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# Barnabas

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### *Thanksgiving in Three Dimensions*

Just a few days ago, Carol and I stood with our family at the graveside of her mother.

Mom Cole went home to be with the Lord at 11:35 am on Wednesday, November 18.

As we shared Scripture and prayer and some wonderful memories of Mom, I was overwhelmed with gratitude -- for her life, for her positive legacy and, most of all, for the unfailing assurances of our loving and trustworthy Lord Jesus. He was the most important hope-giver at that graveside in North Carolina last week.

During this Thanksgiving week, we can be filled with thankfulness in at least 3 dimensions:

#### 1/ The here and now.

Isn't it great to be alive - to inhale fresh air, to move (most of the time) without pain, to hold babies, to chase toddlers, to talk with teens, to witness the breath-taking shades of nature, to hold a loved one, to laugh outloud, to enjoy chocolate, to worship in spirit and truth, to love Jesus back, to sing like nobody's listening, to pray for a friend, to walk in the woods!

Let's not miss the wonder and delight of living life to the full - here and now - enjoying the "abundance" (John 10: 10b) that Jesus promises

#### 2/ The then and there.

Imagine, just imagine what it will be like to see Jesus face to face, and to be reunited with loved ones.

Last week, one of Mom Cole's young granddaughters reflected on the wonderful fact that Grandma and Grandpa were together in heaven. Her picture was so clear that she insisted, "I'll bet they already kissed."

For sure, we don't know precisely how the reunions will occur, but we do know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, (2Cor 5:8) We know that we will have new bodies like Jesus' resurrected body (Phil. 3:21) and we know that God will wipe away all tears and sadness and mourning (Rev. 21:4).

#### 3/ The In-Between

At times, especially when we are in the valley of the shadow or we are on the mountaintop of joy, we can feel somehow "in-between." We know intellectually we are very much on earth, but we feel almost lifted above our ordinary life - if just for a moment.

The Apostle John felt like this when he wrote the book of The Revelation. We can feel like this when our baby is born or, or conversely, when trouble and tragedy strike us.

We can simultaneously experience both the weight of the temporal and the ecstasy of the eternal, held together by the Lord's powerful presence with us.

Words fail.

But He does not.

That is why - today and tomorrow - I am thankful for you, for the body of Christ, for family. For the fact that God has created us with the capacity for profound gratitude, in at least three dimensions. (See 1 Thess. 5:18)

And for life to the full - here and now, then and there, and in all of our in-between places - because of Him!

*Have a blessed Thanksgiving!*  
*JW*  
*11.24.10*

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\*... Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement)... - Acts 4:36b



## A Personal Touch...

• Our sympathies to retired Friends pastor, Earl Kelbaugh and family on the recent passing of his wife, Ruth Arlene (Fryhoff) Kelbaugh. She passed away on October 7, 2010 at the age of 85.

• Our sympathies to Rebecca Hussey and family on the recent passing of her husband, retired pastor, DL Hussey. He passed away on October 21, 2010 at the age of 79.

• Our sympathies to Dr. John & Carol Williams and family on the passing of Carol's mom, Lois Cole. She went home to be with the Lord on November 17th at the age of 89.

**• Pray for those recovering from surgery...**

• Randy Heckert, chaplain at Malone University, is recovering from surgery for esophageal cancer. Please keep Randy and his wife, Kathy, in your prayers as he continues to heal.

### Fulton Creek Friends is looking for stories

Fulton Creek Friends will celebrate 75 years of serving Jesus April 10, 2011. If anyone has a story or information about past ministers, please write us at 10950 Fulton Creek Rd., Richwood, OH 43344 or you can e-mail us at fultoncreekfriends@yahoo.com.

Ladies - plan NOW to attend WMF Retreat

**Sept. 16-18, 2011**

Next Year's Guest Speaker:  
**Dr. RoseAnne Coleman**  
Check out her website:  
[www.roseannecoleman.com](http://www.roseannecoleman.com)



## VanLals will be here soon!

John & Sangi Van Lal from Nepal will be in Eastern Region for 2 weeks in January, 2011.

Here are the dates they still have available:

January 9 - Sunday night only  
January 10-12 - Midweek Services, Bible studies, etc.  
January 17-21 Available anytime  
January 23 Available ••Contact Julie at the WOC to schedule them for your church. 1-800-334-8863

## Practical needs to meet between churches...

Newport (RI) Friends offers  
**CHOIR ROBES**

Looking for choir robes for a Christmas Cantata?  
"We have over 24 burgundy choir robes in excellent condition in a variety of adult sizes. Contact Secretary, Sandra Powaluk, for details. Phone: 401-847-1490.

## 2010 CALENDAR

### November

25 Happy Thanksgiving! (Office closed 25-26)

### December

7 North Mini Conference, Wilmot, OH  
9 Southern Mini Conf., South Hill, VA  
28 Youth Summit, 2010 Colorado

## 2011 CALENDAR\*

### January

6 Executive Committee, WOC 1:00 pm  
13 E.P. & E.Board, WOC 9:30 am  
18 Ministerial Accreditation Bd, WOC 12:00 am  
29 Finance Board Conference Call 12:00 am

### February

10 Executive Board, WOC 9:30am  
11-12 Malone Boards

### March

4 Nominating Board, WOC 9:30 am  
11 CE Board, Camp Gideon, 4:00 pm  
11-12 CE Retreat, Camp Gideon  
18 Youth Board, Morgantown, West Virginia  
18-20 SOY Retreat, Morgantown, West Virginia  
19 Friends Action Board, WOC 9:30 am  
24 Missionary Board, WOC 9:30 am

### April

1 Pension Board, WOC 9:30 am  
7 Executive Committee, WOC 1:00 pm  
22 W.O.C. Office closed for Good Friday  
24 Easter Sunday, HE IS RISEN!  
29 Malone Bacculaureate  
30 Malone Commencement  
29-May 1 Men in Missions Retreat, Morengo, OH

### May

6-7 Malone Spring Board Meetings  
12 E. P. & E. Board, WOC 9:30 am  
14 Communications Bd., WOC 9:30 am  
17-20 Spring Pastor's Confence  
(Sandy Cove Ministries in North East, MD.)  
20 Ministerial Accreditation Board  
21 Finance Board, WOC 9:30 am  
26 Executive Bd., WOC 9:30 am

### June

EFM Meetings in Colorado

### July

15 New Pastor's Orientation, WOC 9:30 am  
15 Executive Board, WOC  
16 Yearly Meeting Board Meetings (AM)  
16 Yearly Meeting Missionary Banquet  
16-19 Yearly Meeting, Canton, OH  
16-19 EFC-ER Youth Conference, Canton, OH

### August

### September

8 Executive Committee, WOC 1:00 pm  
16-18 WMF Fall Retreat, Seven Springs, PA

### October

7-8 Malone Fall Board Meetings  
13 Missions Board  
13 Friends Adult Retreat, Amish Door in Wilmot, OH  
21 Youth Board, location TBA

### November

11-12 EFC-NA Commission Meetings, Colorado  
19 CE Board 9:30 am  
17 Executive Committee, WOC 1:00 pm  
24 WOC Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### December

6 North Mini Conference, Wilmot, OH  
8 Southern Mini Conf., South Hill, VA  
24 WOC Office closed for Christmas

## November



means it's time to begin planning budgets for 2011 --- And YES, we need your GCB commitment totals as quickly as possible.

**Speaking of Numbers... Requests for 2010 statistics** will be coming soon.

Consistent with our tradition, we will list the first 10 churches who submit their stats.... (However, there are no extra points for submitting them earlier than 2011!!)

2010 Mid-Year Pastor's Mini-Conference

### LEADING Redemptively

How to bring healing and peace when conflict arises

Featuring...  
Founder and Executive Director of Metanoia Ministries,

Jim Van Yperen

Pastors, spouses and ministry team members will NOT want to miss this great time together.

**\* NOTE: We would appreciate reservations by December 1st.**

Brochures have been mailed... Register TODAY!\* We have two new locations this year!

**December 7**  
Northern Location:

The Amish Door  
Wilmot, OH

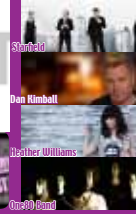
Located on Rt. 62 south of Wilmot at 120 Winesburg Street

**December 9**  
Southern Location:  
Hampton Inn

200 Thompson St.  
South Hill, VA (434) 447-4600



FRIENDS SUMMIT 2010



Kingdom. Mission. Passion.  
Conversations that could change your life!  
Dec. 28, 2010 - Jan. 1, 2011  
Cheyenne Mountain Resort, Colorado Springs, CO

[www.friendssummit.com](http://www.friendssummit.com)



**We want your young adults!**



If you know young adults looking to connect with Friends... looking to find their purpose... looking to grow in their faith...

**GET THEM TO SUMMIT 2010!**

**WHEN?** December 28, 2010 - January 1, 2011

**WHO?** Young adults ages 16-25

**WEBSITE:** [www.friendssummit.com](http://www.friendssummit.com)

**NEW! \$100 scholarships for first 50 registrants!**

EFC-ER is offering \$100 scholarships to the first 50 registrants from EFC-ER churches! Contact the WOC for details.... registration deadline: Dec. 1st

**Attention Elders, CE Leaders....**

This conference may be life-transforming for some of our next generation of Friends....why not offer to pay the way for a leader in your young adults?

### THREE POINTS OF CLARIFICATION:

**FIRST: We Welcome Clark Hoopes as Treasurer.**

We are happy to report that Clark Hoopes has agreed to serve as EFC-ER Treasurer. Financial correspondence, usually sent to Lowell Shreve, can now be sent to Clark Hoopes at the World Outreach Center.

(5350 Broadmoor Cir. NW • Canton, OH 44709)

**SECOND: Jacelyn Jones now pastoring**

Many of you are aware that Jacelyn Jones, former missionary to Hong Kong, is now the pastor of Pleasant View Evangelical Friends Church in Robbins, North Carolina.

Therefore, missionary support checks for Jacelyn are not needed at this time. Thanks for your faithful support through the years.

**THIRD: Jason & Esther Harsh moved to serving with Orphan's Hope in Ukraine.**

Jason and Esther Harsh are now preparing to serve in the Ukraine through Orphan's Hope. Contributions for their support can be sent directly to the address listed below.

Orphan's Hope • 10910 B Suncrest Drive  
Leavenworth, WA 98826

## CAMP GIDEON is here for YOU!

Now is a GREAT time to plan an overnight retreat for your church staff, youth group or small group...

Camp Gideon's facilities provide quiet, back-to-nature, comfortable facilities for very reasonable prices.

If you or your church are interested in renting the facilities for a retreat anytime in the near future, please note the updated contact information:

- All reservations and correspondence pertaining to the campgrounds will be handled through Carol at the WOC: (1-800-334-8863).

Also, Pastors... plan your personal retreat!

A summary of facilities and amenities is available.

Please use this sanctuary in nature for your refreshment.

### A NOTE REGARDING AULTCARE INSURANCE:

We are currently involved in negotiations with Aultcare concerning our increase for 2011.

As soon as we know, you will know.

- Dr. John P. Williams, Jr., General Superintendent
- Dr. Wayne Evans, Florida & Western Area Superintendent
- Ken Albright, Piedmont & Virginia Area Superintendent
- Chris Jackson, Eastern Area Superintendent