

IYM Sessions will be held July 24-27, 2014, at Quaker Haven Camp. A new feature this year will be a Missions Luncheon for everyone on Saturday, replacing the normal USFW luncheon. **Brad & Christine Wood** from the Kickapoo Friends Center in Oklahoma will be speaking at this new event with a special offering being taken to support their ministry.

Shaping the Future of IYM sessions continue to be held with great attendance and participation. Remaining sessions will be held at Long Lake, Center, Lynn, Charlottesville and Maple Run. Don't miss your chance to help shape our future.

Bruce Banister has resigned as pastor at Carthage Friends.

Dan Burnham, Pastor of Discipleship & Outreach at Wabash Friends, has announced his resignation.

Jack Holliday, who has been serving as an interim at Hinkle Creek, has accepted a call to serve as their pastor.

Farmland Friends has resumed their pastoral search after the withdrawal of a candidate who had initially accepted their call.

Wabash Friends has a growing relationship with the Sabot people of Mt. Elgon, Kenya. They have sponsored eight Sabot leaders to attend a three-month discipleship training course and sent a team last Sep to conduct a one-week small business training session. Children at Wabash raised money to provide 60 new bibles. Currently, efforts are underway to provide a mobile vision camp on Mt. Elgon. John Muhanji of the African Ministries Office has spearheaded this partnership and Wabash's Bible reading marathon raised \$6200 to support his ministry and others in East Africa.

Faith and Practice reprints are now available to purchase at \$5 per book and can be requested by mail, calling the IYM Office at 765-284-6900 or by email iyminfo@iym.org.

Statistical Reports were sent to meetings earlier in Jan and are now due. IYM is dependent upon accurate and timely reports from our churches. Thank you to those who have already completed and returned your reports.

The Faith & Practice review committee sent requests to each meeting for comments

on proposed changes to F&P in Nov. Several responses have already been received. If your meeting has not responded, please do so by March 1.

"Easter Blitz," a workshop to help equip meetings to reach out this Easter, will be sponsored by the IYM E&O Committee on Saturday, March 1. It will be held at West River Friends from 9 am to noon with a light lunch provided.

Registration is required by Feb 24. To reserve your spot or get more information contact Paul Hamrick at 419-771-9378 or mercy_missions@hotmail.com.

ATTENTION: DAY AWAY RETREATS COMING THIS SPRING!

The Day Away Retreats are open to Pastors and those in leadership or anyone desiring a time to grow closer to the Lord. March 29 and April 5 will be the dates for the MEI sponsored Day Away Retreats. "Renew a Steadfast Spirit within Me!" will be the topic. Dana Howard Russo will be leading worship. Maple Run will host the March 29 retreat and Cadiz Friends will host the April 5 retreat. The cost is only \$10.00 per Meeting with lunch included. For registration and more information, please contact Carol Wright at carol@iym.org or 317-513-9052.

Quaker Haven's second annual Sap Run and Pancake Breakfast will be March 8. The 5k Sap Run/Walk and 1 Mile Sap Stroll will raise funds for the operating expenses of Quaker Haven Camp. Runners, walkers, and "strollers" will pass the maple trees where the buckets are collecting sap to be boiled down into syrup. Following the run, every participant is invited to the dining hall for an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast and awards ceremony. For more details http://quakerhaven.com/wordpress/?page_id=3326.

"Fundraising from the Heart" workshop led by Henry Freeman and Colin Saxton will be at Quaker Hill Conference Center Feb 28-March 1. To register call 765-962-5741 or go to www.Qhcc.org.

The Friends Committee on National Legislation annually asks Quakers

around the country to help shape their work. They are inviting Friends Meetings to help them select issues that most need close attention from Friends around the county and from FCNL's staff over the next couple of years. Please respond by April 15 to FCNL at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PTP3DRW>.

Leadership Institute for Group Discernment is May 19-22 at Tili-kum Retreat Center in Newberg, Oregon. This retreat allows the participants to explore and share the spirit, the stumbling blocks and the practical applications of listening together in the presence of God. Information and online registration at www.goodnewsassoc.org/leadershipinstitute/.

Kickapoo Friends Center has enjoyed support from IYM. Would you or your meeting like to provide funds to provide for some of the projects on their wish list?

1. 800 Amp electrical panel. \$5000
 2. Construct bathroom in new building, water heater, and shower. \$2000
 3. Insulate ceiling in classroom. \$350
 4. Install sound system & video mounts in classroom. \$150
 5. Build a gantry crane. \$800
 6. Install interior gas line. \$300
- Total cost of the projects is \$8600.

FUM Triennial will be hosted by IYM June 11-15, at Indiana Wesleyan University. Please watch for a letter that will soon be sent to your church from the Host Committee and be prepared to choose a way that you and your meeting can participate in this important effort.

Small Town Pastors' Conference will be held April 28-30 in Morton, IL. Several IYM pastors have attended this annual conference in past years sponsored by the Rural Home Missionary Assoc. More information at www.rhma.org or call 866-263-2350.

Good Morning!

On a recent trip to Barclay College, Kris and I stopped for a brief visit of the Harry Truman presidential library in Missouri. It's always fascinating to see how a presidency, indeed a lifetime, is reduced to a number of rooms with displays and artifacts that some historians have deemed significant. Truman's legacy for most, however, is recalled in even more succinct snippets: FDR's successor; The President who dropped the bomb; The one who barely defeated Dewey...

Facebook recently celebrated its 10th year. Users of this social media were able to access a link where we could find a brief

movie that summarized our lives, from Facebook's perspective. I was amazed as I watched "my movie" that included pictures of people important to me and posts I had made reflecting things and people I valued. There it was, my life summarized in 62 pithy seconds. But to tell the truth, most folks don't need 62 seconds to describe me. A condensed version that resembles a thumbs-up or thumbs-down is more likely. As much as I'd like to clarify motives and put a positive spin on my words and actions, my reputation

has been carefully (or sometimes not -so-carefully) built over time.

Your church has a reputation, too. Folks in your community probably don't need 62 seconds to describe your fellowship – and you might be surprised by their description! The point is not whether your church's reputation is fair or even accurate. Perception is huge. What is your church doing to overcome a negative perception or earn a positive reputation in your community? We who represent God care about these things.

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

2/15 "Shaping the Future of IYM", Long Lake, 3:00 pm
2/16 "Shaping the Future of IYM", Center, 3:00 pm
2/16 "Shaping the Future of IYM", Lynn, 4:00 pm
2/17 Program Committee, IYM, 6:30 pm
2/19 Marion Area Pastors, South Marion, 9:30 am
2/19 Scholarship & Loan Committee, Marion Bob Evans, 11:30 am
2/23 "Shaping the Future of IYM", Charlottesville, 2:00 pm
2/25 Trustee Meeting, IYM, Office 6:30 pm
3/1 Easter Blitz Workshop, West River, 9:00 am
3/2 Fundraiser meal for Hispanic ministry, Maple Run, 4:30 pm
3/2 "Shaping the Future of IYM", Maple Run, 6:00 pm (English & Spanish sessions)
3/8 Committee Day, Upland, 9:00 am
3/10 Executive Committee Meeting, IYM, 6:30 pm
3/11 Westfield Area Pastors, Westfield, 9:30 am
3/13 Faith & Practice Committee, IYM Office, 6:30 pm
3/18 Recording Committee Meeting, Upland, 5:30 pm