

1. Byhalia
2. Brewster
3. Hughesville
4. Hampton
5. New Point
6. Poland Bethel
7. Putnam
8. Mt. Carmel
9. Living Hope
10. Tie: E. Goshen
Lisbon Trinity



We've listed the first ten churches to have submitted all three of their end-of-the-year forms. Congratulations, pastors!

We have two winning Districts!
Piedmont & Eastern Ohio tied for "First Place District" by having all churches reports submitted.

Let's be in Prayer for the up-coming film, "The Passion of Christ"



The Friends Action Board recommends we pray for the following:

- **Strength and physical protection** for Mel Gibson (director); Steve McEveety (producer); Jim & the other cast members; and the team of editors and production assistants who are trying to finalize the movie in spite of the heavy spiritual warfare.
- **For the Christian community to "show up" in force to view the movie and to invite EVERYONE to attend.** This movie has the potential to bring the entire world, including the nonreligious to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. (NOTE: Begin to pray right now for people you need to invite to see the movie with you).
- **For the truth to be clearly communicated among the media, special interest groups, denominational leaders, etc.** Because the film is in Aramaic, even the Muslim community will have an opportunity to hear the message of Christ in a language which is common among many of them. This could have profound implications worldwide.
- **For countries (France included) who are not allowing this movie to be presented to their people.** Pray for a breakthrough into places where the Gospel needs to be shared.

Interested in Teaching Internationally?

Teaching English in Asia -- One-year term teaching/missions opportunity for missions minded Christians to serve our Lord overseas. Paid teaching positions available in several Asian countries. Please look for the website at www.ITPSusa.org

Thanks to all of you for getting your end-of-the year stat in so faithfully. It looks like we will have accurate figures in the 2004 Yearbook.

Yearly Meeting Dates have been confirmed.
Saturday July 17, 2004 thru Tuesday night, July 20, 2004.

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.

WMF Ladies---

If you've been wondering about the new guidebook for WMF, it will be arriving in a few weeks. Start watching for a new reading list and our mission projects for 2004.

Yes, it's early ---

But why not send in your church spotlight information (with pictures) as events occur. We'll be publishing another Facing Bench in May. Let's hear what your church did for Christmas, outreach events, special Lent activities or Easter celebrations

A personal touch ...



- Our deepest sympathies to Phil & Londa DiSabatino and family on the recent death of Londa's mother, Sharlyn Bokhart, of Canton Friends.
- Our sympathies to Kenneth Jones on the death of his wife, Evelyn (Cosand) Jones. Evelyn was 87 years old and passed away on January 16th. Evelyn taught music at Cleveland Bible College and Kenneth pastored Byhalia Friends and Mt. Gilead Friends Churches before moving west. Kenneth resides in Glendale, AZ.

Keeping it Simple
How Jesus helps me live
what I believe.



Attention C.E. Directors, Youth Leaders, Home-Schoolers and Friends School Teachers! The 12th Annual Publisher's of Truth Essay Contest packets have been sent & information is on the web*!

Now is the time to begin promoting this contest with your kids! Let's see if we can break last year's record for entrants. Remember - the first place prize is \$100 for each category. Also, every entrant will receive a \$5.00 fast food gift certificate.

This year's theme: "Keeping It Simple: How Jesus helps me live what I Believe."

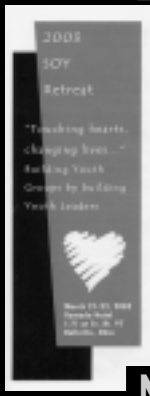
* www.evangelical-friends.org/contest

NOTE!!! This just in... our first entrant is from Willoughby Hills Friends!

**Retreats, Retreats,
Retreats!
Plan NOW**

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**Elders,
and
Church
Leaders--
Brochures
have been
sent to every
church
announcing
the March
SOY Retreat.**

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 reaply 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

SUMMER IS COMING!



**A Financial Detail
Pension Payments**

All pension payments are to go to:
Alliance Benefits Group of Illinois
456 Fulton St.

Suite 345
Peoria, IL 61602

Attention: Jason Milam

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.

**The April
Ministers
Conference
Brochures
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arriving
shortly.
Begin planning
NOW--how you
can send your
pastors and
youth leaders for
some much needed
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Climbing
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**-
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C A L E N D A R

February

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

March

- 5 Nominating Board, W.O.C. 9:30 A.M.
Faith & Practice Committee, 2:00 P.M.
- 6 Friends Action Board, W.O.C. 9:30 A.M.
- 8-13 F.D.S. Work Team (Contact Dean Johnson for details)
- 10-11 N.A.E. Convention, Colorado Springs, CO
- 12 Missions Board, W.O.C. 9:30 A.M.
- 12 Haiti Mission Trip Team meets in Miami, FL
- 13-17 Haiti Missions Trip - Let's keep them in prayer!
- 13 Communications Board, W.O.C. 9:30 A.M.
- 18 Executive Board, W.O.C. 9:30 A.M.
- 19 Youth Board to meet during SOY Retreat
- 19-21 SOY Retreat, Morgantown, West Virginia
- 20 Christian Education Board, W.O.C. 9:30 A.M.

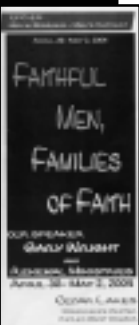
LOOKING AHEAD...

Mark your Calendars for key 2004 events

- Pastors Conference: April 19-22
- Men in Missions: April 30-May 2
- Yearly Meeting: July 17-20
- WMF Retreats: Sept. 10-12 & 17-19
- 3rd Annual F.D.S. Reunion & Banquet Sept. 11th

ATTENTION ALL MEN!

**MEN IN
M I S S I O N S**



**Men in Mission
Retreat Brochures
coming in March!
"Faithful Men,
Families of Faith"
WHEN?
April 30-May 2nd
WHERE?
Ripley, W. VA
WHO?
Gary Wright &
RENEWAL**

- Special Events
- Contests & Prizes
- Special activities for Jr. & Sr. Highers!