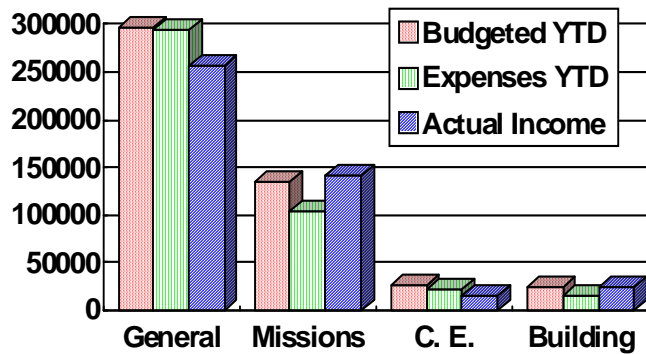


Financial Report – August 2009

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	295,167	135,511	27,000	25,291
Expenses YTD	294,200	102,956	22,878	15,211
Actual Income	257,237	140,933	16,065	23,703



Cash Fund Balances as of 8/31/09:

General.....	(\$22,775)
Missions.....	* \$69,156
Christian Education	\$9,809
Building	\$22,384
Parsonage Proceeds	\$83,471
New Building.....	\$8,005
Benevolent.....	\$12,376

* Approximately \$36,000 was sent to mission agencies this past week representing third quarter support payments.

Parents and children from age 2 - grade 6. **SAVE THE DATE** of September 30, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. for the season kick-off of our Wednesday Night Children's Ministry. For details refer to the flyer that your child brings home or get a flyer on the registration table in the Missions Center. **We need you to sign up so we know how many to plan for the supper.**

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry begins at the church October 7, at 7:00 p.m. There are classes for children from age 2 - grade 6. Bring friends with you as we have fun learning about God's Word. Please stop by the registration table in the Missions Center to register your children.

Men's Small Group Bible Study starting October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary overflow and running in conjunction with the Wednesday Night Children's Ministry. Join us as we study with Ken Ham in how the Bible is real history touching on biology, geology astronomy, and anthropology.

Dear Ebenezer Family: Thank you for the generous White Christmas Gift. This fall we enjoy having the Bluffton football team in our home each week for a meal so we will use the funds for food. We are blessed to be part of the Ebenezer Church Family. – *Don & Ann Leader*

SIM Workers Needed: If interested please contact Ruth Anna Bixel at 419-358-5078. Dates of SIM trip are February 7-13, 2010.

Two Small Groups Facilitated by Pastor Jim: *Each One Connected.* Are you looking for friends? Do you desire to meet others in our church community? How about an opportunity to grow in your Christian faith? Join a small group! Both groups will meet at Jim & Pat's home at 152 S. Jackson St. Bluffton. Contact Jim at 419-296-0885 or jim.king@ebenezermennonite.org or on Facebook. Please invite your friends. Anyone 18 years and older are invited to attend. Limit of 20 participants.

1. **Connections:** Where Culture Meets Christ: Wednesdays, September 30 – November 11. Join Jim & Pat King for a book discussion with "Love Is an Orientation, Elevating the Conversation with the Gay Community" by Andrew Marin. Time frame will be 7:05 to 8:10 p.m. You'll need a copy of the book and a Bible. (Pastor Jim can order the book for you at a cost of \$10.20.)

2. **Journey through Life:** Sundays September 27 – November 8, Join Jim & Pat King for a journey through the *I AM' of Jesus* as found in the Gospel of John. Time frame will be 6:31 to 8:05 p.m. Please bring a Bible and an open heart.

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Sept. 28** MOPS (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Sept. 30** Kick-off for Wednesday Night Children's Ministry (6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's home)
- Oct. 7** Wednesday Night Children's Ministry/Junior High Begins (Ages 2-Grade 6/Junior High)
- Oct. 10** Men's Breakfast & Trap Shoot (7:30 a.m., CMC/outside)
- Oct. 18** Welcome to Ebenezer Lunch (11:45 a.m., FH)
- Oct. 24** Women's Ministries **Soup Talk** (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 26** MOPS (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Evening Sew (6:00 a.m., CMC)
- Oct. 27** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)



EBENEZER

Emissary Weekly

Sept. 20, 2009

Opportunities of the Day

- 8:30 a.m.** Pictorial Directory Sign-up (*Missions Center*)
- 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*)
- 11:30 a.m.** Wednesday Night Children's Ministry Workers Meeting (103-104)
- 5:00 p.m.** Children's Choir (*Grades 1-6, 118-119*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Dinner Theatre - **State Road 47** (*CMC*)

Congratulations to Jim & Holly (McKanna) Doty on the birth of their son, Stefan James, on Saturday, September 12, weighing 7 lb. 7 oz.

All those involved in the Wednesday Night Children's Ministry please plan to meet today at 11:30 a.m. for our orientation meeting in Rooms 103-104.

Recently hospitalized, Norma Zimmerly, now home under the care of Hospice.

Missionaries of the Week - Phil & Deb Leach serve with **BEEWorld in Asia.** Phil is on a ministry trip through October 7. Tentative commitments have been made to 24 pastors in the Philippines and to the first start-up group in Taiwan. Phil and his partner plan to give training seminars which will equip the pastors to teach the BEEWorld curriculum in their churches. Deb is involved in *The Healing Journey* ministry for which she produced the video series. Please send a note of encouragement to Phil & Deb at: phil.leach@usa.net.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on September 12:

Dinner Theatre	(6:00 p.m.)	200
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Attendance on September 13:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	314
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	385
Dinner Theatre	(6:00 p.m.)	300

Giving on September 13:

\$9,747.27

Benevolent Fund		60.00
Building Fund		686.00
Christian Education Fund		449.18
Current Expense Fund		6,888.30
Missions Fund		1,628.79
New Building Fund		25.00
Van Fund		10.00

In Rehabilitation: Wilda Hanthorn, Mennonite Memorial Home.

To make our new pictorial directory a success we need volunteers. If you are interested in helping by telephoning our members, or serving as a host or hostess during the actual photography sessions, contact the church office at 419-358-8588.

The Adult Choir will begin weekly rehearsals starting this Wednesday, September 23, from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. in Room 115. Anyone high school age and older who has a desire to honor the Lord and minister to the church through singing is welcome to join us. Please feel free to give choir a try and enjoy the musical and Christian fellowship that is experienced during this time. Hope to see you there! - *Thanks, Brent Zimmerman*

Fall Festival: The Mennonite Memorial Home will be holding its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 26, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. As part of the festival, the Women's Service Group will be holding a bake sale. Would you be willing to donate a baked good to this worthy cause? All proceeds will be directed to items purchased for the residents and staff of MMH. Baked goods may be brought to the church kitchen by Friday, September 25, by 9:00 a.m., please mark with MMH. A WSG member will pick up and deliver the items or you may take them directly to MMH. Thank you for your contribution!

Opportunities of the Week: September 21-27

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

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Com. Meeting (FH)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	Music Ministry Rehearsal (115)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer (FH)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (FH)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Pictorial Directory Sign-Up (Missions Center)
	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)
	5:30 p.m.	Back to School Bash/Small Group Kick-off (CMC)
	6:31 p.m.	Journey through Life/Small Group <i>(Pastor Jim's home)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir (B10) Children's Choir (118-119) Evening Fellowship Service Speechless: Silencing the Christians #5 <i>Vows on the Boardwalk (Sanctuary)</i>

~ Helpers for Sunday, September 27 ~

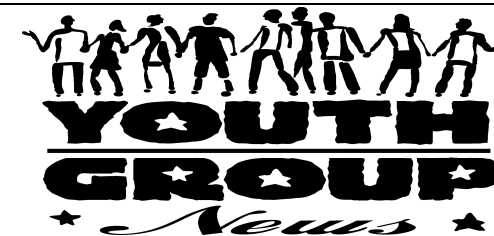
Nursery: Lynette & Amber Bewsey, Mike & Kathy Biery,
Deb Hilty, Joy & Alexis Moser, Renea Zimmerman
The Good News Hour: Janet Brauen, Leah Eiden, Melissa Hilty,
Cindy & Molly Moser, Brittany Sheehan, Kaitlin Thompson

Adult Coed Volleyball League: Anyone interested in playing volleyball at the Bluffton Family Recreation beginning September 28 – October 29, please contact Kevin Hilty at 419-202-0162. We need to turn in a roster by Friday, September 25.

Cherub Choir will begin next Sunday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. All kids age 2-Kindergarten are welcome. Any questions please contact Janet Brauen at 419-358-0495 or janetbrauen@gmail.com.

TODAY'S GREETERS

Dan & Joanna Gratz, *Missions Center*
Chuck & Saun Niswander, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



~ The Plug ~

Back to School Bash!

All Junior and Senior High Students are invited to a **Back to School Bash/Small Group Kick-off** next Sunday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

Wednesday Night Junior High: All Junior High Students are invited. We will begin meeting on October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High Classroom (Room B11).

Mark your calenders for 2010 Miracle Camp Winter Retreat, January 29-31 Senior High and January 8-10 Junior High.

Deacon resignation: Jim Diller has resigned his position as deacon. Jim will now be residing full time in Florida. The board thanks Jim for his years of service with the church.

A Ladies Bible Study will begin Wednesday, October 7, from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in Room B17. We will be studying Daniel, *Words of Prophecy* with Beth Moore. If interested please call Rhonda Thompson, at 567-204-2384. I have an extra book or books can be ordered. Ladies, come join us for an exciting in-depth study of end-time prophecy.

Attention Grades 3-6: You are invited to Cedarville University on October 10, for Junior Jam 2009, **Roof-Raisin' Ruckus**. For more information please see the Christian Education bulletin board in the Missions Center or call Joan Steiner at 419-358-0486. Parents are needed to drive. Registration deadline is today.

We are producing a new pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You can visit our church website, www.ebenzermennonite.org, to schedule your own appointment by clicking on the Lifetouch link or sign-up in the Missions Center today for a photography and portrait viewing session. The photography dates are: October 9 & 10 and October 12-17.