

THE

Barnabas^{*}

EXPRESS

" Just Thanks "

She was tiny, old and bent over.

She called herself "mature."

Cheerfully but necessarily, she was needing more and more help in completing the ordinary chores of daily life.

You and I have seen her in the third row at church, at family reunions and at the grocery store a hundred times over.

And when you have the chance – no, let's call it the privilege – of helping her in some small, tangible way, she looks at you with that warm and wrinkled grin of hers and, with simple grace, warmly enunciates just a solitary word . . .

She says, "thanks."

Today, as I think of you, her spirit inspires me to gratefully remember the incredible blessings of our movement.

Across the Eastern Region of the Evangelical Friends Church (and beyond), we serve in nearly 100 churches and literally thousands of specific ministries – all for the love of Jesus and the love of people.

We are the pastors and teachers and missionaries and ushers and nursery workers and parking lot attendants and support staff; leaders and co-workers, adults and kids of all ages . . . but all ministers of the Gospel and all brothers and sisters by God's adoptive grace in Christ, a grace that is moving all around the globe.

We speak English and Spanish, Creole and Hungarian, Chinese, Romanian, Nepali and Hindi, Portuguese and Bhutanese ... and more.

We are old and young. Literate and not yet. Baby Christians and fruitful, long-time followers. Impulsive and patient. Verbal and shy. Singers and hummers. On-key and monotones.

But we are all – we say again – all members of one family,

Because of Christ.

Today. On this last, sunny and unseasonably warm day of summer 2011, I am deeply grateful for you and our family of faith: For your partnership in the Gospel. For your smiles and your love. Your prayers and your gifts and your friendship.

I, too, am smiling inside and out (with a few laugh wrinkles to confirm it).

And from my heart, I simply want to say, "thank you!"

*Blessings!
Paw
(Phil 1:13-6)
9.20.11*

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

DYNAMIC KERNELS 2012!

It is nearly time for the fall planting of wheat for 2012. The Riverbend Friends Church in Tecumseh, Michigan, is beginning year four of the six year experiment reenacting the Dynamic Kernels experience of the 1940's. They need wheat land. Farmers, they need your help.

Providing land would include:

1. Simple record keeping on acres planted and bushels planted and harvested.
- 2 - A commitment to tithe the harvest.
- 3 - A reporting of the story with a few pictures.

Dr. Ron Johnson is the man to call or write.

He can be reached at 330-936-4610 or rjohnson@malone.edu.

Friends Adult Ministry Retreat
Now is the time to register for the 16th Annual Fall Retreat to be held at The Amish Door on October 13, 2011 (11 - 3:30)

- **Guest Speaker: Dr. Ed from China and**
- **Special Musical Guests: The Pfeifers**

Registration Cost: \$25.00

Questions? Contact Harry Mosher 800-686-9640

Practical needs to meet between churches...

Riverbend (Tecumseh, MI) Friends offers CHOIR ROBES

Riverbend Friends Church in Tecumseh, MI has 27 gold-colored choir robes, (assorted sizes and lengths) with reversable detached collars; long, gold/purple and short red/white. Phone number is 517.423.3977.

Pews for sale at Pelham Friends (Canada)

We have 39 pews of assorted lengths. 8 - 87", 18 - 89", 1 - 106" that we are selling for \$100 each and 1 - 131", and 11 - 144" that we are selling for \$150 each or make an offer for the lot. All pews are made of oak and have holders for hymn books and envelopes.

If you are interested please call

Bill Visser at 905-788-4193 or send an email to bvisser2@yahoo.ca.

A SUGGESTION FOR PRAYER...

Did you know that the Yearbook can serve as a helpful prayer guide /listing for our pastors and families?

- Pages 7-8 offer an index, listing each church by name.
- Pages 12 - 19 list each church, their website & lead pastor.
- Pages 81-166 provide a list of leadership in each church.



A Personal Touch...

• Our deepest sympathies to the family of retired Friends Pastor, Charles Robinson, who passed away on August 3rd at the age of 81. He is survived by his second wife, Edna, along with 6 children (and spouses), 20 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 7 step children (and spouses), 22 step-grandchildren, and 22 step great-grandchildren.

• Our deepest sympathies to Frank & Betsy Carter and family on the recent passing of Betsy's mother, Hilda Comer Allen. She passed away on September 5, 2011 at the age of 85.

• Our sympathies to Denny & Pam Peters and family on the recent death of Denny's father, Donald L. "Pete" Peters. He passed away on September 2, 2011 at the age of 83.

• Our sympathies to wife, Ahlem Ransom and family of Matthew Ransom. Matt served as Youth Pastor for a time in the 1990's at Riverbend (Tecumseh, MI) Friends. Matt died of injuries received in a hit and run car accident. He was working in Kuwait for a company that provides security to US military bases. He was 40 years old.

Missionary Speakers Available:

Two of our missionary couples are available to speak in our churches this October:

• **Arun and Shobha Massey (India)** will be with us for that short time.

Sunday morning availability is very limited, but mid-week opportunities are open. Please consider these missionaries for Bible studies, prayer breakfasts, mission dinners, small groups, home groups, in-home meals. The Masseys will be stationed in Northeast Ohio so engagements are limited to the north.

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

Please call the EFC-ER office (1-800-334-8863) or email Julie Jenkins at julie@efcer.org to schedule.

2011 CALENDAR*

October

- 7-8 Malone Fall Board Meetings
- 13 Missions Board, WOC, 9:30 am
- 13 Friends Adult Retreat, Amish Door in Wilmot, OH
- 21 Youth Board, WOC

November

- 3-5 EFC-NA Commission Meetings, Colorado
- 11-13 Youth Explosion, Willoughby Hills Friends
- 19 CE Board, WOC, 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

GCB Missions Month materials
 have
 been
 sent
 to
 every
 church



Many churches choose October for their inspiring, mission-minded month. Promotional materials include:

- Colorful, Informative Brochure
- Colorful Jamaica Monthly Mission Insert
- Faith Promise Story of the Pumpkin
- Coloring Books for Kids • Magnet Calendars for Adults
- Faith Promise Commitment Cards
- Publicity Packets • 2 sets of Missionary Prayer Cards.
- Need more supplies? Call us at the WOC!

Elders & Volunteer Church Leaders...

OCTOBER is Pastor Appreciation Month.

For Ideas, check out Focus on the Family devoted to the clergy: www.parsonage.org



A Few Updates from Evangelical Friends Disaster Service:



Greetings,

1 - EFDS will be working in Adrian, Michigan at the Raisin Valley Friends church. We will be installing vinyl siding on the parsonage. We will start working Monday Oct 17th volunteers can arrive before 5:00 on Sunday for a meal at the church.

Key Contacts: Call Bob Winn 330-692-2682 or Jim Moore 330-704-9980 or e-mail Jim at jimmoore4god@yahoo.com

2 - Anyone who shops at ACME FRESH MARKET please save your grocery receipts for FDS. We have signed up for ACME Community cash back, program until mid Feb 2012. This is a great way to contribute.

Acme receipts can be mailed to:

**Trish Moore • 7292 Finn Circle N.W.
 North Canton, Ohio 44720.**

3 - A lot of people have tried to e-mail us, but the web site went down. By the end of the year we hope to be a part of the Eastern Region Regional web site. We will let you know when it is complete. We hope this letter finds everyone happy and blessed by God. Many Blessings,
 Jim & Trish Moore

Aultcare Insurance Participants headed toward 65 will want to know...

Those of you who are part of our AULTCARE insurance plan and have an HSA should take note that when you turn 65, neither you, nor your employer, may make any additional contributions if you choose to take Medicare Part A. If you do not choose Medicare Part A, you may continue to contribute to your HSA.

Looking for a Few Completed Bicentennial Forms.... Has your church sent in their historical worksheet?

Thanks to the churches who have turned in their historical worksheets. The rest are needed as soon as possible. If you have lost your worksheet, please call the Center for another copy or check the website to download a copy. With them, we are assembling the Bicentennial booklet. And we still need the names of potential choir and band members for the 200 voice choir for July's Bicentennial Yearly Meeting!

EFC-ER is taking steps towards "green." We really mean it this time!

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," (E-Barnabas Express) beginning in November.

If you have no access to a computer, and no way to have a copy printed, we will continue to send you a paper copy. Simply fill out the form printed below and mail it to the office address:

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"GO GREEN" WITH US... Fall 2011
 A registration form will be available on the website by October, 2011
 Simply follow the steps at:



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:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code _____