



Ebenezer

Emissary Weekly

June 22, 2008

Opportunities of the Day

- 8:15 a.m.** Worship Service – Chuck Howard (*Sanctuary*)
- 9:30 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship
Sunday School (*2-year-olds – High School*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Middle School 1 (*grades 5&6, leave for Miracle Camp*)
- 10:30 a.m.** Worship Service – Chuck Howard (*Sanctuary*)
Children’s Church (*3 & 4-years-old*)
- 5:45 p.m.** Missions Committee Meeting with
Chuck & Anita Howard (*B14*)
- 6:15 p.m.** Missions Committee Meeting with
Daniel & Lynn Plett (*B14*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Missionary Reports/Howards & Pletts (*Sanctuary*)
Afterglow (*Gym*)

Flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of Kayla’s 18th birthday yesterday, June 21st. - *With love, Mom, Dad, & Angie*

A special welcome to two missionary families who are visiting with us today. During the Adult Bible Fellowship hour, Daniel & Lynn Plett will be speaking to the Ambassador class in the Sanctuary, and Chuck & Anita Howard will be speaking to the Living Faith class in the Crossroads Ministry Center (gym). All Adult Bible Fellowship classes are invited to attend one of these times of sharing.

Hospitalized: Thelma Sharrock, Lima Memorial Hospital.

Middle School 1 to Miracle Camp	
June 22-28 • Grades 5 & 6	
Audrey Bowsher	Emma Burkholder
Hannah Conley	Abigale Heslep
Molly Moser	Adel Sommers
Allene Thompson	Alissa Willow
<i>Drivers to camp: Ron & Cindy Bowsher</i>	
Attendance and Giving	
Attendance on June 15:	
Contemporary Worship Service	(8:15 a.m.) 205
Sunday School & ABF	(9:30 a.m.) 344
Traditional Worship Service	(10:30 a.m.) 197
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.) 42
Giving on June 15:	
	\$12,317.36
Benevolent Fund	10.00
Building Fund	471.00
Christian Education Fund	622.36
Current Expense Fund	5,517.00
Missions Fund	3,222.00
New Building Fund	2,475.00
Memorials for Velma Basinger – Missions Fund	\$195.00
– Benevolence Fund	\$200.00

Missionaries of the Week: Neil & Meredi Bittle live in Canada and serve with MAF Canada. It was 40 years ago when

they were accepted by MAF for mission aviation service. They have worked in Suriname, Brazil, Western Canada, again in Brazil, and now in Canada to facilitate development in Angola. God has kept them and given them opportunities for ministry. They give all the glory to Him. Please send an encouraging email note to the Bittles at: neilmeredi@hotmail.com.

Our Sympathy to the family of Josephine Firestine. Josephine, the sister of Eileen Garmatter, passed away on Monday, June 16. Services were held Wednesday, June 18, at Chiles-Laman Funeral Homes, Bluffton.

Congratulations to Shawn & Nancy Stratton on the birth of their son, Kolton Dee, on Friday, June 20, weighing 9 lb. 8 oz.

Congratulations to Jeffrey & Melissa (Garmatter) Richards who were united in marriage yesterday at St. John Mennonite Church, Pandora.

Swiss Day Potluck Dinner: Today at 12:30 p.m. you are invited to attend the potluck meal in the Crossroads Ministry Center. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. with the Edelweiss Singers.

Opportunities of the Week: June 23-29

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

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

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

7:00 p.m. Prayer Time (FH)

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Outreach Ministries Com. Meeting (FH)

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/ABF Classes (Classrooms)

10:15 a.m. Grade School 2 (Grades 2-4 leave for Miracle Camp)

10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00 p.m. Baptism Service (Zimmerman's Pond)

7:00 p.m. Bonnie Spallinger/Avant Ministries

& Praise Service (Sanctuary)

Afterglow following Evening Service (Gym)

Nursery workers for next Sunday, June 29

Karla Burkholder, Dave & Channan Garmatter,

Cindy, Molly, & Rachel Moser, Bev Stockman

Please remember to pray for our Youth Missions Team as they return later today from New York City.

Afterglow Tonight: The Pletts and the Howards will be sharing in our Evening Fellowship Service at 7:00 followed by an Afterglow. Please bring a generous amount of finger foods as we host our missionaries, children, and other guests. Join us for a good time of fellowship.

Children's Church: The 2-year-olds will be taken to the toddler nursery after Sunday School unless you choose to have your child sit with you. Also, children in the 5-year-old Sunday School class will need to be picked up after Sunday School. *The summer Children's Church class will be for children 3-years-old up to those in the 4-year-old Sunday School class.* Thank you for your understanding. Please continue to pray for this ministry, the children, helpers, teachers, and that we can all bring glory to our Lord in this service to Him. If you are willing to join in this ministry, please contact Deb Huber at 419-358-6100 or huberdeb@gmail.com.

A Special Wednesday evening prayer time will be held June 25 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There are a number of transitions and needs for which we want to be praying. Please join us for this time of prayer. - *Pastor Dick*

You are invited to attend the open church wedding of Elizabeth Ann High and Tyler Michael Brodman here at the church on Saturday, June 28, at 4:30 p.m. Music will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for a baptismal service next Sunday, June 29, immediately following the morning combined worship service. The baptism will be at the Zimmerman Pond on Cool Road just south of Highway 30. Come and encourage those who are being baptized. Those being baptized are: Joe & Tina Alt, Amber Bewsey, Evania Bonifaz, Kyle Huber, John Shaw, Jené Sommers, and Andrea Spallinger. Pray this will be a meaningful and encouraging experience for each of them.

Flowers for the Sanctuary: Please sign your name on the Flower Calendar in the Missions Center if you would be

interested in supplying an arrangement for our Sanctuary on August 10 & 17 and September 21 & 28.

Transport for Christ is holding its 17th Annual Truck Show/Benefit Auction June 27 & 28 at Central Christian School in Kidron, Ohio. Please notice that for this year only, it is one week later than in years past. Come and enjoy the day while supporting the ministry of Transport for Christ as together they touch the lives of truck drivers for eternity all across North America. For more information, please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center.

Just a reminder to all Sunday School Scripture Memory Program Students – Promotion Sunday will be August 24, and your memory work will need to be completed before this date.

Faithful One

*Faithful, faithful to the end,
My true and precious friend,
You have been faithful,
Faithful, so faithful to me*

(chorus of special music duet)

I would like to thank the church for the NIV Study Bible I received for graduation, as well as all of the support and encouragement over the past 18 years. I greatly appreciate it and am sure the Bible will be very useful as I start college. Thanks again. - *Jessica Lehman*

11 MORE WEEKS UNTIL...new Sunday School classes begin (August 31). Please pray that many hearts will be moved to volunteer to become teachers, teaching assistants, or substitute teachers. There are several openings in each of the areas. Think about volunteering your time and help for one of the positions. It would be truly appreciated. More information will follow in July. If you are interested please contact Joan Steiner 419-358-0486 or the church office.

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and cards for our mother. A special thank you to Kathy Brauen, Pastor Warren, Pastor Dick, and friends for their visits and kind words. Thank you! – *The family of Velma Basinger*

To the Ebenezer Church Family: Thank you for all the prayers and everyone who came to visit Nelson and support our family at the hospital after his accident. X-rays taken on June 16th showed that his fractured ribs are on the mend. PTL! Great is our Lord God and greatly to be praised. - *Because He lives, Nelson & Sharon Koogler*

▶ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- July 6-12** Senior High (Miracle Camp)
July 7 Church Softball League (6:00 p.m., Bluffton Village Park)
July 18&19 Bill Glass Weekend of Champions (Findlay)
July 20 **Founder's Day** (10:00 a.m., Gym) *No Sunday School, ABF,*
or Evening Fellowship Service
July 25-27 Family Camp (Ouabache State Park - Bluffton, IN)
Aug. 24 Family Music Night (Sanctuary)

Please note: The church office e-mail address has recently changed to info@ebenezymennonite.org. *The old e-mail address ebenezer@bright.net is no longer in service.*

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