

**Are you creative, enjoy decorating?** We need your help! The PowerTeam Committee would like to have a parade float in the Bluffton Blaze of Lights announcing when the PowerTeam will be coming to Ebenezer. If you are interested, join us for our meeting this afternoon at 4:00 in the Sanctuary Foyer or call Kevin or Gina Burkholder at 419-358-1883.

**The Women's Service Group** will be holding a **Thanksgiving Bake Sale** at the Mennonite Memorial Home on Friday, November 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to contribute a baked good, please deliver your items to MMH by 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 20. You may also place your baked goods marked with MMH in the church kitchen by 8:00 a.m. that day. Your donations are always appreciated in making these fundraising efforts successful. All monies raised are used to support the WSG and their mission of serving the residents of MMH. Thank you!

**Join us for the Men's Breakfast** during the Missions Festival, Saturday, November 21, 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rick Shaner will give his testimony and L. T. Jeyachandran will share a devotional from the Word. Good food, good fellowship, good times. We need to know how many to plan for. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Missions Center, check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card, or call the church office 419-358-8588.

**Girls, teens, ladies** join us for a Refreshment Hour with our missionary ladies on Saturday, November 21, 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.

**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 - 7:00 p.m. and November 21 & 22, Saturday & Sunday from 1:00 - 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 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 next Sunday, November 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!

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

**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.

### ► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

**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)

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# EBENEZER

## Emissary Weekly

November 8, 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 Committee Meeting (Sanctuary Foyer)

**5:30 p.m.** Children's Choir Actors (Grades 1-6, 118-119)

**6:00 p.m.** Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, 118-119)

**6:31 p.m.** Journey through Life/Small Group (at Pastor Jim's home)

**7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service /Silencing the Christians #8 Isabella (Sanctuary)

Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)

Junior & Senior Small Groups Meet

**Wednesday, November 11** is National Veterans Day. Let us recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans and give thanks to God for the peace and freedom we enjoy.

**In Rehabilitation:** Rosa Lee Greenway, Hilty Home, Pandora.

**Sign-up sheets** will be passed around in Adult Bible Fellowship Classes today for Missions Conference nursery workers. Please sign up or check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card if you are able to help. *Thank you - Heidi Steiner*

**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.

**Missionaries of the Week - Jorge & Lynn Mogrovejo** serve in Ecuador, South America. They are serving with a seminary, Seminario Biblico Evangelico de Cuenca. They are excited as they are in the process of building a new seminary building. Please continue to pray for the students as they are learning more about their faith and how to share it with the lost world which surrounds them. Please send a note of encouragement to Jorge & Lynn at jorglynn@cue.satnet.net.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on November 1:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	296
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	401
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	231

### Giving on November 1:

	<b>\$18,050.10</b>
Benevolent Fund	247.00
Building Fund	410.00
Christian Education Fund	488.10
Current Expense Fund	10,585.00
Missions Fund	6,200.00
New Building Fund	120.00

### Missions Giving:

\$50 to Gideons in memory of missionary JoAnn Loewen's father.

\$1,030 to WTGN Sharaday on Sunday, November 15, first day of Missions Conference.

**Missionary Updates:** Copies of letters received in October from the following missionaries are available in the Missions Center underneath the large world map: *Michael & Maren Boehm, Brad & Debbie Dukes, Tim & Tiffany Gallant, David Glick, Steve & Belva Rae Kotlarczyk, Rod and Lori Kraybill, Don Leader, Lyn Loewen, Hannah Slechter, Chuck & Naomi Smith, Bonnie Spallinger, Dennis & Cindy Wiens, & Kerry Jr. & Krista Wright.*

**Your help is needed** for the Children's Missionary Adventure to make the children's program a success! We still need persons for crowd control, to lead and assist with games, and other activities, etc. **If you have signed up or wish to sign up**, a brief meeting will be held today after the morning worship gathering in Room B17. Please join us if you can help one evening or more. - *Sharon Forrer, Children's Program Coordinator*

**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. 9-15

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	MOPS (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Christian Education Com. Meeting (FH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:15 a.m.</b>	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	EMC Men's Basketball (CMC)
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	EMC 2 Men's Basketball (CMC)
<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>Thursday</b>	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections Small Group (Pastor Jim's home)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Open Gym (CMC)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Ladies' Craft Night (FH)
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Missionaries in Sunday School Classes
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Opening of 46th Annual Festival of Missions/L.T. Jeyachandran (CMC)</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Carry-in Lunch for Missionaries (CMC) <b>*Hosted by Genesis, Maranatha, &amp; Berean Classes*</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Women's Ministry Com. Meeting (115)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Evening Missionary Service (Sanctuary) Children's Missionary Adventure (CMC)
	<b>8:15 p.m.</b>	Afterglow (CMC)

### ~ Helpers for Sunday, November 15 ~

**Nursery:** Sue Epp, Patty Geiger, Matt & Kristi Lora, Phil & Sarah Shank, Joshua & Heidi Steiner

**The Good News Hour:** Amber Bewsey, Tyler Breidenbach, Hanné Burkholder, Cory Hilty, Marissa Schutz, Hannah Slechter, Bev Stockman

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Tom & Cindy Sommers, *Missions Center*  
David & Lora Basinger, *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 today through Sunday, November 15. The cheese will be distributed on Sunday, November 22.

**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 this 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 the Missions Center on the bulletin board or contact: Rhonda Gordon at 419-358-0137 or Jane Shaw at 419-358-4391.

**Common Grounds Coffeehouse** in Bluffton is sponsoring a *Cup of Compassion* Food Drive, next Saturday, November 14, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Those who wish to donate a non-perishable food item or paper product will receive a FREE small drip coffee. Donations will benefit the Bluffton Community Assistance Program.

**During the Missions Conference** three carry-in lunches are planned for the various Adult Bible Fellowship Classes with our missionaries as guests: next 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.

**Cookies, Cookies:** It is always nice to have a plate of cookies out for lunches for Missions Conference folks. Please bring anytime during the week of conference and leave in the kitchen. Any kind, any amount, all will be used and greatly appreciated. On Sunday, November 15, and Sunday November 22, please bring some kind of finger foods to share for the afterglows. The week night afterglows will be supplied. Thank you for helping out with these items. – *Ginny Moser*