

Anderson First Friends will host the Community Health Fair on November 8 from 10-2 pm. It is free and open to the public with blood pressure, vision, and grip test screenings. Health talks will be presented at 11 am on diabetic foot care, noon on diabetic diets, and at 1 pm, a cooking demonstration. Also the Blood Mobile will be present. The Community Health Fair will be highlighting more than 20 local health services and organizations who will be available to discuss your physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. For more information, please call 765-643-2714 or visit andersonfriendschurch.org.

Bethel Friends has set the tentative departure date for their next mission team's ministry to Mesquakie Friends Center on June 30, 2015. They are now in the process of holding fundraisers

Jericho Friends will hold their "Autumn Auction," November 15, 6 pm, with an auction of crafts, food and services. Their menu will include chicken pot pies and ham sandwiches from 5-7 pm. Proceeds will go to the Jericho USFW for various mission projects.

Marion First Friends Daycare has opened and is accepting registrations for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. For more information, they are on Facebook at Little Friends of Marion Daycare or you may call at 765-662-2966 or go to littlefriendsofmarion@gmail.com.

Van Wert First Friends will hold a one-day revival with Gary Wright, president of World Renewal, on November 2 at 10:30 am and again at 6:30 pm. Gary's worship team will also minister during these services.

Westfield Friends is hosting its annual chicken/noodle dinner on Saturday, November 1, 11-2 pm. It will include chicken/noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and desserts. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-11. Carry-outs available. There will be a silent auction of many items. For more information call 317-896-9233.

Marion Quarterly Meeting will be held at Fairmount Friends on November 9.

Words from the IYM Treasurer:

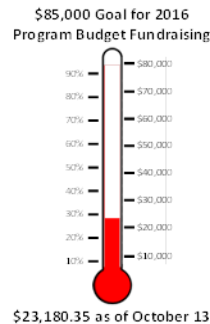
Please continue to pray for IYM to successfully raise funds for the 2016 budget. We currently have pledged \$23,180.35 of the \$85,000 goal (27.3%) and actually have received payment of

\$9,240.35 (10.9%). 2014 pledges continue to be received in a timely manner. Thank you to all meetings that are current on the assessments or in many cases have paid the full

amount for the year. If your meeting is not quite on track with the 2014 assessments, please consider getting caught up as IYM needs to maintain cash flow without dipping into reserves.

Action items from the "Shaping the Future of IYM" sessions that were outside the scope of the work group are currently being addressed by committees and individuals of IYM. The last edition of the "Communicator" listed those. The Item dealing with "Director of Youth and Camping Ministries: expanded youth ministry at the local level, emphasis on young adults (ages 18-40+, social networking" generated questions as to the definition of youth. Actually we are looking at addressing not only youth 16-25 +/- years, but also a separate group commonly called millennials which would include those up to 40+, ones that have families. Regardless of what they are called and the age associated with the titles, IYM must address the lack of members/attenders/participants from roughly high school graduation through middle-aged and beyond.

Friends United Meeting will hold its "Chain of Prayer" for 2015, January 1 to May 24. Information has been sent to all IYM meetings for you to sign up for this special prayer time. This year FUM is especially focusing on the idea of being "energized" and



they are calling on Friends to make this a primary feature through the 2015 "Chain of Prayer." They ask that your meeting please return your sign-up sheet by December 1 to FUM. For more information go to www.fum.org, info@fum.org, or 765-962-7573.

Fundraising from the Heart: Cultivating Passion and Generosity for the Work and Witness of the Church will be held Friday, October 31, 5 pm and throughout the evening and Saturday, November 1, 8 am to 3 pm, at Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond. The retreat leaders will be Colin Saxton, General Secretary of Friends United Meeting, and Henry Freeman, president of H. Freeman Associates. They'll explore congregational stewardship from the perspective of releasing God's abundance in harmony with God's leading for the community. Cost includes program, meals, and overnight housing at \$165. For more information, contact 765-962-5741, info@qhcc.org or www.qhcc.org.

Quaker Haven will hold its 4th Annual Lumber Jack Day on November 1, 9 am, and will serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Their goal is to cut and split enough wood to last until spring. If you have a chain saw, please bring it. For more information or if you are planning to come, please email to info@quakerhaven.com or call 574-834-4193.

Dale Graves reports from Belize (Friends Boys School). *Thank you for your support of the ministry here in Belize. I have now been here 60 days, and have been very busy at the school, learning many things. I am having fun teaching the morning religious studies class. I've had the opportunity to have extended conversations with Sam and Becky Barber, Mike and Kay Cain, and Candi (principal) and Darcel (teacher). This week I met with the President of the Belize Council of Churches of Christ and discovered that Quakers are already registered with the council. It was an interesting conversation about the role the Council plays in Belize. I write regularly in the blog fuminbelize.org so check it out. Thanks again and God bless.*

Why I Love Being A Pastor

My grandmother insisted that I would learn to play the piano and then after growing up, I would become a pastor. My dream was a little different; I dreamed of being the 2nd baseman for the Cincinnati Reds. Well I didn't get to play for the Reds or learn to play the piano, but grandmother's vision of my becoming a pastor has come true.

I truly love baseball and that was why I wanted to be in the major leagues. It's often said that if you love your work it doesn't feel like a

job. Your work becomes a natural extension of you. My baseball dream didn't come true and fortunately I found good places to work, yet none were personally fulfilling.

Thankfully the Lord knew that I was sitting on the bench far too much and called me to be a different player. I realize there are a lot of baseball metaphors going on here, but being called up to be a part of God's team is how I see it. Obviously it's the major league!

I love being a pastor because it allows me to be a part of a Christ-centered team. Rejoicing in and com-

binning our God-given gifts and talents allows us to play and cover so many positions.

Every day on His field is different and challenging. And sometimes there are extra innings. However it's all about helping others to become eternal winners. Personally, being a pastor is far more than working a job, it's a privilege that God's bestowed upon me. Through God's grace both my grandmother and I have realized our dreams.

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

11/6 *F&P Meeting, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

11/9 *Marion Quarterly Meeting, Fairmount Friends*

11/12 *Financial Development Meeting, IYM office, 5:30 pm*

11/15 *Representative Council Meeting, Lynn Friends, 9:30 am*

11/17 *Doug Shoemaker back in IYM office*

Representative Council

November 15, 9:30 am

Lynn Friends

Congratulations to Isaias Gutierrez (pastor of Manantial de Vida Friends) for passing his citizenship test and is now a US citizen!

Amelia Faye Leitch, born October 3 to Dane and Sarah Leitch (Marion First Friends pastor), weighed 7lbs 15oz and 20.5 inches at birth. Her brother Jax is just now getting used to the family addition.

A word from a Communicator recipient: I am encouraged by Greg Hinshaw's words in a recent Communicator. I grew up in IYM and I am excited about its future! I am thankful for IYM's faithfulness to Jesus Christ and the Gospel mission. Keep up the good work! You are in my prayers!