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# Barnabas<sup>\*</sup>

## EXPRESS

"Dread, Darkness and  
Deliverance"

You could not tell by looking at him. But inside – in his mind and emotion - he lived with a serious dread of darkness.

I knew this man several years ago. And I came to understand that his anxiety at sunset was triggered by a traumatic experience he had suffered during his youth.

His trauma was linked to the darkness of early evening, and it filled him with dread.

Thankfully, he wrestled with the memories, began to disconnect the irrational link and found what the Bible calls "rescue" or "deliverance."

The message of Colossians 1: 11-14 made a huge difference to him: *"We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has delivered us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins."*

This Thanksgiving Season, we live in a world of considerable dread and darkness. "Super Committees" struggle with deficits and disagreements about our nation's future. European markets debate debt and survival. Iran enriches uranium. Terrorists plot. Biblical morality comes under fire or, more dangerously, is relegated to relic and irrelevant status.

Dreadful.

But here comes Jesus. In all his love, power and truth. Right here. Right now.

He can actually deliver us, rescue us, from the dominion of darkness and dread.

- His deliverance is a many-splendored thing, which includes:
- strength to patiently endure – with joy (v 11)
  - constant, heartfelt thanksgiving to our Father (v12)
  - life in community with one another as "his people ..." (v12b)
  - deliverance from the addiction to dark fearfulness (v 13)
  - transfer into Jesus way of love, obedience and sight (v 13)
  - freedom from ugly, dominating sin – at his expense on the cross (v 14)

This Thanksgiving, we take the problems of life seriously. We do not pretend them away.

But greater still – infinitely greater and more glorious – is His power and love to deliver us.  
Let's believe it, receive it and enjoy it. With resurgent thankfulness!

Have a blessed  
Thanksgiving!  
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\*...Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement)... - Acts 4:36b



## A Personal Touch...

• Our deepest sympathies to Friends Pastor, Quint Bryan and family on the passing of his mother, Darlene Bryan. She passed away on November 11, 2011 at the age of 72. Darlene is survived by her husband of 52 years, Carl Bryan. Carl served as the Camp Gideon Manager for several years and continues to serve on the Camp Committee.

## Looking for a GREAT deal on Bible Software?

Offer expires Jan. 1, 2012

In an attempt to bring the best quality and value to those of you looking for Bible software **Lion & Lamb** has teamed up with **Biblesoft** to offer two resources, considered to be the most complete Bible software in Christian bookstores for pastors.

### The Professional Reference Library™ version 5 (newest)

List price \$899.95 Biblesoft Sale price \$719.96

Lion & Lamb / EFC-ER sale price **\$459.99\***

(Prices do not include HH Mosher fund discounts. Eligible pastors and spouses may apply their funds for even more reduced prices!)

### The Advanced Reference Library™ version 5 (newest)

List price \$599.95 Biblesoft Sale price \$479.97

Lion & Lamb / EFC-ER sale price **\$339.99\***

(Prices do not include HH Mosher fund discounts. Eligible pastors and spouses may apply their funds for even more reduced prices!)

**These prices will be honored only through January 1, 2012 after which time the inventory will be returned to Biblesoft.**

\* **NOTE:** If you combine the Lion & Lamb / EFC-ER sale price with the Mosher fund credit (\$100), out of pocket expense becomes very minimal. Since the software can be used by both the pastor and their spouse 2 credits (\$200) may be applied.

To order the software, or for questions about the product, please contact Norb at **Lion & Lamb (1-800-537-0269)**.

To confirm qualification for the HH Mosher Fund, please contact **EFC-ER World Outreach Center(1-800-334-8863)**.

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

### • Need a Missionary Speaker?

**Ed and Linda Z (China)** will be with us through spring of 2012 and have availability on some Sunday evenings and mid-week through the next few months. 2012 still has many openings.

### • PASTORS... ARE WE CURRENT WITH YOUR CONTACT INFO?

Especially if you have moved to a new church, please confirm your contact information (e-mail and cell phone information) with the WOC.

Please call the **EFC-ER office (1-800-334-8863)**

or email **Julie Jenkins at julie@efcer.org**

to update contact information or to schedule guest speakers.

### Suicide Intervention and Aftercare

Karen Mason, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, formerly of First Denver Friends, is doing research on Suicide Intervention and Aftercare. Because Karen is asking feedback on this project from our Evangelical Friends pastors, the EFC-NA Superintendents have agreed to offer their pastors the option to participate.

Please consider completing a 30-45 minute survey whether you have experienced any aspect of suicide in your congregation or not. All of your responses will be anonymous and results will be reported in summary form only. You will be sent a \$10 Amazon gift certificate and a list of suicide-related internet-based resources for clergy for your participation.

Contact Karen Mason at [kmason@gordonconwell.edu](mailto:kmason@gordonconwell.edu) for more information.

## 2011 CALENDAR

### November

24 Happy Thanksgiving! (Office closed 24-25)

### December

6 North Mini Conference, Wilmot, OH

8 Southern Mini Conf., South Hill, VA

15 Executive Committee, WOC 1:00 pm

## 2012 CALENDAR\*

### January

17 Ministerial Accreditation Bd, (Location, TBA)

19 Executive Committee, WOC 1:00 pm

20 E.P. & E. Board, WOC 9:30 am

28 Finance Board Conference Call 9:30 am

### February

9 Executive Board, WOC 9:30 am

10-11 Malone Boards

### March

9 Nominating Board, WOC 9:30 am

10 CE Board, WOC 9:30 am

16 Youth Board, (Location, TBA)

16-18 Re-Connect Youth Leaders Retreat, (Polaris @ Orange Friends, Columbus, OH)

17 Friends Action Board, WOC 9:30 am

22 Missionary Board, WOC 9:30 am

30 Pension Board, WOC 9:30 am

### April

6 W.O.C. Office closed for Good Friday

8 Easter Sunday, HE IS RISEN!

14 Communications Bd., WOC 9:30 am

17-20 Spring Pastor's Conference

17 Ministerial Accreditation Board

19 Executive Committee

26 Camp Gideon Committee, WOC 6:30 pm

27 Malone Baccalaureate

28 Malone Commencement

### May

4-5 Malone Spring Board Meetings

4-6 Men in Missions Retreat, Morengo, OH

10 E. P. & E. Board, WOC 9:30 am

19 Finance Board, WOC 9:30 am

24 Executive Bd., WOC 9:30 am

### June

May 31 - June 2 EFM Meetings in Colorado

### July

20 New Pastor's Orientation, WOC 9:30 am

20 Executive Board, WOC

21 Yearly Meeting Board Meetings (AM)

21 Yearly Meeting Missionary Banquet

21-24 Yearly Meeting, Canton, OH

21-24 EFC-ER Youth Conference, Canton, OH

### August

3-6 Piedmont Dist. Jr. Camp

### September

13 Executive Committee, WOC 1:00 pm

14-16 WMF Fall Retreat (Location, TBA)

21-23 WMF Fall Retreat (Location, TBA)

### October

11 Friends Adult Retreat

12-13 Malone Fall Board Meetings

18 Missions Board

19 Youth Board (Location, TBA)

25 Camp Gideon Committee (Location, TBA)

### November

2-3 EFC-NA Commission Meetings, EFC-MAYM

15 Executive Committee, WOC 1:00 pm

17 CE Board 9:30 am

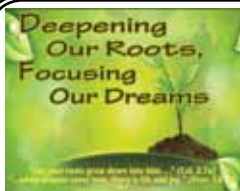
22-23 WOC Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### December

4 North Mini Conference, Wilmot, OH

6 Southern Mini Conf., South Hill, VA

24-25 Merry CHRISTmas! WOC Office closed



**November** means churches are planning 2012 budgets - And YES, we need GCB commitment totals as soon as possible.

**Speaking of Numbers... Requests for 2011 statistics will be coming shortly.** 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 2012!)

**2011 Mid-Year Pastors Mini-Conference**  
*brochures have been mailed! Register TODAY!*  
 December 6 ~ Wilmot, OH  
 December 8 ~ South Hill, VA  
 Back by popular demand...  
 Amish-style meal at both locations!

**EFM looking for a new Executive Director.** Evangelical Friends Church – North America wishes to announce the opening for Executive Director of Evangelical Friends Missions (EFM).

The director will be responsible (either personally or through the administrative team) with providing staff leadership; personnel recruitment; being the voice of EFM to our people and our Yearly Meetings; for fundraising, and by visiting our fields, for providing missionary member care. The director should have demonstrated ability to administer in an organization and to be missiologically aware of trends throughout the world.

The director (either personally or through their team) must be gifted in pastoral care, have the ability to oversee and when needed to discipline, be able to work in a cross cultural and bilingual setting, and work and promote in team settings. The director will also have the primary responsibility of communication to our missionaries, board members, churches, and church attenders themselves.

The director should be a recorded Friends pastor (or state a willingness to become recorded), have a graduate school education, experience in World Missions, and a commitment to our "Statement of Faith" and the Missions Statement" of Evangelical Friends Missions (<http://www.friendsmission.com/about-efm/statement-of-faith>) and Evangelical Friends Church -- North America. (<http://www.evangelicalfriends.org/6>).

All interested people are encouraged to send a letter of introduction explaining a candidate's thoughts and passions in these areas, along with a basic resume and a list of references no later than December 20, 2011.

Please mail inquiries or applications to:

**Gregg Prickett, Missions Pastor**  
 Rose Drive Friends Church  
 • 4211 Rose Drive • Yorba Linda, CA. 92886.

## More Bicentennial News!

**One final reminder...Has your church sent in their historical worksheet?**

- Start planning your church display for EFC-ER Bicentennial. We want every one of our churches to plan a display (of your choice) to represent your church. A trifold display board will fit nicely since you will have one-half of a six foot table. Be sure to get your church name and relevant info. on the board with room for items on the table. It should be fun to see them all. Do not get left out of this church by church project.
- Also, we plan to have a 200 voice choir on Sunday night with at least two representatives from each church. Be thinking about who would like to be included. We will practice a couple of numbers on Sunday afternoon and sing Sunday night. Let's raise the roof with musical praise!

**Celebration Dates: July 21-24, 2012**

**EFC-ER is taking steps towards "green."** This will be the last print copy to be mailed unless... the office is notified of exceptions.

In our on-going effort to increase stewardship, reduce paper and mailing expenses, and to utilize the website fully, we will be offering the Barnabas Express primarily as an "E-Newsletter," Beginning in 2012, printed versions of the Barnabas Express will ONLY be mailed to those who submit the request form printed below. We understand those with no access to a computer will need to continue to receive a paper copy. Simply fill out the form printed below and mail to the office:

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**"GO GREEN" WITH US... A registration form is available on the website. Simply follow the steps at: [www.efcer.org](http://www.efcer.org) or, scan the QR Code at the left with your smart phone or tablet and sign up!**



Yes! I need the Barnabas Express mailed to the following address:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_