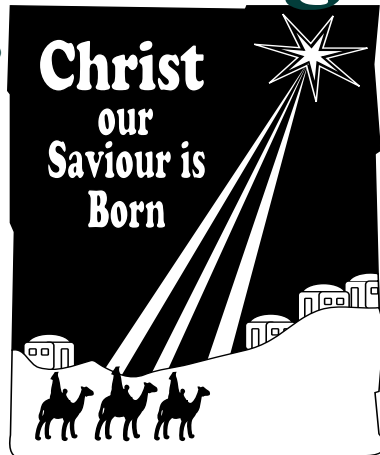


Celebrating

Christ's
Birth
with
you!

Your
W.O.C.
Team



*Wishing you and your family a
blessed Christmas Celebration!*

GCB Poem Pledge!

*Final request before knocking down your door...
We need your GCB pledges for 2004
So send them today, please right away.
And we'll all breathe easier this holiday!*

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.

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.

Has your church joined the new tradition in giving?

Over the past few years, many of our churches have taken a missions offering at their Christmas Eve service.

What a wonderful opportunity to give to G.C.B. Missions during this special time of year.

We encourage you to join EFC-ER churches in setting up this tradition by sending your Christmas Eve offering or a special "Christmas Offering" to the W.O.C.

Hey Youth Leaders & Youth!

Don't forget about MIDWINTER Retreat!

When? Feb. 20-22, 2004

Where? Trinity Friends Church,
Van Wert, Ohio

Brochures have been mailed.

Check out the website:

www.trinityfriendschurch.com

and click on the MIDWINTER icon for complete information and a printable registration form.

(On-line registration forms are not being accepted.)

Please 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, Please 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 January 8th - Pre-Procrastination rate of \$50
- Before February 22th - Just In Time rate of \$60
- Before February 12th - \$65

After this you'll be too late!

KEY VERSE: 1 Peter 4:10-11

EFM Special fund-raising appeal...

Those on the prayer letter mailing list will be receiving a brightly colored Christmas Promotional idea through the mail during November.

EFM is suggesting that money be sent for specific projects in honor of a family member in lieu of gifts. Additional copies of this brochure have been sent to churches who may want to use them as bulletin inserts or extra copies for those wanting to send more than one gift.

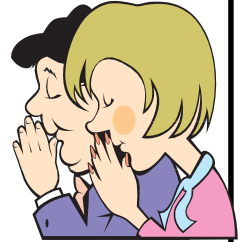
Need Wheels?

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.

Need Motor home?

Pastor Ron McPherson from Longview Friends (VA) is selling a Motor Coach (32ft. Georgie Boy Motor coach with all the whistles and bells, and with four more years on the warranty). Asking price: \$53,700.
The McPherson's called it home from 1999 to 2003 while traveling as missionaries. It has 18,000 miles on it and was well cared for. It is blue and white outside as well as blue inside. Contact Pastor Ron at 434-822-0366 for more information.

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



- **Mannuel & 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, Anna & Jon 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.
- **Arun & Shobha Massey.** We look forward to welcoming Arun and Shobha Massey from India as they visit the U.S. for a few months, beginning in March 2004. Contact Julie at the W.O.C. to schedule them in your church.

C A L E N D A R

December

24-26 Office Closed *Merry Christmas!*

31- Jan. 1 Office Closed *Happy New Year!*

January

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

24 Finance Board, 9:30 A.M.

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



A personal touch ...

• *Our sympathies to Manuel & Brenda Chavarria* on the recent death of Manny's brother.

• *Our sympathies to Wes & Emily Daniels* on the recent death of Wes's father.

• *Congratulations to Kevin & Jody Rohr on the birth of their son. Kevin Jr. was born on September 26, 2003 and weighed 8lbs., 5 ozs.*

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 on January 2nd!

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