

OCTOBER HAS BEEN MISSIONS MONTH!

GUARDING our Hearts...



the wellspring of life
Proverbs 4:23

We hope October had been an inspiring, mission-minded month in your church.

We look forward to receiving the GCB and Special Missions Offerings as quickly as possible.

A gentle reminder: We've had two years of amazingly generous responses to natural disasters from our churches... tsunami relief and hurricane Katrina responses have been wonderful. This extra giving has naturally put a little more pressure on GCB commitments and offerings. May we encourage each church to continue in faithful giving to meet the regular and necessary needs of our missionary families. God is faithful to meet every need.

If more supplies are needed, please call the W.O.C.

Katrina Update:

Volunteers Needed!

Thanks to all for the generous financial support of FDS work with Katrina.

Since the last of September, FDS has been working in Wiggins, Mississippi, repairing houses, recovering roofs, and doing interior dry walling.

We need more volunteers for early November and December. So far the volunteer response from Eastern Region has been slight. If you can step up, now is the time.

The recovery base at Wiggins will be shut down November 19th for Thanksgiving, and again on December 11th through Christmas. Then start up again after New Years. To schedule the days you would like to volunteer, call Jim Secaur at 419-203-1171.



Announcing the first-ever "Yearly Meeting Sessions" in Europe!

November 11-13, 2005, representatives from around 40 Evangelical Friends Churches and worshipping groups from Hungary, Romania, and Albania will meet for worship, training, and inspiration. EFC-ER is sending Dr. John, Jim Ogden, Jess Warren, Denny Peters, Gary Wright and World Renewal to represent Eastern Region as they celebrate and worship with these newest Friends Churches. Videographer, Christy Williams is also attending to film the occasion. Early in 2006, expect a short video of the highlights. **Let's keep their time together in our prayers.** Pray for safety in travel, growth through worship, and unity in their business sessions.



ATTENTION CHURCH LAY Leaders October has been Pastor Appreciation Month and November is a month for Thanksgiving!

We hope you've been able to do something special for your pastoral team during October.

If you happened to miss it, it's never too late to show your thankfulness.

Why not make it a goal to spread out your appreciation throughout the year... beginning in November!

Pastors - Be sure your calendar for December includes Mini Conference!

Northern Pastors will meet November 29th

Pastors in the South will meet December 1st.

MAB Candidates - heads up for your next interview: Monday in the North/ Thursday afternoon in the South.

Pastors -

MARK YOUR 2006 CALENDAR for two exciting events!

- EFC-ER Pastors Spring Mini Conference: March 20-22 in Ripley, W. VA
- 7th Friends Ministers Conf.: November 17-20 in San Antonio, Texas

OOPS! Please note the corrected date for the Pastors Spring Mini Conference: March 20-22, 2006

Please note: We're offering a shorter, less expensive spring retreat because 2006 is also the year for the 7th Friends Ministers Conference, which includes Friends United Meeting and EFI-NA Friends Pastors from across North America. The theme will be "The Living Christ Today."

Attention Youth Pastors and Lay Youth Leaders!

Now is the time to register for great fall youth events!

November 11-13

Youth Explosion (NORTH)

at Willoughby Hills Friends Church
Contact: Jim Davis at Willoughby Hills

November 11-13

Youth Awakening (SOUTH)

at New Life Community Friends Church
Contact: Pastor Terry Knighten

CONGRATULATIONS TO MALONE COLLEGE!

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Malone College among the top colleges and universities in the Midwest under the category Universities' Master's according to America's Best Colleges 2006. **Malone ranked #58** in a three-way tie with Lewis University (IL) and Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville)

U.S. News ranks colleges and universities according to an overall score based on peer assessment; average freshman retention rate; average graduation rate; percentage of classes under 20; percentage of classes of 50 or more; student/faculty ratio; percentage of faculty who are full time; SAT/ACT 25th - 75th percentile; freshmen in top 25% of their high school graduating class; new student acceptance rate; two-year average of faculty salaries/benefits; proportion of professors with highest degree in their fields; two-year average per-student spending on instruction, research, student services, and related educational expenditures; and average percentage of alumni who gave during the prior two school years.

Women's Missionary Fellowship

is looking for a woman who loves computers and writing stories!

WMF's Quill newsletter is in need of someone to collect the stories and set them up on the computer for printing. If this description fits you, and you have a heart for missions, contact Joyce Sams for more information.

Barclay College Announces Two Position Openings:

The positions of Major Head for Youth Ministry and Major Head for Christian School Elementary Education are available. Job descriptions and additional information concerning the college may be found at their website: www.barclaycollege.edu under the subheading College Information and then employment on the drop down menu. For more information, contact Dr. Glenn W. Leppert, VP for Academics and Registrar.

Let's keep our Friends in Rocky Mountain in our prayers as they seek to fill a critical position:

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting is looking for an individual to lead our yearly meeting on a transformational adventure. We believe we are being called to change from a declining, inward-oriented institution to an outward-oriented movement faithfully proclaiming Christ to the growing population of the Rocky Mountain area.

We are eleven small churches. We have few people and few dollars. We have begun the process of change. We need a leader. We need a leader who shares our vision and senses God's call to this ministry.

Applicants will familiarize themselves with the yearly meeting situation, and then submit a proposal for ministry delineating a leadership strategy they can offer for a compensation of \$15,000 in the first year.

For inquiries and more information about the state of the yearly meeting, please contact:

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A personal touch ...

- We celebrate with retired Pastor Myron and Mildred Harris who enjoyed their 65th wedding anniversary on September 19th. Mildred Harris also celebrated her 90th birthday on October 11th.

Cards can be sent to them at:
Crandall Medical Center
800 South 15th Street
Sebring OH 44672.

- We extend our sympathies to retired Pastor Ralph Blackburn and family on the passing of his wife, Geraldine. She died on October 14, 2005 at the age of 87.
- We extend our sympathies to Pastor Bill and Marilyn Williamson and family on the recent death of Marilyn's mother, Thelma Booth who passed away Oct. 30th at the age of 84.
- Please keep Terry Knighten in your prayers as he continues to recover from back surgery in late September.

Our Mailing Department Announces:

It's that time of year... membership lists need to be updated for our mailing lists. Forms will soon be arriving in churches. **Act now before the holiday rush!** Please update them and return them to the WOC as quickly as possible -- we want to use good stewardship in postage -- also, year-end stat reports will be coming in December... We so appreciate your quick responses!

Now's Your Chance to See Jamaica!

Another Mission Awareness Trip is scheduled for January 12-19, 2006.

Men, Ladies, Youth are welcome!

Contact Ruth Harsh at 330-337-7783 or jharsh3@neo.rr.com

PRO-LIFE VIDEO AVAILABLE

Additional copies of the Pro-Life Video shown during the Friends Action Board report are available through the W.O.C. Contact the office for more information.

C A L E N D A R

NOVEMBER

- 4-6 EFI-NA Meetings, Denver, CO
- 13 Virginia District Rally
- 11-13 Youth Explosion, Wiloughby Hills, OH
- 11-13 Youth Awakening, Ridgeway, VA
- 19 Christian Education Board, W.O.C., 9:30 AM
- 19 Piedmont District Executive Committee
- 24 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**, W.O.C. Office Closed
- 25 Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday