



# Western Work

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News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

## Co-Superintendents' Bible Study, Acts 2

*"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witness to this fact.*

*Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear."*  
[Acts 2:32-33, NIV]

The theme for Western Yearly Meeting sessions came from Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..." It was a promise given by Jesus Himself. This promise was fulfilled at the Pentecost event recorded in Acts 2:1-4. Immediately following this event, Peter gave an explanation in a sermon, Acts 2:14-41. In reference to Jesus Christ, he states, "He (Jesus) has poured forth this which you both see and hear." (Acts 2:33) In other words, Jesus was involved in pouring forth the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 17, 26) which marked the birth of the church. Not only did Christ Jesus give birth to the church, but He continues to be the Head of the church (Colossians 1:18). Jesus Christ is the center around whom the Christian church gathers.

*Friends,*

*You that are believers in the Light, which is the Life in Christ, and are grafted into him who is ascended far above all principalities, powers, thrones and dominions, by whom all things were made and created; all children in the New Covenant do gather together in the Name of Christ Jesus...*

*Being gathered in the Name of Jesus, he is [in] the midst of them, the Prince of Life and Peace, Captain of Salvation and a Prophet to open the Book of Conscience, the Book of the Law, Prophets, and Gospel, and his Book of Life to them. [He is] a Bishop to oversee them, a heavenly Shepherd to feed them in his heavenly pasture of Life and a heavenly King to rule in their hearts in his glorious Kingdom amongst them that are born again; and enter into his everlasting Kingdom of Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost.*

*George Fox --- 1679 [The Power of the Lord is Over All, The Pastoral Letters of George Fox, Epistle #359]*

## Western Yearly Meeting Board Meetings, September 19

The regular meeting of the five program boards of Western Yearly Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 19, at 9:00 a.m. beginning with a meeting for worship in the Plainfield Friends meetingroom and the meetings for business following. Coffee and doughnuts will be available for a time of fellowship earlier in the Plainfield Dining Room.

The five WYM program boards include: Christian Education, Christian Ministries & Evangelism, Christian Outreach, Meeting Development & Nurture and Peace & Christian Social Concerns. If you are a newly nominated board member, please be sure to contact the WYM Office if you did not attend the Orientation Session during yearly meeting session or have any questions. We want to make sure you receive a copy of the Western Yearly Meeting Handbook which includes the guidelines and duties for those serving on the boards of Western Yearly Meeting.

## Ministry Leadership Classes, 2009-10

The Western Yearly Meeting is pleased to announce the development of a Barclay College Advantage Site Program on the campus of Western Yearly Meeting!

This new Barclay partnership allows Western Yearly Meeting to offer college accredited pastoral training classes to individuals in our meetings who are currently in the recording process, to current WYM pastors seeking continuing education, or to those within WYM leadership who hope to strengthen their ministry skills. Continuing Education Scholarships will be offered through the Pastoral Ministry Excellence Fund. Upcoming classes will be taught by recorded ministers of Western Yearly Meeting. The 2009-2010 schedule includes:

**Basic Bible Study Methods.** [Faculty, Steve Pedigo], September 18-19 and October 2-3

**New Testament Gospels.** [Faculty, CG White], October 16-17 and October 30-31

**Leadership 1.** [Faculty, Justin Weber], November 13-14 and December 11-12

**Pentateuch.** [Faculty, CG White], February, 2010

**Writings of John [Revelation].** [Faculty, Justin Weber], March, 2010

**Principles of Church Planting & Church Growth.** [Faculty, Gary Wright], April, 2010

**Advanced Bible Study Methods [Hermeneutics].** [Faculty, Steve Pedigo], May-June, 2010

For more information about these classes, please contact the WYM Office (317) 839-2789. To register online: [www.barclaycollege.edu](http://www.barclaycollege.edu).

## Generosity among Friends

Many Western Yearly Meeting Friends have been supportive of the mission work begun by Sadie Vernon, a WYM recorded minister, in the country of Belize. This work is now being carried forward by Sam and Becky Barber and their family who moved to Belize earlier this year. Nadine Kemp, the WYM Benevolence Treasurer, reports that Western Yearly Meeting has raised \$2563 for the "Bikes for Belize." Nadine asked that we share this news from what is happening in Belize...

Dear Friends:

*What an interesting summer it has been! Since school has been out my family and I have had the opportunity to get to know our new surroundings better. We have seen the caves, gone to two Mayan sites, shopped at Queens Market and explored Belize City so we have a better feel for our surroundings. God has given Robert, our son, an opportunity to make some money this summer. He is taking care of dogs while their owners returned to the US for deputation. We hosted Becky's sister, Betty, for two weeks in July and had a man named Reuben Autery from Texas stay with us for a couple days while he is on his discernment trip. We have painted the offices at the school and had some roof, gutter, door and cement work done. In spite of all of our business, God continues to teach me.*

*God has taught me about generosity. I always felt that I was a generous person but I am not as generous as I should be. I have seen people here in Belize share what they have with even those who are even poorer than they are. I also notice what kind of people Belizeans give to. They give to the poorer, elderly, and handicapped. Won't they be showing me what the Bible talks about in Exodus 22 and Deuteronomy 24. What an example in real life God has shown me. Another example God has shown me of generosity is your gifts to my family and the Belize ministries. It is only through your gifts we are able to continue the ministry we are doing with God's leading. For all the blessings you send us, **thank you!***

In His service,

Sam & Becky Barber Family  
friendsboyschool@btl.net

## Simplicity—so we might give generously!

Many churches in Western Yearly Meeting organized Vacation Bible Schools this summer and supported the special project, "Bikes for Belize," to help purchase bikes for the boys in order that they may ride to and from the Belize Friends Boys School. Susan Felix shared about the generosity of this project among the VBS children and adults of Mooresville Friends. One six year old VBS girl had a jar of money at her home which she had been saving; she gave all of her money from this jar---\$12.00! Another fourth grade boy gave all the money he had, \$10.00! The change came pouring in for the "boys" in Belize. One young girl said, "There is so much love here." By the end of the VBS and after the contributions of devoted members of Mooresville Friends, this one church within Western Yearly Meeting had raised enough money to purchase nine bikes!

Quaker Haven Campers sponsored an online art auction this summer for "Bikes for Belize" and as of the end of August had raised an additional \$159.75 for this project! A special thanks to all who gave given to generously to this project!

## Prayer Requests



Please remember to pray for the Sam & Becky Barber family while they minister in Belize. You may want to check out their updates: [www.fum.org](http://www.fum.org).

## Statistical Report

### Deaths

Joyner, Myra (Mooresville) b. 1-24-1918 d. 8-19-2009

Bob Sheldon, the husband of Martha Hinshaw Sheldon, died on 8-15-2009 after a five year battle with cancer. Martha served several positions within WYM at Indianapolis First Friends, Fairfield and Irvington.

## Resources

### Membership Materials

Are there young people in your meeting or new attenders who might be interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of Western Yearly Meeting? You might want to consider these resources:

(1) **WYM Faith & Practice**. The 2005 edition is available from the WYM Office for a cost of \$2.00. The *Faith & Practice* includes statements of faith, the history, organizational structure, and an application to be a member of Western Yearly Meeting.

(2) **North Carolina Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice**. Our sister yearly meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting, has recently produced membership curriculum for adults and youth including powerpoint CD's. Call (800) 371-8896.

(3) **A Family of Friends**. If you are looking for a spiral bound booklet to use for your small group, you may wish to consider this class by Arthur Roberts. This is available through Barclay Press: (800) 962-4014 or [www.barclaypress.com](http://www.barclaypress.com).

### Kenyan Mission Report

The WYM young adults who participated in the spring missions trip to Kenya are available to speak at your local meeting or USFW meeting. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Katy Palmer, (317) 839-2789.

## **Christian Education Opportunities**

### **Fall Impact Retreat**

This fall our Impact Retreat has been changed into an Impact Mission Trip. We're taking it on the road. All 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to be a part of this mission trip down to the Appalachian mountains of Kentucky where we will be serving in a small coal mining community in the valley around Pine Mountain. The cost of this trip is \$60 and brochures and registration forms are now available. Space is limited on this trip so we will be accepting registrations on a first come first serve basis. Registrations need to be in no later than September 30. Contact Katy for more information.

### **YOUTH CABINET**

The WYM Youth Cabinet members have been nominated and will be meeting for the **Youth Cabinet Leadership Retreat on September 25-27.**

*Please be praying* for these young leaders as they discern how God wants to use them in this yearly meeting in the coming year.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to all who were involved in the different ministries for children and youth throughout the summer: all the counselors, CIT's, and directors at camp; all the local meeting camp coordinators; and all the financial supporters of Quaker Haven through camp scholarships, and all the volunteers who helped coordinate and supervise the programming for children and youth at our WYM Sessions. 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 Jesus Christ with our young people!

## **News Among Friends**

### **Quaker Haven Camp Job Openings and News**

Quaker Haven Camp is seeking a full time food service director. Send resumes or inquiries to Brandon Dennis at Brandon@quakerhaven.com or 111 EMS D16C Lane, Syracuse, IN 46567. QHC is also creating a new position titled Executive Assistant. Duties will include some program coordination, challenge course supervision, guest services, as well as general camp maintenance. Contact Brandon if interested. Construction of the new climbing tower and zip line is nearing completion! This new structure will add an exciting option to activities at QHC and has numerous applications to programming for youth and adults. Details will be available soon on our webpage at www.quakerhaven.com.

### **Pastoral Ministry Excellence Grants**

The following meetings have received grants for their pastors for health savings and/or retirement: Bloomingdale, Carmel, Courtland Avenue, Danville, Georgetown, Hemlock, Hortonville, Indianapolis First, Kokomo First, Marshall Federated, Mooresville, Plainfield, Ridge Farm, Sheridan, Valley Mills/West Newton, and Westfield. Applications for the 2010 grants will be distributed with the WYM Annual Reports at the end of this year. These grants provide pastors with reimbursement of WYM continuing education expenses, health savings account grants and/or retirement contribution grants.

### **FUM Youth Delegation to Kenya**

A FUM youth delegation plans to attend to the 2009 Conference of the Young Quaker Association (YQCA) in Western Kenya, December 9-13, 2009. There will be opportunities for work projects, home stays, safaris and mission site visits. The approximate cost would be \$2,000. Registration deadline is 10-1-2009. If you are interested please contact Terri Johns at FUM: (765) 962-7573. There is a link from the FUM Homepage: <http://www.fum.org/> under News, it is the first item.

### **WYM Program Committee & Evaluations**

Do you want to provide feedback about this past yearly meeting session? WYM members in attendance at the Western Yearly Meeting annual session are encouraged to return their Program Evaluation forms to the WYM Office. The next Program Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29, at 2:00 p.m.

### **USFW Fall Quaker Haven Retreat**

Mark your calendars for September 14, for the USFW Women's Retreat, "Heart of Worship," at Quaker Haven Camp. This year's retreat speaker is Sue Whitesel, pastor at Mooresville Friends. Cost is \$55 (includes meals and lodging). Bring linens, towels, and sewing supplies for projects. Mail registration form and \$25 deposit to Susan Pickrell, 340 S. Main St., West Milton, OH 45383 or e-mail: [ppickrell@woh.rr.com](mailto:ppickrell@woh.rr.com). You are encouraged to bring a musical instrument or make plans to share your talent at the retreat.

### **USFW Fall Conference**

The USFW Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, September 26, 10:00 a.m. at Noblesville First Friends. Terri Johns, FUM Program Manager for Global Ministries, will be the guest speaker and will provide updates on the projects located around the world.

### **ESR Pastors' Conference**

Dave Hansen, current Interim Pastor at First Baptist Church in Hillsboro, Ohio will be the speaker of the Earlham School of Religion Pastors' Conference, September 28-29. Cost is \$45. For more information call: (800) 432-1377.

### **Quaker Haven Michael Card Concert**

Are you looking for a special activity to plan with your youth group or church this fall? Michael Card will give a concert at Quaker Haven Camp on Sunday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Quaker Haven Camp Activity Center. Michael Card is a famous artist who has recorded over twenty albums and authored or co-authored fourteen books. Although his work is so popular, Michael's goal in life is to simply and quietly teach the Bible. You will not want to miss this concert! Cost is \$9 per ticket, or \$7 per tickets for groups of 20 or more. For more information contact Quaker Haven Camp: (475) 834-4193.

### **WYM Special Project--Hurricane Relief in Cuba**

The WYM Outreach Board has a power point CD available to help promote this year's special project, Hurricane Relief in Cuba. Please call the office to receive this CD. We have currently raised \$2,244 towards this project.



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FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:  
9/28/09, 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 of Friends Church Calendar**

Ninth Month

- 10 Northern Area Pastors Meeting, 12:15 p.m. at Courtland Avenue
- 14 North Central Area Pastors' Meeting, 9:00 a.m. at Westfield Friends
- 15 Training & Recording Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- 17 Western Area Pastors' Meeting, 9:00 a.m. (Central) Georgetown Friends
- 18-19 Basic Bible Study Methods Class
- 19 WYM Boards, 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Called Administrative Council, 1:30 p.m., Georgetown Friends
- 22 Central Area Pastors' Meeting, 12:15 p.m.
- 25-27 Youth Cabinet Fall Leadership Retreat
- 26 USFW Fall Conference at Noblesville Friends, 10 a.m.
- 29 Program Committee, 2:00 p.m., WYM Kelley Conference Room

Tenth Month

- 2-3 Basic Bible Study Methods Class
- 3 Quaker Day, Plainfield Friends
- 3-4 Youth Cabinet at Vermilion Grove
- 4 Blue River Friends Homecoming
- 8-10 Friends United Meeting General Board
- 16-17 New Testament Gospel Class
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 30-31 New Testament Gospel Class

