

Brock Sizelove has joined the staff at Sycamore Friends as youth pastor as he continues to serve Amboy Friends in this capacity, also. Brock has served as IYM intern for two summers.

Hemlock Friends, near Kokomo, IN, recently approved requesting membership in IYM.

Bear Creek Friends recently approved pledging \$5000 for the 2015 IYM budget, to be paid as soon as practically possible. Since IYM sessions, \$6000 of pledges made there have already been received plus \$1500 in additional gifts.

Iglesia Amigos would appreciate prayer about how your church can be involved in their ministry. Here are their needs: people to be prayer warriors for this ministry; sixteen churches to pledge \$500 toward their 2013-2014 budget; and eight or nine churches who could commit to coming on a Sunday afternoon and doing ministry with 10-20 kids. They very much need your help. If your church could commit to leadership one Sunday every couple months, they will provide the curriculum. Contact Katy Palmer at Westfield Friends if your church can partner in this ministry this coming year at katyp@westfieldfriendschurch.org or 317-450-4712.

Kennard Friends was blessed with 38 precious little souls attending their VBS. They are currently showing "The Bible" mini-series which was previously aired on The History Channel this past Easter season. You are invited to come to Kennard Friends on September 22 at 2 pm when they will host a special concert/testimony with Mike and Kelly Haemmerle from **Hinkle Creek Friends**.

Knightstown Friends invites you to a Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, September 22 at 10:30 am for worship. A lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by September 16 to 765-345-2371 or to knightstown.friends@yahoo.com.

Little Blue River Friends Food Pantry served 155 families in August which is about 5,000 lbs of food. Their youth group helped feed the homeless at Indianapolis University Park. The meeting will have an all church camp out (in tents) on September 28 beginning at 4 pm. Games, hayride, and singing around the campfire are just a few of things planned. Sunday services will be held outside with a meal following.

Maple Run Friends will have a workday, September 21, for the Hispanic church in Logansport, Manantial de Vida. They invite you to help in this ministry. You can call John Key at 765-661-4034 so they can arrange for the right amount of food or if you need directions. The GPS address is 1801 Pottawatomie Road, Logansport, IN. Organizationally they have been declared a "preparative meeting" by Maple Run at their request and Maple Run Friends will mentor them into being a functioning church businesswise. When this is satisfactorily complete, IYM Evangelism and Outreach committee will review and evaluate so that they can be released to be their own monthly meeting.

Wabash Friends Counseling Center Director, Scott Makin, will present a leadership training session, "Refueling Your Leadership: Creating and Maintaining Your Energy," Thursday, September 12, at the churches Family Center, 12—1 pm. A light lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is \$20. At the door, it will be \$25. Call 260-563-8453 or go to www.wabashfriendscounseling.com for more information.

Westfield Friends is seeking to hire a part time secretary. If you feel led and are interested please call Steve Pedigo at (317) 292-2388 for more information.

Jeff Beals of Westfield Friends announces that a work trip is being planned to Kickapoo Friends Center (McCloud, OK) for the week of October 7-12. If you are interested, please contact him by email or by phone at 317-460-4844 or j.l.beals@att.net.

MEI Day—September 15
Pastors look for your packet of bulletin inserts to arrive this week or your email copies. Please have a time of prayer for MEI this Sunday,

The next MEI application deadline is October 1. Fine the application at our website www.iym.org.

Treasurers' Workshop—October 26, Anderson First Friends. Contact Carol Wright for more details, carol@iym.org.

Volunteers are needed as IYM hosts the June 11-15, 2014, FUM Triennial at Indiana Wesleyan University. Email or call the IYM office if you can help.

Van West Quarterly Meeting will be held September 22, 4 pm, at Spencerville Friends.

A Quilting Retreat will be held at Quaker Haven, September 19-22. Contact info@quakerhaven.com for more information or call 574-834-4193.

Friends United Meeting will have a gathering, September 20-22, to explore what it means to practice ongoing care for and ministry to our **youth and young adults**. Some highlights: *Experiencing Sabbath Rest*, Colin Saxton; *Functioning as a Team*, Dave Phillips; *Effective Youth Ministry*, Tim Vestal; *Busyness & Overscheduling*, Damon Seacott; *Technology & Youth Ministry*, Micah Bales; *Young Adult Ministries*, Gabi Bailey. The cost for the weekend will be \$150, which includes meals and on-site lodging.

**USFW Fall Gathering
October 5, Portland Friends
Registration, 9 am**

Good Morning,

A few weeks ago, a middle-aged visitor came to worship at Bear Creek Friends. He had contacted our pastor in the previous week and was given permission to share during worship. Only a few present that Sunday remembered him.

He told of moving to the Bear Creek neighborhood when he was a teenager and of an older member of the church paying a visit to their home with some strawberries to invite their family to church. In the few years that followed, they regularly attended church, and he made a decision for

Christ that was the beginning of a long spiritual journey.

He also told of someone paying his way to attend Quaker Haven Camp and of the deep impact of attending youth yearly meeting and seeking a closer walk with God while there, and of the impact of Bob Shaffer, Bear Creek's pastor during that period.

Now, nearly forty years later and living in another state, it was clear that Bear Creek's own local ministries and our long affiliation with Indiana Yearly Meeting, through camp, youth activities, and pastoral supply, were

still bearing spiritual fruit in the life of this man. It was an inspiring story of how the faithfulness of God's people can continue to impact others long after they have gone on to their rewards.

The Book of Revelation says of those who die in the Lord, "their works do follow them." I am grateful to be a part of a yearly meeting that continues to provide opportunities for those works, and I pray that our local churches will continue to make a real difference in lives of those in our communities.

- IYM Clerk, Greg Hinshaw

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

9/15 *MEI Day*
9/21 *Financial Workgroup, IYM office, 9:30 am*
9/22 *Van Wert Quarterly Meeting, Spencerville Friends, 4 pm*
9/23 *Executive Committee, IYM Office, 6:30 pm*
9/25 *Marion Area Pastors, Fairmount Friends, 9:30 am*
9/30 *Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
10/3 *F&P Review Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
10/5 *USFW Fall Gathering, Portland Friends, 9 am*
10/7 *MEI Steering Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
10/8 *Westfield Area Pastors, 9:30 am, location TBA*
10/16 *Marion Area Pastors, 9:30 am, location TBA*
10/29 *IYM Trustees meeting, IYM office 6:30 pm*

**Fall Impact for junior high and senior high youth
November 1-3, Quaker Haven Camp
Contact Aaron Hughs for more details.
aaronhughs@iym.org or 800-292-5238**