

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. **The CE Committee will subsidize the cost of each SS/ABF teacher up to \$30 who attends the seminar.** If you have any questions contact Pastor Dick or Pastor Jim through the church office at 419-358-8588. - *Pastor Dick*

Dear Ebenezer Church Family: The Swiss Community Historical Society wants to thank you for opening the Crossroads Ministry Center for our annual Swiss Day meeting last Sunday, June 28. Your facility is ideal for our needs. We want to thank all from Ebenezer who helped make this day special, especially Sam Brauen (technology) and Ginny Moser (kitchen). A number of Ebenezer members, who are active participants in the Swiss Society were very helpful, including Seth Bixel, Marvin & Gloria Diller, and Chuck Niswander. - *Sincerely, Ron Lora, President, Swiss Society*

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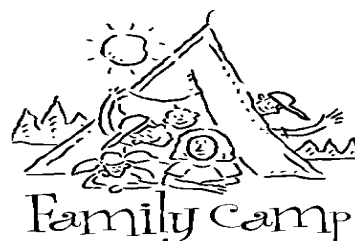
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► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- July 15-17** Xenos Summer Institute (Columbus)
- July 19** Picnic & Corn Hole Toss Tournament (5:00 p.m., CMC)
Xenos Small Group Begins (6:30 p.m., Pastor Jim's home)
- July 22** *When Bad Things Happen to Good Marriages* Small Group Begins (7:00 p.m., Pastor Dick's home)
Three Cups of Tea Small Group Begins (7:05 p.m., Pastor Jim's home)
- July 24-26** Family Camp 2009 (Maumee Bay State Park)
- July 26** Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m., Sanctuary)
No Evening Fellowship Service
- Aug. 2** Ezra 9 & 10 - *Ezra's Revival* (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Aug. 9** Speechless: Silencing the Christians #1 (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Aug. 16** Speechless: Silencing the Christians #2 (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Aug. 23** Speechless: Silencing the Christians #3 (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Aug. 30** Teacher Appreciation Sunday/Dr. David Draper of Winebrenner Seminary/*Making Disciples* (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Sept. 6** Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Speechless: Silencing the Christians #4 (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Sept 12,13,19,&20** Dinner Theatre / **State Road 47** (6:00 p.m. CMC)
- Sept. 27** Speechless: Silencing the Christians #5 (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)



Family Camp

2009

Maumee Bay State Park - July 24-26

Contact Greg & Sue Luginbill for reservations.

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EBENEZER Emissary Weekly

July 5, 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)
Junior High Campers (leave for Miracle Camp)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Dick (CMC)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service
Bonnie Spallinger/Avant Ministries, Germany (Sanctuary)
Afterglow to follow Evening Service (CMC)

In the Hospital: David Lugibihl, St. Rita's Medical Center.

Scheduled Surgery: Porter King, Wednesday, July 8, Blanchard Valley Hospital.

Remember to pray for the Youth Missions Team. They are returning home today from France and will arrive this evening.

Junior High 1 to Miracle Camp

Grades 6-8 – July 5-11

Dylan Alt	Julie Althaus	Christian Bame
Freddie Cherry	Josiah Conley	Kyla Dawson
Nathan Diller	Maddie Essinger	Brittany Good
Bronwyn Greer	Abby Heslep	Alexis Lugibihl
Molly Moser	McKenna Reneker	Delaney Reineke
Andrew Schutz	Brittany Sommers	Alyssa Willow
Drivers to Camp:	Cindy Moser and Anita Willow John Good and Tim Diller	
Drivers from Camp:	Tim & Diana Diller	

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on June 28:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	303
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	351
Congregational Meeting	(7:00 p.m.)	91

Giving on June 28:

\$5,767.97

Benevolent Fund	35.00
Building Fund	320.00
Christian Education Fund	374.97
Current Expense Fund	3,947.00
Missions Fund	970.00
New Building Fund	80.00
White Christmas	41.00

Memorial for Telsa Diller – Missions Fund \$25.00

Missionary of the week: *Margaret Edmondson* serves with **Life in Messiah International** and ministers to the Jewish people in **Florida**. The University of South Florida outreach, The Bull Market (flea market), is finished until August when the fall session begins. The Marshall Student Center outreach continues throughout the summer. Margaret sends her heartfelt thanks for the faithful generous financial support and fervent prayers. Please encourage Margaret by mailing a note to her at: 14813 Carnation Drive, Tampa, FL 33613.

Christmas in July: White Christmas offerings will be received through the month of July. Please use the special White Christmas envelopes enclosed in your bulletin last Sunday for your gift and place in the offering plate. Additional envelopes are on the table in the Missions Center and Crossroads Ministry Center. *(Since Christmas gifts are considered personal by the IRS, no tax-deductible receipts will be issued.) - The Missions Committee*

Thank you for giving generously with a joyful heart!

Opportunities of the Week: July 6-12

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

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Dodgeball *(CMC)*

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time *(FH)*

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)*
Senior High *(Grades 9-12, leave for Miracle Camp)*

10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering *(CMC)*

5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting *(FH)*

7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service *(CMC)*

~ Helpers for Sunday, July 12 ~

Nursery: Ashley Fry, Jeremy & Christina Lemley, Cheryl Potter, Andrea Spallinger, Mark & Kay Spallinger

The Good News Hour: Jerrod Amstutz, Melissa Hilty, Pat King, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl, Quinn & Madison Schantz

Vacation Bible School Crew Guides: Stop in the library to pick up your follow-up packet of a photo frame and picture to send to your crew members. All materials including stamps are provided. You just need to add a short note and place in the mailbox. Thanks!! - *VBS Committee*

TODAY'S GREETERS

Lynette & Kyle Bewsey, *Missions Center*

Mike & Kathy Biery, *Crossroads Ministry Center*

June 28 Congregational Meeting

Recommendation #1 from the Trustees on how to spend the remaining money from the sale of the parsonage passed. The following is a list of the improvements approved by the congregation:

1. Improvements to the Missions Center to include insulation in the ceiling and south wall, lighting, additional carpeting, new ceiling, etc.
2. Improvements to the sound system in the Crossroads Ministry Center including sound panels.
3. A new video projector/screen system in CMC.
4. Improvements to the lighting in the CMC.
5. Improvements to the water system and restroom fixtures near the Sanctuary.
6. New heating boiler for the Missions Center.

Recommendation #2: The Trustees were asked to negotiate an extension of the time limit of an option to purchase twenty (20) acres just east of the existing church property. Upon written confirmation of same, the Church would accept contributions designated for the purchase of this land.

Needed: A parent of Bluffton Elementary child/children, to be Ebenezer's Weekday Christian representative for the 2009/2010 school year. Duties are to find willing walkers from Ebenezer to walk the elementary age classrooms from the school to the First Mennonite Church for a 30 minute time of Christian Education. The Ebenezer representative is responsible for finding walkers for three days a week, once a month, during the school year. This is a great opportunity to get to know your child/children's friends and become familiar with the Weekday Christian Education program. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Karla Burkholder at 419-358-9415.

Left behind items are located on the coat rack and table outside the kitchen. There are several sweaters, jackets, mugs, casserole dishes, etc. Please check it out to see if something looks familiar.