

**Free tickets are available in the Missions Center** for the Missions Conference Banquet this Friday, November 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. 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!

**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.

**Next Sunday Night**, during the Children's Missionary Adventure, kids are invited to join Larry in packing a shoebox. This Christmas *Veggie Tales* is teaming up with Operation Christmas Child.

**Attention Parents!**

Please help your child bring one small item such as: toothpaste, toothbrush, small toy, crayons, etc. We'll see clips from the new *Veggie Tale* movie, *Saint Nicholas: A Story of Joyful Giving* and discover *the power of a simple gift*.

**We need walkers** with the PowerTeam float for the Bluffton Blaze of Lights on Saturday, November 28. Please be at The Centre to line up for the parade at 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions please call Gina Burkholder at 419-358-1883.

**Thank you all** for the beautiful anniversary cards we received on our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. May God bless us all. God is great! – *William & Margaret Herr*

**Dear Ebenezer Family:** Thank you for your cards, gifts, and your prayers following the sudden loss of my sister-in-law Renae Epp. We know she is with Jesus. Two people made decisions for Christ at her funeral, so already her death has brought glory to our Lord. God has been with us all and we have felt your encouragement and prayers. Thank you for being a loving and caring body of Christ. – *Ron & Sue Epp and family*

**It is so great** to belong to a church where the church family is so caring and special. I just want to thank everyone who prayed for me during my recent procedures. Thanks also to Kathy Brauen and Ann Leader for coming to visit with me and my family. Special thanks to Pastor Warren for praying for me on the phone and in person. – *Tina Alt*

**Dear Friends at Ebenezer:** Your partnership with us is a source of gratitude to God. May you experience the joy that comes from service to Him. - *In Christ's love, Andy & Pam, Alex & Nate LaBreche*

**Dear Ebenezer:** Thank you so much for your faithful support for us and for HCJB! Your prayers and giving make it possible for us to be here in Ecuador and for that we are humbly thankful. We are looking forward to being with our daughter, Melanie, and family for our two day holiday next week, a much needed break. God bless you all! – *In Him, Chuck & Anita Howard*

**► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀**

- Nov. 23** MOPS (9:00 a.m., FH)  
Constitution Revision Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m., FH)
- Dec. 5** *Christmas Tea for Ladies* (9:32 a.m., CMC)
- Dec. 6** *Messiah* at BU (4:00 p.m., no Evening Fellowship Service)
- 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)
- Feb. 24-28** PowerTeam (CMC)



**EBENEZER**  
**Emissary Weekly**

November 15, 2009

**46th Annual Festival of Missions**

**Opportunities of the Day**

- 9:00 a.m.** *Missionaries in all classes -*  
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.** Festival of Missions – L.T. Jeyachandran (CMC)
- 12:00 p.m.** Carry-in Lunch for all Missionaries (CMC)  
**\*Hosted by Genesis, Maranatha & Berean ABF Classes\***
- 5:15 p.m.** Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, Rooms 118&119)
- 6:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Com. Meeting (115)
- 6:30 p.m.** Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)
- 7:00 p.m.** Youth Emphasis/L.T. Jeyachandran, speaker (Sanctuary)  
Children's Missionary Adventure with  
Phil & Deb Leach (CMC)
- 8:00 p.m.** Afterglow (please bring finger foods to share, CMC)

**Welcome to each missionary** participating in our 46th Annual Festival of Missions, *The Mission of God* (Revelation 22:13). L.T. Jeyachandran, from Tamil Nadu in South India is our guest speaker this morning, in the evening service, and tomorrow evening as well.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on November 8:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	317
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	384
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	145

### Giving on November 8:

**\$15,732.69**

Benevolent Fund	275.00
Building Fund	415.00
Christian Education Fund	293.21
Current Expense Fund	10,355.48
Missions Fund	4,314.00
New Building Fund	60.00
Van Fund	20.00

**Missions Conference** carry-in lunches are planned for the various Adult Bible Fellowship Classes with our missionaries as guests: today 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. This evening 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*

**Please notice:** The Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study/Breakfast will not meet this week, but will resume on November 24.

**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.

## Opportunities of the Week: Nov. 16-22

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Conference (Sanctuary) Children's Missionary Adventure (CMC)
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Afterglow (CMC)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Conference (Sanctuary) Children's Missionary Adventure (CMC)
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Afterglow (CMC)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Lunch for Missionaries (FH)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal (115)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Missions Conference (Sanctuary) Children's Missionary Adventure (CMC)
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Choir Rehearsal (115) Missions Afterglow (CMC)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Deacon Meeting (FH)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Lunch for Missionaries (CMC) <i>*Hosted by the Ambassador Class*</i>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Families for Missions</b> Banquet (CMC)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	Men's Breakfast (FH)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Refreshment Hour with Missionary Ladies (CMC)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Missionaries in Sunday School & ABF Classes
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>46th Annual Festival of Missions</b> – L.T. Jeyachandran (CMC)
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Carry-in Lunch for Missionaries (CMC) <i>*Hosted by Living Faith &amp; Agape Classes*</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Celebration of Missions (Sanctuary) Children's Missionary Adventure (CMC)
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	Afterglow (CMC)

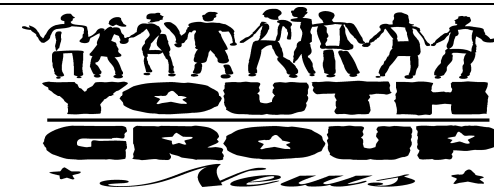
~ **Helpers for Sunday, November 22** ~

**Nursery:** Joyce Gratz, Kevin & Melissa Hilty, Donita Luginbill, Cindy, Molly, & Rachel Moser, Anita Willow

**The Good News Hour:** Janet Brauen, Leah Eiden, Melissa Hilty, Cindy & Molly Moser, Brittany Sheehan, Kaitlin Thompson

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Kevin & Gina Burkholder, *Missions Center*  
Kurt & Valerie Emans, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



~ **The Plug** ~

### Cheese Sale -

**ABSOLUTE LAST DAY TO ORDER CHEESE TODAY!!!!**

Cheese will be available in the Missions Center next Sunday, November 22.

**All Junior and Senior High School** small groups are canceled until Sunday, December 6.

**Junior High Students,** Wednesday Nights canceled until December 2, including dodge ball.

**Senior High Students,** Saturday, November 21 - OSU vs. Michgian game at the Michael Sheehan residence (11069 N. Phillips Road) game starts at 12:00 p.m., feel free to come at 11:45 a.m. Please bring a cold or hot dish, or dessert to share. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

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

**This year, Ebenezer Mennonite Church** has been chosen as a relay center for Operation Christmas Child! We need volunteers to receive these shoeboxes. The Bluffton Relay Center will be open beginning tomorrow through November 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 at 419-358-0140 or email [tomandannie@embarqmail.com](mailto:tomandannie@embarqmail.com).

**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!