

The Holy Alphabet

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of Camp Complaining
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To thank is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad,
but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in the Chicken BBQ Youth Fundraiser last Sunday. A total of \$1,100 was collected to help with the trip to France this summer!

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- May 31** Christian Education Promotion Sunday (9:00 a.m., CMC)
May 31-June 5 Vacation Bible School/**Crocodile Dock** (6:30 p.m.)
June 14 Baptismal Service (Zimmerman's Pond)
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 19 BBQ & Corn Hole Toss Tournament (5:00 p.m., CMC)
July 24-26 Family Camp 2009 (Maumee Bay State Park)
Aug. 30 Teacher Appreciation Sunday/Dr. David Draper of Winebrenner Seminary/*Making Disciples* (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Sept 12,13,19,&20 Dinner Theatre/**State Road 47** (CMC)

FAMILY CAMP 2009

Maumee Bay State Park - July 24-26

Contact Greg & Sue Luginbill for reservations.
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EBENEZER Emissary Weekly

May 17, 2009

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.** Communion/Worship Gathering – Pastor Dick (CMC)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service
Zechariah 12-14 - *God's Encouragement (Sanctuary)*
Junior & Senior High Small Groups

Benevolence: In conjunction with this morning's communion service, a benevolent offering will be taken by the ushers following the morning worship gathering.

Congratulations to Don & Rebecca (Chiles) Edinger who were united in marriage on Saturday, May 9, at St. Marks Methodist Church in Lima.

Congratulations to Tom & Annie Spallinger on the adoption of Eswin "Ruben" Spallinger on Wednesday, March 18. Ruben was born on October 23, 2006 in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Missionaries of the week: Kerry & Krista Wright serve in Louisville, KY with Midwest Church Planting. The Encounter church is growing with approximately 120 people attending. Kerry is involved with the preparation of each service and leading the music ministry program. Even though the church is growing many lost souls and young believers are out there and need Him. Please send a note to Kerry & Krista at wright336@juno.com

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on May 10:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	339
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	455
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	70

Giving on May 10:

\$21,141.75

Benevolent Fund	90.00
Building Fund	1,290.59
Christian Education Fund	647.74
Current Expense Fund	7,389.42
Missions Fund	3,925.00
New Building Fund	435.00
Youth Fund	7,364.00
Memorials for Vinton Bucher – Missions Fund	575.00

Scheduled Surgery: Rick Shaner, tomorrow in Juneau, AK.

Just a reminder there will be a Wild Game Committee meeting Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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 today.

Promotion Sunday is being held in the Crossroads Ministry Center on Sunday, May 31, during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday school hour. Everyone including the High School Class and all Adult Bible Fellowship classes are invited to attend. If your child is involved in the Scripture Memory Program, all memory work for the first three quarters will need to be finished by next Sunday, May 24.

Opportunities of the Week: May 18-24

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

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Constitution Revision Committee (FH)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Dodgeball (Ages Junior High on up, CMC) Wild Game Committee Meeting (FH)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (112)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting (FH)
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.	Graduate Recognition Service (CMC)

** No Evening Fellowship Service **

~ Helpers for Sunday, May 24 ~

Nursery: Jessica Amstutz, Mikaela Diller, Leah Eiden, Dan & Joanna Gratz, Matt & Kristi Lora, Cindy, Molly, & Rachel Moser

The Good News Hour: Janet Brauen, Melissa Hilty, Pat King, Kyle Huber, Andrea Spallinger, Joan Steiner, Bev Stockman

High School and College Graduate Recognition Sunday is next 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.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Kevin & Gina Burkholder, *Missions Center*
Chuck & Saun Niswander, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



You are invited to the following celebrations:

Derek Luginbuhl	Today, 12:30 – 4 p.m.	CMC
Austin Marquart	Sat., May 23, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	CMC
Jonica Schmutz	Sun., May 24, 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.	CMC
Brittany Sheehan	Sun., May 24, 2 – 5 p.m.	
	Campus Life Building 111 W. College Avenue, Bluffton	
Craig Burkholder	Mon., May 25, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	CMC
Jerrod & Jessica Amstutz	Sat., May 30, 12 – 3 p.m.	CMC

Thank you to all the families who provided food for our Campus Life Breakfast Clubs this school year. The students are so appreciative of anything new. - *Ann Leader and David Glick*

Thanks so much! Many of you have dropped off empty pill bottles in the Sharing Room to be donated to the *Matthew 25 Ministries Program*. This program is based in Cincinnati and is formed to help improve health care quality in hospitals and health clinics in developing countries by saving basic medical supplies such as empty pill bottles. Thank you for helping!

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. through August 25. Please contact Pastor Wade at 567-204-1868 if you have any questions.



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