

During IYM Sessions this year, Scott Miller, Brock Sizelove, and Pat Byers will head up a new program for the Youth (7th-12th grades) with a focus on leadership development. We are asking our churches to identify students who show leadership potential and sponsor the \$100 cost for those students to participate in the program. Contact Pat Byers for details.

Marion First Friends has extended a call to Jeff Nagel to serve as their new pastor beginning May 1. Jeff and his wife, Mary, have served in ministry in California, Oregon, and most recently at Booker Friends Church in Texas.

Little Blue River Friends has extended a call to David Oakes to serve as their pastor. David and his wife, Donna, have previously served at Carthage, Grant City, and Charlottesville Friends.

Gary Wright is concluding his service as interim pastor at Little Blue River Friends but will continue to work with their congregation through R.E.N.E.W. Gary will also begin the R.E.N.E.W. program with Arba Friends on April 12.

Steve Smith, of Liberty Friends and Director of Agriculture for Red Gold, was named the honorable H.D. Brown "Person of the Year" on March 5 by the Mid-America Food Processors Association.

Kristen Lowe, a member at Bear Creek Friends and long-time summer staffer at Quaker Haven Camp, has been nominated for the Outstanding Senior in Science Education Award at Ball State University.

Anne Smith, of West River Friends, was recently named the Indiana Farm Bureau District 6 "Reaching Out Award Winner for Ag in the Classroom" for providing education on farming and agriculture. Her husband, Max, IYM Treasurer, is president of the Wayne County Farm Bureau.

The Barclay College choir (a Friends college) will visit Indiana the first week of May. Plan to attend a concert near you being held at these locations:

Knights town Friends – May 5

Amboy Friends – May 6

Liberty Friends – May 7

Lynn Friends – May 8

For present or future college students, representatives and students of the college will talk about the benefits and affordable costs (no tuition fee) of attending a Friends school.

Anderson First Friends will host "How to Be Better Missionaries to Your Community" for a one night summit sponsored by IYM on Tuesday, April 28 from 7 to 9 pm. Tim Roehl, Director of Training and Development for One Mission Society will be our presenter. Bring your whole leadership team for an evening of challenge and equipping. There is no charge but advance reservations are requested. Please contact the IYM office to let us know how many from your church will be attend.

Farmland Friends will host a "Focused Living Workshop," April 17, 18, & 25, led by Dave Phillips and Paul Cochrane. The \$35 fee includes a workbook. Also at Farmland Friends, an Easter play will be shown on Good Friday, April 3, 7 pm and on Easter morning at 10 am (no charge).

Knights town Friends will hold Quaker History sessions which will cover from the beginning of Friends history through our recent reconfiguration with Greg Hinshaw speaking, April 15, 22, and 29, 6:30 pm. One session will focus upon our *Faith and Practice*. Also, Knights town Friends is planning a very special Easter with a continental breakfast at 9 am followed by a time for crafts, songs, an egg hunt and adult fellowship at 9:30. At 10:30, worship will include special readings, favorite Easter hymns, and music solos. Also, Knights town Friends will hold their first "Kids Day Away," April 11, where children can come to the church for games, snacks, crafts, and homework help.

Long Lake Friends recently had their Family Movie Night with pizza and their monthly men's breakfast. On

Good Friday they will hold an open house of prayer as the day commemorates the crucifixion of Christ, and on Easter Sunday they will have a SonRise service, a SonRise breakfast, and Resurrection Day Worship. Also, they are planning a mission trip to India sometime during next year.

Westfield Friends will hold a concert by "The Kramers," April 11, 6:30 pm. Recently, thirty men from Westfield Friends attended a "Stepping Up" Retreat at Quaker Haven.

Representative Council will be held at the Chapel of White's Residential & Family Services on April 11, 9:30 am. We hope every meeting will be represented as we hear encouraging reports of how God is at work in IYM.

From your IYM Treasurer:
Thank you for the continuing contributions toward the 2016 budget. We now have \$54,920.78, 64.4% of the \$85,000 goal to balance the 2016 budget. Praise God for all of his continued blessings on IYM and for all of your responses to his leading. Paid Assessments for the 2015 budget are right on track for the first three months of the year. Thank you to all meetings who are current or ahead on assessments, and a big thank you to those who have paid their 2015 assessments in full!

Quarterly Meetings – what do you think about Quarterly Meetings in IYM? If you are a member of an IYM congregation please follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5LKMPHV> to answer a brief six-question survey. We would highly value your insights and opinions.

The small print on the Summer Camp Brochure has wrong prices for our camps. The prices are: \$285 for the week-long camps (Jr Hi, Sr Hi1, Sr Hi2, Adventure); \$150 per pair (\$40 each additional child) for Beginner's; and \$185 for Little Friends. Go to iym.org (Youth Ministries tab) for more information.

Good Morning!

It's all about relationships...right? As I have been a part of our camps at Quaker Haven for so many years, that's the key conclusion I always come back to. When we gather for a week of camp, no matter what the age-group, we are looking to foster relationship. Of course, our main focus is to foster young people coming into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ! First and foremost, we want kids to know Jesus!

We also want kids to know each other. We want them to see that there

are others out there who can walk along side them as they journey with Christ. We want them to grow up knowing that there is a body of believers surrounding them, who are like-minded with them as they are finding pathways through the victories and hardships of life.

One idea we have had is to stretch the camping program into Young Adulthood. June 5-7, 2015, we are holding the *Live Your Life* Young Adult camp at Quaker Haven. The target age is 16 to 25, so if you know of a group of young adults who need

to reconnect with their *camp* friends, and need, especially, to reconnect with Christ, please encourage them to call up their group of friends, and go, even if they go beyond that 25 year old limit. The cost is \$50 per person. You might even offer to pay for them to go, if you have the means for that. Registration information is on our website (iym.org).

Please pray for us as we plan this camp and the other camps this summer that God would be *KNOWN*, and that we would follow after His leading.
- Pat Byers

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

4/11 *Representative Council, White's, 9:30 am*
4/16 *Nominating Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
4/28 *Pastors Summit, Anderson First Friends, 7 pm*

****Please pray for former IYM pastor, Rod Dennis, as he finishes with the brain radiation and also as he hopes to qualify for a clinical trial at the University of Chicago.**
****A Quaker Genealogy & History Conference will be held at Cincinnati Friends, April 18. For more information, contact qhc@wilmington.edu or 937-481-2456.**
****Lirpa Loof, a Hungarian Friend, will be interning at the yearly meeting office beginning April 1, 2015, through April 1, 2016. He would like to meet as many Friends from IYM as possible. To set up an appointment with Lirpa you may email him at aprilfool@iym.org**