



CELEBRATION

Recent giving statistics for EFM

indicate that EFC Mid America gave more to EFM than any other EFC North America Yearly Meeting. Giving to EFM in 2011 totaled \$2,143,560. EFC-MAYM comprises just under 15% of the total people that make up EFC-NA. Support coming from Mid America individuals, churches and from the yearly meeting budget totaled \$599,162, which is 28% of the total giving to EFM. We are blessed to partner with EFM as our missions sending agency. Well done Friends!



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FRIENDSWOOD FRIENDS CHURCH

3RD ANNUAL CAR SHOW FOR MISSIONS | FRIENDSWOOD, TX

Friendswood Friends Church hosted its third annual "Car Show for Missions".

The event continues to grow each year – this time there were nearly 100 show cars and 50 craft vendors. Plenty of enthusiastic volunteers were on hand to welcome and serve the hundreds of visitors who came out to enjoy the day (and to help eat the 200 pounds of BBQ brisket that were prepared!) Proceeds were the best ever - over \$13,500 was raised for missions.

Organizers pray that this event will have a lasting impact both in the community of Friendswood and around the world.



IN OTHER NEWS...

UPDATES FROM THE LOCAL CHURCH | EVANGELICAL FRIENDS CHURCH

- All of those in EFC-MAYM involved in missional ministry are invited to a "Campfire" gathering for networking, encouragement, prayer, coaching, and support. This event will be Sunday, April 15th, 5:30-8:30 at Northridge and will include a supper. Contact the Ministry Center for more details.
- Chandler Friends Church is taking a team to Burundi February 19--March 5 to serve at the Kibimba Hospital. You can follow their trip blog and learn more about how to be involved with the 10 trunks of supplies they are sending by visiting their website, chandlerfriendschurch.com, or by calling 405-258-0722.
- Iglesia Amigos in Wichita will have a special 25th anniversary celebration service at 4pm on March 4th. Everyone is invited.
- The newest Friends Church plant in Angleton, TX, called "The Refuge", held their first public service in January. Please pray for leaders Paul & Amie Wainwright. Please also continue to pray for Eddie & Andrea Rape of Friendly Grounds in Oyster Creek, TX.
- Please pray for Pastor Bubba Rouse of Liverpool (TX) Friends who is fighting cancer.
- Michelle Carpenter is the new EFC-MAYM Friends Women President beginning in 2012. Friends Women continues to be a powerful movement at mobilizing the whole church, not just women and children, to pray for, support and give to Friends Missions around the world. Friends Women leaders are praying for younger women to get involved in the Friends Women movement.

FRIENDS DISASTER SERVICE

JOPLIN, MISSOURI | FEBRUARY 13-17 & MARCH 19-23

Tom & Kathy Hoke, coordinators of the Friends Disaster Service in Mid America, continue to rebuild in Joplin, MO and are looking for workers to help.

These are the work weeks for FDS in Joplin, if anyone here can help: February 13-17 and March 19-23. Contact them at fdsta@comcast.net. Accommodations will be at Riverton Friends Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Jr. High Bible Quiz:** March 3, Haviland Friends Church
- **Spring Invasion:** March 10-17 and 17-24, Coahuila, Mexico
- **Jr. High Bible Quiz:** March 31, Rose Hill Friends Church
- **Jr. High Bible Quiz:** April 21, Quiz Finals, Friendswood Friends Church
- **Pastor's Sabbath Retreat:** April 27-30, Windermere Conference Center, Missouri
- **Men & Boys Retreat:** April 27-30, Camp Quaker Haven
- **Church Camps:** June 2-16 at Camp Quaker Haven
- **Saltshaker:** June 26-July 11, Kibimba Hospital, Burundi, Africa
- **Ministry Conference:** July 25-28, Friends University



INSIGHTS



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Spring Invasion 12



Spring Invasion mission trips to the Friends Churches in Coahuila, Mexico are during the Spring Break weeks of March 10-17 and March 17-24. Registration deadlines and deposits are due February 22. Register at friendlyouth.com.

CAMP 2012

Kids Camp (grades 3&4)

June 2-5 \$170

Junior Camp (grades 5&6)

June 5-8 \$170

Senior High Camp (grades 9-12)

June 8-12 \$210

Junior High Camp (grades 7&8)

June 12-16 \$210

All grades designate grade completed. Registrations will be due May 23 with a \$50 deposit. The Kids and Junior Camp theme is "Rooted in Christ" based on Colossians 2:6-7. The Senior High and Junior High theme is "Smash It!" See friendlyouth.com for more information and to register.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Dr. Adrian Halverstadt (Provost and Academic Vice President, Barclay College) will teach the course, "The Personal Life of the Leader," at the March 5 and April 2 sessions of the Church Leadership Institute for Ministry. The live video session will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. A time of fellowship and refreshments at the sites will begin at 6:30. Contact Dave Kingrey dkingrey@efcmaym.org with questions.

CELEBRATING CHANGE

DAVID ROBINSON | GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, EFC-MAYM

Welcome to the newly formatted connection piece that has arrived in our homes and churches for many years.

The "Insights" has taken several forms to provide inspiration and information to Mid America Friends trying to do the work of the kingdom better together than any one of us can do alone. We are excited about these new opportunities with an expanded format. The Insights will now arrive in your mailbox quarterly in full color and is available monthly as an e-newsletter. Subscribe to receive the e-newsletter on the new homepage at efcmaym.org. You will also notice a new official EFC-MAYM logo. These are the many ways we are endeavoring to keep things new and fresh, and to improve communication.

While it would be very easy to say that all this is "brand new", it really isn't. What we are really doing is (take a deep breath) CHANGING! All we are doing is changing our approach and updating what we have been using to make it more effective in communicating to all our churches.

Someone has said that "Change is the only constant in our lives." But many changes are not easily accepted. I used to keep a quote on my desk that read like this: "Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better." (King Whitney Jr.) It all boils down to one's perspective.

There are many folks in our churches who fit in the first category. Fearing change often leads them to believe that things will definitely get worse and that our church culture is sliding into the abyss (wherever that is). Being comfortable with things as they are, though, often leads to unhealthy behaviors in personal life as well as in the church.

I want to at least be in the second category with a hopeful outlook that things may potentially get better. At least there is a chance that the situation will improve and we will be able to move forward. It means that the outcomes are in someone else's hands, but we are hopeful that it will get better.

But, where I really want to be is in the third category and move with confidence to help make things better. It means that I can be proactive in helping to make things improve and doing what I can to make a difference. I hope that you are there also.

We want you to know that the "Insights" does not belong to the persons who staff the Ministry Center. It really does belong to you, the church. We want you to tell us God's story; what He is doing in your local church's ministry. Send us pictures, news items and stories to ministrycenter@efcmaym.org that we can post on the website and invite others to take a look.

It is our hope that these changes have the potential to enable our churches to benefit from one another and to enhance our connections. Our excitement is similar to the Apostle Paul's in writing to the church at Thessalonica. "The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it" (1 Thess. 1:8).



EFC-MAYM CHURCH PLANTING UPDATES

CHURCH PLANTING | EFC-MAYM

Many exciting things are happening in church planting across EFC-MAYM.

Please pray for the leaders who are working with these church plants and projects and for the front-line Church Planters who are always vulnerable to spiritual attack. Pray for our cross-cultural leaders who are working on immigration status. Pray also for more Partner Churches to come on board in support of new Church Plants.

A new Partner Church Advisory Team consisting of representatives from Northeast Area and North Central Area churches met in January to support one of the newest EFC-MAYM Churches, the Sudanese Community Church in Omaha, NE. A special affiliation service was held January with Dr. David Robinson in attendance. There are also Partner Advisory Teams for the new churches in Dodge City, San Antonio, Angleton, Oklahoma City and a Wichita Multi-cultural project.

Top Photo: Sudanese Community Church Omaha, NE

Bottom Photo: Church Planter Bootcamp held in San Antonio in January

CQH POSITIONS

DAVID & LYNNETTA CHITWOOD | CQH DIRECTORS

Greetings from Camp Quaker Haven!

We want to thank the Lord for blessing the camping season in 2011. We are currently taking applications for a head cook and staff for this summer. Go to campquakerhaven.org.

QUAKER ROOM

HELP NEEDED | ART BINFORD

The EFC-MAYM Quaker Room that contains historical archives of our churches, located at Friends University, is seeking information on the following:

A picture of the Sterling Monthly Meeting (1874-1923) and any information about Plymouth Monthly Meeting in Lyons County, Kansas. Please let Art Binford (ahbinf@sbcglobal.net, 316-722-4805) know if you have any information.



QUIZ 2012

JR. HIGH BIBLE QUIZ | ARGONIA, KS

The second Jr. High Bible Quiz of the 2012 season was held on January 28th at Argonia Friends Church.

There were 18 teams from 9 churches. Crossroads took home the 1st place ribbons by defeating Haviland Blue (2nd place). Pratt Blue took 3rd place by outscoring Argonia Blue (4th place). At the December 30th Quiz at FSC, Haviland Blue took first place over Argonia Blue and Crossroads took 3rd place over Pratt Blue. The next quiz will be hosted by Haviland Friends on March 3rd.