

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*

Thank you dear people of Ebenezer Mennonite Church, Kathy Brauen, Pastor Warren, and Don & Dorothy Burkholder for your love in Christ for others. I'll never forget it. Jo Anne is in Drake Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Remember her in prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ. - *Ruth Hall*

Dear Ebenezer Mennonite Church Family: Thank you so much for the generous gift you gave for my training this summer. Thank you for all your support! I really appreciate all you have done for me. - *In Christ, Tiffany Bixel*

Dear Ebenezer, I would like to thank you for the copy of the *Africa Bible Commentary* that I received upon graduation from college. I have so far found the commentary to be very insightful and useful in understanding Bible passages from a non-Western point of view. I have already used it to clarify certain parts of the book of Ecclesiastes that were unclear to me. Again, many thanks for the thoughtful gift. - *Sincerely, Jim Bish*

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.

▶ 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)

FAMILY CAMP 2009
 Maumee Bay State Park - July 24-26
 Contact Greg & Sue Luginbill for reservations.
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Emissary Weekly

May 31, 2009

Annual Christian Education Promotion Sunday

Opportunities of the Day

- 9:00 a.m.** Christian Education Promotion Sunday (CMC)
- 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)
- 11:30 a.m.** Congregational Meeting (CMC)
- 6:30 p.m.** Vacation Bible School/**Crocodile Dock**

Promotion Sunday is today and will be held in the Crossroads Ministry Center 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.

Special Congregational Meeting: There will be a brief congregational meeting today 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.

Congratulations to Grant & Maralee (McKanna) Sullivan on the birth of a daughter, Paige Olivia, on Wednesday, May 27, weighing 8 lb. 14 oz.

In the Hospital: Norma Zimmerly, Indiana University Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis.

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. Begins tonight and runs through Friday, June 5.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on May 24:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	354
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	422

Giving on May 24:

		\$10,105.48
Benevolent Fund		145.00
Building Fund		358.00
Christian Education Fund		527.65
Current Expense Fund		6,386.83
Missions Fund		1,848.00
New Building Fund		30.00
Youth Fund		810.00

Missionaries of the week: Neil & Meredi Bittle serve with **MAF Canada**. They live in Leslieville, Alberta, Canada. They want to see the development in Angola. Over the next few months, the Bittles together with MAF and a Romao family will be developing a plan for them in Angola. They say thank you for your prayers and partnership. Please send Neil & Meredi a note of encouragement at neilmeredi@hotmail.com.

Please notice: The Junior & Senior High small groups have finished meeting for the summer break. All the groups will meet together in July. Details will come later. – *Pastor Wade*

All are invited to attend the **Crocodile Dock** Vacation Bible School Closing Program, Friday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come and see how, *Fearless Kids Shine God's Light*. Cookies and Lugibihl's Ice Cream after the program!

Attention: All those involved with **Crocodile Dock** VBS, the opening and closing each evening will be held in the Sanctuary.

Prayer is needed during VBS! Beginning tonight 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*

Opportunities of the Week: June 1-7

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

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School/ Crocodile Dock
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School/ Crocodile Dock
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School/ Crocodile Dock
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School/ Crocodile Dock
Friday	6:30 p.m.	VBS Closing Program (Sanctuary)
Sunday	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)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service <i>Celebration & Dedication (Sanctuary)</i>

~ Helpers for Sunday, June 7 ~

Nursery: Crystal Badertscher, Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber, Cheryl Potter, Andrea Spallinger, Renea Zimmerman

The Good News Hour: Juan, Sonia, & Evania Bonifaz, Madison Schantz, Marissa Schutz, Rhonda & Allene Thompson

Summer Dodgeball: Just a reminder that we will not meet this Tuesday because of Vacation Bible School.

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.

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.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Richard & Gera Bixel, *Missions Center*
Larry & Ginny Moser, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



You are invited to the following celebrations:

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

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.

The next Missions Committee meeting will be Thursday, June 11, at 6:00 p.m., in Room B14. (Please note changes in time, date, and location.)

Transport for Christ will hold its 18th Annual Truck Show & Benefit Auction June 19 & 20. It kicks off Friday, June, 19, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kidron Auction with pulled pork sandwiches, homemade ice cream follow by the truck *Parade of Lights* from Kidron to Holmes County Expo Center in Walnut Creek (parade route posted on a flyer on the bulletin board in the Missions Center). Saturday, June 20 activities will be at the Holmes County Expo Center with a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast beginning at 7:00 a.m., a Chicken BBQ at 11:30 a.m. and auction beginning at 1:00 p.m. Activities and features of the day are posted on the flyer. If you have any items new or nearly new to donate to the auction or bake sale items, please call the Transport for Christ office at 330-465-4587.

Two adults are needed to share teaching responsibilities in the Grade 5 Sunday School classroom. This would start in July and be every other month. Please pray about this and contact Joan Steiner at 419-358-0486 if you are interested in this ministry.