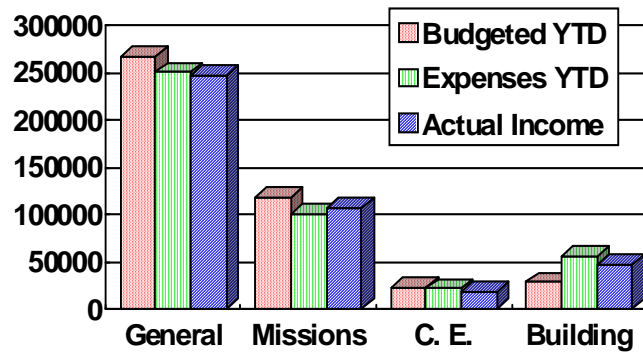


Financial Report – July 2010

Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	266,613	119,032	22,779	29,342
Expenses YTD	250,759	100,933	21,594	55,667
Actual Income	247,100	106,558	17,972	47,524



Cash Fund Balances as of 7/31/10:

General.....	\$995
Missions.....	\$56,080
Christian Education	\$9,211
Building	\$50,361
Parsonage Sale Proceeds (<i>remaining</i>).....	\$4,172
New Building.....	\$12,000
Benevolent.....	\$6,963

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!

MISSIONS CENTER UPDATE

The newest addition to this area is the Missions Exhibit. The exhibits will be rotating continents and Asia is the focus spot for the next couple of months. Come down and check it out!

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for both your financial support and prayers while I served at Echo Ranch Bible Camp this summer. It was incredible to watch and experience God move in the lives of both the kids' of South East Alaska as well as my own. Our God is so amazing and I appreciate everything you have done in helping to serve Him this summer. - *God bless, Jessica Lehman*

Ebenezer Mennonite Church: Thank you for your prayers, cards, and support during my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Warren and Kathy Brauen for your visits and prayers in the hospital. - *In Christ's Love, Carolyn Zimmerman*

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the kind expressions of sympathy for the passing of my mother, Rachel Huser. The visits, prayers, calls, and cards were appreciated more than we can ever express. We indeed saw the hand of God at work during this difficult time and we praise Him for this privilege. - *Yours sincerely, Dick & Donna Dukes and family.*

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Sept. 5** Worship Gathering/A *Workman Approved*
(10:15 a.m., CMC)
No Evening Fellowship Service
- Sept. 12** Christian Education Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
Speaker: Randy Keeler/*Lessons in Discipleship*
(10:15 a.m., CMC)
Christian Education Volunteer Chicken BBQ Lunch
(following 10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering, CMC)
- Sept. 29** Kick-off for Wednesday Night Children's Ministry
(6:00 p.m., Bill & Joan Steiner's home)
- Oct. 3** Worship & Communion Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Oct. 6** Wednesday Night Children's Ministry & Junior High
Ministry Begins (7:00 p.m.)
- Nov. 14-21** Missions Conference



August 22, 2010

Welcome to EBENEZER

With genuine gladness, we welcome all who have come to praise God. May all our hearts be open to our Creator and one another as we share in worship together. *The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my god, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.*

Exodus 15:2

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 B10, 4-5-year-olds B17*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim (*CMC*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Nominating Committee Meeting (*115*)
- 6:30 p.m.** Message Series Small Group (*Elnora Stratton's Pond*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Roger Ford (St. Rita's Medical Center, rehabilitation)
Gary Lugibihl (Richland Manor, rehabilitation)
Julie (Richard) Steiner (St. Rita's Medical Center)

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Attendance on August 15:

ABF and Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	286
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	354
Evening Fellowship	(7:00 p.m.)	45

Giving on August 15:

		<u>\$16,006.76</u>
Benevolent Fund		425.00
Building Fund		1,103.00
Christian Education Fund		387.49
General Fund		9,343.27
Missions Fund		4,573.00
New Building Fund		75.00
White Christmas Fund		100.00

ABOUT OUR MISSIONARIES

Missionaries of the week are *Don & Ann Leader*. Don is Executive Director of **Findlay Area Youth for Christ**. They want to be an organization that reaches the least and the lost. Their goal is to have the Bluffton High School football team over for a meal, one class at a time, before the first game Friday, August 27. During the mealtime they share what it means to be properly equipped for *life*. They will continue in season meals weekly with the student athletes. Their mission: That each player can make an informed decision about becoming a follower of Christ. Pray for Don & Ann as they share with these young men throughout the season. You may send an encouraging note to them at:

189 Hillcrest Drive, Bluffton, OH 45817

E-mail address: leaderdyfc@juno.com

Missionary Letters: Many of the missionaries that we support send letters to the church through e-mail. These letters are filled with interesting highlights of their ministry where they are serving. Many times these letters also include prayer requests. This provides a great opportunity for us to support our missionaries not just financially but also through prayer. There are a couple of ways that you can receive a copy of these letters. There are a few copies of the letters placed under our new world map in the Missions Center on the church office wall. If you would like to receive an e-mail forwarded through the church office just provide your e-mail address on the green EMC Communications Card and drop it in the offering plate or e-mail to info@ebenezymennonite.org.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: AUGUST 23-29

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

Tuesday 8:30 p.m. Dodgeball (CMC)

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer/*God As He Longs for You to See Him* (FH)

Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Outreach Ministries Committee Meeting (103-104)

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)

10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2&3-year-olds B10, 4-5-year-olds B17)

10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering - Summer Mission Trip Reports & Teacher/Student Back to School Dedication (10:15 a.m., CMC)

7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

TODAY'S GREETERS

Chuck & Saun Niswander – *Missions Center*

Rich & Arlene Garmatter – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

Nursery:

Caroline & Kyla Dawson, Ron & Sue Epp, Dru Spallinger

Good News Hour:

Cindy & Katie Breidenbach, Sarah Shank, Kathy Steiner, Kaitlin Thompson, Renea Zimmerman

GRADES 1-6

Big EVENT coming!
WATCH for details.

YOUTH NEWS

~ The Plug ~

Reminder to all youth with 4-H projects: Please provide a schedule with the dates, places, and times you will be showing your projects at the County Fairs. – *Pastor Wade*

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

PLEASE NOTE

Children Choosing Christ will be in the Gospel Tent at the Allen County Fair every day from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. except Thursday. The theme this year is *The True Treasure Hunt*. Please pray for God to bring the children (and adults) that He wants to hear about Him, for God to make tender the hearts of all, for everything to run smoothly, and for each and every volunteer. May God be glorified and lives to be changed.

If you are planning to go to the Allen County Fair this week be sure to visit the **Transport for Christ** booth. They are in the Merchants building on the West end of the building. Ask the Lord to give them favor in the eyes of many who come through the building. Pray they will have the personnel to cover the hours the building is open. Ask the Lord to enable them reach out to the unchurched and unsaved at the fair. Join them at 9:45 p.m. each night, if you are at the fair, to close the day in prayer.

Looking Ahead: Next Sunday, August 29, during the 10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering we will have the opportunity to hear from some of those who were on a missions trip this summer. Those will include the Youth Missions Trip to Louisville, Kentucky, Rachel Sharrock who traveled to Slovenia, and Jessica Lehman and Quinn Schantz who served at Echo Ranch Bible Camp in Alaska. This Sunday we will also have a dedication service for all our teachers and students who will be returning to school this fall.

Pastor Warren is in Seattle, Washington visiting family members. He will be gone through the end of August. Please remember to pray for Pastor Warren as he travels.

Attention All College Students: The church office needs to know where you will be attending classes this fall. Please complete the information sheet on the counter in the Missions Center near our new **Welcome & Information Center** or e-mail the church office with the name of your college, starting date, your mailing address, and college year to: info@ebenezymennonite.org. You may also fill out the appropriate information on the green EMC Communications card. Thanks so much!

There are many items that have been left behind here at the church. Please stop by the coat rack outside the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall area to see if something that you are missing could be there.