



Western Work

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News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

Superintendent's Bible Study, I Corinthians 12:1-13

Paul uses the image of the body to describe the church---there are many members but one body. He actually repeats this phrase three times in this chapter (vs. 14, 20, 27). People in the church play different roles in the same way there are different parts of the body: hand (vs. 15), ear (vs. 16), and eye (vs. 17). Each performs different functions to help make the body as a whole operate. We are reminded there are a variety of gifts used in the church for ministry. The word, "variety," describes the giftedness in the church where a diversity of gifts works together.

Another key word being used here is "one." "For by *one* Spirit we were all baptized into *one* body." Unity comes through the baptism of the Holy Spirit (verse 13). To be spiritually baptized is to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit (John 3:3,5). Our unity comes from the common experience we share in the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"Salvation is deliverance from sin and possession of spiritual life. This comes through a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, who, through his love and sacrifice, draws us to Him. Conviction for sin is awakened by the operation of the Holy Spirit causing the soul to feel its need of reconciliation with God. When Christ is seen as the only hope of salvation and a [person] yields to Him, he [or she] is brought into newness of life, and realizes he [or she] has indeed become a child of God. This transformation is wrought without the necessary agency of any human priest, or ordinance, or ceremony whatsoever. A changed nature and life bear witness to this new relation to Him. The whole spiritual life grows out of the soul's relation to God and its co-operation with Him, not from any outward or traditional observances. Christ Himself baptizes the surrendered soul with the Holy Spirit, enduing it with power, bestowing gifts for service." (Faith and Practice of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, 2005, p. 7)

Diversity in the church is in its giftedness, not in theology. Unity in the church comes in the common experience we share in the baptism of the Holy Spirit which comes from Jesus Christ.

New Western Yearly Meeting Pastors

Cameron Bottema, Bethel Friends

The new pastor at Bethel Friends, Cameron Bottema, recently graduated from Bethel College and is now enrolled in Bethel's Master of Ministries Program. This summer Cameron accepted the call to be pastor at Bethel Friends! As a child he attended Fairfield Friends where he was a junior member. A year ago Cameron began speaking at Bethel Friends. Chris Zike writes about Cameron, "After his first visit, everyone attending that day agreed that Cameron showed an enthusiastic faith that spread to all those around him."

Ron Forsythe, Hemlock Friends

A previous pastor at Shiloh Friends and churches in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Nebraska, Ron is the new pastor at Hemlock Friends. He's a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan and has degrees in Biblical Literature, Christian Ministries & Christian Education. His wife, Rita, is also a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan and works full time as the secretary for First Methodist Church in Marion. They live on a mini farm near Marion where they both enjoy their garden. Ron will be with Hemlock 60% of the time and continue working with New Hope Hospice 40% of the time.

Annie Glen, Kokomo First Friends

Kokomo First Friends welcomed Annie Glen as their new pastor on August 1. Annie is a 2007 graduate of Earlham School of Religion (ESR). Annie was a previous member of Downers Grove Friends Meeting and transferred her membership to Hopewell Monthly Meeting (Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting) in 1992. She has served as a hospice chaplain. Annie and her husband, Tom, have three children: Tom, III who is married to Stacy; Kate, who is a grad student at Purdue; and Patty, who is a freshman at Purdue.

Jeff Wolfe, Bloomingdale Friends

Bloomingdale's new pastor is Jeff Wolfe, a graduate of Oklahoma Christian University and Earlham School of Religion. Several may remember his grandfather, Clifford Wolfe, who was a pastor in Western Yearly Meeting (Georgetown). Jeff's fiancée is Tonda Rader, an ESR student who will be working and studying at Kaimosi Hospital this fall. His first Sunday at Bloomingdale was August, 10.

Please be sure to give a warm welcome to our new pastors!

What's Been Happening in WYM

Thank You

A heart felt thank you goes again to the multitude of volunteers who gave so generously of their time and gifts to make our annual sessions of Western Yearly Meeting a reality. This year with the 150th Anniversary Celebration there were even more activities and volunteers who joined in the ministry! Thank you for contributions to the Body of Christ!

Thank You to Friends Disaster Service (FDS)

Dear Friends,

Your help has made so much possible. We don't know what we would do without you. You are a part of something truly remarkable--the continuing recovery of rural Louisiana from the 2005 double-whammy hurricanes named Rita and Katrina. Much has been done--collectively nearly 1,000 family homes, churches, farms, fishers and other businesses. While it's not over and much remains to be done, we wanted you to know the on-going progress you helped make possible and to say "thank you" again.

Lorna Bourg, Southern Mutual Help Association, Inc.

Submitted by Lane Sims

Erin Hall Ministers at Purdue

Erin Hall, a 2007 graduate of Purdue and member of Paoli Friends Church, has recently joined the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ at Purdue University. Let's pray for Erin this year as one of our WYM young adults steps out in ministry!

Indianapolis First Youth in Costa Rica

On July 22, eight middle/high school youth and six adults from Indianapolis First Friends Meeting headed to Costa Rica for their first-ever International Youth Service/Study Trip. Our trip coordinator and tour guide, Stan Banker, has led many adult study trips to Costa Rica, but never a youth group. This was a dream-come-true for our Meeting and for the youth, who began fundraising a year earlier. Our weeklong trip was filled with breathtaking scenery (rainforests, mountains, volcanoes, coffee plantations, butterfly gardens, beaches, and beautiful villas); a realistic view of life for many Costa Rican people who live in sub-standard housing, earning meager wages; being immersed in a culture that is very different from ours; a crash course in Spanish; and a vision of God's light that shines brightly in this corner of the world through the gentle people who live there... We have been truly blessed.

Submitted by Gale Stutz, Associate Pastor

Leadership Training Classes

Western Yearly Meeting Training & Recording Committee will offer another class this fall, "Introduction to Christian Theology," taught by Mike Thornburg (pastor of Danville Friends). The first class will be held on the weekend of September 26-27, and the second class will be held, November 14-15. Classes gather at the Western Yearly Meetinghouse. For more information contact the WYM Office, (317) 839-2789.

"Introduction to Christian Theology"

September 26-27

At

*WYM Kelley
Conference Room*

Peace & Christian Social Concerns

The Peace and Christian Social Concerns Board provided canvas bags to monthly meetings during WYM Sessions this summer. Please show them to your members to foster interest. Use and reuse canvas in place of all those plastic bags. This is also a Friendly advertisement. If you meeting wishes to order bags, please contact Jan McVay, 3663 W. 1050 N., Tangier, IN 47952, before September 30. The suggested donation for each bag is \$1.50. Make checks out to Western Yearly Meeting. We may have bags ready by November Administrative Council.

Upcoming Opportunities

USFW Fall Retreat.

The USFW Fall Retreat will be September 8-9, at Quaker Haven Camp with speaker Marty Butler. Cost is \$55. **Make sure you register as soon as possible with, Susan Pickrell (937) 698-5803.** Come for three of Dan's great meals, fellowship and inspirational music. Special music is by Mindy Drayer and family. Be sure to bring your own bedding.

USFW Fall Conference.

This year's USFW Fall Conference will be held Saturday, September 27, at Bloomingdale Friends with John Paul Hishmeh as speaker and his wife, Rana. They will be sharing about the Ramallah Friends Schools. Registration is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The lunch is \$9.50. Register with Sarabeth Marcinko, (765) 597-2338 or e-mail: marcinko@bloomingdaletel.com. The detour has been lifted on US Highway 41. Praise the Lord!

Friends Disaster Service Fall Celebration and Fund Raiser

Your Meeting/Church/mission team members are invited to attend the Second Annual Friends Disaster Service Celebration and Fund Raiser on September 6, 6-8 p.m., at Marion First Friends Meeting, 2211 N. Wabash, Marion, IN. We will review the work of FDS the past year with members sharing treasured memories. We encourage anyone who would like to learn more about going on a mission trip to attend this important event. RSVP with Lisa Wimmer, winnerlisa@gmail.com

West Newton Fund Raiser for John Muhanji Truck

West Newton Friends will have its fall fundraiser, "Cooking & Crafts," on Saturday, November 8, from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm. Cookin & Crafts includes an all-you-can-eat meal of chicken & noodles or stew, including salad and dessert; a bake sale, and a craft/fine arts sale. All items for sale are made by members and friends of West Newton Meeting. Come join us for a really fun event and help purchase the new vehicle for John Muhanji. ALL proceeds will go directly toward the purchase of John's truck.

Statistical Report

Deaths

Castle, David b. 3-21-1924 d. 8-17-2008

David was born in Ridge Farm, and served as pastor of Valley Mills Friends. You may contact his wife, Ellie, at 1324 GA Hwy. 29 S. Americus, GA 31719.

Haskett, Loren (Carmel) d. 5-20-2008

Marriages

Brad Craycraft & Danika Jones (Bloomingdale) 6-12-2008

New Members

Katie Farthing (Newport)

Suzi, Louis & Katie Walthall (Vermilion Grove)

Christian Education Opportunities

Fall Impact Retreat

The Young Friends Fall Impact Retreat is coming up very soon! Mark your calendars now and let the 7th-12th graders in your Meeting know about this great event planned specifically for them. The dates are Oct. 10 & 11 at Jameson Camp here in Indianapolis. We're planning great activities, worship and fun. Brochures have been sent out. This event is only a few weeks away. Don't let it sneak up on you and miss out! Contact Katy for information or brochures.

Youth Cabinet Road

Shows

Sept. 12 & 13 - Young Cabinet

Retreat @ WYM Bldg.

Oct. 5 @ Plainfield Friends

Nov. 9 @ Georgetown Friends

Summer Follow-up Ideas

Did you send kids to camp this summer? Was your Meeting a part of a VBS ministry? Summer is a great time for ministry with kids and teenagers and it doesn't have to stop there. Now is the time to make sure you stay connected with those neighborhood kids who came to your VBS. Now is the time to give your kids a chance to share about their experience at Quaker Haven Camp. Check out the articles attached to this issue of Western Work or on the WYM website for ideas on how to follow-up after your summer ministries.

Thank you to all who made the summer Children and Youth ministries of WYM possible. All the counselors, CITs, and directors at camp. All the local Meeting camp coordinators. All the financial supporters of Quaker Haven and of camp scholarships. All the volunteers who gave of their time and energy to make our WYM Sessions a true celebration of our children and youth. We could not have done it without you! Thank you so much for being willing to be a part of these ministries and for sharing the love of Christ with our young people!

Prayer

Do you wish you could help with the different Children and Youth ministries of WYM but for whatever reason, find that you are unable? There might be a solution. We are looking for people who feel they are gifted in intercessory prayer to be Prayer Warriors on behalf of the Children and Youth Ministries of WYM. The only requirement is that you feel led to use your gifts towards this ministry and have regular access to e-mail in order to receive e-mail prayer requests and updates. Contact Katy at katypwym@sbcglobal.net if you feel God is leading you to enter into this aspect of our ministry. Prayer is powerful and we want our ministries to be continually lifted up and surrounded in prayer.

Youth Cabinet

We had a wonderful time celebrating the past WYM Youth Cabinet memories at your Youth Cabinet Reunion during WYM Sessions in August. Now we are looking at another year of Road Shows with the new WYM Youth Cabinet. We already have two Road Shows set for this fall and we are working on getting the spring schedule set as well. Please be praying for these young leaders of WYM.

September 12-13 – Young Cabinet Leadership Retreat @WYM

October 5 – Young Cabinet Road Show @ Plainfield Friends

November 9 – Youth Cabinet Road Show @ Georgetown Friends

Camp Highlight Video is available online at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ML_u8nVspdy0 or on the WYM website.

Contact Katy if your meeting would like a hard copy of this video.

Friends United Meeting Update

Are you looking for a fund raising idea for the fall??? Why not plan a get a fund raiser together this fall to raise money for these special projects:

Friends Theological College

Simon Bulimo, on faculty at Friends Theological College, was at Western Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions this summer. A gift from Western Yearly Meeting this past year has helped FTC to move towards accreditation. FTC has grown from 11 students to 147 in the past twelve years. Ben and Jody Richmond, currently serving at FTC, have given a significant matching gift to the college. Funds are now needed to complete the renovation of the administrative building.

Belize Special Project

Did you have the opportunity to meet Sam & Becky Barber this summer at Western Yearly Meeting? They currently plan to replace Mike & Kay Cain in Belize in 2009. Belize is the Western Yearly Meeting Special Project for 2008. Contact the Western Yearly Meeting Office if you would like a power point presentation to share with your meeting about this fund raising effort!

Quaker Men Fund Raiser

WYM Quaker Men have kicked off a fundraising effort sponsored by Quaker Men International to purchase a new truck for John Muhanji. At the yearly meeting sessions, President Dale Graves challenged the men by letting them know that he had a donor who would match \$1 for each \$2 received during the yearly meeting sessions---up to \$1,000 which would make a total contribution of \$3,000. The final tally, sent to Quaker Men International was \$2,855. That's a good start but obviously, that is only a beginning in raising \$40,000. If your meeting would like to participate and would like Dale to come and speak to you, or participate in an event at your meeting, please call him at (317) 831-7171 or email dgraves@pdswireless.com.

WYM History Book

A history of Western Yearly Meeting has been published to celebrate our Sesquicentennial. 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 Carter, 425 Simmons Street, Plainfield, IN 46168.

New WYM Website

Check out the newly designed website for Western Yearly Meeting: www.westernym.net.



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NEWSLETTER:
9/22/08, 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.*

Office Hours:
9:00-12:00; 1:00-3:00; Monday-
Thursday

Western Yearly Meeting Calendar

Ninth Month

- 6 FDS Celebration, Marion First Friends,
6 pm
- 8-9 USFW Fall Retreat at Quaker Haven
Camp
- 9 N. Central Area Pastors' Mtg., 9:30
a.m. at Noblesville Friends
- 11 Pastors Planning Committee, 11:00
a.m., WYM Office
- 12-13 WYM Youth Cabinet Retreat at
Western Yearly Meetinghouse
- 16 Training & Recording Committee
Mtg., 9:30 a.m.
Central Area Pastors' Mtg., 12:15 p.m.
- 18 Western Area Pastors' Mtg., 10:00 a.m.
- 20 WYM Board Mtgs., 9:00 a.m. Mtg. for
Worship & Boards Following
- 23 Program Committee, 2:00 p.m.
- 25 West Central Area Pastors' Mtg.
- 26-27 "Introduction to Christian Theology"
Class at WYM
- 27 USFW Fall Conference at
Bloomingdale Friends Church, 10 am
- 28 Bloomingdale Friends Open House
to Welcome New Pastor, 2-4
- 29 Northern Area Pastors' Mtg., 12:00
noon at Jamie Lyon's Home

Tenth Month

- 4 Carmel Friends 175th Birthday
Celebration with Hog Roast
Quaker Day Celebration at
Plainfield Friends
- 5 Youth Cabinet at Plainfield Friends
- 9-12 Friends United Mtg. General Board
- 10-11 FALL IMPACT RETREAT
- 18 Executive Committee
- 26 WYM Purdue Student Gathering
at 5:00 p.m.