

Thank you so much for the Africa Bible Commentary. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family! – *Ashley Fry*

Dear Ebenezer Family: Thank you so much for the prayers and encouragement over the last two years as Heidi worked towards her Master's and the Africa Bible Commentary gift upon completion of her degree. Your gracious support is a blessing. With that, we would also like to thank you for your many prayers during Wilson's birth and recovery time. Every call, card, e-mail, visit, and meal we received was very much appreciated and a constant reminder that the WILL of God won't lead us where the grace of God can't keep us...we are never out of His care. We are overjoyed that Will is a healthy six month old and now able to be out and about. - *Praising God for His Faithfulness, Joshua, Heidi, & Will Steiner*

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 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)

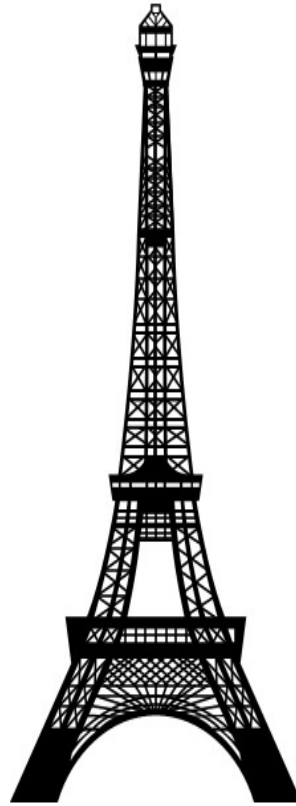
Sept 12,13,19,&20 Dinner Theatre/*State Road 47* (CMC)

FAMILY CAMP 2009

Maumee Bay State Park - **July 24-26**

Contact Greg & Sue Luginbill for reservations.

kglugin@fairpoint.net or 419-306-4122/419-384-3586



Please remember to pray for the Youth Missions Team who are preparing to leave for **Project Serve France** on Sunday, June 21. The project will involve work at the French Youth for Christ training/retreat center at Sondernach in northeastern France. Work will include, but not be limited to, remodeling and painting. The leadership team includes Pastor Wade & Hannah, Pastor Jim & Pat, Jerry Wheeler, and Adam Wireman. The youth are Jerrod Amstutz, Amber Bewsey, Evania Bonifaz, Hanné Burkholder, Mikaela Diller, Kayla Geiger, Cory Hilty, Marissa Schultz, Brittany Sheehan, Jené Sommers, Ryan Sommers, Laura & Andrea Spallinger, and Sam & Dru Spallinger. The group will be flying back on Sunday, July 5.

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EBENEZER **Emissary Weekly**

June 7, 2009

Opportunities of the Day

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
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)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (FH)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Zechariah 12-14 - *God's Encouragement*

Beginning today through July 19, *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. 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.

2009 Church Directories are now ready and will be handed out today by the ushers following the Worship Gathering.

Camp Aides at Miracle Camp

June 7-13

Alaina Bixel

Kayla Edie

Lisa Hunt

Ally Marquart

Kaitlin Thompson

Jamie Wickert

Wynter Wise

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on May 31:

Promotion Sunday	(9:00 a.m.)	310
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	476
Vacation Bible School	(6:30 p.m.)	158

Attendance on June 1:

Vacation Bible School	(6:30 p.m.)	161
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Attendance on June 2:

Vacation Bible School	(6:30 p.m.)	155
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Attendance on June 3:

Vacation Bible School	(6:30 p.m.)	160
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Giving on May 31:

	\$11,658.55
Benevolent Fund	120.00
Building Fund	323.00
Christian Education Fund	686.68
Current Expense Fund	6,461.87
Missions Fund	3,907.00
New Building Fund	160.00

Missions Giving:

\$1,000 - Langham Partnership Int. for Paul & Barbara Windsor

Missionaries of the Week - Michael & Maren Boehm serve in **Louisville, KY** with **Midwest Church Planting**. April 12 was a great time of celebration for Encounter Church. They not only celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, but also celebrated their third anniversary of the church with 120 people attending. They continue to be amazed as they watch the power of Jesus' resurrection changing lives at Encounter Church! Please send Michael & Maren a note of encouragement at theboehms@insightbb.com.

Missionary Updates: Copies of letters received in May from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map: **Michael & Maren Boehm, Norman & Gwen Bowman, Brad & Debbie Dukes, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, David Glick, Don & Ann Leader, Lyn Loewen, Joel & Nada Mathai, Hannah Slechter, Chuck & Naomi Smith, Linda Sommer, and Kerris Jr., & Krista Wright.**

Congratulations to Ross & Janelle (Basinger) Emans who were united in marriage yesterday outside of Bluffton.

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

Opportunities of the Week: June 8-14

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

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.	Tim Geysbeek/SIM (<i>FH</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17</i>)
		Grade School Full Week (Grades 2-4, leave for Miracle Camp)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>) Baptism Service following the Worship Gathering (<i>Zimmerman's Pond</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service <i>The Restoration of the Temple,</i> <i>Celebration & Dedication (Sanctuary)</i>

~ Helpers for Sunday, June 14 ~

Nursery: Sara Amstutz, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Deb Hilty,
Dru Spallinger, Bev Stockman

The Good News Hour: Diana & Kathryn Basinger,
Hanné Burkholder, Mikaela Diller, Sharon Forrer,
Kyle Huber, Julie Motter, Joan Steiner

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*

Join us in the Fellowship Hall this 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.

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.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Katlyn Bates & Alexis Moser, *Missions Center*
Marvin & Gloria Diller, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

You are invited to the following graduate celebrations:

Quinn Schantz Today, 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

The recommendation that Pastor Wade Slechter be approved for licensure was accepted by the congregation at the meeting held last Sunday following the Worship Gathering. This will give Pastor Wade recognition with the state of Ohio to assist with weddings and funerals.

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.

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*