

**Ladies Bible Study:** A new Wednesday night study will begin on February 3. *Fruit of the Spirit* Study is by Beth Moore. If you are interested, please call the church office at 419-358-8588 or Rhonda Thompson at 567-204-2384, so we can order enough books.

**The Good News Hour** (children's church) is in need of more toys as we are planning on opening up another room to care for our children during the worship hour. Please donate any gently used or new toys for ages 2-6 to the donation box in the Missions Center. Suggestions: doll house, baby doll clothing, play kitchen and utensils, cars, trucks, barns, animals, balls, etc. - *Thank you! Kathy Steiner, Children's Church Superintendent.*

**Cookie Time Again!** We will be taking cookies and cookie dough again this year to SIM. When making and freezing cookie dough, be sure to mark it well for temperature, time to bake, and type of cookie. We also will be taking cookie or cake box mixes, as they make wonderful cookies. Just put in the freezer in the church kitchen **marked for SIM**. These all need to be at the church or my house by February 5. Thank you so much for doing this it is very much appreciated. - *Ginny Moser*

**SIM Workers Needed:** The following is a list of possible work opportunities. Dates of the planned missions trip are February 7-13:

1. We are building a new carpenter shop behind the existing maintenance building. By the time your team arrives we probably will need to install dry wall, ceiling tiles, and lights. Then we will need to move all the wood working machines and tools into the new shop.
2. Outside of the US Office entrance we need to dig around the large transformer and seal the foundation of the US building. Then we will need to landscape around that area.
3. We need someone to overhaul the engine on our Scagg mower.
4. We need to have the bumper straightened on the Ford pickup.
5. We need the rock guard repaired on the Cat Front end Loader.
6. We need people who will be able to clean walls, repair wallpaper, and paint in the US Office and Welcome Center.
7. We need someone to help in the clutch replacement on the bull dozer.
8. We need to extend the sidewalk by the MK house. This is concrete work.

*We look forward to seeing the team this year. - Gary Sheppard*

**Membership Classes** will begin Sunday, February 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. We look forward to sharing with you more about the Ebenezer Family and about partnership/membership with us. If you have any questions call Pastor Dick or Pastor Jim at the church at 419-358-8588.



*God's Plan of Salvation*

**Attention Kids Grades 1-6!** Buckle your seat belts for a fun-filled, inspirational ride on the Holy Highway with Disciple Singers' Spring Musical GPS (God's Plan of Salvation) as your guide! Join Andrew and his friends as he takes his driver's license test on the Holy Highway! Andrew learns a few lessons the hard way, but he perseveres under trial and learns that with Jesus Christ in his life, the road of obedience leads to the throne of God. Come join us on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 118-119. Then invite your family and friends to GPS – God's Plan of Salvation on Sunday, May 2!

### ► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Feb. 7** Membership Class Begins (*Library*)
- Feb. 7-13** SIM Missions Trip (*Charlotte, NC*)
- Feb. 8** *MOPS* (9:00 a.m., *FH*)
- Feb. 14** Robert Brock/*Voice of the Martyrs* (7:00 p.m., *Sanctuary*)  
Afterglow (Please bring finger foods, *CMC*)
- Feb. 17** Annual Congregational Meeting (7:00 p.m., *Sanctuary*)
- Feb. 19** Transport for Christ Banquet (6:30 p.m., *BU*)
- Feb. 21** VBS Committee Meeting (5:00 p.m., *Library*)
- Feb. 22** *MOPS* (9:00 a.m., *FH*)
- Feb. 24-28** Power Team Crusade (*CMC*, 7:00 p.m.)
- Mar. 6** Senior High & Agape Class (7:00 p.m., *Lima Rescue Home*)
- Mar. 27** Wild Game Night (5:00 p.m., *CMC*)



# EBENEZER

## Emissary Weekly

January 24, 2010

### 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 Dick (*CMC*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Committee Meeting (*115*)
- 6:31 p.m.** Journey through Life (*at Jim King's home*)
- 6:45 p.m.** Financial Peace University (*103 & 104*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service - Nehemiah 4  
*Opposition vs Opportunity* (*Sanctuary*)  
Cherub Choir (*Age 2-Kindergarten, B10*)  
Disciple Singers (*Grades 1-6, 118-119*)  
Junior & Senior High Small Groups Meet

**Giving Receipts:** Thank you for your faithful giving to the church this past year. Please stop by the table in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer to pick up your 2009 giving receipt.

**Scheduled Surgery:** Marvin Reigle, Friday, January 29, at St. Rita's Medical Center.

**Missionary of the Week:** *Hannah Slechter* serves with **Pandora/Bluffton Area Youth for Christ**. Pray for Hannah as she has opportunities to help these students to know Jesus as their Savior. Pray also for the students that they will have open hearts and minds to what God wants to say to them. Hannah thanks us for our support and involvement in the YFC ministry. Please send a note to Hannah at slehsa@bluffton.edu.

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on January 17:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	320
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	410
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	113

### Giving through January 17:

**\$23,871.49**

Benevolent Fund	130.00
Building Fund	163.00
Christian Education Fund	440.37
Current Expense Fund	11,238.12
Missions Fund	11,290.00
New Building Fund	60.00
Power Team	500.00
Van Fund	50.00

**You still have time:** There are two opportunities to attend Dave Ramsey's **Financial Peace University**. The first class meets Sunday evenings at 6:45 p.m. in the Missions Center, Rooms 103 & 104. The second class meets on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary Foyer. **FPU** is designed to teach you and your family how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, handle your money wisely (Biblically), and build wealth. If you need financial help to attend the classes please contact Pastor Dick at the church office at 419-358-8588. We want as many as desire to attend the program. - *Pastor Dick*

**Year-end reports** and proposed budgets for 2010 are due today. All boards and committees should submit their annual reports for 2009 and proposed budgets for 2010 to the church office for inclusion in the 2009 Annual Report. The annual congregational business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17.

**Dear Adult Bible Fellowship and Sunday School Class Members:** January is the start of a new year and it marks the one year anniversary of the 9:00 a.m. schedule to begin our ABF and Sunday School classes each Sunday morning. We thank you for your wonderful participation with this transition over the past year. We encourage all class members to use their full allotted time so that we all have ample participation in the reaching, teaching, and caring ministry at Ebenezer. Also please try to get children to their classrooms by 9:00 a.m. each Sunday so as not to cause disruption for the teachers and other students. - *Thank you, the Christian Education Committee*

## Opportunities of the Week: January 25-31

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<i>MOPS (FH)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:15 a.m.</b>	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast <i>(FH)</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time <i>(FH)</i>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Wednesday Night Supper <i>(CMC)</i>
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Worship Team Rehearsal <i>(115)</i>
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Financial Peace University</b> <i>(Sanctuary Foyer)</i>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Bible Study & Prayer <i>Love to Pray (103-104)</i> Adult Choir Rehearsal <i>(115)</i> Children's Ministry <i>(ages 2-grade 6)</i> Ladies' Bible Study <i>(B17)</i> Men's Bible Study <i>(Sanctuary overflow)</i>
	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>	Connections – Where Culture Meets Christ <i>(Common Grounds)</i>
	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Dodgeball <i>(CMC)</i>
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	Senior High Students <i>(meet at the church to leave for Miracle Camp)</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sunday School & ABF <i>(Various classrooms)</i>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour <i>(ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17)</i>
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering <i>(CMC)</i>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Chili Fest <i>(CMC)</i>
	<b>6:31 p.m.</b>	Journey Through Life <i>(Pastor Jim's home)</i>
	<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Financial Peace University</b> <i>(103-104)</i>

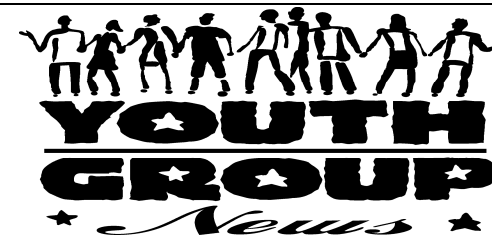
**Anyone who wants to display some fun** or wacky talent during the Chili Fest next Sunday night please contact Sam Brauen at 419-303-1691. If you are coming to the Fest please bring a pot of your best chili, a salad or dessert to share with the group. We will commence eating at 5:00 p.m. sharp!

### ~ Helpers for Sunday, January 31 ~

**Nursery:** Ron & Sue Epp, Jeremy & Ashley Fry, Patty Geiger, Deb Hilty, Brittany Sheehan  
**Good News Hour:** Gera Bixel, Emma & Hanné Burkholder, Pat King, Sarah Shank, Diane Sharrock, Joan Steiner, Kaitlin Thompson

### TODAY'S GREETERS

Steve & Doneta Reigle - *Missions Center*  
Richard & Gera Bixel - *Crossroads Ministry Center*



~ The Plug ~

**2010 Miracle Camp Senior High Winter Retreat** is next weekend, January 29-31. See Pastor Wade (ASAP) if you are planning to go. Bring a \$10.00 deposit and sign up.



## 31 DAYS LEFT TIL POWER TIME

Stop by the kitchen window and sign up to be part of The Power Team Crusade. Have questions? Stop and see us. Thank you to those who have signed up and picked up posters, there are more to be picked up to be hung in and around our community. Here are the areas that you can sign up: products, stage crew, alter workers, ushers, door attendants, kitchen, parking attendants, prayer, and drivers. If you are unable to volunteer keep watching we are going to have a list of food and materials that you may be able donate.

**\*NOTE: The Power Team's vision is to reach people of all ages, who would typically not even attend an event in a church setting, with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Drawing people from all walks of life into one setting, through the use of performing visually feats of strength, by incredible athletes, who share the life-changing message of the cross.**

**2010 Birthday & Anniversary Calendars** are available on the tables in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer and the Missions Center.