

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Aug. 15** Worship Gathering/*Sleepy* (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Aug. 22 Worship Gathering/*Were You There?* (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Sept. 12 Christian Education Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
Oct. 3 Worship & Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
Nov. 14-21 Missions Conference

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYER CHAIN

Please call the church office for any names or concerns that you want listed in the Weekly Prayer List or announced during our Worship Services. To start the Prayer Chain, contact Kathy Brauen at 419-234-7808 or the church office at 419-358-8588.

Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

GREEN CARDS

Please notice the Green Ebenezer Communications Card in your bulletin. These cards may be used: to request prayer for you and/or your family or friends; to request information concerning our many church ministries; to provide address information or address/phone changes, etc. These cards are a vital communication link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to use these cards and place completed ones in the offering plate or in the box provided in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Thank you!

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The Parable of the Tenants

Mark 12:1-12
(New International Version)

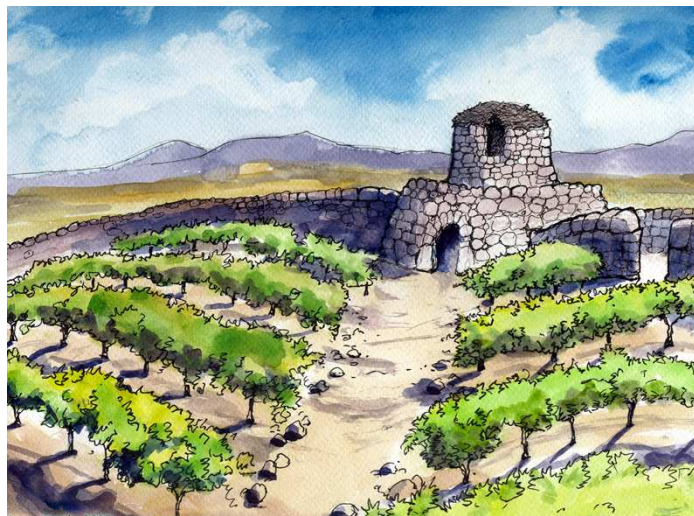
He then began to speak to them in parables: *A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. But they seized him, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.*

He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

But the tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. Haven't you read this scripture: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

Then they looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.



August 1, 2010

Welcome to EBENEZER

Warm greetings to all! Let us be mindful of the words of the ancient prophet, Zephaniah, who said to his people: *Gather together and pray ... while there is still time* (2:1-2). We have today, this hour, to present ourselves before the living God. Let us approach God with love and joy in fellowship together.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship Combined Classes (CMC)
Berean ABF Class (118-119)
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (2&3-year-olds B10,
4-5-year-olds B17)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (CMC)
- 11:30 a.m.** Wild Game Committee Meeting (FH)
- 6:15 p.m.** Missions Committee Meeting (103)
- 6:30 p.m.** Message Series Small Group (Jim & Marty Lemley's home)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Afterglow (Please bring finger foods)

Chuck & Anita Howard, missionaries with HCJB Global, will be sharing about their ministry in Ecuador during the Evening Fellowship Service at 7:00 in the Sanctuary.

*There will be an afterglow following the service.
Please bring finger foods to share.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Roger Ford (Cleveland Clinic)
Carolyn Zimmerman (surgery on Tuesday)

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Attendance at River Run Family Campground in Loudonville, Ohio

Family Camp Weekend (July 23-25) 172

Attendance on July 25:

ABF and Sunday School (9:00 a.m.) 153
Worship Gathering (10:15 a.m.) 322

Giving on July 25:

	<u>\$7,251.98</u>
Benevolent Fund	30.00
Building Fund	170.00
Christian Education Fund	431.49
General Fund	4,264.00
Missions Fund	1,930.00
White Christmas Fund	420.00

ABOUT OUR MISSIONARIES

Missionaries of the week: Rod & Lori Kraybill serve in **South Africa** with Africa Inland Mission International. It is winter there now and cold. Their home assignment is approaching quickly. Pray for them as they plan to come to the States in December for only five and a half weeks due to the girls' schooling. They are continually thankful for the prayers and financial support that has been given them over these past 10 years. Please send an encouraging note to Rod & Lori at:

Postnet Suite 9343
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Kempton Park, 1620
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A FAREWELL

Bob (Rhonda) Thompson has accepted a new work position in Minot, North Dakota. Rhonda and Allene will be joining him this week. A special thank you to Rhonda for faithfully leading the Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Studies for several years. Please remember to pray for them as they settle into a new home and face many adjustments.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 2-8

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

- Tuesday** 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (103)
8:30 p.m. Dodgeball (CMC)
- Wednesday** 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)
6:00 p.m. Ebenezer Softball Game (Village Park)
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer/*God As He Longs for You to See Him* (FH)
Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
7:05 p.m. Small Group - *Same Kind of Different As Me* (at Pastor Jim's home)
7:15 p.m. EMC Softball Game (Village Park)
- Thursday** 7:00 p.m. Music Committee Meeting (103)
- Sunday** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Various classrooms)
Combined ABF Classes (CMC)
Berean ABF Class (118-119)
10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2&3-year-olds B10, 4-5-year-olds B17)
10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering/*On Guard* (CMC)
6:30 p.m. Message Series Small Group (Jim & Marty Lemley's home)
7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service

TODAY'S GREETERS

Ron & Sue Epp – *Missions Center*
Al & Carolyn Frysinger – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Nursery: Sara Smith, Sue Epp, Jamie Nygaard,
Mark & Kay Spallinger
Good News Hour:
Gera Bixel, Kyle Huber, Pat King, Diane Sharrock,
Michael & Erica Sheehan, Joan Steiner

YOUTH NEWS

~ The Plug ~

All students going into grade seven through the 2010 graduates are invited to all events.

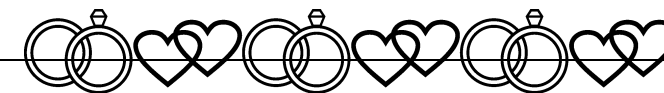
Movie Café at the Bluffton Campus Life Room (BCLR) tomorrow, at 8:00 p.m.

Squirry Worm and Pizza on Thursday, August 19. Meet at the BCLR at 6:00 p.m. Bring money.

Laser X and Mall: Meet at the BCLR on Sunday, August 22, at 1:00 p.m. Spots are limited, so sign up! The cost is \$15. Bring extra money for the mall and food court.

Dodgeball: Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:00 p.m., in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Junior High and up are welcome.

YOU ARE INVITED



You are invited to attend the open church wedding of Rachel Smith and Kent Cherry at the St. John Mennonite Church next Saturday, August 7, at 2:30 p.m. Music will begin at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony at the church.

MISSIONS CENTER UPDATE

- ✓ Carpet and flooring are installed!
- ✓ Furniture has arrived for seating area.
- ✓ Updated world map in the making.
- ✓ Cabinet bases to be installed tomorrow!
- ✓ Wall colors almost completed.

Please notice insert layout and consider donating towards a specific item. Thanks!

