

Dave Steinke is serving at Bethel Friends while their pastor is on sabbatical through the remainder of 2016.

Center Friends report that they are growing spiritually, numerically, and financially. They give all praise to God. They have made several improvements to their church including three new window air conditioners and new fellowship hall tables and chairs plus other improvements to the church and the parsonage. Recently they had their annual Hot Dog Roast in conjunction with Pastor Appreciation time. On November 3-5, their USFW will hold their annual garage/bake sale. The proceeds will go to mission work and building projects. In November, their "Mission Christmas Tree" will be put up to collect socks, hats, gloves and scarves.

Fairmount Friends will host a Community Block Party, October 31, 6-8 pm. They will have Kid's Carnival Games, Blowup Games, door prizes, live music, free hotdogs, chili and more!

Farmland Friends will host Dr. Tony Wheeler, President of Family Ministry Institute, who will speak at both morning services (9 and 10:45 a.m.) and will conduct a seminar entitled "Coffee Conversations" at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 6. At noon a fundraiser spaghetti dinner for their upcoming mission's trip, served by the youth, will take place in the gym. A love offering will be received to support Tony's ministry. Please call the FFC office at 765-468-6485 for information. All are welcome. Also, Farmland Friends Fall Festival was enjoyed by 91 children and adults from the Farmland community, 63 of whom do not attend the church. Volunteers provided several outdoor games, a petting zoo, hayrides, prizes, food, and musical entertainment. On October 29, the church plans to pack 100 shoeboxes for "Operation Christmas Child."

Jericho Friends will host Dr. Tony Wheeler as he presents a seminar on "The Choice for Healthy Relationships" on Friday, November 11 from 6-8 pm. Also, Jericho will have Trick or Trunk and Soup Supper events on October 29 with a Shining Stars party at 4 pm and Trick or Trunk at 5:30. The soup supper and a hayride will follow. Donations to the soup supper will support the Jericho Youth Group. Also, their USFW will host a Bazaar and Chicken Noodle Dinner, November 5, 4-8 pm with entertainment beginning at 6:30.

Marion First Friends will host "A Better Day" in concert featuring Mike Haemmerle and Kerry Davis on Sunday, November 13, 6:30 pm.

Sycamore Friends will hold a "Focused Living Workshop," November 5 & 6. If you are coming from the East on US 35/22, there is a detour. It should be easy to get around. If you are coming from the south, you can take 26 to 1100 East and then north to the church. The closed portion is east of CR 1100 on 22/35. On November 10 & 11, Sycamore will hold a "Blush Event." Thursday will be for parents and Friday will be for teens. Megan Fate Marshman will be the speaker for both. She will provide parents with some guidance in navigating our young people through the challenges of our culture. The powerful message on Friday is about true identity—"FAKE ID" is the topic!! See iblush.org for more.

Westfield Friends will host Dr. Tony Wheeler, November 5, 9 am—12 pm, talking about how parents and others can become a Coffee Cup Coach, influencing youth. Dr. Wheeler has partnered with *Focus on the Family* and understands how individuals can live free in Christ and impact that love to others. A pitch-in lunch will follow. Proceeds will go to missions. On October 28-30, the church will have a retreat at Quaker Haven, and on October 31, they will hold Trunk or Treat, making a safe place for families in their community.

West River Friends will hold a seminar with Dr. Tony Wheeler, Saturday, October 29, 5-8 pm. The evening will begin with a soup supper followed by Dr. Wheeler presenting "Lifestyle of Blessing" to help you grow spiritually and relationally. On the following day, Dr. Wheeler will bring the morning message at 10:30 am.

Wabash Friends youth plan for pizza after church this Sunday then off to Quaker Haven to help with work projects.



Spotlight on Youth:

On Sunday, October 9th, 135 teens and adult leaders attended the first **Youth Invasion** at Wabash Friends. The night consisted of games led by Brock Sizelove, worship led by Pat Byers, and a message from Garrett Howell from Awaken Ministries. At least nine IYM churches were represented. Another Invasion is planned for some time in April at Lynn. Contact Pat Byers for details.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:

Many of you should have received letters acknowledging the conclusion of the successful 2017 campaign and kicking off the 2018 Budget Fundraising campaign. Please prayerfully consider your participation in the new campaign and join all of us in continuing the important programs of IYM. We currently have received \$14,232.50 in pledges and donations. We will be looking to receive your pledge card and donation. Thank you!

Over 20 pastors and spouses gathered at Sycamore Friends on October 11 for a Pastors Summit featuring Amy Cornell who led two sessions on "The Nature of Our Call." A delicious meal was prepared and served by Sycamore Friends.

Focused Living is a tool that can make you a wiser follower of Christ, strengthen your local church, and bless Indiana Yearly Meeting. This workshop will be held November 5&6 at Sycamore Friends, 8:30-4:00 pm on Saturday the 5th and 1:30—3:30 on Sunday the 6th. For more information, contact Dave Phillips at 260-563-5497 or email to dave@wabashfriends.org.

Multiplication Catalyst Ministries (MC) is a new organization led by Randy Littlefield focused on helping Friends Churches multiply. If your congregation is considering the possibility of planting a new church at some time, MCM can provide training and resources to equip and empower your leaders. MCM is available to consult with you, provide workshops for your church, and support services for churches wanting to multiply. For more information contact Randy Littlefield at 913-683-3831 or randyl@efcmaym.org.

Representative Council Preview

****It will be held at Maple Run Friends on Saturday, November 12, beginning at 9:30 am. Maple Run is located southwest of Marion at 4460 W 400 S.**

****2016 Minute books will be available for distribution – please have someone from your meeting present to take yours home.**

****Keep up-to-date on what's happening in IYM – committees will be reporting on significant work and discussions.**

****There is a possibility that a new Preparative Meeting will be added to IYM at this meeting!**

Good Morning,

I just got off the phone with a lady who runs a camp. That camp is going through some issues that really have to do with identity...who they are...who they want to be... how they move forward in the midst of an uncertain future. In our discussion, I was brought to this thought of legacy. I thought about my own camp experience, what the physical place of Quaker Haven has meant to me, and how the people I have been in contact with there over the years have been used by God to shape my life. I thought about the fact that there are hundreds, if not thousands, of people like me out there. People who have had their lives shaped by something God is doing through a relationship that started at Quaker Haven.

Then, my thoughts jumped to how vital it is that we continue to create space for people to build these relationships and have these experiences. It may start when we are kids, but it goes way beyond that...it reverberates through us as adults and, we want our kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and fellow church kids, even the kids who live down the street, to have similar experiences. We want those experiences for them, not because it is a neatly packaged Sunday to Friday event that they will remember with fondness, but because we know and have experienced that it could be a beginning to a budding, beautiful, relationship with Jesus that changes everything.

Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). Ever step back and think through, maybe even meditate on what that means? Ever think about when the light first came on for you about Jesus, and Him being the way, truth, and life? Ever think about how He has used these words, or ones like it, to plant something in our souls that grows and flourishes and eventually gets to the surface and changes how we live? Ever think about the circumstances of when and how that first happened for you? For me, that experience was at camp. What was it for you?

-Pat Byers

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

11/10 Faith & Practice Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
11/12 Representative Council, Maple Run Friends, 9:30 am
11/15 Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
11/29 Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm
12/3 Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9 am
12/10 Pastors Christmas Dinner, Back Creek Friends, 5 pm
12/19 Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am
12/23—1/1 IYM office will be closed.

Our Condolences: Naomi Littlefield passed away October 19 in Bucklin, Kansas. Fred and Naomi Littlefield spent their lives as Friends pastors, and they pastored South Marion Friends in the late 80s. Fred passed away in 2006. A surviving daughter is Divonna Thornburg, wife of Bethel Friends Church pastor, Randy Thornburg.

Dee Gibson, Chief Executive Officer at White's, has announced his retirement - 2017 will be his last year as CEO. Gibson's retirement celebrates a 40-year career centered on the well-being of children. Thank you, Dee!