

The Adult Choir will begin weekly rehearsals starting on Wednesday, October 6, from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. in Room 115. Anyone high school age and older who has a desire to honor the Lord and minister to the Church through singing is welcome to join us. Please feel free to give choir a try and enjoy the musical and Christian fellowship that is experienced during this time. Hope to see you there! - *Thanks, Brent Zimmerman*

All men are invited! A men's small group Bible Study is starting up October 6 at 7:00 p.m. and running in conjunction with the Wednesday Night Children's Ministries. We will meet in the Sanctuary overflow. Our Bible study will begin with, *The Man in the Mirror*.

Men's Breakfast and Trap Shoot: On Saturday, October 9, all men are invited to a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Wayne Bradley. Please sign up on the sheet in the Missions Center at the Welcome & Information Center, or check the appropriate box on the green EMC Communications Card, or contact Tim Diller at 419-646-3682. Please remember to invite your friends!

Annual Open House: As a token of our appreciation to all sponsoring churches, the Et Cetera Shop Inc. stores will host a three hour open house on Sunday, October 10. For more information please see the bulletin board at the Welcome & Information Center.

Please consider attending The Voice of the Martyrs *Bound With Them* Regional Conference on Saturday, October 16. Speakers, including Gracia Burnham, will encourage and challenge you through testimony, God's Word, and information that will stir and equip you for His eternal purposes. Check the bulletin board in the Missions Center or near the kitchen for additional details. Contact the church office if interested.

STILL TIME TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

* College Age Small Group - Sundays at Noon at Pastor Jim & Pat King's home, 152 S. Jackson Street, Bluffton. *No Fear* runs for eight weeks, September 19-November 7. Contact Pastor Jim at 419-296-0885.

* Small Group - Sundays at 6:31 p.m. at Jim & Marty Lemley's home, 403 E. Main Street, Pandora. *No Fear* runs for eight weeks, September 19-November 7. Contact Pastor Jim at 419-296-0885.

*Small Group - Sundays at 6:31 p.m. at Mark Brauen's home 118 W. Washington Street. *No Fear*, runs for eight weeks, September 19-November 7, Contact Seth Zink at 419-303-1139.

MANY THANKS

Ebenezer Church Family: Thank you for your generous White Christmas gift! It was a very timely provision this year. Our youngest had surgery earlier this summer. We thought we were done paying it off but received an unexpected bill just days before we received your gift. As God would have it, it was just the amount we owed the surgeon. We praise God for providing and thank you for being such willing vessels. - *Kerry & Krista Wright*

Dear Ebenezer Family: Your kindness overflows. Thank you for the White Christmas gift. This fall Findlay YFC is having a *Be the Story* event. The gift given to us is going to go in our *Pay It Forward Campaign* that we are initializing during this November 13 event. This fall we have enjoyed having groups of the Bluffton football team in our home each week for dinner. We thank and praise our Lord for you and the joint mission we are all involved in to minister Jesus Christ to our world. - *Sincerely, Don & Ann Leader*

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Oct. 6** Wednesday Night Supper (6:00 p.m. until 6:40 p.m., CMC)
Wednesday Night Children's and Junior High Ministries, Men's & Women's Bible Studies, and Adult Choir Rehearsals all begin (7:00 p.m.)
- Oct. 9** Men's Breakfast and Trap Shoot (7:30 a.m., FH)
- Oct. 25** Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Oct. 26** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Nov. 6** Berean ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Nov. 14-21** Missions Conference - *Reaching Up & Reaching Out*
- Nov. 28** Thanksgiving & Baby Dedication Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Dec. 4** Maranatha ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Dec. 12** Handel's *Messiah* (4:00 p.m., Bluffton University)
- Dec. 19** Children's Christmas Program (7:00 p.m., CMC)
- May 8** Worship & Baby Dedication Service (10:15 a.m., CMC)



September 26, 2010

Welcome to
EBENEZER

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)
- 11:30 a.m.** Welcome to Ebenezer Dinner (CMC)
- 6:45 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir Rehearsal (Grades 1-6, 118-119)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (CMC)
Cherub Choir Rehearsal (B10)

It's that time of year to replenish the Sharing Room before Missions Conference Week, November 14-21. In your Adult Bible Fellowship Classes today there will be a hand-out with a list of items to choose from that are needed to re-stock the room. Thank you for all your generosity in helping our missionaries. - *Susan Bixel*

Please turn in today the yellow form giving your recommendations for the selection of 2011 Church Officers. You can find extra forms at the Welcome & Information Center in the Missions Center. Your form may be placed in the offering plate, given to an usher, or to any member of the Nominating Committee.

Attention Newcomers: The Outreach Committee invites you to a Welcome to Ebenezer Dinner today immediately following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Please join us to learn more about our church, ministries, and family. We look forward to seeing you!

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Attendance on September 19:

ABF and Sunday School	(9:00 a.m.)	234
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	384
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	95

Giving on September 19:

\$15,047.50

Benevolent Fund	130.00
Building Fund	4,225.00
Christian Education Fund	639.50
General Fund	6,964.00
Missions Fund	2,839.00
New Building Fund	250.00

ABOUT OUR MISSIONARIES

Missionaries of the week: Fred & Dorothy McGinley served with SIM USA in *Africa*. They have completed 38 years of Literature Ministry and have come to the States for their regularly scheduled furlough (Home Assignment). It was hard for them to leave Ethiopia for the last time. Please pray for their daughter, Kristen, in the US Army in Afghanistan for safety, and success in what they are trying to accomplish. Pray for Fred that he may be able to obtain a proper medical diagnosis. You may send a note to Fred & Dorothy at their current address:

c/o Janelle Stonesifer

428 Line Road, Littlestown, PA 17340

E-mail: fred.mcginley@sim.org

Apple Time! Yes, we are thinking SIM and apples are in season. Anyone who has apples, likes to can, or would like to prepare some extra jars of apple butter, SIM would appreciate some when we go in February. Apples are too expensive to buy out of season. This could be a great group project! Just mark the cans with SIM and we will take it in February on the Missions Trip (February 6-12) to Charlotte, North Carolina. Please contact Ginny Moser if you have any questions. Thanks to all who can participate in this project.

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 3

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

- Tuesday 6:15 a.m.** Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Game Time (FH)
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Children's Ministry
Kick-off (age 2-Grade 6, at Bill Steiner's home)
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer
The Book of Philippians (FH)
Worship Team Rehearsal (CMC)
7:30 p.m. Forming Leaders (Bluffton Campus Life Room)
8:30 p.m. Dodgeball (CMC)
Saturday 7:00 p.m. Living Faith ABF Class (Lima Rescue Home)
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 & Communion Service (CMC)
11:30 a.m. Widow & Widower Luncheon (CMC)
5:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (103)
Women's Ministry Com. Meeting (115)
7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship Service -
Our Covenant Keeping God (Sanctuary)
Design for Discipleship Bible Study
(113&114)

TODAY'S GREETERS

Kevin & Gina Burkholder – Missions Center
Dan & Barb Steiner – Crossroads Ministry Center

HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Nursery:

Crystal Badertscher, Arlene Garmatter, Melba Gerber,
Gail, Madison, & Ariel Schantz

Good News Hour:

Amber Bewsey, Lauren Bish, Kaitlin Kidd, Marissa Schutz,
Bev Stockman, Adel Sommers, Jene' Sommers, Renea Zimmerman

RECENT MOVE

Charles & Treva Kinsinger have recently moved to Hilty Memorial Home, 304 Hilty Drive, P.O. Box 359, Pandora, OH 45877.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Parents and children from age 2 through Grade 6. This Wednesday, September 29, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. is the season kick-off of our Wednesday Night Children's Ministry. For details pick up a flyer from the Welcome & Information Center in the Missions Center. There you will find a registration sheet as well. **We need you to sign up so we know how many to plan for the supper.**

Wednesday Night Children's Ministries begins at the church on October 6, at 7:00 p.m. There are classes for children age 2 through grade 6. Bring friends with you as we have fun learning about God's Word. Please stop by the Welcome & Information Center in the Missions Center to register your children.

YOUTH NEWS

Small Groups kick off is tonight. All Junior and Senior High students are invited. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and then go to Suter's Corn Maze, *Under the Sea*, then back to the schoolhouse for a movie. Cost is \$4.

Starting October 6, Junior High Wednesday Nights start back up from 7:00-8:15 p.m. downstairs in Room B11. There will be fun, food, and fellowship! What more could you want?

PLEASE NOTE

Small Group Bible Study. *Design for Discipleship* is a study of basic biblical principles for following Jesus Christ. The purpose is to meet the needs of those who are new to the study of the Bible and want to learn the spiritual disciplines of Bible study, prayer, and scripture memory. Class size is limited to 10 and will begin meeting next Sunday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. in Rooms 113 & 114. For more information contact Dan or Barb Steiner at 419-358-6783 or Pastor Jim at 419-358-8588.

Mark Your Calendar: The deacons and their wives wish to invite each of our dear widows and widowers to a special luncheon next Sunday, October 3, to be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Worship Gathering.