

Scott Miller has announced that he will be leaving Lynn Friends after several years of fruitful ministry as senior pastor. He will be moving to Wisconsin after September 17.

Cadiz and Kennard Friends had a special speaker at their morning services on August 20. Caleb Broad was one of the people involved in the shooting in Kennard on June 29. Caleb was shot multiple times, at close range. He shared in his testimony that after being knocked to the ground by one of the bullets, God spoke to him saying "Don't worry about how many times he shoots you; you will not die."

Fairmount Friends Men's Group has a ministry of helping widows and widowers.

Farmland Friends welcomes you to The "Awakening Tour" featuring John Waller (songs in Fireproof and The War Room), Ayiesha Woods (Dove and Grammy award nominee), and Justin Teseniar. The concert is Friday, August 25 at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. A love offering will be taken to help support this ministry.

Hinkle Creek Friends was blessed last Sunday with music from "A Better Day," a vocal duo from the area.

Iglesia Amigos will hold a Yearly Meeting Work Day on September 23 when they need help to do tree trimming and outdoor clean up to the property for their outreach event, Festival de Amigos, October 21. They also need volunteers for this outreach event for games, crafts, set up, and clean up. Contact Katy Moran for details: 317-450-4712

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Jericho Friends is planning for their USFW Fall Event to be held, November 11. There will be a meal, the country store, and entertainment by "The Pete Mercer Family Music Group."

Jonesboro Friends has been broadcasting on Facebook, Pastor McKnight's messages which have been viewed on an average of 100-200 views per sermon. They are delighted with the response and with viewers' comments. You can view these sermons on your computer even though you may not have a Facebook account. Jonesboro Friends is joyful that they are spreading the gospel to those who may not be able to physically attend services. And they now have a lighted sign used to send messages to those who pass by.

Kennard Friends recently had a huge rummage sale bringing in over \$900 for their children/youth ministries. It was also a good bonding time between the volunteers and making connections with those in their community. On August 27, Kennard and Cadiz Friends will come together for a combined morning worship

service. Following the service, they will enjoy fellowship and a pitch-in dinner.

Knightstown Friends will have Marco Vargas and Carlos Moran bring the message on Sunday morning, August 27. The meeting helped sponsor Marco and Carlos to attend Kaleo Academy Theology Camp at Barclay College this past June. They will share their experiences in ministry.

Pastors are invited to participate in six monthly "Pastors' Toolkit" sessions led by Doug Shoemaker offered in September, October, November, February, March and April. The first will meet at the yearly meeting office in Muncie from 10 -11:30 am on Thursday, September 7. There is no cost and all IYM pastors are welcome to attend. "Preaching in the Power of the Spirit" will be September's topic.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: Our 2019 Fundraising Campaign was kicked off at the July sessions and I'm pleased to report we have \$12,480 from donations and pledges (12.2% of the \$102,000 goal which is the same as the 2018 goal). This week, the Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee met to work on plans for the coming year and will be finalizing the campaign plans in coming weeks. Please pray for guidance as to your participation in this campaign to fund the 2019 budget. We welcome all to join in funding this IYM program.



Awaken Ministries, a discipleship ministry for college-aged young adults, is expanding to Muncie/Ball State and Upland/Taylor University areas this fall. Garrett Howell, founder of Awaken, has been the speaker at our Quaker Haven Jr-Sr High camps and events. Young adults are invited to a cookout and worship time with Pat Byers and Awaken staff on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm at the home of Keith and Robin Huffman, 7400 W Isanogel Rd, Muncie. Text or call 765-717-7205.

Everence – Friends Partnership: Doug Shoemaker invited me to let IYM Friends know about an exciting new partnership between FUM and Everence. Everence is a financial service organization that helps individuals and faith communities integrate Christian values with their financial decisions. In March Everence called me to serve

Friends communities on behalf of this partnership. As a Friends pastor, I am excited by services Everence provides to help local churches strengthen their stewardship programs and expand Christ's mission of generosity. For example, every year Everence awards nearly a million dollars in Sharing Fund grants through local congregations to assist people in need. During the week of September 5-10, I am visiting Indiana and welcome opportunities to connect with pastors and leaders to learn more about your stewardship hopes and discern how Everence can work with you to strengthen your vital ministries. In the meantime, feel free to contact me if you have questions or if I can serve you in specific ways: Kelly R. Kellum, Stewardship Consultant, kelly.kellum@everence.com—336-870-2776.

Attention Golfers: Quaker Haven is holding a Golf Scramble on Saturday, September 16 at the Honeywell Golf Course in Wabash. Cost for 18 holes plus golf cart and supper is \$75. The meal only (without golf) is \$15. You can sponsor a hole for \$100. All proceeds go for special projects at Quaker Haven. The 'best ball' scramble starts at 2 pm, awards supper begins at 6:30 pm. Registrations are due by September 12. If you are not a golfer but would like to support Quaker Haven through the golf scramble, there are sponsorship options for you too! Contact Brock Sizelove at 765-618-8042 or brock@quakerhaven.com.

Mesquakie Friends has been in ministry for 30 years. And with Indiana Yearly Meeting's continued financial support and prayer support, they are making a difference in their community.

Kickapoo Friends Center helped prepare Quivering Arrow Camp where the gospel was shared with nearly 60 youth from Kickapoo, Wyandotte, Hominy, and Council House Friends. Many campers made first-time commitments to the Lord, while many more chose to recommit themselves to God. They were encouraged by the message brought by Kelly Haemmerle (Westfield Friends) and the truth she spoke to their campers.

Oscar Mmbali, pastor at Belize Friends, thanks IYM for your contributions and standing with him, making it possible for him to be a witness of hope and love to young people on the Southside of Belize City.

Friends Theological College is very grateful for the help from IYM to have their solar power installed.

Good Morning!

How many of you love attending monthly meeting? Our 2016 statistical report shows the average attendance in IYM Monthly Meetings for business is about 21% of the average Sunday worship crowd. My theory is that 11% of those are there because they are required to bring a report. Another 5% are there because they are married to someone who has to attend. 1% are paid staff or clerks of the meeting and 2% are there because they don't trust others to make good decisions. That leaves 2% who love to attend Monthly Meeting. My theory may be wrong. It could be lower than that.

Monthly Meetings characterized by

long discussions on \$25 decisions or frequent turf battles quickly create a toxic environment. We say that Friends don't vote, but nearly 80% of Friends cast votes that Monthly Meetings are unwise investments of their time by staying away. It's a shame. Meeting together to discern the will of God – to hear His voice – to be led together by Him – should be a highpoint of each month! Sadly, though, too many business meetings take minutes but waste hours.

IYM recently approved a revision to our *Faith & Practice* giving flexi-

bility to delegate many matters requiring prayerful discernment by deeply invested leaders to a Coordinating Committee. \$25 decisions don't need to be hashed out by the whole congregation, and delicate matters often need to be threshed out in a more private setting before being considered by the more public Monthly Meeting for Business. My prayer is that we will discover mechanisms allowing us to fall in love with Friends business principles once again. -Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

8/28 *Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
8/29 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
9/18 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
9/07 *Pastors' Toolkit, IYM office, 10 am*

Superintendents and Secretaries of Friends yearly meetings and national organizations meet together annually for networking and mutual support. This fall, IYM will be hosting the annual gathering at Quaker Haven Camp, September 25-28.

A National Friends Pastors Conference is being discussed for the fall of 2019.

Ron Bryan, former General Superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting, is the new Presiding Clerk of FUM.