



Western Work

6.08

News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

Friends Historical Reading---A Sermon from Robert Barclay, 5/16/1688

[conclusion of a sermon printed in the 4.08 & 5.08 Western Work]

For this end the Eternal Son of God came into the world, that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly; that we might abound in the life of Jesus, and in the abundance of it. This is that which is recommended to us, that we might receive the Son of God into our souls; and, by receiving Him, partake of his life: and then let his life produce its actions: *Let the word of God dwell richly in you*, in all those things that are Divine, in all those consequences that it brings forth amongst the children of God.

For it is not the things of the earth that we are to remember, and to have dwelling in us, but the Word of God; and that which proceeds from the life of the Son of God. All words and testimonies, preaching's, prayer, exhortation, and spiritual counsel, if it be not from the life of the Son of God, it edifies not the body of the Lord Jesus Christ in love. Let us receive that which comes from the life of the Son of God; which is manifest amongst us, and shed abroad in our hearts. Let us watch and take care that whatsoever is not of this life may not appear, may not be manifest and made known among us. And this life that we receive from the Son of God is that which will stand us in stead in the day of trial; and as many as live unto God in this Divine life, He is well pleased with them; and the tempter, the wicked one, cannot touch them at all, nor reach them, nor hurt them.

This is my testimony to you from the life of God, which is to the glory and praise of his name hath risen into my soul, in some measure. It is the desire, and labor, and travail of my soul, that you may be inwardly gathered into this heavenly life; that the fruit thereof, the language thereof, may be heard in this assembly at all times; that the Lord our God may be made known to us, through this Word of Life in our hearts, to the praise, honor, and renown of his name, who alone is worthy. To whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER THE SERMON

...O righteous and holy God! The sense and feeling thereof is beyond words---beyond expression and beyond utterance. Therefore we humbly entreat Thee, by the blessed arm of thy power, gather thy people more and more into an inward sense of the springs of life; that they may attend upon Thee, and feel life in their souls, and breathings after Thee in their hearts; that in their daily attendance on Thee, they may receive day by day, of those living, suitable supplies of life, virtue, wisdom, and power, whereby they may be supported through all trials and adversities, and through all oppositions and temptations, that they may meet withal, for the trial of their faith, and for the exercise of their patience; that all their afflictions and exercises may be sanctified to them, for the bringing them nearer and nearer to Thyself, and into a more lively inward and single dependence on Thee, and thy Divine grace and truth, which thou hast made known by Christ Jesus our only Mediator; by whom alone we have access to Thee, and whereby we are made capable of beholding the light of thy countenance, and of partaking of thy Divine goodness and blessing, and of those precious promises which Thou hast left upon record, and impressed upon our minds and hearts. [Scripture Truths Demonstrated. Philadelphia: Benjamin & Thomas Kite, 1825, pp. 22-25]

150th Anniversary of Western Yearly Meeting

This year *Western Work* will feature Western Yearly Meeting historical information leading into the Sesquicentennial Celebration, July 31- August 3, 2008, with the theme, "He Who Began a Good Work in You Will Continue..." [Phil 1:6] A schedule may be found as an attachment or on the Western Yearly Meeting website: westernym.net. Please make reservations for housing with Lee's Inn before June 30, 2008. Call (317) 837-9000 and make your reservation under "Western Yearly Meeting."

How well do you know the history of Western Yearly Meeting? Try this trivia...

1. Who was the WYM Friend that served as the first Quaker missionary to Japan?
2. Who is the WYM Friend and recorded minister who started the Belize mission?
3. Who was the WYM Pleasant Grove member who was sent to work in Alaska in 1891?

[see the next page for the answers]

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Anniversary Announcements

Book Orders. A history of Western Yearly Meeting will be published this year. Your Meeting library/archives will be incomplete without a copy of this book. Make checks to *Western Yearly Meeting*, cost is \$25.00. Send orders to Kay Record Carter, 425 Simmons Street, Plainfield, IN 46168.

Anniversary Items for Sale:

1. Quaker couple in silhouette plate, \$10;
2. WYM building ornament, suitable for hanging or to attach a magnet, \$6;
3. 12 WYM building note cards/enveloped, \$6;
4. 12 WYM Building postcards, 12 for \$3. Make checks to *Western Yearly Meeting*, 2008 on the memo line.

Meeting Displays. Each monthly meeting is asked to contribute a tri-fold display of the meeting's history for inclusion in the anniversary historical room at Plainfield this year (July 31-August 3). Please use ONLY COPIES of valuable documents, clippings, or photos. Do not bring originals of irreplaceable items. If you include clothing items, please bring some method of displaying them: dressmaker forms, hall trees, etc. We will make every effort to provide care and security but cannot offer guarantees.

If you have any questions, please contact: Phyllis Gladden, 2379 N. CR 500 E., Avon, IN 46123 or Ann Carter at eaanc@sbglobal.net or (765) 883-6796.

Meet the WYM Summer Interns

Chris Harris

Chris is a junior at Purdue University majoring in Japanese & Pharmacology. He is a member of Indianapolis First Friends. Christ will be serving as the WYM Children's Ministry Intern this summer. He will work with our camp ministries at Quaker Haven Camp and assist a few local meetings with their VBS ministries this summer. Chris' ministry mentor is Della Stanley-Green.

Jared Newnum

Jared is a senior at Indiana State University majoring in Education. He attends Rush Creek Friends and will serve as an intern at Rush Creek Friends. His focus will be on worship, technology ministries, and youth ministry, as well as assist with programming at Quaker Haven. Jared's ministry mentor is Gary Wright.

Patrick Hagmaier

Patrick is a sophomore at Purdue University majoring in Philosophy. He is a member of Courtland Avenue Friends. Patrick will serve as the WYM Preaching intern this summer. He will be available to local meetings for pulpit supply and will assist with the programming at Quaker Haven. Patrick's mentor is Steve Pedigo.

Jessica Thornburg

Jessica is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University with a major in Social Work. She is a member of Danville Friends. Jessica will serve as the WYM Urban Ministry Intern this summer. She will be placed specifically at Second Friends in Indianapolis to do a needs assessment work with them to identify needs of their surrounding community, develop and implement a possible summer community outreach ministry and plan a summer VBS. Jessica's ministry mentor will be Marlene Pedigo.

Kaiulani Anderson-Liggett

Kaiulani is a sophomore at Ivy Tech College majoring in Elementary Education and Theatre. She attends Sandcreek-Azalia Friends. Kaiulani will serve at Sandcreek-Azalia Friends this summer. She will help plan summer outreach programs and facilitate a VBS there as well as assist with the programming at Quaker Haven. Kaiulani's ministry mentor will be C.G. White.

WYM Board Reports

Peace & Christian Social Concerns

Earthcare mini-grants are available to monthly meetings for specific projects. Diana Hadley will attend the Philadelphia Peace Conference in January.

MD&N

The Board has two new worship group prospects.

Christian Education

A few male counselors are needed for camp. They are looking into insurance for youth events and volunteers.

**“Introduction to Christian
Education & Spiritual
Formation”
Training & Recording
Class

June 13-14, 2008
&
July 25-26, 2008**

Outreach

A Belize Special Mission Project Power Point has been designed to help promote our fund raising efforts to raise \$10,000 in 2008! If you would like a CD, please call the office. The following trust funds were approved: \$1,500, ACFIA; \$2,000, Kamoisi Remodeling; \$1,000 Turkana Girls Scholarships; \$1,000, Ramallah Software & Remodeling of Grant house; \$100 Textbooks; \$1,000, FTC Work Uniforms.

CM&E

Approved an increase to Basic Guidelines for Pastoral Salary, an increase in Retired Ministers' monthly allowance, and Bone & Lilly budgets.

ACFIA

The operation and oversight of Choctaw Friends Center and Mesquakie Friends Center is under the leadership of North Carolina and Iowa Yearly Meeting respectively. Transfer of Kickapoo Friends Center to Mid-America Yearly Meeting will be completed no later than July 1, 2008. The continued support of all Yearly Meetings to the Centers is critical to allow them to continue to function under their new leadership. Financial support for Choctaw and Mesquakie should be sent to their respective Yearly Meetings:

Choctaw Friends Center donations are to be sent to: **North Carolina Yearly Meeting, 4811 Hilltop Road, Greensboro, NC 27407 (designate Choctaw Friends Center)...**
Kickapoo Friends Center support is to be sent to the **Kickapoo Friends Center, PO Box 570, 332118 E. 1070 Rd., McCloud OK 74851.**

Mesquakie Friends Center donations are to be sent to **Iowa Yearly Meeting, PO Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA 52577 (designate for Mesquakie Friends Center).**

ACFIA will continue their mailing address and not-for-profit status for an indefinite period of time to handle any matters that may arise. Any funds that ACFIA receives which are designated to specific Centers will be distributed appropriately to those centers, with any undesignated funds being equally divided among the three centers.

WYM Historical Trivia Answers

1. Joseph Cosand, a Friend from New London, went to Japan in the 1880's. He helped to found the Tokyo Friends School.
2. Sadie Vernon, recorded minister of Carmel Friends
3. Dr. James E. Connnett

Statistical Report

Deaths

Cassady, Sharon Elizabeth (Union) b. 2-28-1951
d. 5-13-2008

Sharon's husband, Joe Cassady, pastors West Union Friends

Christian Education

Youth Cabinet Reunion

The WYM CE Board would like to honor those who have shown leadership in the WYM Youth Cabinet over the years, so we are sponsoring a Reunion of all who have ever been on the WYM Youth Cabinet; 1960-present. Invitations will be mailed out this month.

WYM Session Programming

If you have children, youth, or young adults, please make sure they are invited to this year's Annual Sessions. We will provide child care/nursery as well as programming for all ages---include them in on this historical celebration!

Opportunities for Friends

Attention Singers!

The choir for Sunday, August 3, of Yearly Meeting will rehearse at two sites then come together for a final rehearsal at Plainfield. This should help somewhat in cutting costs for travel. Those who would like to attend both sites are certainly welcome. Alert your musical Friends and mark your calendar. We hope to see you! There will be singing at both morning worship and for the afternoon session on August 3. At Plainfield: Sunday 22, 3 pm, and Sunday, July 6, 3 pm. At Kokomo First Friends: Sunday, June 29, 3 pm and Sunday July 20, 3 pm. EVERYONE at Plainfield on Sunday, July 27, at 3 pm. If there are any questions, please call or email Ann Carter, 765/883-5696 or eannc@sbcglobal.net.

FUM Summer Mission Project for VBS

Friends United Meeting is challenging us to raise \$5,000 this summer to send much-needed books and supplies to Kenya, Cuba, Jamaica, Belize and Ramallah, by collecting as many pennies (dimes, dollars, any amount will do!) as you can over the summer in a 2-liter bottle, milk jug, or any container! Ask participants to bring the coins to the church all on the same Sunday and take lots of pictures. Hey kids, challenge the adults in your meeting to match the amount of money you collect for **Pennies for Postage!** Send a check (with Summer Mission Project in the memo line) along with any news you want to share about this project with your digital photo to FUM!

ACFIA Market

The ACFIA Market (Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs) is asking of Friends to start making items to sell at Yearly Meeting. The Market will be in the Drake Room this year (formerly where the USFW Bookstore was located). Homemade items, baked goods, and garden produce sell well. All proceeds will be equally divided among the three centers.

WYM Pastors Dinner

WYM pastors will meet for dinner on Thursday evening, July 31, 5:00 p.m. at the Coachman Restaurant, 6112 Cambridge Way, in Plainfield.

WYM Sessions: Help Needed!

The WYM CE Board needs volunteers to provide child care during the WYM Sessions as well as lead Sunday School. If you are interested in helping with these children's ministries, please contact Katy at: katypwym@sbcglobal.net or (317) 839-2789.

QUAKER HAVEN CAMP

2008 SCHEDULE

Pioneer—June 8-13

Young at Heart – June 9-12

Jr. High—June 15-20

Sr. High 1—June 22-27

Beginners—June 27-29

Fox—July 6 - 9

Sr. High 2—July 13-18

New CE Resource

Check out our new *Animated Children's Bible Stories* DVD collection. These 36 DVDs are animated by a former Disney animator and feature many different Bible stories including: Abraham & Isaac, Daniel, David & Goliath, Elijah, and Esther just to name a few as well as interactive features like: optional scripture subtitles, optional English and Spanish subtitles, a 3-level adventure quiz, story summaries, a "Principles Guide for Parents & Teachers," and premium website access to a full-filled Kids' Zone---packed with teaching resources for educators, parents, and caregivers! Stop by and check out these great resources!

What's Happening in WYM

Amo Friends Outreach---Submitted by Sandy Boswell

A few months ago, our Sunday School discussion challenged us to identify a vision for our church. One thing we wanted to do was to host a quarterly family movie night for the community. We felt it would be an opportunity to reach the community with the gospel and to let people know that we are a friendly, caring church. We are a small church and could not imagine how we could begin such a large project. Thanks to a grant from WYM, the Lord has opened the door for us to start this. We have just purchased the projector, screen and the license for our first showing.

On Sunday, May 18, we made our final plans for our first showing---which will be on Sunday, July 13, at 3:00. Our kick-off movie will be "Facing the Giants." It has a powerful gospel message, but is appealing to all ages. We will be serving free pizza afterwards. Please pray with us that we may use this to bring glory to Christ and to build His Kingdom.

Ridge Farm Friends Family Night---Submitted by Diane Romoser

On any given Wednesday evening, Ridge Farm Friends Church is buzzing with activity. This past fall was the start of a "Family Night" program. The town children came in droves. Our evening begins with a great meal and fellowship time between the children and the adults who are often times greatly outnumbered. There is music, crafts, games and, most importantly, Bible classes for all ages. The most vital bit of information is that most of the children who attend are coming by themselves. They have had little or no religious influence in their lives.

We adults truly enjoy working and spending time with these kids but we do become discouraged at times. One example was the night that 40 children were in attendance and every one of them seemed to come with some kind of major issue. They needed one-on-one attention but the adult to child ratio was very low. We couldn't give them the attention they needed. Hormones and attitudes were flaring. On the flip side of this experience, a few weeks later, while talking during the class time, I asked the children if they had felt any changes within themselves since they had started attending the program. The children I work with are 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and are usually very vocal. This question left them all in thought for a time. Two of the young ladies said that they pray before meals like we do every Wednesday night. One young man said he'd like to have a Bible of his own. The most touching and worrisome comment came when a young man said that his family holds hands and prays together when he is with dad. He prays "here", pointing to his heart, when he is at mom's because she says church and God are bad. What a humbling experience that was for me that evening. God was truly there.

Our Wednesday evenings are full of ups and downs. They are never dull and always full of "God moments". Please pray as we prepare for a new and exciting session to begin. We'll do the same for you.



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**MATERIALS DEADLINE FOR NEXT
NEWSLETTER:
6/23/08, 9:00 a.m.**

Our Purpose Statement

*Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
Western Yearly Meeting equips Friends Meetings
in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
by exercising mutual care and
extending cooperative ministries.*

*Through various expressions of our
Christian faith,
we strive to inspire ministry and
the release of gifts of leadership.*

Western Yearly Meeting Calendar

Sixth Month

- 2-6 VBS at Sandcreek-Azalia Friends
- 7 WYM Board on Finance,
9:00 a.m., WYM Office
- 8-13 Pioneer Camp
- 9-12 Young at Heart Quaker Haven Camp
- 13 "Pastoral Administration in the
Church," 6:30 p.m., Kelley Rm.
- 14 "CE & Spiritual Formation: How Learning
Works---Educating the Whole Person,
Educating the Whole Church" 9 a.m. - 3
p.m.
- 15-20 Junior High Camp
- 20-21 Indianapolis First Friends USFW Rummage
Sale, 8:00 a.m. until ...
- 21 WYM Executive Committee, 9:00
a.m., Kelley Conference Room
- 22 YM Choir Rehearsal, 3 pm, Plainfield
- 22-27 Senior High I Camp
- 29 YM Choir Rehearsal, 3pm, Kokomo 1st
Friends
- 27-29 Beginner Camp
- 30 WYM Intern/Mentor Meeting, 12:00 noon

Seventh Month

- 6 YM Choir Rehearsal, 3 p.m., Plainfield
- 6-9 George Fox Camp
- 9-13 FUM Triennial, High Point, NC
- 13-18 Senior High II Camp
- 20 YM Choir Rehearsal, 3 p.m.,
Kokomo 1st Friends
- 21-25 VBS at Second Friends
- 25 "CE & Spiritual Formation:
Adapting Curriculum for Friends'
Use," 6:30 p.m.
- 26 "CE & Spiritual Formation: Nuts &
Bolts,"
- 26-27 Valley Mills Chicken BBQ
- 27 YM Choir Rehearsal, 3 p.m.,
Plainfield
- 31 151st Session of WYM

Office Hours:

9:00-12:00; 1:00-3:00; M-Thursday