

During the Missions Conference three carry-in lunches are planned for the various Adult Bible Fellowship Classes with our missionaries as guests: Sunday, November 15, at noon, Genesis, Maranatha, and Berean Classes, Friday, November 20, at noon, the Ambassador Class, and Sunday, November 22, at noon, Living Faith, and Agape. If you cannot participate when your class is scheduled feel free to join a group of classes that is convenient for you.

Exciting News: This year, Ebenezer Mennonite Church has been chosen as a relay center for Operation Christmas Child! What does this mean? It means that Ebenezer is open to the surrounding communities to bring shoeboxes during the National Collection Week. How does this apply to you? We need volunteers to receive these shoeboxes. The Bluffton Relay Center will be open November 16-20, Monday - Friday 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and November 21 & 22, Saturday & Sunday from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Would you be willing to give one or two hours to receive shoeboxes for needy kids? Please contact Annie Spallinger @ 419-358-0140 or email tomandannie@embarqmail.com

Dear Friends & Family at Ebenezer: Thank you so much for the White Christmas Gift. It is always a blessing to be reminded of your faithful generosity towards me. Please remember the girls and their parents in prayer as they serve in closed countries. Thank you so much for your faithfulness. – *God bless, Bonnie Spallinger*

Dear Ebenezer Family, Our sincerest *Thank You* for the recent White Christmas Gift. Our involvement in the ministry here in Alaska would not be possible were it not for you. We can feel you serving right here beside us through your prayers, financial gifts, and words of encouragement. Words just cannot express how important each of you are to us and the valuable role you fill in furthering God's kingdom here in Alaska and around the world. Thank you so much! - *With Christ's Love, Rick & Pat Shaner*

The family of Bobby Conrad would like to thank everyone for their kind and caring expressions of sympathy. To those who prepared food and served the luncheon and those who prayed and sent cards. Thank you to Pastor Warren for officiating the funeral service. All was truly appreciated. – *Ron & Joyce Conrad*

To Ebenezer Mennonite Church: A big thank you for the White Christmas Gift which will be very useful as I set up a place to live. You are such a blessing to me and it is a joy to be among you again. – *Linda Sommer*

Coffee Helpers Needed! Do you enjoy your Sunday morning coffee & tea? We are in need of a few more volunteers. Please contact Marvin & Kelli Foster at 419-358-0203.

Notice: Anyone willing to donate a deer or any type of wild game for our Wild Game Event in March, please contact Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346. Thank you.

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.

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Nov. 9** MOPS (9:00 a.m., FH)
- Nov. 15-22** Missions Conference 2009/**The Mission of God**
- Nov. 16-20** Operation Christmas Child (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
- Nov. 21** Missions Conference Ladies' Refreshment Hour (10:00 a.m., CMC)
- Nov. 21-22** Operation Christmas Child (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- 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.)



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Emissary Weekly

October 25, 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 Jim (CMC)
- 4:00 p.m.** PowerTeam Meeting (Sanctuary Foyer)
- 6:31 p.m.** Journey through Life/Small Group (at Pastor Jim's home)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service
Silencing the Christians #6 Lanestar Justice (Sanctuary)
Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)
Junior & Senior Small Groups Meet

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. A presentation will be made of the proposed Ebenezer Mennonite Church Constitution Revision.

Please notice: There will be a PowerTeam committee meeting today at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Foyer.

Thanksgiving Prayer Guide: Stop by the Prayer Table in the Missions Center today to pick up your copy of the brochure, *30 Days of Gratitude, A Daily Prayer Guide for Thanksgiving*. For each day in November, a beautiful verse is given to enhance our appreciation of the many blessings God has placed in our lives. - *from the Prayer Action Team*

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 18:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	356
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	470
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	140

Giving on October 18:

\$10,291.89

Benevolent Fund	160.00
Building Fund	95.00
Christian Education Fund	336.89
Current Expense Fund	6,785.00
Missions Fund	2,765.00
New Building Fund	150.00

Missionaries of the Week - Joel & Nada Mathai serve with **Christar** in **Texas**. The verse that the Lord gave to Joel & Nada when they began their ministry in India over 20 years ago was 1 Kings 8:60. *That all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no one else.* This message continues to be the passion of their hearts as they reach out to Hindus and Muslims from India. They have started a student oriented meeting in their home. The goal is to mingle new students with their Indian Christian students. Please send a note of encouragement to Joel & Nada at joelmathai@grace-bible.org.

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 Missions 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 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 tomorrow 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!

Opportunities of the Week: Oct. 26-Nov. 1

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

Monday	9:00 a.m.	<i>MOPS (FH)</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Sew <i>(CMC)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball <i>(BFR)</i>
Tuesday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast <i>(FH)</i>
	9:00 p.m.	All Day Sew <i>(CMC)</i>
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Game Time <i>(FH)</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper <i>(CMC)</i>
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Worship Team Rehearsal <i>(115)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer <i>Love to Pray (FH)</i>
		Adult Choir Rehearsal <i>(115)</i>
		Ladies' Bible Study <i>(B17)</i>
		Men's Bible Study <i>(Sanctuary overflow)</i>
		Children's Ministry <i>(ages 2-grade 6)</i>
	7:05 p.m.	Connections Small Group <i>(Pastor Jim's home)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Basketball Open Gym <i>(CMC)</i>
		Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting <i>(FH)</i>
	Sunday	9:00 a.m.
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour <i>(ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17)</i>
	10:15 a.m.	Communion Service <i>(CMC)</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting <i>(FH)</i>
	6:31 p.m.	Journey through Life/Small Group <i>(Pastor Jim's home)</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service/Rick & Pat Shaner/Avant Ministries <i>(Sanctuary)</i>
		Cherub Choir <i>(Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)</i>
		Children's Choir <i>(Grades 1-6, 118-119)</i>
		Junior & Senior High Small Groups

~ Helpers for Sunday, November 1 ~

Nursery: Crystal Badertscher, Gail, Madison & Ariel Schantz,
Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber, Andrea Spallinger

The Good News Hour: Katy Alt, Sharon Forrer, Sarah Lehman,
Jeremy & Christina Lemley, Kathy Steiner, Jamie Wickert

TODAY'S GREETERS

Rhonda & Allene Thompson, *Missions Center*
Al & Carolyn Frysinger, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



~ The Plug ~

Cheese Sale!!!

The annual cheese sale is coming soon. Pre-orders will be taken outside Pastor Wade's office in the Missions Center beginning Sunday, November 1, through Sunday, November 15. The cheese will be distributed on Sunday, November 22.

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

Love to Pray is a 40 day devotional for deepening your prayer life written by Alvin Vanderriend. *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.

Special Wedding Anniversary: Bill & Margaret Herr will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary next Sunday, November 1. If you would like to send a card or note to them, their address is 151 Sunset Drive, Bluffton.

LADIES (ages 8 & older): Ever want to try various paper punches, stamps, Cricut machines, Sizzix systems, embellishments, and embossing? Then join us for a fun filled evening on Friday, November 13, 7:00 – 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be making cards, holiday tags, borders, and more. Supplies and drinks will be provided. Bring a friend and join the fun! Sign up in Missions Center or contact: Rhonda Gordon at 419-358-0137 or Jane Shaw at 419-358-4391.