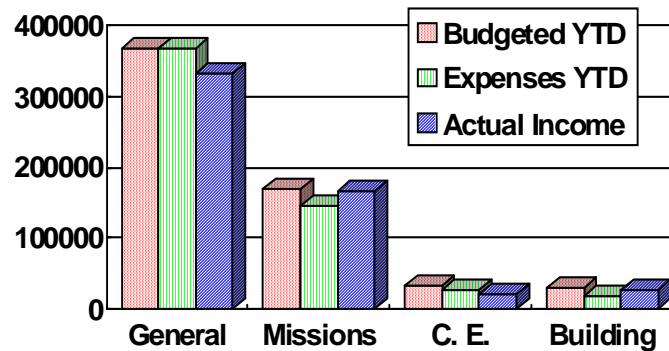


# Financial Report – October 2009

## Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	368,958	169,389	33,750	31,614
Expenses YTD	367,432	146,158	25,974	18,625
Actual Income	383,428	166,320	20,379	26,495



### Cash Fund Balances as of 10/31/09:

General.....	(\$19,816)
Missions.....	\$51,341
Christian Education .....	\$11,027
Building .....	\$21,619
Parsonage Proceeds .....	\$83,614
New Building.....	\$8,750
Benevolent.....	\$13,497

**Help!!! Our MOPS group** has seen a dramatic increase in our numbers this year with over two-thirds of our moms not attending Ebenezer. What an incredible outreach, not only for the moms that attend, but for the children as well! That's where we desperately need your help. We have an urgent need for helpers in the toddler and 2-year-old class. Would you be able to help out even once or twice during the year? If this ministry is something that you would be willing to assist with, or if you have questions, please contact Marti Meza at 419-358-0789 or Sarah Lehman at 419-957-3607 as soon as you can. Thank you all so much for supporting this ministry!!

**The Wild Game Committee** is in need of any type of wild game you are willing to donate for our Wild Game Night on March 27, 2010. Please contact Mark or Kay Spallinger at 419-230-9346 if you are willing to donate any type of meat. Thank you.

### ► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Dec. 5** *Christmas Tea for Ladies* (9:30 a.m., CMC)
- Dec. 6** *Welcome Home Shower* for Linda Sommer (2-4 p.m., CMC)  
*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)

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# EBENEZER

## Emissary Weekly

November 22, 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 Living Faith & Agape ABF Classes\**
- 5:15 p.m.** Children's Choir (Grades 1-6, Rooms 118&119)
- 6:30 p.m.** Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)
- 7:00 p.m.** Celebration of Missions/L.T. Jeyachandran, speaker (Sanctuary)  
Children's Missionary Adventure with Dale & Ruth Seefeldt (CMC)
- 8:15 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, and in the evening service.

**Congratulations** to Lucas & Rebekah (Burbage) Cherry who were united in marriage on Saturday, November 14, in Santa Clarita, CA.

**In the Hospital:** Aaron Koogler, St. Rita's Medical Center.

**The Living Faith and Agape** Adult Bible Fellowship Classes will have a carry-in lunch today at noon for our missionaries in the Crossroads Ministry Center.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on November 15:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	327
Festival of Missions	(10:15 a.m.)	420
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	238

### Giving on November 15:

\$12,698.91

Benevolent Fund	215.00
Building Fund	153.00
Christian Education Fund	517.49
Current Expense Fund	6,475.00
Missions Fund	5,278.42
New Building Fund	60.00

**Please bring finger food** to share for the afterglow tonight following the service. Thank you all for the food items that were donated during the week of Missions Conference. – *Ginny Moser*



**Reminder:** The Bluffton Relay Center for Operation Christmas Child will be open today from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This is the final day for the collection of the shoeboxes here at Ebenezer.

**Tonight** 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*.

## Opportunities of the Week: Nov. 23-29

Mon. – Wed. & 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>	Constitution Revision 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 2 Men's Basketball (CMC)
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	EMC Men's Basketball (CMC)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>**Happy Thanksgiving Day**</b> Church Office Closed	
<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)

### ~ Helpers for Sunday, November 29 ~

**Nursery:** Lynette & Amber Bewsey, Susan & Deanna Bixel, Deb Hilty, Cheryl Potter, Bev Stockman, Renea Zimmerman

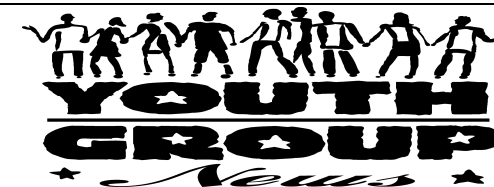
**The Good News Hour:** Kyle Huber, Cheryl Potter, Jane Shank, Diane Sharrock, Andrea Spallinger, Dru Spallinger, Kathy Steiner

**If you have not received** your complimentary 8x10 photograph from *LifeTouch* please stop by the church office this morning or any time throughout the week.

**We need at least 18 walkers** with the PowerTeam float for the Bluffton Blaze of Lights on Saturday, November 28. Junior High and Senior High Students will ride the float. 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.

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Charles & Jayne Huffman, *Missions Center*  
Mike & Bev Powell, *Crossroads Ministry Center*



### ~ The Plug ~

## Cheese Sale -

If you have placed an order for cheese from the Youth Fundraiser, please remember to pick up your cheese today in the Missions Center.

**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.

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

**Our Daily Bread Christmas Edition:** Please stop by the Prayer Table in the Missions Center to pick up your copy of a special four-week Christmas edition of Our Daily Bread devotional. The readings begin on Monday, November 30. Included in this Christmas edition are several special features which, along with the daily readings, may also be enjoyed in coming years.

**Ladies! You and your friends are invited** to the annual *Christmas Tea* on Saturday, December 5, at 9:30 a.m. We will get some fresh ideas for gift-giving and fun ideas for wrapping those gifts. Anita Willow will be sharing the spiritual uplift we all need, especially this time of year! Please sign-up in the Missions Center or check the appropriate box on the green EMC communication card.

**Linda Sommer, a lifelong missionary**, has recently returned from Black Forest Academy in Germany. She left nearly all of her belongings there and is in need of almost everything. We would like to show our appreciation for Linda with a *Welcome Home Shower*. The open house will be from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Linda will be registered at Wal-Mart to help give you some ideas, and monetary gifts will be appreciated as well. Come and enjoy cake and help Linda feel welcomed home!