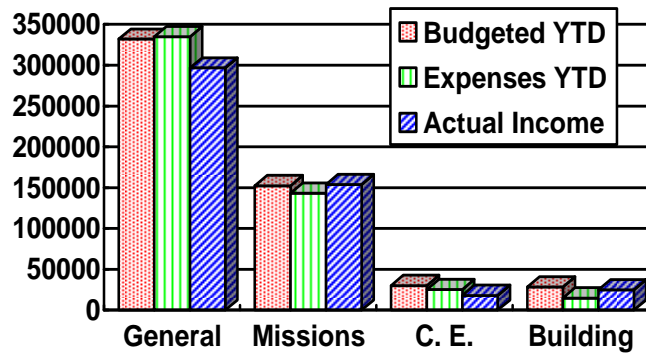


Financial Report – September 2009

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	332,062	152,450	30,375	28,453
Expenses YTD	334,735	143,485	25,589	15,211
Actual Income	296,725	153,763	18,258	25,277



Cash Fund Balances as of 9/30/09:

General	(\$23,822)
Missions	\$41,458
Christian Education	\$9,291
Building	\$23,884
Parsonage Proceeds	\$83,545
New Building	\$8,305
Benevolent	\$13,012

The family of Norma Zimmerly would like to thank the congregation and staff of the Ebenezer Mennonite Church. Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, support, and ministry. It meant so much to Norma during her illness. The family will remember the support and cannot express the true appreciation we feel. – Ron Zimmerly, Tim & Diane Masel and family

Ebenezer Church Family: Thank you so much for the generous White Christmas Gift! We truly appreciate all of your support and prayers for our ministry with Bluffton/Pandora Youth for Christ! God bless! – Pastor Wade & Hannah Slechter

Men's Basketball: Anyone interested in playing basketball please contact Kevin Hilty at 419-202-0162.

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

Snow Removal: If you would like to place a bid on snow removal, please send to the church office. The bids will be opened at the next Trustee Meeting on Sunday, November 1.

Moms in Touch: Moms, do you worry about your children? Come experience how you can replace your anxiety and fear with peace and hope by praying with other moms. A Bluffton area **Moms in Touch** group is now forming. If you are in the Bluffton school district come join other moms in prayer on Wednesdays at 1:45 p.m. on the third floor of First Mennonite Church. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kendy Young at 419-358-0915 or Andrea Fulcomer at 419-358-4262.

Do you have a special talent for video taping? This could be a ministry opportunity for you. Someone is needed to take over the responsibility of video taping the Sunday morning Worship Gatherings, please contact Greg Luginbill at 419-306-4122 or Marvin Foster at 419-358-0203 if you are interested.

In need of volunteers to minister in the nursery Sunday evenings. If this is a ministry you would like to be involved in please note your interest on the green EMC communication card or call Heidi Steiner 419-358-0116.

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- 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)
- Nov. 1** Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Rick & Pat Shaner/Avant Ministries (7:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Nov. 9** MOPS (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Nov. 15-22** Missions Conference 2009/**The Mission of God**
- Nov. 21** Missions Conference Ladies' Refreshment Hour
(10:00 a.m., CMC)
- Nov. 23** MOPS (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Dec. 5** Christmas Tea for Ladies (9:32 a.m., CMC)
- Dec. 12** Berean ABF Class (10:00 a.m., Bear Creek Farms, IN)
- Dec. 13** Children's Christmas Program (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- Dec. 14** MOPS (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Dec. 20** Christmas Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m., CMC)
No ABF, Sunday School, or Evening Service
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service (6:00 p.m.)



EBENEZER

Emissary Weekly

October 18, 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 Wade (CMC)
Dedication to the Lord: Josiah Nyle Bergstrand, Katherine Alexa Gratz, Ezra Joshua Nygaard, Wilson Ronald Steiner
- 11:45 a.m.** Welcome to Ebenezer Lunch (CMC)
- 6:31 p.m.** Journey through Life/Small Group
(at Pastor Jim's home)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service – *Esther: ...For such a time as this?* Esther 7-10 (Sanctuary)
Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)
Junior & Senior Small Groups Meet
- 8:15 p.m.** Nominating Committee Meeting (115)

ABF Special Notice: The Genesis and Maranatha classes will meet together in the Sanctuary and the Living Faith, Ambassador, and Berean classes will meet in the Crossroads Ministry Center today and next Sunday. A presentation will be made of the proposed Ebenezer Mennonite Church Constitution Revision.

Our Sympathy to the family of Bobby Conrad. Bobby, the brother of Ron, passed away on Thursday, October 8. Services were held at Chiles-Laman Funeral Homes, Bluffton on Tuesday, October 13.

Pastor Appreciation: As we enter our Thanksgiving season, let us give thanks for our pastoral staff and all that they do for our church. Please send them a card or personally express your thanks to each of God's servants. Thanks be to God for their spiritual leadership and example. - from the Deacon Board

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on October 11:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	274
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	340
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	135

Giving on October 11:

		\$7,688.49
Benevolent Fund		70.00
Building Fund		378.00
Christian Education Fund		248.91
Current Expense Fund		4,672.58
Missions Fund		1,785.00
New Building Fund		55.00
Gideon Offering		\$479.00

Missionaries of the Week - Lyn & Lori Loewen. Lyn serves with **Youth for Christ in Van Buren**. The theme for the Breakfast Club kick off was *Radical*. They are looking at Jesus' life and how they can live radical lives for Him. Lyn writes, *Thank you for all that you do to help keep this ministry going to Van Buren kids*. Please send a note of encouragement to Lyn & Lori at wild4thel@yahoo.com

Attention Visitors: The Outreach Committee invites you to a Welcome to Ebenezer Lunch today at 11:45 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Please join us to learn more about our church, ministries, and family. We look forward to seeing you.

Nominating Committee meeting will be held this evening at 8:15 p.m. in Room 115. – *Ron Epp, Chairman*

Urgent Need:

As school has started, we have an immediate need for someone to take on the responsibilities of Representative to Bluffton Weekday Christian Education which involves helping find walkers for weekday Christian education classes for grade schoolers. Would you prayerfully consider this ministry to our Bluffton children? Please contact the church office at 419-358-8588 for a copy of the ministry responsibilities and for more information.

Love to Pray is a 40 day devotional for deepening your prayer life written by Alvin Vandergriend. *Love to Pray* is all about loving the one to whom you pray and learning to express that love in a continuing dialogue with God. Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in Rooms 103 & 104 as we learn together how to become devoted to prayer as a way of life rather than as a duty.

Opportunities of the Week: Oct. 19-25

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

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Com. Meeting (103) Constitution Revision Committee (FH)
	8:00 p.m.	Volleyball (BFR)
Tuesday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast (FH)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time (FH)
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper (CMC)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer <i>Love to Pray (FH)</i> Adult Choir Rehearsal (115) Ladies' Bible Study (B17) Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary overflow) Children's Ministry (ages 2-grade 6)
Thursday	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (FH)
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Soup Talk (CMC)
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)
	6:31 p.m.	Journey through Life/Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service Speechless: <i>Silencing the Christians #6</i> <i>Lone Star Justice</i> (Sanctuary) Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10) Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119) Junior & Senior High Small Groups

~ Helpers for Sunday, October 25 ~

Nursery: Mike & Kathy Biery, Caroline & Kayla Dawson,
Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Doneta Luginbill, Bev Stockman,

The Good News Hour: Alaina Bixel, Curt Burkholder, Sharon
Ferrer, Kayla Geiger, Sarah Lehman, Brittany Sheehan,
Kaitlin Thompson

TODAY'S GREETERS

Cory Hilty & Ben Moser, *Missions Center*
Ralph & Melba Gerber, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



~ The Plug ~

Junior & Senior High Students

Date: Tuesday, November 3.

Location: Bluffton University (meet at the schoolhouse at 6:00 p.m.)

Presenting: *What Would Lloyd Do? By Ted and Co.*

Cost: \$5 includes pizza. If interested please RSVP with Pastor Wade by Sunday October 25.

Senior High Dodgeball Night: Friday, November 6, at 5:00 p.m., in the Crossroads Ministry Center

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

Ladies, get ready to warm your stomachs and hearts. It's **Soup Talk**, October 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Join us for an evening of soup sampling and conversation. Tables will be filled with a variety of homemade soups and discussion questions, so while we eat, we talk. Sign up today and next Sunday in the Missions Center! If you have any questions, please contact a member of Women's Ministries.

Women's Ministries All Day Sew is an opportunity to work together, fellowship, and create beautiful knotted comforters. We need to restock the Sharing Room with comforters for our missionaries who will be attending the Missionary Conference this fall. Also, missionaries visit our church all through the year and our goal is to have a nice selection of comforters to pick from for their home. Another project we will be doing for the 2009 is providing comforters to the Community Assistance Program in Bluffton for people who are in need. This special time of working for our Lord Jesus will be held Monday night, October 26, from 5:00 through 9:00 and Tuesday, October 27, from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a potluck luncheon on Tuesday. Everyone is invited to be part of this ministry. Please come and share this moment even if it is for a couple of hours. May the Lord bless you!