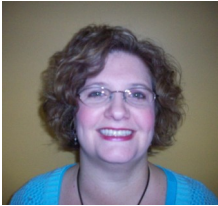


NEWS FROM THE MINISTRY CENTER

Sue Randall, whose voice has greeted callers to the Ministry Center (plus a whole lot of other tasks) for more than nine years, has accepted a position with the school system in her home town of Argonia. Continually reminding all of us on the staff that she considered her time with us her "ministry", she faithfully and efficiently performed her duties well while making the extensive 90 mile drive each day. She came in as the Administrative Assistant, added the task of bookkeeper to it and did it all "as unto the Lord." So, when she told me she was leaving, I began to ask "What now?" During the month of December and into January, sharing ideas together with Matt and Adam, we began to dream about some possible approaches to how it might work. And we prayed for the right person to come along. Somehow, God knows what He is doing. He sent us someone to carry forward what Sue has accomplished in her ministry with us.



Linda Steinacher (pictured left), member at Northridge, has accepted the combined position of Administrative and Financial Assistant. Linda, wife of Brendan and mother of three boys, brings educational preparation and business experience to this ministry and resource center, as well as a deep devotion to the Lord, and a great sense of humor. I hope you will learn to

appreciate her leadership in the weeks and months to come as she begins her ministry with us.



Adam Monaghan (pictured left), who has been faithfully and efficiently working with us as Ministry Assistant, has taken on an added focus of Ministry Coordinator with the significant responsibilities of scheduling, event planning and supervising the Ministry Center facility. He has proven himself capable and I am confident you will be able to see visible signs of his commitment to excellence as unto the Lord.

-David J. Robinson, General Superintendent

COMING UP IN FRIENDS CHURCH MID AMERICA

- Jr. High Bible Quiz:** February 12, Hutchinson Friends Church
- Bangladesh Mission Trip:** February 17-27
- Jr. High Bible Quiz:** March 5, Derby Friends Church
- Jr. High Bible Quiz:** April 2, Friendswood Friends Church
- Jr. High Bible Quiz:** April 30, Finals at Northridge Friends
- Men and Boys Retreat:** April 29-May 1 at Camp Quaker Haven
- Pastor's Sabbath Retreat:** May 9-12 at Allenspark, CO

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NEW CHURCH PLANTING INITIATIVE

The EFC-MAYM Home Missions Board has recently launched a new initiative to plant churches in Mid America. An aggressive Church Multiplication Team was launched Summer 2010 to develop an infrastructure for well-conceived church plant projects to be launched. The Board recognized the need for someone with a wealth of experience in church planting to give direction to this new initiative. Randy Littlefield, former pastor in EFC-Mid America has been serving for the past two years as Start Churches Director with the Texas-Oklahoma District of the Evangelical Free Church. During this time, he has led in launching twelve new church plant projects, and has recruited and trained twenty new church planting couples for ministry. Prior to this ministry with Texas-Oklahoma District, he served for five years in the same capacity for Evangelical Free Church Midwest District in Kansas, Nebraska, and western Missouri, leading a team working with churches to launch over 30 new churches. Randy recently became available for this same type of ministry to Friends in Mid America. His services are being contracted by the Board utilizing funds on reserve for the purpose of planting new churches, which are a result of several designated gifts over the past years.



The Home Missions Board has formulated an agreement with Randy (pictured left) to contract his expertise in establishing and directing the recruiting, assessing, training, coaching, and support process for church planters and church plant projects under the direction and collaboration of the Home Missions Board. He began a consulting relationship with them in December, which has been formalized with the recent approval by the EFC-MAYM Elders Board, after the Elders considered Randy's previous involvements and ministries, and expressed confidence in Randy.

We receive Randy with some great anticipation as we rely on the Lord's direction for church planting, bringing people who are not yet followers of Christ into His kingdom through the Friends Church.

David J. Robinson,
General Superintendent



OTHER NEWS FROM MID AMERICA:

- Beginning in 2008, Spring Invasion went to an every other year rotation. This short-term mission trip to Mexico will not be held in 2011 but will return March 2012. Each church is encouraged to use Spring Break 2011 to serve in other meaningful ways.
- The Friends of Kibimba Hospital (FKH) board sent another large container of medical equipment to Burundi for the hospital. Please pray for David and Mae Kellum and Doris Ferguson who are there now in Burundi for about a month to facilitate the unloading and distribution of the materials among other ministry there. Follow the progress on Facebook or at www.kibimba.blogspot.com.
- A group of seven from Mt Ayr Friends Church served in Aguascalientes, Mexico in November. Their time was filled with fruitful ministry opportunities.
- Leroy and Eva Brightup have published a unique new devotional book titled "Golden Apples for Golden-Agers". It is a collection of 98 devotionals written by and for Senior Citizens. The devotionals address concerns and issues common to Seniors and have been gathered from a variety of sources, especially among Friends. Order at amazon.com or barne-sandnoble.com at a discount or from your local Christian bookstore.

JR. HIGH BIBLE QUIZ

The first Jr. High Bible Quiz of the 2011 season was held on January 8th at Chandler, OK. There were 15 teams from 8 churches. Friendswood Blue took home the 1st place ribbons by defeating Crossroads (2nd place) while Chandler Blue took 3rd place by outscoring Argonia Blue. The next quiz will be hosted by Hutchinson Friends on February 12th.

SALTSHAKER

Saltshaker 2011 will be going to the EFM mission in Sinaloa, Mexico, June 22-July 7. Saltshaker is an advanced missions trip experience for High School and College students. A required orientation for all participants is June 7-10 at Camp Quaker Haven. Applications and \$150 deposit is due March 1. See friendsyouth.com for more information.

NINE MYTHS ABOUT CHURCH PLANTING

MYTH #5: "We're too small to plant." FACTS:

- Many small churches have successfully helped start new churches. Several small churches can partner in starting a new church.
- Statistics show that churches that plant grow 3 times faster than those who don't.
- It's not uncommon for parenting churches to replace those sent out, plus grow by 10% within a year's time.
- Large churches sometimes have a more difficult time persuading people to go out to plant a new church than do small to medium-sized churches.
- More important than size in the ability to plant is the health and the Missional heart of the people of that church.

Our Home Missions Board will print one myth at a time in the Insights over nine editions. To see all nine myths go to efcmaym.org. Remember that churches successfully plant churches (rather than yearly meetings planting churches)! This is adapted from an article recently published by the Evangelical Covenant Church of America.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Beginning in February 2011, the Institute will have eight sites in which you may participate in the sessions via interactive audio and video broadcast. The Institute meetings will be on the first Monday night of each month (except for July and September, second Mondays). We will gather at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and refreshments. The classes will run from 7:00-9:00 p.m. with a five-minute break at 8:00. Each session has a tuition cost of \$10, except for South Texas participants. Jim Towne, Associate Pastor at Friendswood Friends Church, will be our teacher in the course on Worship Leadership, in the months of February, March, and April. Please contact Dave Kingrey dkingrey@efcmaym.org or 316-461-4616 for more information.

2011 CAMPS AT CQH

Kids Camp (grades 3&4) June 4-7 \$165
Junior Camp (grades 5&6) June 7-10 \$165
Senior High Camp (grades 9-12) June 10-14 \$205
Junior High Camp (grades 7&8) June 14-18 \$205

All grades designate grade completed. Registrations will be due May 18 with a \$50 deposit. See friendsyouth.com for more information.

MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2011

Mark your calendars for the 2011 EFC-MAYM Ministry Conference which will be July 21-23 on the campus of Friends University in Wichita, KS.

Insights loves to celebrate the local church. Please submit news of special activities and reports from your local church to efcmaym@efcmaym.org.

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