

Words from today's special music

Finally Home (Mercy Me)

*I'm gonna wrap my arms around my daddy's neck
And tell him that I've missed him
And tell him all about the man that I became
And hope that it pleased him
There's so much I want to say
There's so much I want you to know*

*When I finally make it home
When I finally make it home*

*Then I'll gaze upon the throne of the king
Frozen in my steps
And all the questions that I swore I would ask
Words just won't come yet
So amazed at what I've seen
So much more than this old mind can hold
And the sweetest sound my ears have yet to hear
Voices of the angels*

Nursery workers are needed for in the toddler nursery. Please contact Melissa Hilty by calling 419-357-5823 or email: hiltme@wapak.org. You may also check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card.

The Wild Game Committee would like to thank each and every individual who assisted with this year's Wild Game Event. We had close to 50 first-time decisions for Christ and we could not have pulled off the event without your assistance. It takes a large number of people with many different talents to make this event a success and we sincerely appreciate your help. God has certainly blessed our efforts!

Dear Friends at Ebenezer: Thank you so much for the support and for remembering us. We praise the Lord for His care through these latter years. May the Lord bless you and your ministry. – *In His love, Sam & Jeanne Stucky*

I want to thank you all for your prayers and cards. The prayers meant so much to me. I'm so thankful for a praying church. It gave me peace as I went into surgery. – *Donna Steiner*

Greetings: Thank you for the chance to share, even though it was such a busy and long day for you all. Also for the financial gift and the opportunity to visit the Sharing Room! We took several items, thank you. We appreciate your faithfulness to us and the work in Alaska! - *In love and appreciation, Don & Brenda Ernst*

PrimeTimers Fellowship's luncheon is Tuesday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m. in the St. John Mennonite Fellowship Hall. Author Glenna Meckstroth will share stories from her latest book. More information is located on the bulletin board in the Missions Center.

Ebenezer Church Family: Your prayers, cards, and visits were greatly appreciated. – *Mary Avon Sommers*

Ebenezer Church: We want to thank all who sent cards in the memory of our son Terry. – *Gene, Carolyn, Mari, & Pat Robnolte*

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- May 3** Vacation Bible School Student Registration Begins
- May 7** National Day of Prayer Home Meetings
- May 8** Daughters of Promise (6:30 p.m., CMC)
- May 10** Mother's Day/Child Dedication (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Chicken BBQ/Youth Missions Trip Fundraiser (11:30 a.m.)
- May 17** Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
PowerTeam Committee Meeting (3:00 p.m., 103)
- May 19** Wild Game Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., FH)
- 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)



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Emissary Weekly

April 26, 2009

Opportunities of the Day

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Slate Ballot Elections (*Various ABF classrooms*)
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*)
- 11:30 a.m.** Area Mennonite Ladies' Song Rehearsal (*115*)
- 4:30 p.m.** Children's Choir Meet (*Grades 1-6, Rooms 118-119*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (*FH*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Children's Choir Spring Musical (*CMC*)
Cherub Choir (*2-year-old – CMC*)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups

Please join us tonight as Ebenezer Children's Choir will present the spring musical *Arkeology-Remembering God's Plan and Promise* in the Crossroads Ministry Center at 7:00. 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.

Recent move: Millie Burkholder is now residing at 700 Maple Crest Court – Room E005, Bluffton, OH 45817. Dorothy Lugibihl is at the Hilty Home for rehabilitation.

Missionaries of the week: *Stan & Ronda Unruh* serve with **Mission Aviation Fellowship**. MAF has asked them to leave Indonesia and go to Kathmandu, Nepal. They are proud of their boys, Ben, Nathan, and David and how well they have made this transition. Please send a note to Stan & Ronda at: sunruh@maf.org.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on April 18:

Wild Game Event (5:00 p.m.) 400

Attendance on April 19:

Sunday School & ABF (9:00 a.m.) 350

Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 598

Evening Fellowship Service (7:00 p.m.) 128

Giving on April 19:

\$16,649.98

Benevolent Fund 190.00

Building Fund 368.00

Christian Education Fund 260.98

Current Expense Fund 11,139.00

Missions Fund 2,552.00

New Building Fund 640.00

Youth Fund 1,500.00

Ladies come join us tomorrow night at 6:30 in the Crossroads Ministry Center for salad, desserts, and fellowship with women from area Mennonite churches. 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 tomorrow night here at Ebenezer. 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 today in Room 115. We will rehearse together with the singers from the other churches at 6:00 tomorrow night, before the supper meeting begins. Copies of the music will be available at the rehearsal.

The deacons would like to invite anyone to attend their monthly meetings. If you have a suggestion or concern we would welcome your participation. Please let one of the deacons know if you desire to attend a meeting.

Youth Fundraiser: 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.

Opportunities of the Week: April 27 – May 3

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

Monday	9:00 a.m.	<i>MOPS (FH)</i>
	6:30 a.m.	Area Mennonite Ladies' Meeting (CMC)
Tuesday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (FH)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:00 p.m.	Skating Party (Grove Skateland)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (112) Ladies' Bible Study (B17) Music Ministry Rehearsal (Choir Loft) Prayer Group Meet (114) Small Group Meet (at Pastor Jim's home)
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Youth Car Wash (Diller Medical, Inc parking lot)
	7:00 p.m.	Berean ABF Class (Lima Rescue Home)
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Living Faith/Agape ABF Class Breakfast (CMC)
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (Various 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)
	11:45 a.m.	VBS Teacher Training (FH)
	5:00 p.m.	Deacon/Trustee Meeting (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service Zechariah 9-11 – God's Encouragement (Sanctuary)

~ Helpers for Sunday, May 3 ~

Nursery: Susan & DeAnna Bixel, Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber, Andrea Spallinger, Mark & Kay Spallinger,

The Good News Hour: Katie Alt, Sharon Forrer, Jeremy & Christina Lemley, Cheryl Potter, Stephanie Steiner, Jamie Weichert

Actors: Anyone interested in *taking the stage* for our 2009 Dinner Theatre musical production **State Road 47** this fall. Please read the commitment flyer and sign up in the Missions Center. Deadline is Sunday, May 17.

VBS Teachers/Helpers: Please plan to attend a teacher training meeting next Sunday, May 3, from 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Mikaela Diller & Marissa Schutz, *Missions Center*

Dave & Mary Ream, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

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 today 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 are prayer resources available on a special table in the Missions Center.

Attention Junior High Wednesday Night Students: Don't forget for our end-of-the year party we will be going to Fort Wayne, IN to play laser tag followed by shopping at the mall. We will be leaving at 12:30 p.m. from the Schoolhouse on Saturday, May 9. You will need \$15 for the laser tag. We will not be stopping to eat and will return by 6:00 p.m. – *Pastor Wade*

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 All Ladies of All ages: The Daughters of Promise Night (formerly Mother/Daughter Banquet or Tea) 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.

Woods and Stream has chartered a boat for a day of fishing on Lake Erie, Saturday, May 9. We will leave the church at 4:30 a.m. the cost is \$35. Space is limited. Please call Jared Lehman at 419-957-3611.

Desire Baptism? If you desire to follow the Lord's command to be baptized, please sign up by going to the *Baptism* table in the foyer. At the table you can write your name on a stone and place it in a container of water. Plus give us your contact number on the sheet provided.

Preparation for Baptism: Three sessions will be held in preparation for baptism on Sunday, June 14. The sessions will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the church library May 10, May 17, and May 24. Miss a session? Make up dates are June 7 and June 14. Thanks for making a public stand for Jesus! Any questions? Contact a pastor.

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