

Summer Dodgeball: Anyone at least Junior High age and up are invited to play dodgeball in the Crossroads Ministry Center on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning on May 12 through August 25. Please contact Pastor Wade at 567-204-1868 if you have any questions.

Thank you to all who participated in the car wash last Saturday. A total of \$425 was collected to help with the Youth Missions Trip to France this summer! – *Pastor Wade*

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

▶ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- May 19** Wild Game Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., FH)
- May 24** Baptism Class (9:00 a.m., Library)
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)

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



Continue On

A woman once fretted over the usefulness of her life. She feared she was wasting her potential being a devoted wife and mother. She wondered if the time and energy she invested in her husband, and children would make a difference. At times she got discouraged because so much of what she did seemed to go unnoticed and unappreciated. *Is it worth it?* She often wondered. Is there something better I could be doing with my time? It was during these moments of questioning that she heard the still small voice of the Father speak to her heart: *You are a wife and mother because that is what I called you to be. Much of what you do is hidden from the public eye. But I notice. Much of what you do is without remuneration. But I am your reward. Your husband cannot be the man I have called him to be without your support. Your influence upon him is greater than you will ever know. I bless him through your service and honor him through your love, Your children are precious to me. Even more precious than they are to you. I have entrusted them into your care to raise for me. What you invest in them is an offering to me true, you may never be in the public spotlight. But your obedience shines as a bright light before me. Continue on. Remember, you are my servant.*

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phillipians 4:19



EBENEZER
Emissary Weekly

May 10, 2009

Happy Mother's Day **Opportunities of the Day**

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Baptism 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 Dick (*CMC*)
Dedication to the Lord – Levi Biery, Aubrey Burkholder, Anastacia Gratz, Karlie Lora, Braydon McClure, Seilah Pickering, and Zoe & Mason Shank
- 11:30 a.m.** Chicken BBQ/Youth Fund Raiser (*CMC*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service
Mark Cowperthwaite (*Sanctuary*)
Junior & Senior High Small Groups

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

Scheduled Surgeries: Tim Diller, tomorrow at Bluffton Hospital and Katherine Gratz, Tuesday, May 12, at Columbus Children's Hospital.

Join us tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to hear Mr. Mark Cowperthwaite share about his unique ministry to churches across the US. Mark and his family travel to various churches working with them for 1-3 months helping in outreach to the community and training church members in evangelism.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on May 3:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	333
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	420
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	68

Giving on May 3:

\$19,618.35

Benevolent Fund	135.00
Building Fund	1,841.00
Christian Education Fund	758.84
Current Expense Fund	8,533.00
Missions Fund	5,766.00
New Building Fund	462.00
Youth Fund	2,122.51

Missions Giving:

\$917 - Campus Crusade for Christ for Tiffany Bixel for training course and conference in Colorado June 16 – July 30.

\$200 - D.M. Stearns for chairs for new seminary, Seminario Biblico Evangelico de Cuenca in Ecuador

Missionary of the week: *Dennis & Cindy Wiens* serve with **SAT-7**. Dennis is Director of Church Connections, connecting North American churches with believers in the Middle East and North Africa. They have a burden for Arabic individuals and families who are lost in sin with no hope of freedom in Christ. Please send a note to Dennis & Cindy at dwiens@kc.rr.com.

Missionary Updates: Copies of letters received in April from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map – *Neil & Meredith Bittle, Don & Brenda Ernst, Bryan & Felicia Friesen, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, Steve & Belva Rae Kotlarczyk, Don Leader, Lyn & Lori Loewen, Jorge & Lynn Mogrovejo, David & Marjory Patrick, Rick & Pat Shaner, Lee & Michelle Sonius, Bonnie Spallinger, Joe & Jeanie Stucky, Les & Verla Unruh, and Brynden Wiens.*

Opportunities of the Week: May 11-17

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

Monday	9:00 a.m.	MOPS (FH)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Dodgeball (Ages Junior High on up, CMC)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (112)
		Small Group Meet (at Pastor Jim's home)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Baptism Class (Library)
		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.	Communion/Worship Gathering (CMC)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service
		Zechariah 12-14 – <i>God's Encouragement</i> (Sanctuary)

~ Helpers for Sunday, May 17 ~

Nursery: Sara Amstutz, Janet Brauen, Caroline & Kyla Dawson, Leah Eiden, Melissa Hilty, Jared & Sarah Lehman

The Good News Hour: Tyler Breidenbach, Hanné Burkholder, Cory Hilty, Cindy & Molly Moser, Jane Shank, Hannah Slechter

VBS Registration: Kids 4 years of age – grade 6. Stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and sign up for **Crocodile Dock** VBS, May 31-June 5.

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 next Sunday, May 17.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Bart & Joy Moser, *Missions Center*
Steve & Karen Steiner, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



Derek Luginbuhl	Sun., May 17, 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.	CMC
Austin Marquart	Sat., May 23, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	CMC
Jonica Schmutz	Sun., May 24, 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.	CMC
Brittany Sheehan	Sun., May 24, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	
	Campus Life Building 111 W. College Avenue, Bluffton	

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday

is Sunday, May 24, during the Worship Gathering. Please sign the graduation information sheet on the bulletin board in the Missions Center or you may fill out the EMC Communications Card so the church office will have the correct information.

Special Notice: Jared Burkholder (former assistant pastor here at Ebenezer in the early 1970's) has retired from Grace University. They are having a retirement dinner/recognition tomorrow. They are also making a book for him. If you would like to send an e-mail message for Jared, send to: jofast@graceu.edu. You may also send a letter in the mail to Grace University, 1311 S. 19th Street, Omaha, NE 68108, just put Jared's name on the bottom left hand corner of the envelope.

All seniors are invited to attend a free breakfast with entertainment by the BHS Jazz Band this Wednesday, May 13, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bluffton Middle School Cafetorium.

Thanks so much! I would like to thank all the people who have sent cards and that are praying for my recovery from neck surgery. A special thank you to Kathy Brauen, Pastor Jim, and Pastor Warren for their visit to the hospital. - *God Bless, Sharon Shoemaker*