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Western Work

News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

Friends Historical Reading---the Meaning of Salvation

Our frequent declaration of the Christian principle, that without holiness none can see the Lord, or enter into his kingdom, has led some persons to imagine that our Society underrates the importance and necessity of *faith*. Yet there is probably no truth on which Friends have been more accustomed to dwell, than the Scripture doctrine, that the “just shall live by faith.” They freely acknowledge that *faith* is essential to man’s salvation; and that as is the light bestowed upon us, so is the *belief* required of us. They rejoice in the assurance of Scripture, that “God was in Christ, *reconciling* the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them;” [2 *Corinthians* 5:19] that ‘we are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption which in Christ Jesus, [Romans 3:24] and that whosoever *believeth* in the Son of God shall “not perish,” but shall “have everlasting life.” [John 3:16,36]

But Friends have not failed to declare their persuasion that the faith by which we are saved is not the result of learning, or the mere conviction of the human understanding, but a divine gift---an effect of the Spirit---infallibly productive of a life of righteousness, as a tree produces its natural fruit. Neither do they allow that even a saving faith is anything more than the instrument of our justification---the hand by which the penitent sinner, made sensible of the terrors of the law, and turned away from his iniquities, is enabled to put on the robe of the righteousness of Christ. They have ever held that, under the pardoning love of the Father, the procuring cause of our acceptance with God, and of our final salvation, is CHRIST ALONE, received into the heart of the believer as the sole object of his confidence, and ruling thereby His Spirit.” [Joseph John Gurney, *A Peculiar People*. Richmond, IN: Friends United Press, 1979. pp 5-6. The book was originally published as *Observations on the Religious Peculiarities of the Society of Friends in 1824*].

Because of the universally-recognized fact of sin, there is need for repentance and salvation which bring deliverance from sin and the possession of spiritual life. This comes through a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, who through His love and sacrifice draws men to Him. [WYM Faith & Practice, *Basic Principles, Meaning of Salvation*, p. 10]

150th Anniversary of Western Yearly Meeting

This next year *Western Work* will feature Western Yearly Meeting historical information leading into the Sesquicentennial Celebration, July 31- August 3, 2008! Join us as we celebrate the spiritual heritage of Western Yearly Meeting! Special speakers in the 2008 Sessions include Tom Hamm and John Punshon. How well do you know the history of Western Yearly Meeting? Try this trivia...

1. In 1862 the *WYM Minute Book* reported that the Committee on the Concerns for People of Color had helped how many people?
2. The Committee furnished each family they helped with what item?
3. According to the *1864 WYM Minute Book*, how much money was recorded as having been contributed to Freedmen in money and clothing?
4. Where did the WYM members begin Freedmen & Mission Schools in the South?
5. When one of the Mission Schools was burned, killing a man, what did the Superintendent do?

[see the next page for the answers]

Pastor Appreciation Month

Many churches now celebrate October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Are you looking for a way to show appreciation to your pastor? Try these suggestions from *Today's Christian*:

1. Cut the criticism
2. Pray regularly
3. Express appreciation in writing
4. Use your skills to bless
5. Squelch gossip
6. Offer to meet a need
7. Be openly responsive, ‘Nothing so animates and excites a spiritual leader as seeing people respond to the preaching and teaching.’
8. Throw away the measuring stick, ‘Don’t expect that your present spiritual leaders will do things the same way their predecessors did...focus on how your leader is being used of God to do effective ministry now.’

[*Today's Christian*, September/October, 1999]

DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOUR PASTOR TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

Together Encouraging All Meetings (TEAM) Prayer Reports

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other..." [1 Thess. 4:11, NRSV]

October 7 – Rush Creek

- Walter Lindley Health Concerns
- Evangelism in our Community
- Spiritual Healing of our Meeting
- Wisdom in Addressing Needs of Our Church

October 14 – Russiaville

October 21 – Sandcreek-Azalia

October 28 – Second Friend

Special prayer requests for publication in the Western Work may be submitted by the meeting to the office prior to the printing deadline.

Upcoming Team Schedule for November

November 4 – Sheridan

November 11 – Shiloh

November 18 – Tangier

November 25 – Valley Mills

Additional Prayer Requests

FUM Missionaries

- Please remember Ben & Jody Richmond as they begin their term at Friends Theological College as principals.
- Continue to remember the WYM Special Project for 2007---to raise funds for the Kaimosi Hospital Renovation in Kenya!

Pastoral Openings

Westfield Friends Youth Minister

Westfield Friends Meeting approved to hire a new Youth Minister. Contact Tracy Rogers at (317) 896-0233.

Hemlock Friends Church

Hemlock Friends has begun the search for a full time pastor. If wanted, they will provide a parsonage. If you are interested, please call Beth Lightfoot, (765) 963-5917.

First Friends Kokomo

First Friends Kokomo has begun to search for a full time pastor to begin on 1/1/2008. If you are interested, please call Jim Crew, (765) 455-3887.

Bloomington Friends

Bloomington Friends Church has begun to search for a pastor. If you are interested, please call Brenda Ireland, (765) 498-8644.

Statistics

Deaths

- Odus "Chick" Springer, [Paoli], b. 7-7-1924 d. 8-1-2007

We Welcome New Members

- Ryan Hiatt, Ben Hiatt, Aaron Heinzman, Alice Stewart and Alicia Stuckey [Westfield]

WYM Historical Trivia Answers

1. 2,799
2. *The Holy Scripture*
3. \$9,991.85
4. *Columbus, Mississippi; Macon, Mississippi; Clarksville, Tennessee; Mountain Home, Alabama*
5. *The Superintendent of the Columbus, Mississippi School immediately rented another house for the family, converting the house they then occupied into a School House...school was again resumed in a few days.*

1st WYM Youth Cabinet Road Show of the New Year!

The new WYM Youth Cabinet will provide their Road Show worship service at Mooresville Friends on October 7, at 10:30 a.m. If you missed the Road Show last year or you want to see the new Youth Cabinet's Road Show this year, the time has come. Don't miss out!

WYM Fall Impact Retreat

Come one, come all! Everyone in grades 7-12 are invited to the WYM Young Friends Fall Impact Retreat on October 26 & 27 at Jameson Camp in Indianapolis. Brochures and registration forms are available on the WYM website www.westernym.net.

Go...*Impact Your World* with an awesome time of worship, fun and a high ropes course. We'll be led in worship by the Awesome Band3. Check them out at www.band3.com. And our speakers are Nathan and Brianna Martin, pastors at Salem Friends Church in Salem, IA, and soon to be missionaries sent to Cambodia by Iowa Yearly Meeting!

Register by October 1 for the early bird rate and we'll see you there!

Sundesmos College/Young Adult Ministry

With the start of the new school year, we're trying to make sure we have all of the new college students in WYM on our Sundesmos e-mail list. If you have someone in your Meeting who has recently graduated from high school, please let the office know so we can communicate and minister effectively to the college/young adults in WYM.

Opportunities for Friends

Friends Disaster Service

WYM Friends Disaster Service is going to Greensburg, Kansas on October 27 and will return on November 4, 2007. We will help build homes in Greensburg. Their town was wiped out by a devastating tornado. FDS Eastern Region (National) is handling all of the arrangements. We will stay at Haviland Friends Meeting. The cost to the volunteers will be nothing. The expenses will be paid by WYM FDS. We need all of the volunteers that we can get. Everyone is welcome if they are Friends or not. They just have to have a willingness to serve the Lord. We will probably be doing finish work on homes that are already under roof. Both men and women are encouraged to participate. Please let me know by October 1 if you will be able to go. You can contact me either by phone, (317) 774-0787, or by e-mail, pamlane@juno.com.

The Annual FDS Benefit Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Richmond First Friends Church. Tickets are \$10.00. Reservations are required, so please call Art Harris (260) 726-7084 or Jim Secaur (419) 203-1171.

Submitted by Lane Sims

Northern Area Meeting

Northern Area Meeting will be October 14 at Russiaville Friends Church with a carry-in meal at 6:00 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Pat Shrock. Chicken & noodles, bread & drinks are provided. Covered dishes, plated goodies and pies are welcomed!

Celebration Plate

The Yearly Meeting has been gifted with some attractive plates featuring a raised border and the silhouette of a Quaker couple. These are for sale for \$10 by the 2008 YM Celebration Committee as part of our year of celebration. The plates will be available at Administrative Council meetings, Board meetings, and various other events. If you would like more information, please contact Ann Carter at cannc@sbcglobal.net or (765) 883-5696.

Mission Opportunity

A work team opportunity is available this fall through FUM---open to doctors, medical technicians and nurses. The medical team will be training staff at the Lugulu Hospital. In addition, visits will be made to other nearby mission sites and a wildlife preserve. Registration deadline is October 1. Call Friends United Meeting: (765) 284-6900.

Right Sharing

Right Sharing of World Resources is a Quaker organization who makes grants of \$2,000-\$5,000 for 1-3 years to assist the very poor in several countries to begin micro-enterprise projects. Here is an excerpt from a report from such a Quaker group in a Rwandan community called Cyanguu... 'We (five quarterly meeting leaders) first train twenty-five youth who are members of the association of pig raising. We gave them 440,000 Rwandan francs for their project...They decided to buy ten pigs and distribute them in their small groups (two pigs to four or five members)...the Friends School of Kamembe near the provided residue to feed those pigs. 'They have now paid 30% of the credit in the contract we made with them and will be able to pay the whole credit after fifteen months. Good news is that eight pigs gave birth to thirty-one pigs! A suggestion from the person who checked on the project for accountability is that the profit from these loans be used to help another group of youth buy the land they have been having to rent on which they raise maize, sorghum and sweet potatoes, thus increasing their profits greatly. This is just one example of how a small amount of money can help so many to improve their standard of living. Contact RSWR, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN 47374.

Submitted by Florence Emma Peery

Upcoming Events

October, 2007

- 2 **North Central Area Pastors Meeting**, Noblesville Friends, 9:30 a.m.
- 3 **WYM Pastors' Planning Meeting**, WYM Office, 10:00 a.m.
Fall Feast and Country Store, Fairfield Friends
- 6 **Westfield Friends' Rummage Sale**, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (to raise money for the April Mission Trip to Belize)
Friends Disaster Service Benefit Banquet, Richmond First Friends Church, 6:00 p.m., Tickets are \$10.00
- 7 **WYM Youth Cabinet Road Show**, 10:30 a.m., Mooresville Friends
Blue River Friends Homecoming
Georgetown Quaker Men Sing at Vermilion Grove Friends
- 11-14 **FUM General Board Meetings**, Woolman Hill
- 14 **Northern Area Meeting**, 6:00 pm - Carry-In Meal; 7:00 p.m. – Guest Speaker, Pat Shrock
- 16-18 **Superintendents & Secretaries Meeting**, Pendle Hill
- 20 **WYM Executive Committee**, WYM Kelley Conference Room
- 26-27 **WYM Young Friends IMPACT Retreat**, at Camp Jameson, Indianapolis
- 28 **Westfield Friends Meeting for Worship**, White's Residential & Family Services Speaking, 10:30 a.m.

November, 2007

- 3 **Mooresville Friends Church Bazaar**
Metropolitan General Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
WYM USFW Executive Committee Meeting, Friends Apartments Homes, Plainfield
- 4 **Central Area Meeting at Valley Mills Friends**, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 **Williamsons at Vermilion Grove Friends**
- 17 **WYM Administrative Council**, Gray Friends, 9:30 a.m. (EST)

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.

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**MATERIALS DEADLINE FOR NEXT
NEWSLETTER:**

10/22/07, 9:00 a.m.

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