

**Building Bridges to Change the World:** As our culture moves further and further away from Christian foundations, it is crucial for the church to quickly learn how to adapt to this changing environment if we ever hope to impact our world for Christ. This will be the theme of our yearly meeting sessions July 24-27 at Quaker Haven. Now is the time to register to avoid the July 11 rate increase.

**Rod and Judy Dennis** will be honored at a retirement celebration open house on June 29 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at Bethel Friends. Rod is concluding 15 years of ministry at Bethel. He and Judy will be moving to Sheridan, Indiana.

**Back Creek** has called Bethany Huffman to serve as their new Children's Minister. She will begin in mid-July.

**Bethel Friends** has called Randy Thornburg to serve as pastor effective July 1.

**Farmland Friends** invites you to hear the Ayars family, missionaries serving at the Emmaus Bible Seminary in Haiti, on Sunday, July 27, at 9:00 and 10:45 am. For more information go to [mshaiti@blogspot.com](mailto:mshaiti@blogspot.com) or [www.farmlandfriends.org](http://www.farmlandfriends.org).

**Marion First** invites you to a one day retreat, "Sandcastles, on Sat, July 19, from 9-3 pm with lunch catered by Subway. David Neidert, who has spoken at universities, churches, and international gatherings, will be leading in a day of individual spiritual and communal wholeness. The cost is \$8 per person. To register call 765-662-0078 or email [marionfirstfriends@gmail.com](mailto:marionfirstfriends@gmail.com).

**West Milton Friends** had an outdoor concert at Friend's Park on Saturday, June 14, with over 50 attending.

**Levi Coffin State Historic Site:** As Quakers, the Coffins were strongly opposed to slavery. Their home is referred to as "the Grand Central Station of the Underground Railroad." Guided tours are offered at the Coffin's home at 113 US 27 N in Fountain City on Tuesday thru Saturday from 1-4 pm thru August. For more info call 765-847-2432.

**Aaron Hughs** posted this on Facebook on June 20: Last Chapel of Junior High Camp and the comments flowing from the campers include..."I am so thankful for this experience to come closer to God"... "I thank God for this camp and everything I did this week"... "I want to thank the speaker, band and staff for giving us an awesome week"... "I want to thank all the Counselors for the great work they do"... And these are just a few of the 40 to 50 comments offered up by the campers. Pray for them as they embark ONWARD back into life away from camp...and if you are reading this, it's your job to help them along the way!!!

**White's Residential & Family Services** — The open door dinner, "Sowing Spiritual Seeds", is used to raise funds for the Spiritual Life Program. Dana Daniels is featured on Sep 24 at White's Hodson Campus Center in Wabash. For reservations call 260-563-1158 ext 1346.

**Who Receives "The Communicator?"** Anyone can request to be added to our mailing list. Most receive this via email, but hard copies sent by U.S. mail are available. We would like for all leaders in your meeting to receive The Communicator. Pastors, Clerks, and Treasurers along with all members of Ministry & Oversight need to receive the information in this newsletter designed to keep you informed about what's happening with Friends across IYM. Please call or email the IYM office to add Friends as subscribers to The Communicator.

**News** – Does your church have a newsletter? Please put the IYM office on your mailing list so we can share updates about what's happening in your meeting in The Communicator. If you don't have a newsletter please appoint a correspondent to keep the yearly meeting office updated with news and information about your meeting that we can share.

**White's Residential and Family Services** is seeking a Vice President of Development. For more info email [amy.trowbridge@whitesrfs.org](mailto:amy.trowbridge@whitesrfs.org) or visit [www.whiteskids.org](http://www.whiteskids.org).

**Quaker Haven Golf Scramble** will be Aug 23 in Wabash. For more info or to register call 574-834-4193 or go to [www.quakerhaven.com](http://www.quakerhaven.com).

**White's Golf Marathon** held June 23 raised approximately \$19,000. Dana Brady reports "A golf ball was hit every 4.9 seconds for a total of 6,141 times, we drank 144 bottles of water and 32 bottles of Gatorade. We had 20 cups of trail mix and 16 candy bars. At lunch we ate 7 cheese burgers, 10 double cheese burgers, 7 ham & cheese sandwiches, a couple gallons of potato salad, 4 lbs. of potato chips, and drank 480 ounces soda and lemonade."

**Kenyan Missionaries** are available to speak to your congregation, missions group, or USFW. Sammy Letoole, the head pastor of Samburu Friends Mission, is available until June 27. Robert Wafula, the principal of Friends Theological College, is available June 28-July 5. To make arrangements call Terri Johns at 765-962-7573 or Jim Sheron at 765-517-2920.

**The FUM Triennial** concluded June 15 with a crowd gathered at South Marion Friends for a worship service. Bethel, Fairmount and Marion First Friends dismissed their normal Sunday services to join in this worship and representatives from several other meetings across IYM also attended. Thank you to the many volunteers who pitched-in to enable IYM to host a very successful conference that included Friends from Kenya, Jamaica, Cuba, Ramallah, and over ten North American yearly meetings/associations.

**"Ministering in a Changing Community"** is a "Town & Country Church Seminar" on Oct 25 at Taylor University. Sponsored by Rural Home Missionary Association, the leaders will be Ron Klasen and Barney Wells. For more info go to [www.rhma.org](http://www.rhma.org).

Good Morning!

A June 20 AP article on World Cup Soccer included the following comments: "Go ahead, FIFA, stop the music if you want. Fans will keep singing anyway. FIFA limits anthems to 90 seconds so they can get the World Cup games going quickly. But many national songs last much longer, and the fans — particularly South Americans proud to have the cup in their territory — are loudly taking over with a cappella renditions of the anthems that are bringing tears to the eyes of players. Unintentionally, FIFA has created some of the most emotional and patriotic moments of the World Cup... With no

music in the background, hearing tens of thousand fans sing together has caused goose bumps for many in the stadiums and shocked players from opposing teams."

In May my daughter graduated from Huntington University. This wasn't the first graduation ceremony I had attended there. I "walked" twice, first for the conferral of a Bachelor's degree and then two years later for a Masters. Both of my sons also graduated from H.U. so there I was, going through my 5<sup>th</sup> commencement at an institution where members of my family spent years of

our lives. I couldn't help but feel some emotion as we concluded by singing the Alma Mater one last time.

It seems to me that when we sing in church — it should be just as heartfelt as a soccer fan singing his national anthem or a college alum singing her alma mater. We don't need worship that's more traditional, or contemporary, or programmed, or unprogrammed, or silent, or come-as-you-are. What we need is worship that's spiritual. How's yours?

*Doug Shoemaker*

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

6/30-7/3	<i>Pastors' Short Course; Quaker Haven</i>
7/24-7/27	<i>IYM Sessions; Quaker Haven</i>
7/29	<i>Trustees; IYM Office, 6:30 pm</i>
8/6-8	<i>National Friends Church Multiplication Conference</i>
8/15-11/15	<i>Doug Shoemaker, Sabbatical</i>
8/23	<i>Quaker Haven Golf Scramble; Honeywell Golf Course in Wabash</i>
8/29-9/1	<i>Family Camp, Quaker Haven</i>

**Great News!** Pledges and contributions received for the 2015 IYM Program Budget have now reached \$53,880! Thank you to the many individuals and meetings that have given generously to support the future of IYM!