



### Friends Historical Reading---Sermon Preached by Robert Barclay, 5/16/1688

[a wonderful sermon for us this Easter on the importance of Christ Jesus' death & resurrection]

MY FRIENDS,

This is the testimony that was borne of old and it is also borne this day, that there may be an agreement between the members and the head, the word and the power, the notion and the substance: *He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life.* So that in this the substance is known, whereby men are redeemed to live unto God; and to live for God, and to glorify Him.

This is the end of the testimony of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus, that we may all come to partake of his life, and that by partaking of it we may live upon; and being made alive to Him, we will be made able to serve Him; then shall we be enabled to worship Him, to glorify Him, and to declare of his glory and of his power, and of his wisdom, and of his goodness, to those that strangers are to Him, and to invite all to be partakers thereof. Let all your eyes this day be towards Him, and to the enjoyment of his life, that you may be sensible, and that you may be witnesses of his life.

And this life is not to be obtained but by death; there is a dying before there is a living. Every plant, seed, or grain that is placed in the earth, dies before it grows up; there is a dying before there is a living. Those that come to the life of the Son of God, they come to it through death; for it was through dying that He obtained this life: it was necessary that the Son of God, the Prince of Life, should die, that he should be crucified, else He could not finish the work of our salvation, and make way for the revelation and the sowing of that seed, and the dispensation of that grace, whereby we might come to have a share with Him in that eternal life He obtained for us.

They that come to the life of the Son of God, they must obey Him, for they must receive the sentence of death to that life which they derive from Adam, that cursed, that corrupt life of unrighteousness, that life of ungodliness, that life wherein self and the will of man delights, wherein the natural man, the animal man, hath a life. We must die, and by dying come to be partakers of the life of Jesus. He communicates Himself to us; and by our receiving Him, we receive Life: *He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life;* and the consequence is, he that hath not this life, hath not the Son of God...

[*Scripture Truths Demonstrated. Philadelphia: Benjamin & Thomas Kite, 1825, pp. 19-20*]

### WYM Sesquicentennial Celebration

#### Thursday, July 31, 2008

8:00 a.m. – Registration  
 8:30 a.m. – New Attender Orientation  
 9:00 a.m. – Opening Minute & Morning Bible Study – **Max Carter**  
 10:00 a.m. – Worship Sharing/Discussion Groups  
 10:30 a.m. – Break  
 10:45 a.m. – Business Meeting  
 12:00 noon – Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. – Memorial Service  
**Florence Emma Peery**  
 2:00 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
 5:00 p.m. – Dinner & Pastors' Dinner  
 7:00 p.m. – Quaker Lecture  
**Tom Hamm, Earlham**

#### Friday, August 1, 2008

8:15 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship  
 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
**Max Carter**  
 10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting  
 12:00 noon – Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. – Business Meeting  
 3:00 p.m. – Break  
 3:15 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
 5:00 p.m. – Quaker Haven B-B-Q & Youth Cabinet Reunion At Central School  
 7:00 p.m. – Multi-Generational Worship  
**WYM Youth Cabinet**  
 9:00 p.m. – Quaker Haven Pies

#### Saturday, August 2 2008

8:15 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship  
 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
**Max Carter**  
 10:00 a.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business  
 12:00 noon – Lunch  
 Orientation for New Board Members  
 1:30 p.m. – Celebration Presentations  
 5:00 p.m. – USFW Tea  
 Quaker Men's Banquet at Goody's  
 7:00 p.m. – Mission Service

#### Sunday, August 3, 2008

8:15 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship  
 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. – Meeting for Worship  
**John Punshon**  
 12:00 noon – Lunch  
 2:00 p.m. – Anniversary Celebration

## Missions Update

### 2008 Special Project: BELIZE: Spiritual and Educational Leadership:

- **GOAL: \$10,000**
- If each area could raise at least \$1,000 we could reach this goal!
- Power Point Presentations and speakers are available. If your meeting would like to hear more about the vision for Belize, please contact: Wayne Carter at (317) 839-8019---cwaynec@aol.com, or Florence Emma Peery at (765) 436-7098---flopeery@juno.com

### ACFIA

During 2007 the three Indian centers transitioned their oversight to their local yearly meetings.

- **Mowa Choctaw:** is now under the care of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. **Contributions for Mowa Choctaw should be sent directly to North Carolina Yearly Meeting, with designation to the center.**
- **Mesquakie:** is now under the care of Iowa Yearly Meeting, with a representative from Western & Indiana Yearly Meetings on their board. **Contributions for Mesquakie is sent directly to Iowa Yearly Meeting, with designation to the center.**
- **Kickapoo:** ACFIA is working to transfer Kickapoo to the care of Mid-America Yearly Meeting which is expected to happen in 2008. **Contributions for Kickapoo should be sent directly to the center.**

ACFIA is asking all Meetings to continue to support the individual centers, under the new leadership, as they are still functioning as they have in the past. The continued support is critical for the Centers to continue to function. Contributions should be sent directly to North Carolina Yearly Meeting and Iowa Yearly Meeting designated for the individual centers. Contributions to Kickapoo should be sent directly to the center. ACFIA will continue to support Kickapoo staff with financial coverage until the transfer to Mid-America Yearly Meeting is completed.

**The Indian Table at Yearly Meeting raised \$1,434.00.** Thanks to all who contributed and purchased items to help support the work in Indian Missions!

### Mission Fund Raising Idea

*Just wanted to share with you the exciting ministry that is coming out of our small youth group aka J.C.'s or Junior Christians. Our 8 - 12 J.C.'s are starting a fund raising campaign that we are calling, "Pennies For Peace". Each young person is decorating a 2 liter pop bottle and taking it home to fill with pennies that we will be donating to the FUM African Relief Fund. We have talked about conflict/resolution skills and what it takes to cope with difficult situations. A couple weeks ago our young people sat down and wrote letters of encouragement to John Mubanyi and the Friends Churches of Africa. John wrote them a letter back and all of them became excited about getting involved. One of our 14 year olds even took it upon himself to email John and get acquainted with him. He called to tell us about his experience and then later that evening shared with us a printed copy of his correspondence with John. Most young people want to do something to help, but are sometimes limited as to what they can contribute. Pennies are an item that most all of our young people have access to, so it is our desire as a small youth group to challenge all the other small groups in Western Yearly Meeting to join us in this "Pennies For Peace" fund raising effort. Our young people who are involved in this project are: Courtney, Hannah, Olivia, Kacey, Kaitlyn, Nathan, Steven, Chandler, Ashley and Lauren, along with a couple visitors on occasion. The group is lead by Phil & Nancy Carter and Jamie & Carol Lyon.*

*Submitted by Jamie Lyon*

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Announcements

### Anniversary Items Available

Attractive plates featuring a Quaker couple in silhouette with a statement about George Fox on back...\$10 (boxed)

Lovely ornaments featuring the Yearly Meeting building, suitable for hanging or attach a magnet for metal use...\$6

**NEW**...Note cards/enveloped with the Yearly Meeting building...12 for \$6

Postcards with the Yearly Meeting building...12 for \$3

Please make out checks to WESTERN YEARLY MEETING and put 2008 on the memo line. These items will be available at each Yearly Meeting function through the spring and summer. Please check whether others in your meeting who might not be on Boards or committees would like these items purchased for them and brought back. We would like to move as many of these items as possible prior to Yearly Meeting sessions.

### Attention Monthly Meetings

A history of Western Yearly Meeting is being published this year. Your Meeting library/archives will be incomplete without a copy of this book. Orders may be sent to Kay Record Carter, 425 Simmons Street, Plainfield, IN 46168. Checks should be made out to WESTERN YEARLY MEETING, and the cost is \$25.00. Advance orders will assist the committee in ordering enough books.

Each Meeting has been invited to bring a three-panel display of the meeting's history of 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 not guarantees. If you have any questions, please contact *Phyllis Gladden at 317/745-6388 or Ann Carter at eannu@sbcglobal.net or 765-883-6796.*

Friends are invited to dress in period clothing on Saturday and/or Sunday of Yearly Meeting this year as we celebrate 150 years in the life of Western Yearly Meeting. Which era you choose will be interesting...you have a wide variety of choices! We hope to see you there!

### Lee's Inn Reservations for WYM Sessions

Please make reservations for Lee's Inn before June 30, 2008. Call (317) 837-9000 and make reservations under "Western Yearly Meeting."

## Christian Education Information

### WYM Youth Cabinet Road Show

The WYM Youth Cabinet will be at Newberry Friends providing their Road Show Worship Service at 6:00 p.m. on April 12<sup>th</sup> with a pizza dinner following. All are invited.

### New CE Resource

Thanks to a donation from West Central Area we now have a new wonderful resource in our collection at the WYM Office. This DVD is called "Soul Searching: A Movie about Teenagers and God." It's a recent documentary that's been produced based on the findings of the book *Soul Searching: the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenager*. It reports on research conducted over a seven year period by the National Study of Youth and Religion, which we have at the office as well. Stop by and check out these great resources!

### Youth Cabinet Reunion

Since this is WYM's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we are celebrating all the wonderful work and ministries of WYM over the past 150 years, the WYM CE Board wanted 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. A list is being compiled and past members and sponsors will be notified in the coming months about this fun opportunity at this year's Annual Sessions.

### Quaker Haven: Urgent Needs!

In order to get summer programming started up at Quaker Haven there are a few urgent needs. If you are able to help or contribute to any of these needs please contact Brandon Dennis at Quaker Haven and plan on attending the Quaker Men Work Day on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Quaker Haven Urgent Needs:** Roof Repair – Hunt Lodge; Rescue Boat Repair/Replacement; Walk-In Freezer Repairs & Replacement; New Mattresses; and Infirmary Shower Replacement

### Quaker Haven Fundraising Idea #1

The WYM CE Board would like to offer some creative ideas about how your Meeting might raise money to send kids to Quaker Haven this summer and will include these ideas in the coming months of Western Work.

**Idea #1-Taking Stock---**Why not "sell stock"? Make a brochure that describes the cost of camp and what the kids will get out of it, and then ask members of your Meeting to buy stock – to invest in your youth. Ask them to give whatever they can. At the end of the summer, hold a stockholders reception where you can serve food and have the kids from your Meeting who attended camp give a presentation about their camp experiences. This gives the kids a chance to talk through what they experienced and gives the stockholders a chance to see the results of their generous giving, their dividends.

### Quaker Haven Camp Summer 2008

Pioneer Camp – June 8-13  
 Jr. High Camp – June 15-20  
 Sr. High I Camp – June 22-27  
 Beginner Camp – June 27-29  
 George Fox Camp – July 6-9  
 Sr. High II Camp – July 13-18

## Opportunities for Friends

### USFW

*USFW Spring Conference will take place on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at Carmel Friends Meetinghouse. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The cost for lunch is \$6.00. Pat Shrock, who has been working with Mike and Kay Cain in Belize from January through March, will bring us a report from Friends Boys' School. An offering will be received for the school in Belize. Reservations go to Phyllis Rockhill by Monday, April 14. 317/846-2162.*

### Noblesville First Friends 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Musicale

All are enthusiastically invited to attend Noblesville 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Musicale on Sunday, May 4, at 3 p.m. There will be a variety of music for all combinations of piano, pipe organ, 3 vocalists, and trumpet---followed by desserts and fellowship with Friends from several local meetings.

### Leadership Training Among Friends

*May 19-23; "Leadership Institute for Group Discernment," George Fox Univ.; Registration: [www.goodnewsassoc.org/leadershipinstitute](http://www.goodnewsassoc.org/leadershipinstitute)*

### New Websites

Noblesville Friends new website is [www.noblesvillefriends.org](http://www.noblesvillefriends.org); WYM Quaker Men website: [www.quakermen.org](http://www.quakermen.org)

### New WYM Benevolence Treasurer

*As the new fiscal year begins, we want to remind all WYM Friends to send their Benevolence Gifts to the new Benevolence Treasurer:*

***Nadine Kemp, Friends Apartment Homes, 305 S. East Street #14, Plainfield, IN 46168.***

## Statistics

### Deaths

- Robert "Bob" Henry Bales (Danville) b. 6-1-1930 d. 3-6-2008
- Donald Robert Good (Hadley) b. 3-16-1917 d. 3-8-2008

### New Members

- Penny Clendineng (Plainfield)

## Pastoral Searches

**Bloomington Friends Pastor** – Contact Sarabeth Marcinko (765) 597-2338

**Hemlock Friends Full Time Pastor** – Contact Beth Lightfoot (765) 963-5917

**First Friends Kokomo Full Time Pastor** – Contact Jim Crew (765) 455-3887

**Sheridan Friends Part Time Pastor** – Contact Paul Waitt, (317) 758-5392

**West Newton Friends Pastor** – Contact Dale Graves, [317] 627-2437

## Upcoming Events

### April, 2008

- 3-5 FWCC Annual Gathering
- 11-12 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry, WYM Kelley Room
- 12 WYM Youth Cabinet Road Show at Newberry Friends, 6 p.m.
- 15 Central Area Pastors' Meeting, 12:15 p.m.
- 17 North Central Area Pastors' Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Noblesville Friends
- 18 Northern Area Pastors' Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Jamie Lyon's Home
- 19 Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m., Kelley Conference Room
- 22 USFW Spring Conference, 9:30 a.m., Carmel Friends Meetinghouse

### May, 2008

- 17 WYM Boards, 9:00 a.m.
- Quaker Haven Camp Work Day & Evening Banquet with Dan's Cooking!

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 WORK**

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