

GCB - 2004
Follow-Up

We're still waiting on pledges for GCB 2005 from a few churches. PLEASE CALL US IMMEDIATELY if you've not yet reported.

YEARBOOK 2005

Yes, it's that time of year again!

Requests for statistics were mailed beginning in December. Churches should submit

- 1 - Statistics
- 2 - CE Reports
- 3 - Yearbook page corrections

to the W.O.C. no later than February 15th.

Thanks for your quick response -- next month's Barnabas will feature the "Top 10 Winners Circle"

EFC-ER Tsunami Relief

The W.O.C. is accepting contributions from individuals and churches for Tsunami Relief. We will be working through our own missionaries close to the action (southern India and Indonesia) along with World Relief. Please make checks payable to EFC-ER and designate "Tsunami Relief."

MALONE OFFERS ANOTHER WAY TO HELP...

Malone College art majors are collaborating with area colleges to hold a series of art auctions to aid tsunami victims. The first Art for Aid will be held Friday, February 25 at the Massillon Museum of Art, located at 121 Lincolnway East in Massillon. The auction is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m., but the public is welcome to arrive earlier for a pre-auction viewing. Bidding begins at \$25 for selected items.

Looking for
Missionary Speakers?
APRIL 2005 -

Dr. & Mrs. Samson Retnaraj

Serving as a Medical Director in Nepal, Dr. Samson with his wife Priscilla and their son will be visiting our region in April. Their schedule is filling fast - call today!

JUNE - JULY 2005

Bob & Debbie Adhikary

Bob & Debbie are still available for weekday and Sunday evening events. This may be the right time to have your small group learn more about our missions work in Nepal!

Contact Julie at the W.O.C. for more information.

Spring Retreats for Everyone! SOY (SPONSORS OF YOUTH) RETREAT!

DATE: March 11-13

WHERE: Morgantown, W. VA

(Euro-Suites Hotel-- details coming)

COSTS: Room rates range from

\$75 - \$50 - deposit due Feb. 20th

SPEAKER:

John Geib - *How to Study God's Word*

BROCHURES COMING SOON!

Pastors--

you won't want
to miss it!
SpringMaid Beach
Resort--
Myrtle Beach!

2005 SPRING MINISTERS CONFERENCE

April 11-14

SPEAKER: Bob Hostetler sharing on his new book, *Dancing with God* *Allowing ourselves to be embraced by the love of God - learning to come closer to the heart of God.* BROCHURES COMING SOON!

Additional Notes:

Alliance Friends will host a Peacemakers Seminar Sunday-Wednesday, February 6-9. Contact the church for more info.

Akron Community Friends Church is in need of a good working piano. Please call Pastor John Glenn at (330) 477-9082 for more information.

INSURANCE UPDATE:

INSURANCE CARDS:

As of January 1st, EFC-ER has begun health insurance with Aultcare and named networks. A complete packet of information was mailed to every participant. Pastors should have received a letter to be used as insurance verification until the cards are available. Cards have been mailed and should be used to replace your temporary letter. (Our providers were required to wait for everyone to submit information prior to issuing the actual cards and some information was late in arriving.)

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

DiStefano Insurance is now ready to accept initial HSA contributions. They do need all employer worksheets and employee applications returned before accounts can be established. Initial amounts paid by either the employer or employee are to be sent to DiStefano Insurance Services with checks made payable to First HSA, Incorporated. Total contributions for the year cannot equal more than 100% of the annual deductible.



A personal touch ...

Let's keep the following folks in our prayers:

- Our deepest sympathies to her family on the death of **Ruth Worden**, who passed away on December 15th in Mentone, California. Ruth was the wife of deceased Friends pastor, Richard Worden who pastored Byhalia Friends Church from 1986-1994.
- Retired pastor, **Lawrence Cox** had a small heart attack and is recovering in Provincial House (MI).
- **Cindy Wagner**, wife of Lanny had a stroke, but is back to work.
- **Wanda Weeks** had a heart cath and stints put in. She is doing well, recovering at home but will be off work through January.
- **Marva Hoopes** is recovering from surgery.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Earnest & Virginia Moore**, pastor of Putnam Friends, as they celebrated **50 years of marriage** on November 28, 2004!

Hey KIDS! It's time for the EFI Publishers of Truth Essay Contest! Begin looking for posters and materials within the next two weeks... this year's theme: JUST AS I AM – Finding Acceptance in Christ

TAKE A LOOK!

Newly Revised Summer Schedule

Camp Gideon Director John Ryser is pleased to announce the leadership team for the Summer 2005 Camp Gideon Program:

- Summer Director: Liz Goodman
- Ass't Summer Director: Kristy Hoopes
- Program Coordinator: Mike Land
- Head Counsellor: Scott Hoopes

The theme for this summer is:

ANCHORS AWAY!

Building a Faith that Holds (Hebrews 10:23)

Camp Gideon Summer 2005

- April 1-2 Staff weekend counselors
- May 13-15 Staff Weekend
- June 4-10 Staff Training
- June 10-12 Mother/Daughter Camp (4-8)
- June 12-17 Kids Camp (5-6)
- June 20-24 Adventure Camp (4-6)
- July 5-8 Day Camp (k-2)
- July 8-10 Father/Daughter Camp (1-6)
- July 10-15 Kids Camp (5-6)
- July 15-17 Family Camp (k-8)
- July 17-22 Kids Camp (3-4)
- July 23-28 Challenge Camp (6-8)
- July 29-31 Mother Daughter Camp
- July 31- August 5 Challenge Camp (7-9)
- August 5-7 Staff Closing

2005 at a Glance:

January:

29 Finance Board Conference Call, 9:30 AM

February

4 Executive Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
 11-12 Malone Board Meetings
 26 Christian Education Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM

March

4 Nominating Committee, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
 4 Faith & Practice Committee, W.O.C., 4:00 PM
 5 Friends Action Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
 11 Youth Board, Morgantown, W. VA
 11-13 **SOY Retreat**, Morgantown, W. VA
 17 Executive Committee, 1:00 PM, W.O.C.
 19 Communications Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
 25 Good Friday, W.O.C. Office closed
 27 Happy Easter! He is RISEN!

April

8-10 **Spring Youth Retreat**, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, OH
 11-14 **EFC-ER Ministers Conference**, Myrtle Beach, SC
 14 M.A.B., afternoon
 21 Mission Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
 29-May 1 **Men in Missions Retreat**, Cedar Lakes, Ripley, W. VA

MAY

6 Malone Baccalaureate
 7 Malone Commencement
 13 Pension Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
 19 Executive Committee, W.O.C., 1:00 PM
 20-21 Malone Board Meetings

JUNE

4 Finance Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
 10 Executive Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
 16 Friends Adult Ministries, Kelly's Island
 20-25 **Jr. & Sr. High Youth Camp**, Heartland Camp

JULY

1-2 Friends Adult Ministry trip to Lancaster, PA
 22 **New Pastor's Orientation**, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
 Executive Board, W.O.C., evening
 23 **Yearly Meeting Missionary Banquet**
 23-26 **Yearly Meeting**

AUGUST

19 Malone Summer Commencement

SEPTEMBER

15 Executive Committee, 1:00 PM
 16-18 **WMF Women's Fall Retreat**, Ripley, W. VA.
 23-25 **WMF Women's Fall Retreat**, Ripley, W. VA.

OCTOBER

7-8 Malone Board Meetings
 13 Mission Board, W.O.C., 6:00 PM
 14 Mission Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
 21-22 Youth Board, Camp Gideon
 25 **Friends Adult Ministries Fall Retreat**, Amish Door

NOVEMBER

4-6 Evangelical Friends International Meetings
 10 Executive Committee, W.O.C., 1:00 PM
 11-13 **Youth Explosion**, Willoughby Hills, OH
 11-12 **Youth Awakening**, Ridgeway, VA
 19 Christian Education Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
 Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

PASTORS MINI CONFERENCE
 8 Executive Committee, W.O.C., 1:00 PM

**Please note - this is the calendar as of January, 2005. Additional events may be added as needed. Continue to check the latest Barnabas Express for additional events as they are added.*