp
Vickie Cartwright

2-Year Terms

Joy Moser

Child Dedication: Sunday, May 10, at 10:15 a.m. Child dedication can be scheduled for Sunday, May 10. At our child dedication service, parents commit to raise their child to know Jesus Christ for the glory of God. The church family pledges to support the family with love and encouragement, plus provide opportunities for spiritual development of the family. The scriptural root for this type of dedication is found in 1 Samuel 1:27-28 *I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.* Call the church office at 419-358-8588 or contact Pastor Dick or Pastor Jim for more information and to register your child. Any parents who attend Ebenezer are welcome to dedicate their child. The requirement is membership in the family of God, not Ebenezer Mennonite Church. All parents who know Christ as Savior are welcome to participate in this child dedication.

The Christian Education Committee has approved Kathy Steiner to transfer to Children's Church Superintendent. Tom Willow will be taking over as Adult Bible Fellowship Superintendent. Both of these positions were approved at the March CE committee meeting, to be effective immediately.