

Choral Anthem

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

“Fear not, I am always with you.
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

~ LAST CALL FOR COOKIES ~

You may still donate cookies this week. You could also bring cookie or cake mixes that will be used at SIM in Charlotte, North Carolina. Please place in the church kitchen clearly marked for SIM. For more information contact Ginny Moser at 419-659-6191. Thanks to all who help to minister to our missionaries.

Berean Adult Bible Fellowship class party is scheduled following the congregational meeting next Sunday, February 12, in the Fellowship Hall.

Moody Men’s Conference, Walk Worthy, will be held Saturday, February 18, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. at Parkside Church (Alistair Begg’s Church), Chagrin Falls, Ohio. If you are interested in joining some men who will be attending this conference, contact Pastor Dick at the church office at 419-358-8588. The cost is \$50 and includes registration and lunch at the church. The emphasis is *Men of Prayer*.

~ THANK YOU! ~

Dear Ebenezer Mennonite Church: Thank you for the opportunity to complete my music practicum with the church last spring. I enjoyed working with the choir, praise team, and the Disciple Singers. It was a great learning experience and I am grateful for the church and leaders’ help. Thank you for everything.
– *Karla Funk*

~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- Feb. 12-25** SIM Missions Trip (Charlotte, NC)
- Feb. 13** **MOPS** (8:30 a.m., FH)
- Feb. 17-19** Senior Ice Camp (Miracle Camp)
- Feb. 18** Moody Men’s Conference (Chagrin Falls, Ohio)
- Feb. 27** **MOPS** (8:30 a.m., FH)
- Mar. 2** Transport for Christ Banquet (6:00 p.m., Marbeck Center at BU)
- Mar. 3** Senior High Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
Walk Thru the Bible (8:30 a.m., CMC)
- Mar. 4** *Walk Thru the Bible*-Greg Carlson (10:15 a.m., CMC)
- Mar. 12** **MOPS** (8:30 a.m., FH)
Evening Sew (6:00 p.m., CMC)
- Mar. 13** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Mar. 23-24** Secret Keeper Girl Overnighter
- Mar. 26** **MOPS** (8:30 a.m., FH)
- Mar. 31** Wild Game Night (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- Apr. 7** Genesis ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Apr. 16** **MOPS** (8:30 a.m., FH)
- Apr. 30** **MOPS** (8:30 a.m., FH)
- May 5** Living Faith ABF Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- May 14** **MOPS** (8:30 a.m., FH)
- June 2** Agape Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- June 10-16** Middle School 1 (Grades 5&6, Miracle Camp)
- June 17-22** Youth Missions Trip (Kalamazoo, MI)
- June 24-30** Senior High 1 (Grades 9-12, Miracle Camp)
- July 1-4** Grade School 1 (Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)
- July 8-14** Junior High 1 (Grades 7&8, Miracle Camp)
- July 20-22** Ouabache State Park in Bluffton, Indiana
- Aug. 5-11** Grade School 2 (Grades 2-4, Miracle Camp)



February 5, 2012

Welcome to EBENEZER

~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 8:30 a.m.** Financial Peace University (103)
Stephen Ministries (116)
- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Membership Class (Church Library)
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (2 year olds B16, 3&4 year olds B11, & 5&6 year olds B10)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Dick
Why Marriage? (CMC)
- 5:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (FH)
- 6:00 p.m.** College Age Super Bowl Party (David & Mary Glick’s home)
Firm Foundation Bible Study (103)
Junior High Super Bowl (Greg & Sue Luginbill’s home)
- 7:00 p.m.** Disciple Singers Choir (118-119)
Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)
Senior High Small Groups

Congregational Meeting: The annual meeting to discuss 2011 reports and the proposed 2012 Missions Budget is scheduled for next Sunday, February 12, following the Morning Worship Gathering in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The ushers will be distributing the Annual Report for 2011 today following the morning Worship Gathering.

~ OUR MISSIONARIES ~

Missionaries of the week: Tom & Dora Becker work with **Reach Global at Czech Republic**. Tom & Dora have applied for a cultural visa. Pray for them as they work with the Roma people. They are now working to distribute blankets to the homeless people during the extreme cold. This is Matthew's final semester in high school. He is seeking God's will for next year. Amy is in college in Chicago. Please send a note to encourage Tom & Dora at: Skolni 559, Pruhonice 252 43, Czech Republic or e-mail them at: thomas.becker@efca.org or dora.becker@efca.org.

~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

Attendance on January 29:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	317
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	463
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	143

Giving on January 29:

		\$11,339.59
Benevolent		25.00
Building Fund		86.00
Christian Education Fund		401.59
General Fund		8,007.00
Missions Fund		2,220.00
New Building Fund		550.00
Youth Fund		50.00

~ 2011 GIVING RECEIPTS ~

Thank you to each one for your faithful support of the church this past year! Please stop by the Missions Center today to pick up your 2011 giving receipt. Remaining receipts will be mailed tomorrow.

~ REGISTER TODAY ~

Walk Thru the Bible-Old Testament Seminar

This event will be held in the Crossroads Ministry Center on Saturday, March 3, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This is open for **anyone Kindergarten-Adult** who would like a better understanding of the Old Testament. Cost for registration is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of 3 or more. This includes lunch, snacks, and the materials. A sign-up table is in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. Please contact the church office at 419-358-8588 for more information.

~ MEMBERSHIP ~

Do you desire membership at Ebenezer? Join the adventure of partnering with us to help people to know and grow in Jesus Christ. There are four required sessions to become a partner/member. They will be held at the Church Library on four Sunday mornings beginning **this morning** from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Contact Pastor Dick at dick.potter@ebenezermennonite.org or Pastor Jim King at jim.king@ebenezermennonite.org. Thank you for taking the steps in joining us in the privilege of reaching our world for Christ.

~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

Freddie Cherry, Michael Deter, Michael Sheehan – *Missions Center*
Dan & Barb Steiner – *Crossroads Ministry Center*

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: FEBRUARY 6-12

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

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (FH)

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

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (CMC)

6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (115)

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Prayer (103)

Adult Choir Rehearsal (115)

Children's Ministries (age 2-Grade 6)

Junior High Meet (B17)

Men's Bible Study (Sanctuary Overflow)

Small Group (Sanctuary Foyer)

Women's Bible Study (S4)

7:05 p.m. Connections (Bluffton McDonald's)

8:30 p.m. Dodgeball (CMC)

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Old Timer's Men's Basketball (CMC)

6:30 p.m. Ladies' Spa Night (FH)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Financial Peace University (103)

Stephen Ministries (116)

9:00 a.m. Membership Class (Church Library)

Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)

10:00 a.m. The Good News Hour (2 year olds B16,
3&4 year olds B11, 5&6 year olds B10)

10:15 a.m. Worship Gathering –

Parables for Marriage (CMC)

Congregational meeting following the Worship Gathering (CMC)

12:00 p.m. Berean ABF Class Party (FH)

Small Group (Bluffton Campus Life Room)

6:00 p.m. Firm Foundation Bible Study (103)

6:30 p.m. Small Groups (Kings/Lemleys/Niswanders)

7:00 p.m. Cherub Choir (B10)

Disciple Singers (Grades 1-6, 118&119)

Evening Fellowship Service (Sanctuary)

Junior & Senior High Small Groups

7:05 p.m. Small Group (103)

~ HELPERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 ~

Nursery: Kelli Foster, Jason & Kim Fritsch, Tobi & Jared Meyer,
Julie Motter, John & Jaime Shaw, Alyssa Snider

Good News Hour: Charlie & Alison Mosler, Diane Sharrock,
Bill & Tammy Spallinger, Bev Stockman

~ YOUTH NEWS ~

Annual Junior High Super Bowl tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Greg & Sue Luginbill's
506 Hawthorne Drive, Pandora

Bring: Your favorite snack/2 liter of pop.
Pizza will be provided.

Senior High Ice Camp – February 17-19
Sign Up Today!

Who: All Senior High Students come experience the coolest place on earth! I am not kidding, it is really cold up there. Bring lots of warm gear.

What: Ice Camp is located in Lawton, Michigan.

Cost: \$97 plus we will be stopping for food twice. (fast food) Scholarships available! Please make checks out to Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

When: Meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, February 17, we will return Sunday, February 19, at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Why: Fun, friends, fellowship, Dodgeball, broomball (like hockey without skates and with brooms), snow tubing, tobogganing, and a live band.

Questions: Call Pastor Wade 567-204-1868 or email him at wade.slechter@ebenezermennonite.org.

~ PLEASE NOTE ~

Free Library Books: A number of adult fiction books have been removed from circulation and are now available to the congregation at no cost. The books are located on the rolling bookshelf, which will be located in front of the display case after the morning Worship Service. During the week, they will be located in front of the checkout counter inside the library. Any leftover books will be donated to WTGN's Christian salvage literature project.

Spa Night! Ladies of all ages come together for a night of pampering and Christian fellowship. Join the Women's Ministry team on Thursday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for some refreshment for the body and soul. Come in your comfy clothes or pajamas (if you want) and also bring a plastic tub and some towels. Sign up in your ABF class, Missions Center, or on the green EMC Communications Card. Contact Christy Garmatter at 419-358-0864 or Kelli Foster at 419-358-0203 if you have any questions.