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IYM Sessions Preview: Sat. Workshops

We've got a great line-up of Saturday afternoon (July 28) workshops at yearly meeting this year. Leaders will include Jim Le Shana, VP of Academics at Barclay College; Brockie Follette, director of the Kaleo Academy; and Nick Farmer, pastor of Kokomo Christian Fellowship. They will be presenting on these interesting topics: "Multiplication Epidurals: Birthing New Churches and New Groups Without Pain (and other myths)," "A Lifestyle of Evangelism," and "Growing Young" (showing ministry leaders how to position their churches to reach younger generations).

Amboy Friends was recently awarded a grant from the Miami County Community Foundation which will enable a mobile food pantry from Food Finders to operate at Amboy Friends on October 19 at 11 am. Amboy also welcomed seven new adult members and two junior members on Easter Sunday.

Center Friends recently held their annual Easter Egg Hunt and "SonRise" Service followed by a huge breakfast and then regular services. They are in the planning stages of their first VBS in many years. They covet your prayers.

Iglesia Amigos will hold "Friends in Action" which will explore Friends response in times of confusion. Speakers will be Bob Henry, Brian Young, Lamont Hulse, Linda Wildman, and a Friend from Iglesia Amigos. Location will be, 831 N Edmondson, Indianapolis on May 10 at 6 pm. Also Iglesia Amigos will provide a delicious meal. For more information, please contact Karla Moran Jay at indyiglesiaamigos@hotmail.com.

Jonesboro Friends continues to post Pastor Mark's weekly sermons on Facebook. As of March 28, they had 285 viewers of the Palm Sunday sermon. They hope views will attend their services but if not it is rewarding that the gospel is reaching so many outside their walls.

Knightstown Friends recently donated over \$800 to the Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign for Henry County Pregnancy Care Center. They also will sponsor a Henry County athlete for the Special Olympics, and sponsor a team and an outfield sign for the Knightstown Youth League this summer. They have planned a Women's Retreat for May 19.

Walnut Ridge Friends will have Susan Kirkpatrick Dennis, former Clerk of IYM, speak on IYM Sunday, April 15. **Little Blue River Friends** will attend for a shared worship service at 10 am followed by lunch and a time of fellowship.



YOUTH INVASION: Fairmount Friends is hosting Youth Invasion on Sunday, April 22 from 5-8 pm. Brandon Eaton will be speaking.

IYM Sunday, April 15: All across the yearly meeting this weekend, Friends are celebrating Indiana Yearly Meeting - a weekend set aside to directly connect with IYM. This is an opportunity for your church to learn more about your yearly meeting and the many services it provides for churches, pastors, and youth, as well as evangelism. A four-minute video has been prepared and you can view it at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/tpdp9wggnuh6hjf/IYM%20Sunday%20Video%202018.mov?dl=0>. Also, your church has recently been given special announcements and bulletin inserts that share many details about IYM's ministry. **Special thanks to those churches who are planning to take up a special offering for IYM. We need everyone's support to meet our fundraising goal for next year's budget.** Let's thank the Lord for His blessings upon us. Let's look forward to what He will do in the future as we walk together with like-minded Friends in the name of Jesus Christ.

Representative Council will be held April 21 at Marion First Friends. Our goal is to streamline business sessions at yearly meeting enabling us to focus on celebration when we gather in July. This means our Representative Council meetings in April and November are even more important, providing a venue where we can discuss business items before they reach the floor of yearly meeting in session. Please be sure your church is represented on April 21.

The IYM Bicentennial Committee is busy planning for a 200th anniversary celebration at IYM sessions in July 2021. Paul Anderson of George Fox University has already been confirmed as our speaker. Each local church will be asked to send an historical display to the sessions and to contribute material for a bicentennial directory/history book. Please designate someone from your local church to communicate with the bicentennial committee and send the name of the contact person to Greg Hinshaw at gphinshaw@gmail.com.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! – Now is the time to enroll in FMT fall courses.

- Orientation to Online Learning (July 30-Aug 12 *required of all new Barclay students*)
- Introduction to Friends Theology (Aug 13-Sept 23)
- Introduction to Church History (Sept 24-Nov 4)
- Introduction to Evangelism, Missions and Church Growth (Nov 5-Dec 16)

Because Barclay's admission procedure takes several weeks, now is the time to begin your application. Visit <https://www.barclaycollege.edu/undergraduate/online/certificate/friends-ministry-training/index.html> to get more information and begin the online application process. Contact Paul Cochrane paul.cochrane@barclaycollege.edu, or Doug Shoemaker doug@iym.org if you have questions.

Shawn and Katrina McConaughey have received all the pledges they need to fund three years of ministry in East Africa! They moved to Kenya the week before Easter and have begun their work there as Program Officers based in Kisumu at the FUM African Ministries Office. Continued contributions to fund their ministry there will still be needed and welcome.

Remembering

Rod Abram, retired IYM minister, is currently in a health care center and he loves getting mail. If you would like to bring some cheer to Rod, please send your card to Rod Abram, % Ashton Creek Health & Rehabilitation Center, 4111 Park Place Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46845

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of **Horace Smith** (West River Friends) who passed away March 28. Horace served as a member of the White's board, Clerk of the ACFIA, and Presiding Clerk of IYM from 1986-1992. Horace's wife, **Vera Smith**, passed away, April 6. They had been married 72 years. Besides rearing four sons (of whom is Max Smith, IYM treasurer), Vera had many interests and jobs. She also assisted Horace in his many mission and church activities. The calling will be at West River Friends, Sunday, April 15 from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. The service will follow at 4:30.

Good Morning!

April 2018 brings us both Easter (April 1) and Earth Day (April 22). I'm still basking in the reports of wonderful Easter celebrations across IYM. Jesus' resurrection is something that we rightfully celebrate! Earth Day, by contrast, probably won't get a lot of attention across our yearly meeting.

A recent newsletter from another yearly meeting crossed my desk today. Of its twelve newspaper style pages, nine were devoted entirely to the issue of "Earthcare." Hmm. While I'm a "tree-lover," I must admit I often struggle with "tree-huggers" who seem to value environmental issues over everything else.

I find it incredibly ironic that one of the most barbaric regimes of the last century, Hitler's Third Reich, was the first in modern history to enact significant environmental legislation. (Simon Schama, *Landscape and Memory*, 1996). I also find it ironic that those of us who best understand God's role in creation seem to care so little about environmental issues. After all, this is my Father's world!

I'm not trying to make a political statement here. That's the problem. Environmental concerns become a political hot potato many of us eschew, instead of

a matter of stewardship that many of us might do well to embrace. Don't expect 75% of the information from the IYM office to be about climate change. But occasionally, it wouldn't hurt us at all to pause to thank God for this amazing creation that groans along with us, waiting for ultimate redemption (Romans 8:19-23).

A sign in my granddaughters' school reads, "Take care of your body. Where else are you going to live?" We would do well to take care of our Father's world too. *-Doug Shoemaker*

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

04/15 *IYM Sunday*
04/17 *Missions Committee at Maple Run Friends, 7 pm*
04/21 *Representative Council, Marion First Friends, 9:30 am*
04/22 *Youth Invasion, Fairmount Friends*
04/24 *Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm*
04/30 *Program Committee Conference Call, 6:30 pm*
05/15 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*
05/29 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

IYM Curriculum Project:

Lessons are being written and soon a thirteen-lesson course written by IYM Friends will be edited and printed in time for the December 2018 – February 2019 quarter. Would your church be willing to help with this exciting pilot project by "test-driving" this in an adult Sunday School class?