

IYM Sessions will be held July 24-27 at Quaker Haven Camp. Please pray for Doug Newnum, who will be leading worship. In 1996 Doug was recognized as "Christian Artist of the Year" He has served as the lead singer and keyboard player for Renewal (World Renewal International's worship band) for 24 years. He is also the pastor of Rush Creek Friends in Western Yearly Meeting near Rockville, IN.

Scott Makin, Associate Pastor and Director of Counseling at Wabash Friends, has announced his resignation. Scott will be going to Huntington University where he will serve as the Director of John Townsend Institute for Leadership Counseling beginning in August.

Bear Creek Friends recently contributed \$4215.08 to the "Baby Bottle Boomerang" program for the Pregnancy Care Center of Randolph County. Individuals in the church contributed \$2215.08, and the meeting matched \$2000. Bear Creek has long been one of the largest supporters of the Randolph County Center.

Dewart Lake Friends and Quaker Haven Camp invite you to a Passover Seder meal at the camp dining hall on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 pm. The full meal will be prepared by Quaker Haven's food service and the Seder will be led by Alan Bond, a representative of Jews for Jesus. The cost of the meal is \$12 for adults and \$6.50 for children age four to 11 (under four are free). Call the camp at (574) 834-4193 for reservations no later than Monday, April 7.

Easter Blitz Workshop 2 will be held March 16 from 2-4 pm at Maple Run Friends. Participants will leave with practical tools and vision for growth in their local meetings. Those attending this workshop presented March 1 at West River were encouraged to see the Lord begin the process of helping their meeting reach more unsaved people for Christ this Easter. The workshop is designed of pastors, M&O members, E&O Committee members, and anyone with a heart to see their meeting grow. For more information or to pre-register contact Paul Hamrick at 419-771-9378 or mercy_missions@hotmail.com

Camp Sunday!!! Would you like to host a Camp Sunday at your monthly meeting in

March, April, or May? Aaron Hughs has openings in those three months and would love to come and talk about the upcoming camping season during your service. He can speak, show the promo video and even lead in worship, playing some camp favorites and also some of the newer worship songs the campers love. For a list of open Sundays, contact Aaron at the IYM office.

CAMP COUNSELORS!!! Guess what folks? It's that time of the year when we start filling all the Counselor and Counselor-In-Training spots. We have an exciting and awesome program planned for this summer but we need you to help as Counselors and young adults (age 15½ +) to be Counselors-In-Training. For more information on how you can be a Counselor or CIT, contact Aaron Hughs at the IYM Office and look for the applications on the IYM website (www.iym.org).

Financial Assistance for Quaker Haven Campers: IYM Churches wishing to request financial assistance for Quaker Haven Campers must submit their request to the IYM Evangelism & Outreach committee by May 1. Please include a list of campers for whom assistance is being requested along with determination of financial need.

ATTENTION: DAY AWAY RETREATS COMING THIS SPRING! 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. The registration form and more information is at <http://www.iym.org/>.

Indiana USFW Spring Gathering will be held Sat, April 5, at Jericho Friends. It will have a Cuba theme, hearing about the recent Cuba work trip, and collecting hotel-size toiletries to send to Cuba with Pat Shrock. Everyone is welcome--you don't need to

participate in a local USFW group. Registration 9 am, convene 9:30 am, Lunch 12 pm, closing 1 pm. Please visit their new website at <http://www.IndianaUSFW.org>, subscribe for updates, and also like Indiana USFW on Facebook!

Social Media and Congregational Communications is a workshop being presented by the Center for Congregations on March 19 at Grace Community Church near Noblesville, IN. Cost is \$30. for details or on-line registration visit

www.centerforcongregations.org

FUM Triennial sessions are only three months away. Thank you to those who are volunteering to help host this international event. We still need more help! For more information about the event or to register go to www.fum.org.

Friendly Water for the World will be conducting BioSand Water Filter Training June 16-20 (following the FUM Triennial) at Quaker Haven Camp. Following completion of the class participants will be able to train others in BioSand Water Filter fabrication. For more information about providing clean water for the world go to www.friendlywater.net. The cost of the training will be \$395. For more information or to register, contact David Albert at 360-918-3642 or david@friendlywater.net.

Shaping the Future of IYM sessions have been held in eleven different venues with approximately 20% of IYM's membership participating. Special thanks goes to members of the Financial Work Group who invested many hours and traveled many miles conducting these sessions and gathering input from Friends from Traverse City Michigan to West Milton Ohio and many places in between. A summary will soon be mailed to each meeting in IYM and posted on our web site. Please pray for the Work Group as they synthesize the input received and formulate possible proposals for our future.

Good Morning!

It's been suggested that most people don't marry a person; instead they marry an ideal. When the person one marries doesn't live up to the ideal it becomes an ordeal, which leads some to want a new deal! I've noticed the same dynamic between pastors and churches. Most pastor's have an ideal of what the church should be and most churches similarly have a preconceived ideal for a pastor. The problem is that neither churches nor pastors are ideal, which can lead to ordeals of all sorts and short term pastorates. I understand that pastors may sometimes undermine their own ministries,

and some congregations may well have issues that would make it hard for any minister to have long-term effectiveness. How is it in your Meeting?

In 1 Corinthians 16 the writer, Paul, encouraged the church at Corinth to do its part to cooperate with the spiritual leaders that were being sent to them. They were encouraged to receive a young minister (Timothy) and were explicitly instructed to not show contempt to this one who could have been perceived as a young whippersnapper. Does your church excel in showing

respect to your pastors? Do your pastors feel resisted or received?

Few pastorates last a lifetime, however, and there comes a time when changes are appropriate. Paul also encouraged the Corinthian church to send Timothy on his way in peace when that time came. Do your pastors generally leave in peace? Too many pastoral arrangements end awkwardly or even tragically. How can you relate to you pastor now so that, when the time comes, your pastor will be able to leave in peace?

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

3/13 *Faith & Practice Committee; IYM Office, 6:30 pm*
3/18 *Recording Committee Meeting; Upland, 5:30 pm*
3/19 *Marion Area Pastors; Marion First Friends, 9:30 am*
3/24 *Nominating Committee: IYM Office, 6:30 pm*
3/26 *Van Wert Area Pastors; Mrs. Wicks, 12:30 pm; Jericho 1:30 pm*
3/29 *Financial Work Group: IYM Office, 9:30 am*
3/29 *MEI Day Away Retreat; Maple Run, 9:30 am*
3/30 *Quaker Haven's Spring Break & Clean; Quaker Haven*
4/5 *MEI Day Away Retreat; Cadiz, 9:30 am*
4/6 *Quaker Haven's Spring Break & Clean; Quaker Haven*
4/7 *Program Committee; IYM Office, 6:30 pm*
4/8 *Westfield Area Pastors; Cadiz, 9:30 am*
4/9 *Passover Seder Meal; Quaker Haven Camp, 6:00 pm*
4/12 *Representative Council; Westfield, 9:00 am*