

Looking for a Missionary Speaker?

• **Jacelyn Jones (HONG KONG) – 2004**

Jacelyn has made herself available to speak in churches **January – March 2004.**

• **Arun & Shobha Massey (INDIA)– April 2004**

We look forward to welcoming Arun and Shobha Massey from India as they visit the U.S. for a few months. They will be available to EFC-ER Churches **April 4 – May 2.**

• **John & Sangi VanLal (NEPAL) – July 2004**

John & Sangi VanLal will be visiting EFC-ER Churches this summer beginning **July 11– August 1.**

Contact Julie at the W.O.C. to schedule a Missionary Speaker in your church.

Let's Keep Praying for these Missionary Families in Transition....

• **Manuel & Brenda Chavarria**

will be returning from the Mexico Mission Field, completing their stay in Mexico at the end of January. Keep them in your prayers during this transitional time.

• **Voicu, Ana & John Marian**

will be returning to Romania in January. They will be saying good bye to Christina, their daughter who is attending Malone College. Please pray for them as they make the transition back to their mission field and special work in Romania.

• **Hillary Harrison** – Due to family illnesses and further education opportunities, Hillary will be taking a leave of absence for the present time. She is employed as a nurse at Akron City Hospital and lives in the Canton/Cleveland area. Let's continue to support her in prayer during this time of transition.



NEO Pastors and Ministry Staff,

Mark your calendars now for a morning of fellowship, discussion on a vital topic, and ministry to one another.

WHEN? Tuesday February 17 – NEO Pastors Fellowship

WHERE? Canton First Friends Church.

DETAILS & BASIC SCHEDULE:

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast at Canton First Friends

9:00 AM Area Supt John Ryser and Rick Sams will share some of the highlights from the Rick Warren, Ken Blanchard simulcast "Lead Like Jesus". Our goal is to get you discussing how these insights can be applied right into your local church.

10:30-11:30 AM Pastor Mark Engel and his staff will lead us in a time of worship, sharing, ministry to one another, and prayer.

11:30 (or later) Break for lunch out or basketball, whichever direction you want to go.

Hopefully you will set aside this morning to be together and be blessed in both body and soul, as well as to be a blessing to your brothers and sisters in the NEO District. We do love you, and Jesus loves you MORE!

Rick Sams and Mark Reich, District Supts.

Is Your New Year's Resolution to obtain more education?

Pastors may receive \$1000 towards a Graduate Degree through the Charles DeVol Memorial Scholarships

Applications are still available for a limited number of graduate scholarships to be awarded to EFC-ER pastors & pastoral staff. Yes - you can reapply for additional money this year! Take advantage of this offer while it's available - Maybe now is the time to pursue your graduate degree.

Call the W.O.C. at 800-334-8863

Yearbook Statistics

Yes, it's that time of year again! We've mailed out requests for the 2004 Yearbook stats. Please send back your changes to the church section along with the completed statistical forms before January 30, 2004

Thanks for your help on this - the quicker we receive them, the quicker the new Yearbook will be done.

- A Few Financial Details -

1. Pension Payments

All pension payments are to go to:

Alliance Benefits Group of Illinois

456 Fulton St.

Suite 345

Peoria, IL 61602

Attention: Keely Nieu Kirk

This is effective January 1, 2004.

If you have any questions about your account call

Mario Giganti phone: 330-896-6258 or
e-mail:mgiganti@azsure.com.

He is with Cornerstone Capital Advisors -
Azsure Fiduciary Services.

2. Supplemental Life Insurance

Qualified persons interested in the Supplemental Life Insurance must get their information back to Dan Cale by January 31. The quota needed has not yet been met, so please get your application in ASAP.



Hey Youth Leaders and Youth!

Don't forget about

MID-WINTER Retreat!

When? Feb. 20-22th

Where? Trinity Friends
Van Wert, Ohio

Brochures have been mailed. Check out the website:

www.trinityfriendschurch.com and click on the MIDWINTER icon for more information and a printable registration.

Send your completed registration forms to:

TFC Mid-Winter
605 North Franklin Street
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

If you have any questions concerning Mid-Winter 2004, contact Gary Jones at (888) 504-8149 or 419 238-2788

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Registrations must be post marked by the following dates to qualify for discount rates. • Before February 12th - Just In Time rate of \$60

• Before February 22th - \$65

After this you'll be too late!

KEY VERSE: 1 Peter 4:10-11

Need Wheels?

FOR SALE: 1995 Super Club Van (Silver),
 • 351 V-8 engine, Automatic, PS, PB, CD player, front and rear heating and air conditioning, 16" tires, cruise control, \$6,000. Contact Winona Friends for more information.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
 URGENT REQUEST**

**"WE STILL NEED TO HEAR FROM A
 FEW CHURCHES WITH THEIR
 2004 GCB PLEDGES."
 PLEASE CALL THE W.O.C. TODAY**

C A L E N D A R

January

22 E. P. & E. Board, W.O.C., 9:30 A.M.

24 Finance Board, 9:30 A.M.

February

6 Executive Board, W.O.C. 9:30 A.M.

7 WMF Committee, W.O.C. 9:30 A.M.

12 Camp Gideon Committee, W.O.C. 7:00 P.M.

13-14 Malone Board Meeting

20-22 Youth Mid-Winter, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio

LOOKING AHEAD...

Mark your Calendars for key 2004 events

Youth Mid-Winter: February 20-22
 SOY Retreat: March 19-21
 Pastors Conference: April 19-22
 Men in Missions: April 30-May 2
 Yearly Meeting: July 17-20
 WMF Retreats: Sept. 10-12 & 17-19



Conversation Cafe

**International Book
 Reviews begin at
 Barclay Press Website.**

Interested in reading a book each month and interacting with the authors and readers across the internet?

• www.barclaypress.com •

Check out the Conversation Cafe!

If you like to read or are determined to read more during 2004, then check out the books planned for the Barclay's Conversation Cafe!

January's Book: *Citizenship: A Christian Calling* by Lon Fendall explores the role of Christians in the world of politics and government. Check out the daily discussions with Lon!

February's Book: *Rumors of Another World* by Philip Yancey. Philip Yancey has agreed to participate as the online moderator, which should be fun -- in the sense that anyone can give him feedback and/or ask questions.

March's Book: *Sexuality and Holy Longing* by Lisa McMinn.

April's Book: *At Home With the Poor* by Jean Thomas.

Attention Church Secretaries

As you look at the year-end stats, please let us know of any changes in the number of Mission Bulletin Inserts your church will be needing in the near future.



A personal touch ...

• *Let's keep these folks recovering from injuries and surgeries in our prayers:*

- *Carol Rice, recovering from knee replacement surgery.*
- *Don Worden, recovering from surgery to repair a broken ankle.*
- *Our sympathies to the family of William & Marie Bertrand on the recent death of Marie's father in Haiti.*

**Parents & Kids... Mark your calendars now for
 Camp Gideon '04 "Reaching Higher, Growing Deeper"**

Camp Description	Grade	Camp Date
Father/Son	K-4	June 11-13
Kids	3-4	June 13-18
Kids	5-6	June 20-June 25
Mother/Daughter	4-8	June 25-June 27
Adventure	4-6	June 27 - July 2
Day Camp	K-2	July 6 - July 9
Father/Daughter	4-6	July 9 - July 11
Kids	1-6	July 11 - July 16
Challenge I	6-8	July 17 - July 22
Mother/Daughter	K-4	July 23 - July 25
Kids	3-4	July 25 - July 30
Father/Son	4-8	July 30 - August 1
Challenge II	7-9	August 1 - August 6