

**Yearly Meeting Preview:** Yearly Meeting Sessions this year, July 25-27, will include four Saturday workshops. One will be a discussion led by Pat Byers and Brooke Weir, looking at what the church has always been and what it may be becoming. Coming out of the Friends Summit this past December, Brooke is bringing a voice of those college-age students who attended the event, and how they might like to see our Friends churches within IYM progress into the future.

**Yearly Meeting Registration** is now open! Registration information is available on [www.iym.org](http://www.iym.org) under the "Resources" tab. Lodging on camp is almost full. Additional rooms have been reserved at Brook Pointe Inn and a few of them are still available. Call there at 574-457-4466 and ask for the IYM discount.

**Greg Albert** has announced he will be concluding his service as pastor of Danville Friends at the end of June.

**Sid Martin** is providing pulpit supply for Amboy Friends as they continue their pastoral search.

**Pastoral Openings** – Please pray for Amboy, Long Lake, and Danville who have pastoral openings. Liberty Friends is looking for a Children's Minister. Interested candidates are asked to contact the yearly meeting superintendent for more information.

**Carlos & Katy Moran** welcome a son, Palmer Samuel Moran, who was born May 18. Carlos is pastor of Iglesia Amigos in Indianapolis.

**Riley Friends** will host Pay Byers, IYM Assistant Superintendent, Saturday, June 1 at 5 pm. He will give an update on the 2019 camping season at Quaker Haven, then he'll bring a couple worship songs during service. Also on June 1, Katy Moran will share about the Kaleo Academy at Barclay College, June 16-22. Riley Friends is sending two young adults to Kaleo! [katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu](mailto:katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu)

On June 29 at 5 pm, Riley Friends will have a Night of Music and Song featuring Kerry Davis and the Riley Quartet, plus other churches will be represented. Please join them and bring a friend. There will be a time of food and fellowship afterwards.

**From the Advancement Committee:** It is almost June and we have raised gifts & pledges totaling \$60,276.70 toward our goal of \$135,000. *Thank you for your*

*efforts & generosity.* We have less than two months to raise about \$75,000. It is vital for us to reach our goal so IYM ministries and services and programs will be properly funded for 2020. If you would like to give toward funding a particular IYM event, ministry, service, or project, please contact Damon at [dseacott@gmail.com](mailto:dseacott@gmail.com) or call 517-204-5348. Again, **THANK YOU!**

**Pastors Short Course** is scheduled for July 1-4 at Quaker Haven. All IYM pastors, pastoral staff, and their families are invited to attend. Derek Brown of Barclay College will be this year's speaker, and worship leaders will be Rob & Brenda Schwarze. "Authentically Christian, Unapologetically Quaker," will be this year's theme.

**Training for Child Abuse Prevention** is now available to you. Did you know that many insurance companies will no longer insure churches unless all the staff and volunteers have some kind of training on child abuse. This was the case at Westfield Friends. Judy Dennis, a licensed marriage and family therapist and the wife of former IYM pastor Rod Dennis, was asked to utilize her skills and experience to prepare Westfield. She has been trained/certified in child abuse and prevention by the Indiana Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse. If your church is interested, please contact Judy to schedule training. This session is approximately two hours long and will consist of:

- \*What is child abuse
- \*What are signs and symptoms of abuse
- \*How to report suspicions of abuse.
- \*Church safe guards to protect from false allegations.

For questions and/or to set up training, please contact Judy at 765-513-8523 or [arktwins@outlook.com](mailto:arktwins@outlook.com)

**Quaker Haven Camp** suffered damage from a recent storm. A large tree severely damaged the cottage occupied by Brock and Bethany Sizelove and also damaged the men's staff quarters. For an update on this and the construction of the new staff duplex follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/196508783727658/videos/2275952645980058/>

**IYM Summer Interns** recently spent a day at the yearly meeting office preparing for a full summer supporting the camping program at Quaker Haven. We are glad to have Sydney Gibson, Elli Kirkpatrick, Will Cox, Brook Weir, and Kayli Clendenon as

part of our summer team. The Christian Education Committee budget and a grant from the Evangelism & Outreach Committee makes the summer internship program possible.

**The Bicentennial Committee** has sent a copy of the information gathered for the bicentennial publication for each church to a contact person in each local meeting. If you would like to see what the committee has for your meeting but haven't received it, please contact Greg Hinshaw at [gphinshaw@gmail.com](mailto:gphinshaw@gmail.com).

**Quivering Arrow Friends Camp**, a summer Bible-based camp for 10-16 year old students, is in need of cooks to prepare meals for 65 to 80 campers and staff members. Cooks should report to Council House Friends Church near Grove, OK on Sunday afternoon June 23 and plan on departing noon Saturday June 29. For more information, contact Jeff Beals by email at [j.l.beals@att.net](mailto:j.l.beals@att.net) or call/text 317-460-4844. [kickapooofriendscenter.org/quivering-arrow-camp](http://kickapooofriendscenter.org/quivering-arrow-camp)

**Children's Ministry Opportunity:** Nursery workers and children's ministry workers are needed to help during Pastors Short Course, July 4. It includes a small honorarium plus food and lodging at Quaker Haven. Please contact Elaine Wells at [jemm.wells@juno.com](mailto:jemm.wells@juno.com) if you are interested in serving.

**Coaching for Committees:** Is there a committee in your church that seems "stuck"? Debi Howell, associate pastor at Farmland Friends, has been certified by the ICF (International Coach Federation) and would be glad to work with committees to be the best they can be. For more information contact her directly at [pastor-debi@farmlandfriends.org](mailto:pastor-debi@farmlandfriends.org)

**Coaching for Pastors:** Dave Phillips, retired senior pastor of Wabash Friends, has been certified as a leadership coach by Leadership Breakthru. Pastors can receive an IYM scholarship for short-term coaching agreements. [dave@wabashfriends.org](mailto:dave@wabashfriends.org) is your contact for more information or to set up your free initial consultation.

**Kaleo Academy:** It's not too late to get signed up for the Kaleo Academy week-long Theology Camp at Barclay College July 14-20. Kaleo is a leadership development program for high school students. Contact Katy Moran at [katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu](mailto:katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu) or the IYM office for more details.

*Good Morning!*

A recent issue of "The Church Around the World" ran an article excerpted from *Becoming a Welcoming Church* by Thom Rainer (2018). A study of first-time church guests revealed several factors that will make a visitor more likely to return. Three of the top ten factors were related to the existing church members. While most of us probably think we are friendly, guests may see it differently. Introducing yourself to a visitor or even inviting guests to sit with you can help them feel that maybe someone here really cares.

Does your church have greeters? The answer is yes whether appointed or not. The better question is, do your greeters extend a genuine welcome?

Several factors deal with making your facility guest-friendly. More than once I've driven slowly by a church trying to guess where I should park and what door I should enter. Effective signage can remove a lot of apprehensions and may even help a visitor find a restroom without having to awkwardly ask for directions. Having a safe and secure children's area that's fun and inviting is also important.

Another factor that I found interesting was "No forced greeting time." Many of our churches have a greeting time that feels like a mini-family reunion to many of us but feels entirely different to a first-time visitor. One person was quoted as saying, "My wife and I just moved to the area and are visiting churches. If we visit one with that fake stand-and-greet-time, we don't return."

When was the last time you reviewed what your church looks like and feels like to someone who doesn't know the drill? *-Doug Shoemaker*

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

- 05/30 Advancement Committee, IYM office, 4 pm
- 06/03 Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
- 06/07-09 Young Adult Camp, Quaker Haven
- 06/09-14 Junior High Camp, Quaker Haven
- 06/14-16 Beginners Camp, Quaker Haven
- 06/16-21 Senior High Camp 1, Quaker Haven
- 06/17 Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am
- 06/23-28 Adventure Camp at Quaker Haven

**Reminder:  
Advance  
Reports need  
to be emailed  
to IYM office  
by June 1.**

