

Center Friends had Rally Day/Back to Church Sunday on September 17 with special music and a meal. On September 24 at 7 pm, the church will host their annual Michael Wayne Smith Concert. All are invited, and a love offering will be taken. For videos of Michael, go to You Tube.

Farmland Friends invites you to a night of contemporary Christian music, Friday, September 29, featuring the local band "Turn-around" and special guest, "City of Bright." Doors open at 6:30 pm and the concert begins at 7 pm. A freewill offering will be received.

Hemlock Friends recently enjoyed their annual "fish out" at the home of the Baird's, with a pitch-in evening meal. On September 10, Gary and Beth Lightfoot hosted the yearly worship service, "The Church in the Barn" with a full barn and several visitors enjoying a time of fellowship and the lunch hour. Also, Hemlock Friends is undergoing some updates with their basement meeting area.

Iglesia Amigos will hold a Yearly Meeting Work Day on September 23 when they need help trimming trees and with outdoor clean up. Contact Katy Moran for details: 317-450-4712 or pastor.katy.moran@gmail.com. Also, Iglesia Amigos will hold a Festival of Friends, Saturday, October 21, 2 pm. There will be games, awards, food, bouncy house, and a concert at 831 N Edmondson Ave, Indianapolis.

Portland Friends has accepted pastor Byron Dealey's resignation as co-pastor effective October 31, 2017. He served Portland Friends for a little over 5 years. Herb Hummel will continue as pastor at Portland.

Sycamore Friends will hold a Family Bible School, September 29-October 1.

Four-Meeting Spiritual Renewal Services: September 28 - October 1.

Westland Friends: Thursday, September 28 at 7 pm will be a prayer meeting led by pastors, followed by fellowship and refreshments.

Little Blue River Friends: Friday, September 29 at 7 pm, Doug Shoemaker will speak with special music by Robin Richey and Marilyn Wicker, followed by fellowship and refreshments.

Knightstown Friends: They want to keep the Yearly Meeting theme of "Sharing the Glory" alive throughout the year, therefore they will have an outdoor service, Saturday, September 30. At 4:30 there will be a pulled-pork dinner (\$5) served in the church, at 5 pm, "A Better Day" will perform and at 5:15 there

will be a concert by "Zion's Joy." Also, Robin Richey and Marilyn Wicker will play. This will be held across from the Knightstown Friends parsonage on the northeast corner of the square. Doug Shoemaker will speak at 6 pm. If there is inclement weather, the service will be moved to the church.

Walnut Ridge Friends: Sunday, October 1, 5 pm, Doug Shoemaker will speak, and special music will be presented by Robin Richey and Marilyn Wicker. A meal will follow the closing service. Come join us!

West River Friends, at the intersection of Rt 1 and US 35, will host their fall Pork Chop supper on Saturday, October 7, 5-7 pm. Come enjoy grilled pork chops, cheesy potatoes, green beans, applesauce, and homemade desserts, all for a free-will donation! Half the funds go for missions and half for other expenses.

White River Friends and Farmland Friends are sponsoring "Rising from Ashes" workshops starting October 3 through November 14 at the Randolph County YMCA, 1524 E Washington Street in Winchester, IN, for those desiring to be free from nicotine addiction. A \$25 offering will be collected to cover the cost of materials but if you don't have the fee, it will be waived. For more information, contact pastor of White River Friends, Jim Moreland, at 765-565-6589 or jamesmoreland@aol.com.

Pastors are invited to the next Pastors' Toolkit session scheduled for Thursday, October 5, from 10-11:30 am at Walnut Ridge Friends. "Preaching the Word" will be this month's topic.

White's Residential & Family Services board of trustees announces they have chosen Ron Evans as the organization's next chief executive officer. Evans will succeed Dee Gibson, the company's longtime CEO, effective January 2018. Since 2013, Evans has served as head of school at Traders Point Christian Academy in Indianapolis. Prior to that, he was president of Lenawee Christian Ministries and head of Lenawee Christian School in Adrian, Michigan. He also was director of The Lodge and director for Life Action Ministries.

The first woman's Friends Leadership Development Program has begun

with Courtney McClure, Kelly Haemmerle, Katy Moran, Lauren Reynolds, Amy Cortez, and Pat Shrock participating.

Leadership Development Training is being offered by World Renewal & IYM Pastors. Ten IYM trained pastors and leaders will be the instructors such as Pastor Jack Holliday teaching "Intimacy with Christ." Twelve (1 hour) training sessions that are clear, concise, and transformational will be offered in two segments: Part 1, November 7-December 12. Part 2, January 9-February 6 (all on Tuesdays) and all are at Back Creek Friends at 7 pm. We encourage churches to send at least one leader or potential leader who can return and train others in your congregation. Cost: \$10 for Training Manual. Please register by texting Gary Wright at 317-513-9042 or email gwright@worldrenewal.org.

Bethany Theological Seminary will host an Everence Financial Coaching training workshop on October 7, 9-3 pm. This ministry is for congregations wanting to help people deal with budget, debt, and savings habits. The workshop is free. However, please contact Kelly Kellum, Stewardship Consultant, at kelly.kellum@everence.com or 336-870-2776 if you are planning to attend by September 29.

Friends Disaster Service Work Week will be September 25-29 in the Morgantown area (near Martinsville, IN), rebuilding due to damage from a tornado. Workers can stay overnight or drive in each day. Food and lodging provided, and gas will be reimbursed with receipts by F.D.S. Contact Eldon Studer for more information at 765-346-0587.

Don't Wait! Now is the time to apply to Barclay College for 2018 FMT courses coming this winter. The required class, Orientation to Online Learning, begins January 30. New Testament Survey begins February 12 with Paul Cochrane and Introduction to Pastoral Care begins on March 26 with David Phillips. If you have questions about this program created to equip IYM pastors and church leaders, please contact Paul Cochrane at Paul.Cochrane@Barclaycollege.edu or call 260-274-2257.

Friends United Meeting is in the process of searching for the position of FUM General Secretary. Application deadline is November 30. For more information go to search@friendsunitedmeeting.org.

Good Morning!

“Fallout Shelter” was written below a circle surrounding three triangles. I recently saw one of these signs on the courthouse in Owen County, and was reminded of a time from my youth when every community prominently displayed these signs on the sturdiest buildings in town. The atomic bomb was a relatively new threat and global tensions seemed to put everyone on edge. In the cold war era, all Americans knew we had an enemy and the threat of attack was real.

The New Testament tells us that we also have a spiritual enemy. This is what prompted the Apostle Paul to remind the church in Ephesus to put on spiritual ar-

mor and pray like crazy. Today you will seldom see a “Fallout Shelter” sign on a public building. Interestingly, many churches have likewise relaxed, and do not talk much about spiritual conflict, let alone pray with intensity.

In Acts 8:1, it tells of a day when “a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem.” That day is not over. Many of us are sensitive to what we perceive to be a growing cultural hostility toward Christianity, but I’m not sure that’s our greatest threat. In Acts 8:3, a young man named Saul began to destroy the

church by going from house to house, dragging off men and women to prison.

The biggest threat to your church may not be a hostile culture, but individuals and households that have been imprisoned to addiction, depression, materialism, or any number of things that have dragged us away from being part of a healthy Christian community. Is your church committed to praying like crazy?

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

10/05 Pastors' Toolkit Session, Walnut Ridge Friends, 10 am
10/09 Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
10/31 Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm
11/02 Pastors' Toolkit Session, Bear Creek Friends, 10 am
11/11 Representative Council, Portland Friends, 9:30 am

The Cook family from Westland Friends has a **Baldwin organ** that they would like to donate to a church or group in need? The organ is in fine condition.

Mid-Winter Retreat for pastors and spouses will be held, January 19-21 at Clifty Inn. Save the date and watch for more information soon.