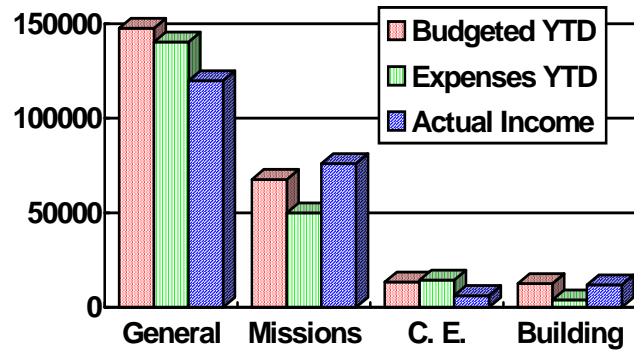


Financial Report – April 2009

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	147,583	67,756	13,500	12,646
Expenses YTD	140,303	49,999	14,640	4,067
Actual Income	119,854	76,130	6,372	11,995



Cash Fund Balances as of 4/30/09:

General	(\$6,261)
Missions	\$57,310
Christian Education	\$8,353
Building.....	\$16,484
New Building	\$3,768
Benevolent.....	\$8,161

Please give your attention: During the year we need \$8,400 a week for the General Fund. Thank you for your continued faithful giving and prayers for the Lord's ministry here at Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

Childcare Needed: Beginning the first week of June until school starts. For more information or interested please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center or call 419-358-2384, and ask for Beth.

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

Congratulations to our 2009 Graduates

Allen East High School – May 30

Kayla Geiger * Quinn Schantz

Bluffton High School – May 23

Katie Althaus * Jerrod Amstutz * Jessica Amstutz
 Craig Burkholder * Derek Luginbuhl * Austin Marquart
 Jonica Schmutz * Brittany Sheehan * Ryan Sommers

Bluffton University – May 3

Jeff Combs/MBA

Deborah Wise/MBA

Bowling Green State University – May 9

Andrea Stockman/BS in Human Development & Family Studies

Capital University – May 2

Angela Geiger/Major-English Literature
 Minor-Creative Writing

Ohio Northern University – May 24

Sharon Binkley/Mathematics

Owens Community College – May 8

Jim Bish/Associate Nursing

Rhodes State College – June 11

Stacy Geiger/Early Childhood Education

University of Dayton – August

Ashley Fry/Master of Science TELC

Heidi Steiner/Master of Science TELC

Wright State University – May 13

Caleb Barnes/Bachelors of Science & Mechanical Engineering

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- June 10** Tim Geysbeek, from SIM (7:00 p.m., FH)
- 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)
- July 5-11** Junior High (Grades 6-7-8, 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)



EBENEZER

Emissary Weekly

May 24, 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.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (CMC)

Congratulations to our graduates: Today we recognize our many high school and college graduates during the Worship Gathering. Please pray for them as they finish their school year and for the many decisions they will make as they prepare to go to college or begin new careers. Notice that there will not be an Evening Fellowship Service.

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.

Promotion Sunday is being held in the Crossroads Ministry Center next 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 today.

Missionaries of the week: Tom & Dora Becker serve with **Evangelical Free Church of America (Reach Global) in Czech Republic**. They work with the Roma people and the local church. Pray for them as they need to make school decisions for their children. They say thanks as we are faithful in our prayer and financial support. Please send Tom & Dora a note of encouragement at thomas.becker@efca.org.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on May 17:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	318
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	411
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	44

Giving on May 17:

\$13,779.33

Benevolent Fund	2,014.00
Building Fund	438.00
Christian Education Fund	628.36
Current Expense Fund	6,501.97
Missions Fund	3,537.00
New Building Fund	535.00
Youth Fund	125.00

Prayer is needed during VBS! Beginning next Sunday, May 31, through Thursday, June 4, there will be a time of prayer held each evening at the church in the Room 115. Plan to join us from 6:45 -7:45 p.m. or from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. to pray for the VBS teachers, children, and staff. Be sure to stop by the Prayer Table in the Missions Center to pick up helpful prayer materials. Please support this tremendous outreach opportunity with your faithful prayers. - *Prayer Action Team*

Cookies, Cookies! If you would like to donate at least two dozen cookies for the Vacation Bible School final program please label for VBS and place in the Church Kitchen by Friday, June 5.

Special Congregational Meeting: There will be a brief congregational meeting next Sunday, May 31 immediately following the Worship Gathering to vote on a request by Pastor Wade Slechter to become licensed. This would give Pastor Wade recognition with the state of Ohio to assist with weddings and funerals and to affirm Pastor Wade's call to ministry with us here at Ebenezer.

Softball Sign Ups: If you are interested in playing in the summer softball league please sign up at the table in the Missions Center. Players must be 18 years old or older by July 1, 2009.

Opportunities of the Week: May 25-31

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

Monday	**Memorial Day – Church Office Closed**	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Dodgeball (<i>Ages Junior High on up, CMC</i>)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (<i>112</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	CE Promotion Sunday (<i>CMC</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	VBS Begins - Crocodile Dock

~ Helpers for Sunday, May 31 ~

Nursery: Jessica Amstutz, Matt & Kristi Lora, Donita Luginbill, Cindy, Molly, & Rachel Moser, Cheryl Potter

The Good News Hour: Cindy Breidenbach, Leah Eiden, Megan Kirkendall, Marissa Schutz, Diane Sharrock, Laura Spallinger, Kathy Steiner

MOPS 2009-2010 Registration: Come and join us for **MOPS** (Mothers of Preschoolers) next year for a great time of food and fellowship. We meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month (October – May) from 9-11:15 a.m. Childcare is provided. Early registration is due by this Friday, May 29. Contact Sarah Lehman at 419-358-5569 to register.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. to hear Tim Geysbeek, who is a researcher and archivist from SIM International Headquarters in Charlotte, NC.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Mike & Bev Powell, *Missions Center*

Charles & Jayne Huffman, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



You are invited to the following celebrations:

Jonica Schmutz	Today, 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.	CMC
Brittany Sheehan	Today, 2 – 5 p.m.	
	Campus Life Building, 111 W. College Avenue, Bluffton	
Craig Burkholder	Tomorrow, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	CMC
Jerrod & Jessica Amstutz	Sat., May 30, 12 – 3 p.m.	CMC
Angela & Kayla Geiger	Sat. June 6, 1 – 4 p.m.	CMC
Quinn Schantz	Sun., June 7, 1 – 4 p.m.	
	Colonial Golfers Club, State Route 309	
Ryan Sommers	Sat. June 13, 1 – 4 p.m.	
	Campus Life Building, 111 W. College Avenue, Bluffton	

Value-Packed Parenting: *Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World*, will be an Adult Bible Fellowship elective on Sundays at 9:00 a.m., June 7 through July 19. The class will meet in the Sanctuary overflow where the Maranatha class presently meets. This is a seven session video series with Dr. Kevin Leman. It is Biblical, humorous, and very practical. Some of the session titles are, *The 10 Best Gifts You'll Ever Give Your Kids*, *Discipline Isn't Spelled P-U-N-I-S-H-M-E-N-T*, *Caution: Anger Ahead!* and *Standing up to the New Goliath*. Workbooks will be made available to those attending. The class will be facilitated by Pastor Dick. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Dick through the church office. - *Pastor Dick*

The Call to Joy and Pain. This is the topic of this year's Xenos Summer Institute being held at Xenos Christian Fellowship in Columbus, Ohio. Join us as we attend the Conference this year. The dates are July 15-17. Two of this year's speakers are Ajith Fernando, the National Director of Youth for Christ, Sri Lanka, and Joni Eareckson Tada, founder of Joni and Friends. There are some great *Breakout Sessions* at the conference. A couple of Breakout session titles are *Adult Discipleship Models*, *Satan and Suffering*, and *Quiet Time in a Noisy Culture*. You might even consider attending a portion of the conference. If you have any questions contact Pastor Dick or Pastor Jim through the church office at 419-358-8588. - *Pastor Dick*