

Mark Your Calendars now to join us for Yearly Meeting, 2005!

When? July 23-26, 2005

Where? Canton, Ohio



BROCHURES COMING SOON TO EVERY CHURCH - Register QUICKLY!
There's something for everybody!
Kids! Teens! Adults!

You won't want to miss...

2 Missionary Banquets: 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Please note: Try to register ahead for the Banquets. We always welcome walk-ins but, registering ahead helps us to better prepare for the food needed.

Sunday Evening: Dr. John will set the tone for our times of business & fellowship together.

Monday evening's Guest Speaker:

Ted Haggard, currently serves as the president of the 30 million-member National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), the largest evangelical group in America.

He is also the founding and senior pastor of the 11,000-member New Life Church started in Colorado Springs in 1985; it is now the largest church in the state.

Haggard is the author of seven books, including the best-selling *Primary Purpose*.

He and his wife, Gayle, live in Colorado Springs with their five children.

Tuesday evening we'll celebrate the recording of several pastors with musical guests:

Myrrh! Myrrh! features the contemporary style and vocal harmony of **Bill, Jeanine, Brienne & Heather Murk**.

Combined, the group members have ten albums to their credit, two of which have been featured in the "Top Ten" on radio stations around the country. Between their inspiring testimony, unique sound and Bill's innovative violin artistry, Myrrh effectively bridges the musical gap between the generations. Check out their website!

Plan to thoroughly enjoy this 4-day event.

Check in on Saturday and plan to stay through Wednesday morning.

Enjoy Sunday afternoon as a special fellowship time with new and old Friends!

Easter Offering Update:

To date, EFC-ER has collected \$24,500 towards the EFM Easter Offering. If you have money needing to be forwarded to this ministry, please do so right away. So far, EFM reports a total of over \$62,000.



New Missions Resources:

An updated, Hungary/Romania Mission Bulletin Insert has been sent to every church. This special packet of materials includes the bulletin insert, a special "Children's Activity Booklet" and a 5-minute DVD or Video featuring a look at our leadership in Hungary.

Educational Opportunities:

Malone College's School of Continuing Studies is pleased to announce that it's popular accelerated degree completion program for adult learners, the Malone College management Program (MCMP), has received approval from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association to be offered on-line beginning fall semester (August 29) of 2005. For more information, please call 1-800-867-6267 ext. 8342 or 330-471-8342 or visit the website: www.malone.edu/mcmp.

Leach Scholarships Available

Following a 3 year dormancy, EFC-Mid-America is happy to announce the availability of the David M. Leach Graduate Scholarship. The purpose of the Leach Scholarship Endowment is to assist students who are members of the Friends Church and who are involved in graduate studies in preparation for ministry. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, pastoral ministry, missionary service, Christian education and youth ministry. Application Forms are available on-line at: http://www.friendsyouth.com/fcmaym_leach_scholarship.cfm

June 20-25 is Jr. & Sr. High Youth Camp
Haven't registered? Call for availability.

Let's fill the camp and change lives!
Church Leaders - This week is significant in the lives of our youth. Many lives are changed and some full-time ministry commitments happen here!
Let's cover this week in prayer!



Are your kids registered for Camp Gideon?

We still have room for a few more campers... register today!

www.campgideon.org



EFM's VBS Offering
information has been sent to each church - the offering theme is:

"Sowing Seeds to meet the need in Nepal"

- **Women's Ministry** - Women from rural villages will learn basic skills, including how to sew and use sewing to earn a living within their communities.
- **Education Assistance for worker's children** - Helping to provide the children of workers with education from a Christian perspective for in an otherwise Hindu culture.
- **Charity and poverty** - Emergency assistance to be provided to the poorest of the poor throughout Nepal.

Pastoral Openings:

Listed below are churches with positions available. Please be in prayer for these churches and our leaders as these decisions are being made throughout Eastern Region.

Church Pastoral Positions to be filled:

- East Goshen Friends in Beloit, Ohio
- Byhalia Friends in West Mansfield, Ohio.
- Portsmouth Friends in Portsmouth, VA.

Church Pastoral Positions already filled:

- John Pierce will begin serving as Sr: Pastor for Salem First Friends Church in Salem, Ohio on July 1st.
- Jeff Bartoletti will begin serving as Pastor to Hunter Hills Friends in Greensboro, NC. We congratulate Jeff and his wife, Laura on the recent birth of their daughter, Zayna Elizabeth.

Malone College Chancel Players

Malone's student drama outreach group, Chancel Players, is now scheduling for the September 2005 - April 2006 season. If you are interested in booking Chancel Players, please contact director of campus ministries, Linda Leon, at (330) 471-8442.

This a group of four students perform drama of religious content in schools and churches as well as for various community organizations. Members of the drama group are: Shana Foote, Divine Muragijimana, Laura Swinsburg and Erin Wilson.

WMF Retreat
Sept. 16-18 & Sept. 23-25

Brochures will be arriving shortly... until then, here's some key information:

Our Theme will be:

Obedience 101: Squeals, Squawks and the Deluxe Combos. (Does God have His way with you?)

Guest Speaker: **Judy Reamer**

Judy Reamer is speaker with a special story. Born Jewish with little exposure to the Old Testament, Judy spent many years searching for lasting peace along various roads. She fully shares the ways of God with unreserved frankness and simple practicality. Judy is a widow with 4 grown children. Judy has written two books: Feelings Women Rarely Share and The Parable of the Shoes (The Hidden Value of a Comfortable Soul)



Mark Your Calendars NOW for the Annual FDS Benefit Banquet!
September 10, 2005 - Canton Friends

Everyone is invited to join Dean & Freeda Johnson for the 4th Annual FDS "Reunion/Fellowship/Benefit" Banquet. Come prepared to receive fellowship & encouragement. Come prepared to give generous financial support. Sign-Up Sheets will be arriving at churches soon.

On a Personal Note

- Congratulations to Stephen & Cynthia Hall on the adoption of their precious baby girl, Serenity Grace-Alexis on May 14, 2005.
- Let's keep Bob Carson, pastor of Smithfield Friends in prayer as he is home recovering from a mild stroke.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Earl Cosand** who celebrated his 90th birthday on May 26th. Cards may be sent to his address: 6555 U.S. Route 68S West Libery, OH 43357

CONGRATULATIONS ON FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIAGE to **Chuck & Shirley Brown.**

Both have served as chairs for EFC-ER boards.

We're Grateful for the Ministry Contributions of the following retirees who will be honored during Yearly Meeting:

- Russell & Esther Zinn
- Wayne & Barbara Ickes

Dr. William & Eunice Lockwood

Let's remember to pray for those traveling with summer mission trips this year.

Attention Pastors and/or Missions Awareness Leaders:

Both the Adhikary Family and the Ed Zinn Family have arrived stateside as of June. To contact them regarding a scheduled event, please contact Julie Jenkins at the W.O. C. for their contact numbers.

C A L E N D A R

JUNE

- 4 Finance Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
- 10 Executive Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
- 10-12 Camp Gideon Mother/Daughter Camp (Grades 4-8)
- 12-17 Camp Gideon Kids Camp (Grades 5-6)
- 17-19 Camp Gideon Father /Son (Grades1-6)
- 19-24 Camp Gideon Adventure Camp (Grades 4-6)
- 20-25 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Camp, Heartland Camp
- 26-July 1 Camp Gideon Kids Camp (Grades 3-4)

JULY

- 1-2 Friends Adult Ministry trip to Lancaster, PA
- 5-8 Camp Gideon Day Camp (Grades K-2)
- 8-10 Camp Gideon Father/Daughter Camp (Grades1-6)
- 10-15 Camp Gideon Kids Camp (Grades 5-6)
- 15-17 Camp Gideon Family Camp (Grades k-8)
- 16 Piedmont District Executive Committee
- 17-22 Camp Gideon Kids Camp (Grades 3-4)
- 18-21 Piedmont District Jr. Camp (Hawthornburg)
- 22 New Pastor's Orientation, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
- 22 Executive Board, W.O.C., evening
- 23 Yearly Meeting Missionary Banquet, Malone
- 23-26 Yearly Meeting, Canton, Ohio
- 23-28 Camp Gideon Challenge Camp 1 (Grades 6-8)
- 29-31 Camp Gideon Mother Daughter Camp (Grades k-4)
- July 31- Aug. 5 Challenge Camp 2 (Grades 7-9)