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Official Newsletter of  
Evangelical Friends Church - Eastern Region

## Countdown to Yearly Meeting--37 Days! EFM Banquet July 15



Yearly meeting will begin on Friday, July 15 with an "Evening of a Million Lights"-- a special banquet sponsored by Evangelical Friends Mission that will be held at MAPS Air Museum. We will have an opportunity to hear from Stan Leach, the new EFM Executive Director, receive exciting updates on the Luke 10 Initiative and the two EFC-ER Exploratory Trips that are taking place this year, and honor the Kibbe family for their years of service in Thailand. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30. The banquet is free and open to all who are interested. Churches in northeast Ohio are encouraged to promote this event in your congregations. Childcare is available. Let's see which EFC-ER church can bring the most people to this exciting event!

## Happy 25th Anniversary!



New Life Community Church celebrated their 25th anniversary on Sunday, May 22nd. For over two decades, New Life has been faithfully sharing the gospel in their community. Pastor Terry Knighten, founding pastor, shared notes from his first sermon 25 years ago (he's keeping the manuscript despite many requests from the Smithsonian!). Much has changed, but the vision of that first sermon remains:

1. Have a Vision
2. Have Determination
3. Not be Deterred by Setbacks
4. Recognize Opportunity
5. Be Willing to Pay A Price

We are thankful for Terry and all the leadership at New Life and pray the next 25 years are even more fruitful in gospel work!

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## Financial Check-up Time for Churches Yearly Meeting Workshop

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Treasurer, how is the health of your church's financial and pension procedures? Are you in compliance with the latest legal updates? Have you fully implemented ER's new 403b plan? These questions and more will be covered by Tim Keen at his Yearly Meeting workshop, Saturday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m..

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## In Memoriam



Dear Pastors and Church Leaders:

We wanted to let you know of Pastor Ken Albright's passing on May 25, 2022. As many of you may remember, Ken served as Southern Regional Superintendent under Dr. John Williams. He was also the Pastor of Damascus Friends Church. Ken will be greatly missed until we see him again in heaven.

A Celebration of Life was held Monday, May 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM in South Carolina. Please continue to pray for his wife, Sharon.

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Mount Pleasant Friends is searching for a lead pastor. Resumes can be sent to [lfkirk64@gmail.com](mailto:lfkirk64@gmail.com)

First Friends Church in Canton is searching for the following positions: Middle School Director and Director of Worship. Interested candidates can email [rfoote@firstfriends.org](mailto:rfoote@firstfriends.org)  
East Richland is searching for the following positions: Executive Pastor & Assistant Pastor. Potential candidates can contact and send resumes to [admin@eastrichlandfriends.com](mailto:admin@eastrichlandfriends.com)

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