

RESOURCES FOR CHRISTLIKENESS

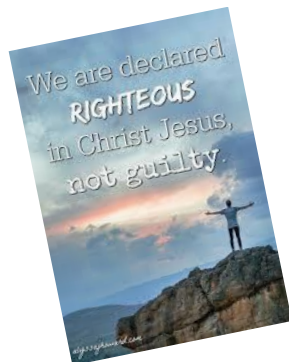
New Year! New Resolutions!

1. R_____ of Christ

Phil. 3:7-14 Righteousness by works of the Law: Garbage/Dung

Imparted righteousness of Christ:
Perfection

Battle of the body: Romans 7:21-8:4



2. F_____ of God

Psalms 5:12 "...You surround them with your favor as with a shield."
Psalms 84:11 "...the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless."
Zeph. 3:17 "...He will take great delight in you...(He) will rejoice over you."

Favor = Demonstrated delight

Two tables



3. O_____ Another

Heb. 10:25 "Let us consider how to stir (stimulate; provoke; irritation) one another on towards love and good deeds."

Romans 1:12 "'For I long to visit you so I can share a spiritual blessing with you that will help you grow strong in the Lord. I'm eager to encourage you in your faith but I also want to be encouraged by yours. In this way, each of us will be a blessing to the other.'" (NLT 1996)

- Honor each other (Rom. 12:10)
- Suspend judgment (Rom. 14:13)
- Listen (James 1:19)

January 2, 2022



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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Studies (*Various Classrooms*)

10:00 a.m. Children's Church (*Ages 2-4, B10*)

10:15 a.m. Worship Service – Pastor Dick Potter (*CMC*)

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-14

Message: Resources for Christlikeness

Happy New Year and welcome to Ebenezer! We are so happy you are here. If you have not yet done so, pick up a gift bag at the Welcome Center to get a nice treat.

Tornado Clean Up: Pray for the service team that is heading to Mayfield, Kentucky. The team leaves Wednesday and returns on Saturday.

Paraguay Trip: An informational meeting on the Paraguay mission trip will be today following the service in the Fellowship Hall. The trip is July 19-30 and is led by Josh & Crystal Hanna.

Extra cheese for sale at the kitchen window following today's service. All proceeds go to the Youth Mission Fund.

Praise God: We have passed our faith promise goal for 2022 and are at a total of \$318,170!

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Attendance on December 26:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	144
Worship Service	289

Giving for December 26:

	<u>\$21,959.29</u>
Benevolent Fund	885.00
Building Fund	2,070.00
Christian Education Fund	1,869.29
General Fund	8,530.00
Missions Fund	1,995.00
Van Fund	500.00
Youth Fund	6,110.00

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: JANUARY 3-9

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8-4

(CMC-Crossroads Ministry Center, FH-Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday	6:30 a.m. Men's Small Group (<i>Bluffton Campus Life Room</i>)
	6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Volunteer Training (<i>FH</i>)
	7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting (<i>Sewing Room (115)</i>)
	7:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
Wednesday	6:15 p.m. Family Meal (<i>Kitchen & FH</i>)
	7:00 p.m. Middle School Small Groups (<i>Schoolhouse</i>)
	7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Children's Ministry (<i>CMC</i>)
	8:30 p.m. Youth Dodgeball (<i>CMC</i>)
Thursday	7:00 p.m. Engage Committee Meeting (<i>103</i>)
	8:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (<i>CMC</i>)
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study (<i>Various Classrooms</i>)
	10:00 a.m. Children's Church (<i>Ages 2-4, B10</i>)
	10:15 a.m. Worship Service (<i>CMC</i>)

Middle School Ice Camp is January 14-16. To sign up, fill out a registration form and contact Pastor David. Payment and registration papers are due next Sunday, January 9. The cost is \$130 (scholarships available).

High School Ice Camp is January 21-23. To sign up, fill out a registration form and contact Pastor David. Payment and registration papers are due Sunday, January 16. The cost is \$130 (scholarships available).

Paid in Full: The HVAC (heating, ventilation, & air conditioning) loan has been paid in full! Thank you for your giving, and thank God for providing us the opportunity to pay off the loan early.

Membership classes will be coming in January. If you are not yet a member of the church, please prayerfully consider joining and stay tuned for more information.

Reminder: All Wednesday night activities resume on Wednesday, January 5. In interest of improving security for our children, K-5th grade are located in the CMC. Drop off will be at the gym, and parents will need to check-in their children.

Interested in reading through the Bible this year? Pastor Nick has chosen the New English Translation (NET) Bible to read. If you are interested in purchasing a copy (\$20) of that translation, sign-up and buy one today at the Welcome Center.

Pastor Nick will be teaching an Adult Bible Study for all ages on Sunday mornings. The topic is how to study the Bible. The class will start next Sunday, January 9, in the Sanctuary. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in joining the class, the cost of the book is \$20.

Special thanks to our youth volunteers: **Middle School:** Ben Eiden, Mary Glick, Job & Jammie Halker, Reese Halker, Katie Kruse, Melina Meza, Jacob Schutz, Luke Shadle, John & Jamie Shaw, and Tammy Whitlow; **High School:** Jeff & Leah Eiden, Job & Jammie Halker, Josh & Crystal Hanna, Daniel Huber, Katie Kruse, Emily Metzger, Cindy Moser, Levi Shadle, and John & Jamie Shaw. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the church office (info@ebenezymennonite.org).

Send photos you would like to share for the new church website, social media, and anything else needing a picture. If you have pictures of church events send them to Dylan Whitlow in the church office (dylan.whitlow@ebenezymennonite.org).

Have you decided 2022 is the year to get more involved? Habitat for Humanity Lima has a unique way to volunteer. By joining one of their committees, you can help to shape, promote and expand the ministry of Habitat and ReStore as they help families to become empowered, secure and self-reliant through housing. Please email Caleb@habitatlima.org or call (419) 222-4937 for more information.

Thank you to everyone who remembered me these past few months with cards, gifts, acts of kindness, and most of all your prayers. Also, thanks to Pastor David and the Youth Group for surprising me with Christmas Carols on the front porch. Everything was much appreciated. Praise God as I continue to recover. -Carolyn Frysingher

Special thanks to our Kitchen Coordinators, Kerris & Nancy Wright, as they are stepping down from their position. Thank you for keeping our kitchen stocked and clean, and all of the time that you have devoted to your role.