

IYM Brochures and Registrations

have been mailed. This is the year to bring several from your meeting to experience IYM first-hand. A promotional video is available online at <http://youtu.be/uLdlMlo-R0c>.

Charlottesville Friends will be holding revival service Thursday, May 29, through Sunday, June 1, at 7 pm each evening and 10:30 am Sunday. Doug Shoemaker will be speaking at each service. Music will be led by Fred Powers and Rowena Holliday.

Knightstown Friends has recently called Austin Downey as their new part-time Director of Family Ministries.

South Marion Friends will be hosting the closing worship service of the FUM Triennial on Sunday, June 15, beginning at 10:30 am. Friends from across the yearly meeting are invited to attend. Some area churches are laying down their normal service that day, encouraging all of their members to attend. Colin Saxton, General Secretary of FUM, will bring the message and a pitch-in meal will be shared following the service. Please contact Deb Brinkley at woventreasures@aol.com or (765) 677-0422 to find out how to assist with the meal.

Live Your Life Leadership Camp: This camp is for ages 16-25 on June 6-8. Reconnect with friends and with Christ. Cost is only \$50 per person. Register at www.iym.org.

"Thank You" to the 11 meetings who have already paid 100% of their 2014 yearly meeting assessments. They are Anderson, Bear Creek, Charlottesville, Friends Chapel, Jericho, Kennard, Knightstown, Peaceful Valley, St. Mary's, West River, and White River. We are grateful for the 22 meetings who are making regular payments at a rate that will fulfill 100% of their assessment obligations by year's end. They are Amboy, Back Creek, Bethel, Center, Dewart Lake, Fairmount, Farmland, Jonesboro, Liberty, Little Blue River, Long Lake, Lynn, Maple Run, Mooreland, Portland, Shirley, South Marion, Sycamore, Vermillion, Wabash, Walnut Ridge and Westfield.

Youth Workers: Do you work with youth 6th grade and older in your church? The Youth, Young Adult and Leadership Committee (part of the IYM Christian Education Committee) invites you to a round table discussion on Friday, July 25, during the lunch hour (12pm) at Yearly Meeting Sessions held at Quaker Haven. We'd love to hear how your ministry is doing and hear what needs you may have. We are extremely interested in learning how we can come along side you in this ministry. Look forward to seeing you there!

Deadlines and Due Dates

- Advance Reports for yearly meeting from yearly meeting committee clerks are due by June 1.
- Applications for MEI Grants are due by June 1.
- Certificate of Recognition Nominations are due by June 1.
- Pastors/Ministers annual reports are due by June 15.
- State of the Society Reports from each Monthly Meeting are due by July 1.
- Yearly Meeting registrations are due by July 10 (10% late fees will be charged after that date).

Church Health Assessment Tool, a ministry of Leadership Transformations, Inc. is available for your congregation. The IYM Ministry & Oversight has approved scholarships to assist congregations using this survey which will identify greatest strengths of your congregation as well as areas needing improvement. The process also includes suggested next steps, planning questions, and a goals worksheet. Contact Doug Shoemaker at doug@iym.org for more information.

The Christian Education Committee is taking names of people interested in praying for our kids at Quaker Haven Camp this summer. Each week of camp an email will be sent with the first name of a camper for you to pray for during their stay at camp. If you are willing to pray for one of the kids, please send your email address to Amy Dennis at brandonamydennis@gmail.com. You can request to be contacted by email or text.

Friends Disaster Services of Indiana, Western and Midwest Evangelical Yearly Meetings would like to build a volunteer list for individuals and Church's to help with their work. Each meeting in IYM is asked to indicate their interest and send a list of individuals interested in volunteering to Donald Wimmer, Indiana Yearling Meeting FDS director, at dwimmer@comteck.com or donald.wimmer@gmail.com.

FUM Triennial is nearly here. It will be held June 11-15 at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion.

- Drive-in attendance for Thursday, Friday or Saturday evening sessions or Sunday morning doesn't require registration.
- Volunteers are needed to shuttle Friends from IWU to South Marion on Sunday morning. To volunteer please contact the IYM office.
- A joint choir will be singing on Thursday evening and Sunday morning. If you'd like to participate contact Cathy Harner at ctharner@tayloru.edu or just show up for practice at 6:30 pm at the Phillipe Performing Arts Center on July 12 or 10 am at South Marion Friends on June 15.
- Needed: stand by nursery workers for the evenings of June 12-14. Please contact Brock Meyer at brock.meyer34@gmail.com.
- Volunteers are needed to host out-of-the-country guests. For more information contact Sandy Davis at 260-571-3403 or rsd3501@comcast.net.

Quaker Hill Conference Center has several upcoming workshops. View their website at www.qhcc.org for a current listing of planned events and workshops.

Good Morning!

Early this year the IYM Executive Committee drafted a prayer action plan that included these words, "We announce that our identity is centered in Christ, is biblical, and rises out of a personal relationship with God." What does it mean to be "biblical?" Some might accuse us of worshipping the Bible, but that would be a mistake. We worship the One who "breathed" the scriptures, while highly valuing every word - even the parts that may be hard to understand.

The Bible is under attack today, as are many who value its teachings. This is nothing new. In 2 Peter 3:15-16, written in the

first century, the apostle Peter spoke of people who distort scriptures. His understanding was that scripture, including the writings of Paul, didn't come from human origin, but like the words of the prophets, came directly from the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21.)

Jesus demonstrated how to live biblically. If you have a Bible with footnotes, notice how often Jesus' words are direct quotes from our Old Testament. Jesus was clearly a careful student of the law and prophets. Their words just naturally oozed from his lips.

Even as he hung on the cross he quoted from Psalm 22. Early Friends similarly demonstrated a scriptural saturation. Not only did the words of scripture shape what they said, but shaped how they lived.

It's one thing to give lip service to believing the Bible. It's quite another to live biblically. What is the spiritual condition of your meeting? Is your meeting's identity centered in Christ, biblical, and arising out of a personal relationship with God?

- Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

5/26 *Memorial Day, IYM Office Closed*
5/31 *Volunteer Work Day, Quaker Haven Camp*
6/2 *Executive Committee; IYM Office, 6:30 pm*
6/9 *Faith & Practice Review Committee; IYM Office, 6:30 pm*
6/11-15 *FUM Triennial; Indiana Wesleyan University*
6/16 *Investment Board; Red Lobster (Muncie), 11 am*
6/30-7/3 *Pastors' Short Course; Quaker Haven*
7/24-7/27 *IYM Sessions; Quaker Haven*
7/29 *Trustees; IYM Office, 6:30 pm*

Pastors Short Course will be held June 30-July 3, at Quaker Haven Camp. Registration brochures have been mailed. Please encourage your pastoral staff to take advantage of this carefully planned week of refreshment designed just for them.