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# Western Work

News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

## Co-Superintendents' Bible Study, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"It has ever been, and still is, the belief of the Society of Friends that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God; that, therefore, there can be no appeal from them to any other authority whatsoever; that they are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Jesus Christ. 'These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name' (John 20:31). The Scriptures are the only divinely authorized record of the doctrines which we are bound, as Christians, to accept, and of the moral principles which are to regulate our actions. No one can be required to believe, as an article of faith, any doctrine which is not contained in them; and whatsoever anyone says or does, contrary to the Scriptures, though under profession of the immediate guide of the Holy Spirit, must be reckoned and accounted a mere delusion." (Faith and Practice of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, 2005 Edition, p. 80)

*"It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting Him to public disgrace." (Hebrews 6:4-6, NIV)*

### HOW DOES THE WORD OF GOD SPEAK TO YOU?

*"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who has made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100)*

## Administrative Council, November 21, 10:00 a.m.

The Fall Administrative Council Meeting of Western Yearly Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 21, at 10:00 a.m. at Indianapolis First Friends, 3030 Kessler Blvd. E. Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana. Friends are invited to enjoy a time of fellowship during registration which begins at 9:30 a.m. The cost of lunch is \$8.00. The lunch menu will include: soups, salad, sandwiches and desserts. Profits from the luncheon are to be donated to the 2009 WYM Special Project, Cuban Meetinghouse Repairs. In keeping with the Cuban theme, one of the soup selections will be a black bean soup. We will also have a birthday cake to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earlham School of Religion.

It will be helpful if Friends who plan to come and bring children needing childcare would let us know so appropriate plans can be made. Please phone the WYM Office (317) 839-2789.

## Lynn Friends

The last meeting for worship at Lynn Friends Monthly Meeting was held on Sunday, October 4, at the Lynn Friends Meetinghouse in Russiaville, Indiana. If you have ever visited Lynn Friends, you realize the "unofficial" pastor has been Glenn Fisher. Generations earlier Glenn's relatives purchased the land upon which the meetinghouse sits. He has faithfully led this meeting each week by teaching the Word of God. Although there is a Sunday School booklet which is the guide for the lesson, Glenn digs deeper into Scripture and share his deeper teachings with an application to those who gather including his wife, Mary. Glenn's passionate faith for Christ Jesus and his love of Scripture is apparent in his ministry.

Friends settled in the vicinity of New London from Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and from earlier Friends settlements in Indiana in the early 1840's. Several young friends, members of the Honey Creek Meeting (now known as New London Friends), located with their families to the south and east of New London. In the year 1851 they petitioned Honey Creek Monthly Meeting that a meeting for worship be set up to be located two miles east of Russiaville and to be known as the Lynn Meeting of the Society of Friends. The request was granted and Lynn Meeting was opened the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 4<sup>th</sup> month, 1852. At this time Lynn belonged to Honey Creek Monthly Meeting and Northern Quarterly Meeting, a part of Indiana Yearly Meeting located at Richmond, Indiana.

The testimony of Lynn Friend's witness included two young adults, Erin & Josh Talbert, who happened to be present with their parents on this Sunday. Erin recently graduated from Purdue University and is pursuing her graduate studies in Florida. Josh is now a senior at Purdue. Josh completed his Eagle Scout rank of the Boy Scouts of America by painting the Lynn Friends Meetinghouse. The testimony of faith and love was apparent in the stories told by the individuals present on this day. This faithful ministry at Lynn is a "lasting legacy!"

## Ministry Leadership Classes

The Western Yearly Meeting Training and Recording Committee 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 from the Pastoral Ministry Excellence Fund.

Upcoming classes will be taught by recorded ministers of Western Yearly Meeting. The 2009-2010 schedule includes:

**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).

## Prayer Requests & Praise



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

**Truax, Ross** (Mooresville) d. 10-1-2009

**Turner, Dean Franklin** (Plainfield) b. 10-19-1928  
d. 10-25-2009

### Marriages

**Gene Carter and Carolyn Ann May** (Fairfield) 9-5-2009

### New Members

**Tracy Routon** (Russiaville)

**Ken & Connie Bodkin** (Russiaville)

## Local Meeting Outreach

### Russiaville Friends

Each year the Lyon Family of Russiaville Friends gives away hotdogs with all the fixings, kool-aid and candy on Trick or Treat Night. Last year they gave away at least 200 hotdogs to the children of their community.

Beginning on January 3, Russiaville Friends will begin a 90 Day Spiritual Journey studying Beth Moore's Book, *Jesus---90 Days with the One and Only!*

## Outreach Updates

### Plainfield Friends Generosity

This fall Plainfield Friends shared from their Warmoth Fund with FUM missions: \$1,100 to the Barbers in Belize for repairs to the Boys School, \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Hendricks County, \$1,000 to the FUM General Fund, and \$7,000 to have medical supplies shipped to the Kaimosi Hospital in Kenya. Members of the meeting have also contributed 65+ teddy bears in honor of Jim Gibson's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday to the Cancer Center at Hendricks Regional Health Center.

### Kaimosi Hospital Update

Bob & Hope Carter report: "The new hospital ambulance has been delivered... We are SO grateful for everyone who contributed to make possible the purchase of this ambulance. We also rejoiced to learn that enough money has now been received to pay transportation cost for the 40-foot shipping container filled with needed donated medical supplies. These supplies will considerably boost the diagnostic, surgical and therapeutic capacities of the hospital. We expect the container to arrive by the end of the year if all goes well.

### New Lugulu Hospital Update

WYM Missionaries from Westfield, Helen & Jefferson Ford, helped to begin the mission work of Friends in Lugulu, Kenya. We invite you to check out the hospital's new website: <http://luguluhospital.org>.

### WYM 2009 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. Dale Graves and Jim Crew have wonderful pictures of this year's work team to Cuba and they are willing to share with your meeting. We have currently only raised \$3,862 of the \$10,000 goal.

## **Christian Education Opportunities**

### **Fall Impact Mission Trip**

Thank you to all who helped out to make our first Young Friends' Fall Impact Mission Trip a success! Your time and prayers were greatly appreciated! We had 21 kids and 5 adults travel down to the hills of Kentucky to minister in a small coal mining community in the Appalachian Mountains. If you had someone from your Meeting participate in this trip please have them share about their experience.

### **Sundesmos College/Young Adult Mission Trip**

We will again join forces with some of the North Carolina YM Young Adults to work at the MOWA Choctaw Friends Center in Alabama and have also invited young adults from Iowa and Indiana YMs to join us on our mission trip down to Alabama

WHERE: MOWA Choctaw Friends Center, McIntosh, Alabama (a ministry of North Carolina Yearly Meeting)

WHEN: Jan. 1-8, 2010

WHO: WYM College/Young Adults

WHAT: visit the site & meet people, prison ministry, general maintenance projects, organize and help with rummage sale, help with after-school tutoring program, small construction work, possible tutoring in local schools, local home visitations, maybe other things...

COST: \$40

Applications for this trip are now available and are due Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009!

Contact Katy Palmer for an application or with any questions:

katywym@sbcglobal.net 317-839-2789

### **Youth Cabinet**

Our new WYM Youth Cabinet is on the road and coming to a Meeting near you. Don't miss it. We are reminding everyone about "Hope in Jesus!"

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3*

Upcoming Road Shows:

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> @ Ridge Farm Friends

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> @ Hinkle Creek Friends

## **News Among Friends**

### **Habitat House**

For the fourth year Paoli Friends will join with Newberry Friends to work on the Apostle's Build for Habitat for Humanity in Spring Valley on October 31. Ladies of the meetings provide lots of good food and drink for the day.

### **Southern Area Fellowship of Friends**

Southern Area Fellowship of Friends will meet at Lick Creek Friends Meeting on Sunday, November 1, 6:00 p.m. for meeting for worship followed by a Hog Roast. The December meeting will be at Newberry Friends.

### **New Address**

Charles and Barbara Heavilin have moved from Fairmount, Indiana to Alabama. Their new address is: 339 Donna Drive, Gardendale, AL 35071.

### **Pastoral Ministry Excellence Grants**

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.

### **Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program**

In 2010, Lilly Endowment's Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations will again provide as many as 40 grants of up to \$50,000 to congregations located for the support of renewal programs for their pastors. An informational meeting for those who are interested will be held on Monday, November 9, 2009, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana. To register for the meeting call, (317) 916-7350.

### **Kokomo Friends Chicken/Beef Noodle Dinners**

If you are someone who likes a good meal and fellowship among Friends, you may have already discovered the regular chicken and beef noodle dinners which are sponsored monthly by Kokomo First Friends, 1801 W. Zartman Rd., Kokomo, Indiana. For \$7.50 you can have a full meal including dessert. The next dinner will be November 14, 4-7 p.m. Godly Play will also be holding a Bake Sale.

### **West Central Area Meeting**

West Central Area Friends are invited on November 1 4:00 p.m. to Bethel Friends, 10492 N. Bethel Church Road, Mooresville, Indiana, for a devotions and a short business meeting followed by "Seeking God Working" an opportunity to hear about the recent mission trips by Western Yearly Meeting Young Friends and Young Adults. There will a pitch-in dinner following the meeting. Bethel Friends has agreed to furnish the meat, drinks and paper products.

### **Quaker Fall Bazaar**

Join Mooresville Friends for their annual Quaker Fall Bazaar on November 7, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch menu includes hot, crunch chicken salad, green beans, salads, dessert and beverage for \$7.00 (lunch is served 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) Be sure to check out their Christmas Shop with gift baskets, the Country Store with jams, jellies & apple butter, and their Bakery!

### **Quaker Tea**

Georgetown Friends will be hosting their annual "Quaker Tea" on Saturday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Their will be a free will offering for this community "Holiday Gathering." Join the great cooks at Georgetown Friends!

### **Fairfield Feast**

The annual Fairfield Feast will be held on Saturday, November 7, 4-7 p.m. The dinner menu includes: Quaker Chicken Pie, barbecued meatballs, mashed potatoes, fresh corn, green beans, yeast rolls and homemade desserts. Costs are \$9 (adults) and \$5 (children) and under 3 FREE. Come and enjoy food lovingly served by the Friends of Fairfield and browse the multitude of handmade crafts and home baked goodies in the country store.

### **Bethel Friends Church Fund Raiser & Game Night**

Friends are invited to the Potato & Salad Bar Fund Raiser and Game Night on Saturday, November 14, 5-7 p.m. at the Bethel Friends Church. Come to eat and stay to play! Donations will help to support the FREE Outreach events Bethel Friends hosts throughout the year (Old Settlers free water & prizes, free rummage give-aways, young adult & youth events and more). Everyone is welcome among Friends. Call (317) 831-9742 for more information.



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**MATERIALS DEADLINE  
FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:**

**11/23/09, 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**

Eleventh Month

- 1 West Central Area Meeting, 4:30 p.m., at Bethel Friends
- Southern Area Fellowship of Friends Worship & Hog Roast, 6 p.m., Lick Creek Friends
- 7 Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Chicago Monthly Meeting
- Mooreville Friends Christmas Bazaar, 9-2
- Georgetown Friends "Quaker Tea," 10-2
- Fairfield Fall Feast, 4-7 pm
- 8 Youth Cabinet Road Show at Ridge Farm Mtg. for Worship
- 12 Northern Area Pastors' Meeting, 12:00 noon, Courtland Avenue Friends
- 13-14 Leadership I Class, WYM Office
- 14 Westfield Friends Chicken Dinner, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Quaker Haven Foundation Board Meeting at Quaker Haven Camp.
- Bethel Friends Potato & Salad Bar Fund Raiser & Game Night, 5-7 p.m.
- Kokomo First Friends Chicken/Beef Noodle Dinner, 4-7
- 16 North Central Area Pastors, 9:30 a.m., Hinkle Creek Friends
- 17 Training & Recording Committee, 9:30 a.m.
- Program Committee, 2:00 p.m.
- 19 Western Area Pastors' Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Newport Friends
- 21 Administrative Council, 10 a.m., Indianapolis First Friends

Twelfth Month

- 5 Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- 11-12 Leadership Class, WYM Office
- 4 Youth Cabinet Christmas Party, 4:30 p.m. at Katy's Apartment