

Lifting Up the Nets

After Jesus' words recorded in Luke 5:4, we learn that the fishermen were afraid and Jesus, instead of just comforting them, gave a promise/prophesy: *Don't be afraid, from now on you will catch men.* The response of those fishermen, soon to be disciples, was one of action – a second launching out, and this time without boats! *So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him, Luke 5:11 (NIV).*

In 2015, we launched out as a denomination to refocus our mission, vision, and core values. We identified key areas including Biblical faithfulness, empowered leadership, innovative multiplication, efficient organization, and connectional ministry.

All of our churches were challenged in 2017 to launch out and embrace these core values. Luke 5:6 records a miraculous moment when they *caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.* At this Yearly Meeting, we will be challenging EFC-ER delegates, churches, members, and attenders to lift their nets expecting miracles.



Schedule

Saturday, July 21, 2018

- 8:30am Evangelism and Discipleship Seminar, **FFC: MM**
Speaker: Reverend Arthur (Art) Hallett
- 11:30am Lunch On Your Own
- 11:30am Oversight Board Meeting, **FFC: E-102**
- 1:00pm Business Session, **FFC: MM**
Seating of the Delegates
Ministry Team Presentations
Celebrate Our Diversity
- 4:30pm Dinner On Your Own
- 6:30pm Worship Service, **FFC: MM**
Speaker: Reverend Arthur (Art) Hallett
Doors Open at 6:00pm

Sunday, July 22, 2018

- 6:30pm Launch Service, **FFC: MM**
Speaker: Dr. Thomas Crawford, Executive Director
Doors Open at 6:00pm
Dessert Reception Following, FFC: L-1,2,3

Monday, July 23, 2018

- 8:30am Business Session, **FFC: MM**
Mission Focus
- 12:00pm Lunch On Your Own
- 12:15pm All Pastors Luncheon, **JCDR**
- 2:00pm Q&A with the Ministry Teams, **FFC**
- 3:00pm Equipping Workshops, **FFC**
- 4:00pm Equipping Workshops, **FFC**
- 5:00pm Dinner On Your Own
- 7:00pm Concert featuring Adlan Cruz, **FFC: MM**
Doors Open at 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

- 9:00am Worship Service, **FFC: MM**
Speaker: Reverend Arthur (Art) Hallett
- 10:00am Business Session and Delegate Action
- 12:00pm Depart

Building Abbreviations:
FFCFirst Friends Canton
MMMulti-Ministry Area
JCDR..Malone University Johnson
Center Dining Room



Evangelical Friends Church –
Eastern Region

2018 Yearly Meeting

July 21-24, 2018 | Canton, Ohio

"Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break." - *Luke 5:5-6*

Special Events

Celebrate Our Diversity

This special time during the Business Session on Saturday will be a time of celebration. We will **highlight our congregations, enjoy special music, and celebrate the inclusion of churches** into full church status in EFC-ER.

Mission Focus

On Monday during the Business Session, our missionaries and the Multiplication Team will give **updates and highlight stories to share about the mission work of EFC-ER.**

All Pastors Luncheon

All pastors, ministry staff, and spouses are invited to a complimentary luncheon at the **Malone University Johnson Center Dining Room** for fellowship and conversation. This event is free, but registration is required so we can adequately accommodate everyone. **Please RSVP by July 13, 2018** at www.efcer.org/ym18/allpastorsluncheon.

Equipping Workshops

We are pleased to offer Equipping Workshops again this year! We will have sessions of **Q&A time** with each of the Ministry Teams in separate rooms at 2:00pm. At 3:00pm and 4:00pm, each of the Ministry Teams will present a **workshop** related to their area of ministry. The descriptions and room assignments will be available on our website at www.efcer.org/ym18/workshops in June.

Concert with Adlan Cruz

Pianist, director, musical producer and philanthropist, **Dr. Adlan Cruz** has demonstrated how the fusion of innate talent, solid education, strong discipline, and determination can transcend obstacles. An illustrious musical career that spans three decades and includes the foundation that bears his name make him one of the most **successful representatives of music and social commitment** that the island of Puerto Rico has given the world. Find out more about Dr. Adlan Cruz at his website: www.adlancruz.com.



Key Speakers

Reverend Arthur (Art) Hallett, Director of Prison Ministries for Evangelism Explosion International, is a man of many talents. He is both an accomplished and talented musician and songwriter. Arthur leads praise and worship, preaches, and teaches as an evangelist in prisons and churches across the country and abroad. Reverend Hallett has been the Director of EE Prison Ministry since 2000, however, he has been working with EE and in full-time prison ministry since 1992 and in volunteer prison ministry since 1984. He is a certified Sr. EE clinic teacher/trainer; he teaches EE to pastors and laymen at various churches as well throughout the prison system. Reverend Hallett is married to his lovely wife Jill. They have a daughter, Alex, and three grandchildren. The Halletts make their home in Sarasota, Florida and they have been active, serving members of Sarasota Baptist Church since 1984. They were commissioned as missionaries from Sarasota Baptist in 1994. He was ordained in 1998.



Dr. Thomas (Tom) Crawford is the Executive Director of Evangelical Friends Church – Eastern Region and serves as the lead pastor of Morningside Church in Port Saint Lucie, Florida. Tom received a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Liberty Theological Seminary. He has served as the lead pastor at Orange Friends Church, associate pastor at Finley Methodist Church, and youth pastor at Lockwood United Methodist Church. Tom aims to lead and see others come to Christ, to see others use their gifts in ministry, and to watch people become worshipers of God through their personal worship times and lifestyles of worship. Tom and his wife, Pat have 2 children and 8 grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with family, water skiing, boating, basketball, golf, and travel. He also plays the piano, organ, and other instruments.

Lodging

New this year: All lodging for Yearly Meeting will be available through group rates at hotels. Enjoy some rest and relaxation at one of the local hotels with amenities including free hot breakfasts, pools, fitness centers, and more! Hotel rates and contact information is available at www.efcer.org/ym18/lodging.

You must reserve your room by **June 20, 2018**, to receive the group rates. Book your room online at www.efcer.org/ym18/lodging or contact the hotels directly at the phone numbers listed on our website.

Childcare

Childcare is available for most events. Please refer to the Children's Program brochure for the schedule and rooms. Sign-in for all children's activities will be in the hallway of the Children's Ministry wing at First Friends. Parents must fill out a parental permission form and health information form for each child. Children will be assigned to an age group based on the grade they have completed for the 2017-2018 school year.

Total Program Cost for Children's Program:

First child – \$35

Each additional child – \$10

One day only – \$10 first child, \$5 each additional child.

Please make checks payable to EFC-ER.

Please pre-register your child by July 13th so we can have an accurate count. Download the forms and register your child/children at www.efcer.org/ym18/children.

Meals

New this year: all meals will be on your own. Please check the EFC-ER Welcome Center for a list of local favorites.

Hispanic Services

We will offer some separate events in Spanish for our Hispanic churches and delegates. Please refer to the Hispanic events brochure for times and locations or visit www.efcer.org/ym18.

Contact Us

Questions? Visit www.efcer.org/ym18 or contact the Evangelical Friends Headquarters at **(330) 493-1660** or **(800) 334-8863** and a staff member will be happy to assist you.