

**Have you registered for Yearly Meeting Sessions? After July 9, prices will increase by 10%, so please get your reservations made for meals and lodging as soon as possible.**

**Amos Taylor** has announced his resignation as pastor at Cadiz Friends where he has served since 2008.

**Curt Blasiman**, pastor at Upland Friends, will travel to Rwanda, Africa, July 27, returning, August 22. He will teach New Testament Hermeneutics, the interpretation and application of the Word to local situations, at the new school, Friends Theological College.

**Bethel Friends Mission Team** recently spent a work day at Manantial de Vida (Fountain of Life Church) in Logansport doing some ambitious projects.

**Farmland Friends** had a great turnout at their 13th Annual Father's Day Cruise-In Car Show. They broke their record with 140 entries, and thank the Lord for great weather for the occasion.

**Maple Run Friends** has benefited from the ministry of Rob Schwarze who has provided pulpit supply during their pastor's three-month sabbatical. John Key, who began his Sabbatical following worship on Easter Sunday will be welcomed back on Sunday, July 12.

**A Memorial Service** is held each year during yearly meeting sessions to honor members of IYM who have passed away during the previous 12 months. The yearly meeting office sent a request to each meeting to send us names of Friends from your congregation who should be remembered this year. We request that memorials be sent to the office by July 6.

**From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:**

As we approach IYM sessions we are also approaching our goal for the 2016 budget. We are hearing that meetings are considering additional pledges which will be great. We currently have \$69,608.78 in cash and pledges, equaling 81.9% of the goal. Please continue to pray on how you and your meeting can

continue to join IYM in our mission to bring Christ to our communities and the world.

**CE Highlight:** We are offering six Post-Camp lessons that will further the topics that were covered by speakers and counselors at camp this summer. Go to the Youth Ministries tab at [iym.org](http://iym.org) and scroll down to find the link to the lessons. Please contact Pat Byers with any questions.



The last couple of weeks of camping at Quaker Haven have been a blessing to so many, in so many ways! At Senior High 1 Camp, 87 campers prayed together, prayed for each other, made decisions for Christ, and learned about God's calling in their lives. Beginner's Camp happened the following weekend. 30 campers, with parents, experienced fun, music, games, and lessons that pointed out Biblical characters and what we can gain from their stories in the Scriptures. Then, 77 Adventure Campers learned about words like truth, godliness, influence, and endurance, and how these words play out in our journeys with Christ. Please continue to pray for these kids who have been through camp already, those who are there now, and those who will be going later this summer, that through their camp experience they may come to really KNOW Christ, and further understand His calling in their lives.

**A special missions offering** will be taken during the Saturday luncheon at Yearly Meeting Sessions for Samburu Friends Empowerment Center that will be developed to serve as a vocational training center for the Samburu people and provide much-needed goods and services to the local community.

**Calling all former Teen Ambassadors!** We are trying to contact all who participated in this teen choir that got its start 50 year ago. A reunion is being planned at Quaker

Haven during yearly meeting sessions. Please contact Ed Weirrick [cowboy-ed72@embarqmail.com](mailto:cowboy-ed72@embarqmail.com) or Stephanie (Varner) Morgan [sam5986@yahoo.com](mailto:sam5986@yahoo.com).

**Quaker Haven Camp** wish list includes: Sunfish sailboat sails, 7 ft wooden oars, tractor weights, dough sheeter, money for rubber playground mulch, new golf discs, kayaks and paddles, material for indoor Gaga Ball, bottles of child safe insect repellent and new wiring and doors for a cabin. Can you help?

**Friends United Meeting** is looking for a half-time Web/Media Specialist. Please contact Colin Saxton at [colinsa@fum.org](mailto:colinsa@fum.org).

## 2015 Business Schedule

### **Thursday; 6:00-7:15 pm**

Worship, Welcome, Roll Call  
Custodian of Records  
Investment Board  
Trustees  
Treasurer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Budgets  
Ministerial Advocate

### **Friday; 9:00 am – Noon**

Worship & Roll Call  
Staff Reports:  
Assistant Superintendent  
General Superintendent  
Work Group on Pastoral Training  
Affiliate Interviews  
White's  
FUM  
Quaker Haven  
Faith & Practice Review Comm.

### **Friday; 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

Executive Committee  
Committee Presentations  
Ministry & Oversight  
Christian Education  
Communications & Publications  
Guest Reports

### **Saturday; 9:00 am – Noon**

Worship & Roll Call  
Final Reading of Budgets  
Committee Presentations  
Evangelism & Outreach  
Stewardship & Finance  
Consent Agenda  
Unfinished Business  
Memorial Service  
Outgoing Epistle

Good Morning!

I didn't have the heart to write a letter to George Fox this week. It would take too many words to explain the Supreme Court's recent decision on same-sex marriage to George. Our world is rapidly changing at a pace that is even difficult for those of us alive in this century to fathom.

I'm really glad that Indiana Yearly Meeting has been able to take stands on social issues that have sought to be faithful to Scripture. In 1982 we minutely understood that homosexual practices are contrary to the intent and will of God for humankind.

Our *Faith & Practice* advises Friends to abstain from sexual intimacy outside of the confines of marriage between one man and one woman. We find ourselves, now, in the difficult position of embracing positions that may put us at odds with our governing authorities.

If you've ever longed to be part of a "New Testament" church, now is our chance! The early church was birthed in an environment where there was more than a little hostility to Jesus and His followers. Likewise, George Fox and the early Friends spent plenty of

time in prison at the hands of a government that was unfriendly to their beliefs and convictions. Out of the crucible of their cultures, their faith proved to be golden.

My prayer is that gays, lesbians and straight people alike will see, in us, a deep faith lived out in a loving and sacrificial manner. I'm disappointed by changes in our culture, but instead of fighting the culture, I hope to love its victims, showing them the one, Christ Jesus, who can speak to their condition.  
-Doug Shoemaker

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### *IYM Upcoming Calendar*

7/6-9 *Pastors Short Course, Quaker Haven*  
7/ 23-26 *Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions, Quaker Haven*

**Pastors Short Course** will be held July 6-9 at Quaker Haven Camp.  
Please pray for the pastors and families who will be attending.