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## SUMMER 2010

**A**re you interested in planning a summer event for your elementary, middle school or high school age youth? We would like to assist you in planning this event. If you would like to start small with 20-30 youth or if your group is 100 or more we are available to help you in many ways. At this time we have space available in June, July or August to accommodate your needs.

New Ebenezer is also a perfect place to plan your next family reunion. Whether you are interested in a one day event or need overnight accommodations we would like to be of assistance.



## HISTORIC PRINTS AVAILABLE



Key Leaders of the Lutheran Reformation prints available for \$75.00 each  
Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther and Philipp Melancthon  
Artist is Hong Ming Zou

## AWARD WINNING PROGRAM... EBENEZER ALIVE!

**D**uring the 2009 Georgia Egg Association Annual Awards Banquet at St. Simons Island, GA, the Georgia Egg Commission presented the "2009 Golden Egg Award" to the New Ebenezer Retreat Center's education program **Ebenezer ALIVE!** This award was presented because of the **Ebenezer ALIVE! Education Program's** "Eggxcellence!"

One of the **Ebenezer ALIVE! Program** "hands-on" classes since its start nine years ago has been: "Make Your Own Omelet" Breakfast - Sponsored by the Georgia Egg Commission.

Approximately 11,000 students (4th grade and up), teachers, and parents have had the opportunity to learn, observe, and make their own omelet during one of the 261 "hands-on" classes since we began our education program. School groups from GA, FL, AL, NC, and SC have enjoyed the classes.

Classes include: Egg Nutrition, Food Safety and "How To Make Your Own Omelet" demonstrations. Also, each student, teacher, and parent makes his/her omelet at the omelet stations and receives an Omelet brochure provided by the Georgia Egg Commission.

"We are very honored to receive the "2009 Golden Egg Award" from the Georgia Egg Commission and to sponsor the 'Make Your Own Omelet' classes for the past nine years. The **Ebenezer ALIVE! Staff** would like to say a 'special thank you' to Mr. Robert Howell, President of the Georgia Egg Commission. We look forward to their continued support!" expressed Beth Epling.

The **Ebenezer ALIVE! Staff** is very thankful for the support and dedication of our New Ebenezer Staff Food Service and Maintenance Staff who set-up the omelet stations for the students and teachers to make their omelets.



*Honored: Jerry Straughan, Georgia Egg Commission Board Chairman, presented the Georgia Egg Commission the "2009 Golden Egg Award" to New Ebenezer Retreat Center Staff Beth Epling, Education Coordinator, and Debra Bunch, Food Service Manager (pictured left to right).*

## MISSION ON THE MOVE PLANNING RETREAT



**T**he members of the Board of Directors of Mission On the Move, an international mission organization headquartered in Springfield, Georgia held its second annual planning retreat on September 11-12 at New Ebenezer Retreat Center. Steve Shearouse (pictured left), Director of MOM and missionary to Mexico and Honduras led the meeting in planning and setting goals for the future ministry.

Mission On The Move has a nutrition and education program for children in Honduras, three homes for children in Southern Mexico whose parents are in prison, and also a nutrition program for children and a church planting ministry in Nakuru, Kenya. Because of the beautiful setting and relaxed atmosphere at New Ebenezer, the MOM Board has set their next planning retreat here for September 2010.



The New Ebenezer Retreat Staff enjoyed sharing info about the Retreat Center and the Ebenezer ALIVE! Education Program during the 275 Year Celebration. Pictured left to right: Kim M. Bell, Ashley Kieffer, Beth Epling, Pat Kennedy, Marshall Reiser, and Marshall's children, Jack and Sam

## LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2009 – 275TH ANNIVERSARY

### Celebration of the Jerusalem Lutheran Church Homecoming festivities and the Georgia Salzburger Society Heritage Day

Dignitaries from Austria and Germany were in attendance this year to celebrate the occasion. A new life size statue of Johann Martin Boltzius was unveiled during this event. We were excited to host the sculptors of this statue T. J. Dixon and James Nelson.

New Ebenezer Retreat Center was excited to participate in these festivities. Our exhibit was centered around our **Ebenezer ALIVE!** education program and featured three of our programs including Reptiles **ALIVE!** with Mr. Dave Chafin, the Revolutionary Living History/Campfire with Mr. David Roberts and an Insect display from Wil Griffin. Beth Epling, Education Coordinator was dressed in Salzburger attire and was available to answer questions about the program.

Children as well as adults were excited to visit our "hands-on" display.

## NEW EBENEZER HAND BELL FESTIVALS

We are excited to offer three handbell festivals in 2010. From beginner to advanced one of these will be right for your group. Please contact us immediately if you are interested as space is limited.

### January 29-30, 2010

Cathy Moklebust will direct our advanced festival. Cathy has developed and directed handbell music programs since 1983 and has played bells since childhood. She is in national demand as a handbell clinician, conductor and composer, with over 100 published compositions and arrangements to her credit. She and her family reside in Eagle Grove, Iowa on her husband's 110 year old farm.

### February 26-27, 2010

Lee Afdahl will direct our intermediate festival. Lee is the Director of Music and Organist of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester, Minnesota. He is a church musician with many years' experience leading active programs of choral and handbell ensembles in Michigan and Minnesota.

### March 5-6, 2010

John Behnke will conduct our Beginner festival. John is a music Editor for the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. He is also Professor of Music at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin where he teaches organ and directs the Alleluia Ringers, Concordia's touring handbell choir. He is a frequent handbell clinician, festival director and organ recitalist.

Gather your group together to attend one of these festivals. The event ends Saturday at 4:00 but you are welcome to stay another night on Saturday to enjoy the retreat center or to visit historic downtown Savannah.

## 6TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009

Saturday, October 10th was a warm fall day. A group of avid runners and some just wanting the fun and exercise gathered for our annual 5K run/walk through the trails here at the Retreat Center. A track meet with several area schools participating was held in conjunction with this event. Girls and Boys Teams from South Effingham, Effingham County, Calvary, Benedictine, Bradwell Institute, Screven County, St. Vincent's Academy, Savannah Christian and Savannah Arts Academy participated in the event. Funds raised were for the handicap accessible cabin that will be built when complete funding is available.



## EBENEZER ALIVE! "WELCOME... JOIN US!"

Wow!! In the Spring/Fall of 2009, the **Ebenezer ALIVE!** Staff welcomed new school groups as well as our returning school groups who have participated in our program for many years. We are so thankful for all schools that participate in our education program year after year. The EA Staff continually strives to not only maintain our excellent program at high standards but to improve and move forward.

The EA Staff has developed an educational program that ensures that the students will learn lifelong skills through new experiences during the **Ebenezer ALIVE! Program**.

**Ebenezer ALIVE! Education Program**, an extension of the classroom, is a "hands-on" enriching educational program for fourth thru eighth grade school students that will make an impact not only on the lives of the students, but also on the leaders as well. This customized program is designed to provide many opportunities during 3 days-2 nights or longer, which includes:

### History/Heritage; Nature/Environmental Sciences; Character Education.

The **Ebenezer ALIVE!** Staff enjoyed the groups listed below that participated in our Education Program Spring/Fall '09:

**Bullock Academy** – Statesboro, GA  
**Brookwood Elementary Gifted** – Dalton, GA  
**Pierce County Middle School Gifted** – Blackshear, GA  
**Screven County 4th Grade Gifted (Day Program)** – Sylvania, GA  
**Twin Oaks Elementary Gifted** – Leesburg, GA  
**Johnson County Middle Gifted** – Wrightsville, GA  
**Calvary Day School** – Savannah, GA  
**Path Academy** – Atlanta, GA  
**Oglethorpe Charter School** – Savannah, GA  
**Learning Tree (Day Program)** – Rincon, GA  
**Lafayette Christian School** – LaGrange, GA  
**Trinity Prep School** – Winter Park, FL  
**Hebrew Day School** – Maitland, FL  
**Irwin County Elementary School** – Ocilla, GA

Please call for reservations as soon as possible. We are excited and are looking forward to your students and teachers making their "good memories" by participating in our **Ebenezer ALIVE! Program**.

Please view our video @ [www.newebenezer.org](http://www.newebenezer.org)  
**Call today and sign up for 2010!!!**  
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"Hands-On" Experience: Historic gourd workshop



Visual Learning: Having a "blast" while touring an old fort.



Developing Lifetime Skills: Make Your Own Omelet Breakfast! Students learn the importance of food safety and why eggs are "eggcellent" for them.



Living History and Heritage: Opportunity to learn about Colonial American Living while touring Historic Ebenezer, GA and completing a museum search.



Down by The Sea: Teachers and students enjoy the seining and beach ecology class at Tybee Island.



Knowledge: During the Reptiles ALIVE! Class, Mr. Dave demonstrates to the students how to hold a non-poisonous snake.



Building Relationships: Making "Lifelong Friends and Memories!"



Discover: How sugarcane is grown; how sugarcane is milled by using the sweeper (pictured); and experience how sugarcane syrup tastes.



Character Education: Table manners and etiquette are learned during the theme banquets. Teachers and students enjoy wearing costumes to match the banquet theme, such as "Evening-At-The-Theatre".



"Steppin' Back in Time": Discovering history in Historic Savannah while riding in a carriage.



Entertainment: Enjoy having "Elvis" entertain during The 50's Banquet!



Developing Lifetime Skills: Archery is a workshop that builds self-confidence and strength!



Preparing for a Future Career: During soil science class, students learn about soils and how to take soil sample. Future Scientists!



Learn by Doing: "Team Building!"

"Music and Art Appreciation": Students and teachers always enjoy the Savannah Theatre Musical.

