

**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

**Free tickets are available beginning today in the Missions Center** for the Missions Conference Banquet on Friday, November 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Tickets will also be available Sundays, November 8 & 15. Be sure to pick up your ticket so we will have a good count of how many will attend. The missionaries will be our special guests. A freewill offering will be accepted that evening. Everyone is invited!

**Help is needed** for the Children's Missionary Adventure during the Missions Conference. Would you be willing to help? Please sign up today on the paper passed around in your Adult Bible Fellowship class or the paper where you pick up your tickets for the banquet.

**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*

**The Sewing Committee** wants to thank all the ladies and girls who participated in the All Day Sew. This is a big project and it takes many people to create these comforters. There was a great turn out on Monday night and Tuesday and we appreciate everyone of you who came with a willing heart and giving of your time for other people who will be receiving these blankets. May the Lord bless you for your love of Jesus Christ our Savior. We have completed 10 queen and 4 single comforters. The Sharing Room has been re-stocked for our missionaries. In November comforters will be delivered to the Community Assistance Program in Bluffton for people in need. A March All Day Sew will be scheduled in the future and we hope you will be able to come knot comforters. It is truly a blessing you will receive in serving Christ our Lord!

**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.

### To our Ebenezer Family:

**Thank you for your wonderful cards, notes, gifts, and expressions of love and appreciation over this past month. We are encouraged by your support and prayers. It is a privilege and honor to work with such a supportive and loving congregation. May the Lord continue to lead and guide us in unity as we seek to glorify Him and expand His kingdom in our community and around the world. - Pastors Dick, Jim, Wade, and Warren**

### ► 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.)
- Feb. 7-13** SIM Missions Trip (Charlotte, NC)



# EBENEZER

## Emissary Weekly

November 1, 2009

### Opportunities of the Day

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Rick & Pat Shaner/Living Faith ABF Class (CMC)  
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 & Communion Service  
– Pastor Jim (CMC)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (FH)
- 6:15 p.m.** Nomination Committee Meeting (115)
- 6:30 p.m.** Missions Committee Meet (103)
- 6:31 p.m.** Journey through Life/Small Group  
(at Pastor Jim's home)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service  
Rick & Pat Shaner/Avant Ministries (Sanctuary)  
Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)  
Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)  
Junior & Senior Small Groups Meet
- 8:00 p.m.** Afterglow/Please bring finger foods (CMC)

**Benevolence:** In conjunction with this morning's communion service a benevolent offering will be taken by the ushers following the worship gathering.

**Congratulations** to Bill & Margaret Herr who are celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today!

**Today there will be a short nomination committee meeting** in Room 115 at 6:15 p.m. before the Evening Fellowship Service. - *Ron Epp Committee Chairman*

**Rick & Pat Shaner** will be giving a report of their ministry with Avant Ministries in Alaska during the Evening Fellowship Service, and there will be an Afterglow in their honor following the service. Please bring along some finger foods to share in our fellowship time with them.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on October 25:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	263
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	378
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	161

### Giving on October 25:

	<b>\$14,752.62</b>
Benevolent Fund	120.00
Building Fund	215.00
Christian Education Fund	737.62
Current Expense Fund	10,897.66
Missions Fund	2,712.34
New Building Fund	50.00
Van Fund	20.00
Memorials for Norma Zimmerly/General Fund	300.00

**Missionaries of the Week - Fred & Dorothy McGinley** serve with **SIM** in **Ethiopia**. Fred is working with the printers. They write that they praise the Lord that they were able to finish printing their part of the Pastor's Book Sets (for 10,000 pastors). They are now printing many Bible Study materials. Dorothy oversees the worship team for the International Church of Addis. Please send a note of encouragement to Fred & Dorothy fred.mcginley@sim.org.

**Scheduled Surgery:** RosaLee Greenway, Tuesday, November 3, at Blanchard Valley Hospital.

**Thursday Community Meal** at Bluffton Senior Citizens Center at 6:00 p.m. on November 5. The Living Faith Adult Bible Fellowship Class will be providing the dinner at no charge, but a free will offering will be taken. This is sponsored by the Bluffton Area Ministerial Association and geared especially to feed the needy in our community.

**Meals and Lodging** are needed for Missions Conference, November 15-22. Please sign the sheets in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer to host or provide a meal for our missionary friends.

**We recently had family photographs** taken for our new pictorial directory. Some of you chose to have your complimentary 8x10 portrait sent to the church. A box of portraits has arrived and is in the church office. Please stop by this morning or any time throughout the week and pick up your portrait. If your portrait is not in this box, it will arrive shortly. Please check again at next week's service.

## Opportunities of the Week: Nov. 2-8

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Committee Meeting (103 & 104)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:15 a.m.</b>	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast (FH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Wednesday Night Supper (CMC)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer <i>Love to Pray (FH)</i>
		Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
		Children's Ministry (ages 2-grade 6)
		Ladies' Bible Study (B17)
		Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary overflow)
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Senior High Dodgeball Night (CMC)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Berean ABF Class (Lima Rescue Home)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Journey through Life/Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Fellowship Service Speechless: Silencing the Christians #7 Fairness Doctrine (Sanctuary)
		Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)
		Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
		Junior & Senior High Small Groups

### ~ Helpers for Sunday, November 8 ~

**Nursery:** Jared & Sarah Lehman, Jason & Kim Fritsch,  
Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Kevin & Melissa Hilty

**The Good News Hour:** Jerrod Amstutz, Jaime Combs,  
Leah Johnson, Pat King, Milo & Deb Luginbuhl,  
Quinn & Madison Schantz

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Bill & Tammy Spallinger, *Missions Center*  
Richard & Gera Bixel, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



## ~ The Plug ~

### Cheese Sale!!!

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

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**Senior High Dodgeball Night:** Friday, November 6, at 7:00 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.

**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 at no cost to you.** Bring a friend and join the fun! Sign up in Missions Center on the bulletin board or contact: Rhonda Gordon at 419-358-0137 or Jane Shaw at 419-358-4391.

**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.

**Girls, teens, ladies** join us for a Refreshment Hour with our missionary ladies on Saturday, November 22, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Bring a friend as we all enjoy our time together interacting and hearing from our missionary ladies. Please sign up by checking the appropriate box on the green EMC Communication Card or sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center.