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DAYS TILL POWER TIME



Time is moving fast - we are about to **Reach, Teach, and Care** by bringing The Power Team to our community. The sign in front of the Crossroads Ministry Center was painted by Diane Sharrock and we used on the float at the Blaze of Lights. We will be putting it outside in front of the church to show people not only that The Power Team is coming but that they are in the right place.

Please stop by the kitchen window if you have any questions. Check what non-perishable foods you can donate at anytime. We will note later when perishable foods will be accepted. We also have families in our church that are opening up their homes for prayer. Sign up and enjoy fellowship and praying for this great outreach.

We are excited to name The Power Team members who are coming. Please pray for the members and their families.

Jamie Morrison (*Senior Member*)

Willie Raines

Matt Dopson

Jerome Bailey (*New Member*)

Two more members will be coming to help cover school assemblies. We will have their names at a later date.

Power Team mission for going into schools:

Catch, Connect, Create

Catch students' attention with dynamic feats of strength performed by world class athletes.

Connect to students' lives by sharing award-winning motivational messages inspired by contemporary statistics and personal experience.

Create an atmosphere of empowerment by challenging students toward great personal achievement through education and positive choices.

Voice of the Martyrs speaker Robert Brock will be with us Sunday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Brock has ministered in Europe, Africa, Asia, South America, and the Middle East. He shares the overcoming faith of our persecuted family around the world. This Valentine's Day let's show our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ that they are loved and not forgotten. A freewill offering will be taken. For more information contact Pastor Dick at 419-358-8588.



Please pray for the people of Haiti: The catastrophic earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12 has resulted in unfathomable chaos and devastation for hundreds of thousands of children and families. **World Vision, Compassion, Samaritan Purse, and The Red Cross** are a few of the organizations that are accepting financial donations to help those in need.

A thank you from Andy & Pam LaBreche: Just wanted to thank everyone for all the wonderful supplies you gathered for the Potter's House. We are now up and over 1,500 pounds of really great stuff. It will be a wonderful asset to use in reaching them for Christ. Our basement is getting pretty full and we already have about three van loads full.

► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- 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 31, 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*)
- 5:00 p.m.** Chili Festival & Wacky Talent Night (*CMC*)
- 6:45 p.m.** Financial Peace University (*103 & 104*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers (*Grades 1-6, 118-119*)
SIM Trip Meeting (*Room 114*)

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.

Our Sympathy to the family of Burnetta Moser. Burnetta, the mother of Larry & Wade, Joan Wright, Lou Geiger, Sheryl Lugibihl, and Jeray Torry, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, January 23. Funeral services were held here at the church yesterday.

In the Hospital: Marvin Reigle, St. Rita's Medical Center.

Please pray for the safe return of the 80 plus Senior High students and leaders from a weekend Winter Retreat at Miracle Camp. They will be driving home this afternoon and return around 4:00.

Scheduled Surgery: Cory Hilty, Wednesday, February 3, Orthopaedic Institute of Ohio.

SIM Meeting: There will be a short meeting to discuss details of the SIM Missions trip tonight following the Chili Festival in Room 114.

Attendance and Giving

Attendance on January 24:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	281
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	411
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	158

Giving through January 24:

\$10,336.62

Building Fund	90.00
Christian Education Fund	436.62
Current Expense Fund	6,927.00
Missions Fund	2,733.00
New Building Fund	20.00
Van Fund	130.00

Missionaries of the Week: *Chuck & Naomi Smith* serve with **New Tribes Mission** in **Paraguay**. They are on furlough living in Hollidaysburg, PA. Chuck & Naomi are thankful for the opportunity to visit churches and share what the Lord has done in their lives and ministry among the Ayoré people over the last four years. They thank us for praying for them during this time. Please send a note to the Smith's at chuck_smith@ntm.org.

Please invite someone to our Chili Festival and Wacky Talent Night tonight. This annual event is a great time of fellowship, fun, and food. 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!

Ministry Opportunity: There is currently an opportunity to assist with Bluffton Elementary School children. Weekday Christian Education needs volunteers (walkers) to accompany students from the school - across the street - to the First Mennonite Church. The lesson is presented by another person and there is a short craft. The *walker* then takes the class back to school. One session lasts 30 minutes total. This is a combined community church effort. More information and the sign-up schedule/clipboard will be in the *Kitchen Window* area. Check it out. Our children need us!

Please stop by the Lost and Found Table in the hallway by the kitchen. There are a number of items that have been left behind here at the church.

Opportunities of the Week: February 1-7

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

Tuesday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast (<i>FH</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Ebenezer 2 Men's Basketball (<i>CMC</i>) Missions Committee Meeting (<i>103-104</i>)
	Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Game Time (<i>FH</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper (<i>CMC</i>)
	6:45 p.m.	Financial Peace University (<i>Sanctuary Foyer</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study & Prayer <i>Love to Pray</i> (<i>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>)
	8:30 p.m.	Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Living Faith ABF Class (<i>Lima Rescue Home</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Membership Class (<i>Library</i>) Sunday School & ABF (<i>Various classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	The Good News Hour (<i>ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Gathering (<i>CMC</i>)
	5:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting (<i>FH</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	Senior High Super Bowl Party (<i>Mike & Susan Sheehan's Home</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Service (<i>Sanctuary</i>)

Ladies Bible Study: A new Wednesday night study will begin this week 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.

~ Helpers for Sunday, February 7 ~

Nursery: Crystal Badertscher, Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber, Gail, Madison, & Ariel Schantz, Andrea Spallinger
Good News Hour: Evania Bonifaz, Leah Johnson, Julie Motter, Madison Schantz, Erica Sheehan, Kathy Steiner

TODAY'S GREETERS

Martí Lemley & Rhonda Thompson - *Missions Center*
Mike & Deb Hilty - *Crossroads Ministry Center*



~ The Plug ~

Junior & Senior High Small Groups are cancelled for tonight.

Senior High Super Bowl Party!

Where: Mike & Susan Sheehan's Home. (10069 N. Phillips Rd.)

When: Sunday, February 7, at 6:00 p.m. until the end of game.

Why: FOOTBALL

P.S: Bring a dish to share

Maple Crest Soup Cook-Off: This event will take place on Thursday, February 4, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Patio Room. For more information see the bulletin board in the Missions Center.

Please place your donations for the college students' care packages in the red tub (Missions Center) before next Sunday, February 7. If you would like to donate some items but didn't get a tear-off sheet, there are still some available on the Missions Center bulletin board. Thank you for all of your help. The college students really appreciate receiving these packages.

Membership Classes will begin next 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.

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.*

We will be taking cookies and cookie dough 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. Just put in the freezer in the church kitchen **marked for SIM** by this Friday, February 5. Thank you so much for doing this it is very much appreciated. - *Ginny Moser*