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CQH REFLECTIONS OF SUMMER

Where has the summer gone? Young Friends camps came and went with the young people of Iowa Yearly Meeting being challenged to accept the **FREE RIDE** that God allows us to take, through his Grace. Speakers this summer were Ned Van Nostrand, Anthony Nieuwsma, Mary Porter, Keith Smith and Motor Friends, Jessica Owens, and Ric Garrison. All brought unique styles and messages about God love. Chip Daleske and the camp band (different folks for different camps) led worship and praise. You could sense Gods power during our worship time.



What has CQH been up to since the end of Young Friends? Groups from Pleasant Ridge, Tatum Family Reunion, Camp Jubilee, Winborn Reunion, LeGrand Friends Retreat, St. Henrys Catholic Church jr. high camp, Hadley Reunion, BCLUW football camp, Lynnville Friends Family Camp, have all used the facility for one reason or another. Most have scheduled events for next summer and passed on their experience at CQH to other interest groups that are now checking out the facility. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to grow.



Camp Jubilee, a non-profit organization that holds camps for those with mental and physical challenges, had a wonderful experience this summer at CQH. Thirty-nine campers arrived July 7th for activities, fun, and a chance to get away from normal routine. What a blast! CQH staff and volunteers were blessed, loved, and hugged during the week. Not knowing what to expect, we look back to this group with fond memories of the love that was shown to us. Camp Jubilee will return in 2004 and volunteers will be needed. Please contact me if you would like more info.



IAYM we have a great ministry asset in CQH. If it has been awhile since you have been here stop by, take a load off and reflect as you enjoy the beauty of Gods creation.

Upcoming events - Chester Friends Retreat, IAYM USFW Ladies Retreat and Luncheon, CQH workday, and IAYM Youth Ministries high school impact weekend.

- Ric Garrison, Associate Superintendent



Friendly Flashes

A couple of years ago I was given a devotional by Max Lucado entitled GRACE FOR THE MOMENT. I have enjoyed starting each day with these brief reminders of God's infinite care for each of his children. No part of our lives is beyond his reach. That is truly grace.

At our yearly Ministry Conference in August, we learned of Edith Ratcliff's passing. She had gone home to be with the Lord she so faithfully served. In the tributes paid at our USFW meeting and at our mission banquet, we were reminded of that service and it's impact on the lives of those around her. The September-October Advocate contains memories of Edith. "She was laughing. Edith was all smiles. She is social and loved by many. Edith is a jolly person. Edith is so positive, always seeing the bright side of things." These remarks were usually followed by "tireless, hardworking, faithfully serving." I never had the privilege of meeting Edith, but these memories, shared by those who knew her, paint a picture of one who truly lived in God's grace for the moment.

God counsels us to not worry about yesterday or tomorrow, but to live in the day that is here now. God provides grace for each moment of each day. His care is eternal and infinite. He carried Edith through all of her days and she was joy filled as she labored in the field He had given her.

Daily we go about our lives, lives for the most part, free of true hardship or want. Yet too often we are neither jolly nor joy filled. We are instead tired and, dare I say, grumpy. We have allowed the events of the day to overwhelm us and blind us to God's continuing presence. Shame on us!

As we start our new year in USFW we will be called to support those serving in mission fields as Edith so faithfully served. These friends and sometimes neighbors have stepped out in faith, trusting God to provide grace for each moment. We can be a part of that by sharing both our financial and spiritual resources. We do this by giving of our money and time, by praying, by sending letters or e-mails of encouragement. We can be a part of God's grace, by living in his grace; we too can be joy filled and faithfully serve him. Our burdens will be lifted and we can share that with those around us thereby lifting them into the light of God's grace.

May God's grace fill you and over flow, touching others in their moments of need. I wish you grace for each moment and peace in the month ahead.

Linda Burnett



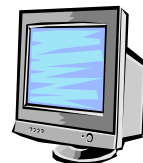
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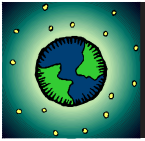
The IAYM Pastor's retreat was held at Camp Quaker Heights on September 28th-October 1, 2003. Twenty meetings were represented. Our special speaker was Tony Stoltzfus, Director of Curriculum Development and Training for Transformational Leadership Coaching. Tony challenged us to be authentic with one another. We were given tools and exercises to develop accountability, along with an accountability partner. One suggestion Tony made was for Pastors (and spouses) to be open and vulnerable with their congregations, this, in turn, will help them to be open and vulnerable with one another. Highlights of the weekend were the prime rib dinner on Sunday evening, quality fellowship time, rest and relaxation, and a special time of prayer together.



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Cuba Ministry Team August 2003

Cadena de Amigos and Board on Missions sponsor Team to Cuba

On July 30 Pastor Phil King and Marcella and their daughters, Alyssa and Amber arrived in Cuba from Jamaica. They traveled nearly 500 miles across Cuba from Havana to Gibara to attend "Campamento de Familia, (Family Camp of the Cuba Yearly Meeting), representing Iowa Yearly Meeting. They were joined on August 3 by Linda and Meredith Garrison, Lindsay Palmer, Fred and Debra Savage traveling via Toronto, Canada to Gibara. These nine people from Marshalltown, Buffalo, Chester and Grace Community Friends churches represented Iowa Yearly Meeting on our first event to renew ties between these two Yearly Meetings.



Kneeling in front, Mari Yi (President of Cuba Yearly Meeting) and Fred Savage. Standing from left, Amber King, Debra Savage, Marcella King, Linda Garrison, Alyssa King, Lindsey Palmer, Meredith Garrison and Phil King.

August 1-4 was the camp for children ages 5-10 and adults. August 4-7 was the camp for Young Friends ages 15-35. At the first there were 43 children and 77 adults attending. At the Young Friends camp there were 100 participants. We enjoyed the fellowship with Cuban Friends and especially their joy in life. There also was a tremendous vitality in the faith life exhibited in these meetings. We witnessed people of faith from infants to a 91 year old Grandmother attending camp. We experienced students, factory workers, doctors, dentists, teachers, cooks, parents, grandparents, children and young adults sharing their faith in Jesus. This sharing came in a variety of ways including singing, congregational and choirs, preaching, testimonies, prayers and times of quiet as well as social activities to express joy in our relationships.

We are thankful to Lindsay who did a wonderful job being our interpreter, Linda and Phil, co-leaders of the team, Meredith, Alyssa and Amber for their participation in a variety of ways, especially with the children. It was wonderful to have two couples in Fred and Debra, Phil and Marcella to share in the

family camp. Marcella added to the camps with musical participation. The language of music crosses the spoken language barriers. Several of our group participated in music and other ways to lift the banner of Jesus across the English/Spanish, Cuba/Iowa divide to make that divide seem to diminish. Without a doubt God did speak to each of us in this experience and we believe that God continues to speak to Iowa Yearly Meeting to send and receive in a growing relationship with Cuba Yearly Meeting.

We hope that Meetings will invite these and others who have experienced this fellowship in Christ with our Cuban sisters and brothers to speak and share so that we may all be enriched. Our Cuban Friends have experienced a lack of material benefits of life yet have so much to offer from their great knowledge and wealth of experience in walking with our Lord in great dependency and joy. We can learn much from this confidence in God that so vividly expresses itself in the life of Cuba Yearly Meeting. All over Cuba one finds signs with socialism slogans and teachings of Castro and praises to long life for Castro. It was quite refreshing to see Retrete Friends Church with a front yard sign in stone "Vive Cristo" (Christ Lives!). Truly the risen spirit of Jesus is alive and vitally alive among our Friends in Cuba. Keep them in your prayers that God will continue to give growth and vitality to His church there and in Iowa.

- Phil King for Cadena de Amigos, Cuba 2003

CHECK IT OUT!



Twin Rocks Friends Camp is accepting applications for the position of Bookkeeper. This person is responsible for all bookkeeping aspects of the camp's \$1.3 million operation; payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, donation tracking, camper registrations, and other record keeping.

Twin Rocks Friends Camp is a 350-bed facility located on the beautiful north Oregon coast, one block from the beach. This 85-year old camp is owned and operated by the evangelical Friends Church and serves more than 13,000 campers each year.

This is a full-time position, with an annual salary ranging from \$26,000-30,000, commensurate with the applicant's qualifications. The fringe benefit package includes full medical insurance, vacation and sick leave, free meals when campers are present, and a 401K pension plan.

If interested - contact Ken Beebe ken@twinrocks.org

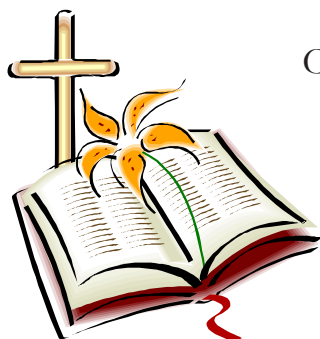
Northwest Yearly Meeting is engaged in a search for the next General Superintendent. Joe Gerick has been superintendent for eleven years and has resigned as of June 30, 2004. We ask that Friends be in prayer for us in finding God's person for this position. Those interested in applying may find information on the NWYM web site: www.nwfriends.org or telephone: (503-355-2284) for an application and job description. The camp desires to fill this position as soon as possible, so applicants who respond quickly stand the best chance of success.

ARISE AND SHINE

March 12 & 13, 2004

Archdale Friends Church, 114 Trindale Road, Archdale, NC 27263

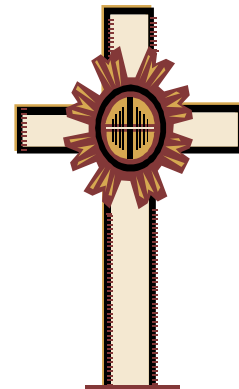
"CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY" - Joshua 24:15



Friday – March 12, 7:00 pm, Steve Pedigo
Chicago Fellowship of Friends – “Choose to Believe”

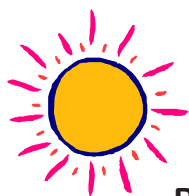
Saturday – March 13, 9:00 am, Randy Quate
Poplar Ridge Friends Church - "Choose to Obey"

Saturday – March 13, 1:00 pm, Lewis Drummond
Billy Graham Association – “Choose to Serve”



The Mission of Arise and Shine

We pray we might rekindle a passion for Christ Jesus among men who are Quaker and excite them to be reconciled to God, re-centered in Christ, empowered by God in their Christian lives and committed to actively serve God at home, at church and in the community.



The Purpose for Arise and Shine



**THE GREAT COMMISSION
LIFT UP THE NAME OF JESUS
PEOPLE WOULD COME TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST FOR THEMSELVES
PREACH THE WORD OF GOD
BREAK SPIRITUAL BONDAGE
WE STAND AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF THIS AGE
BRING HEALING TO THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**

Registration

If you are registering for more than one person, **please print** the names of additional people on a separate sheet of paper. A check in the proper amount **must** accompany this form in the same envelope for you to register (no phone or credit card registrations)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Pre -registration cost is \$45.00 per person, walk-ins - \$55.00 per person. Make check payable and mail to: Conferences Inc., PO Box 100, Wheaton, IL 60189. Hotel and Meals are on your own. For motel reservations call the Days Inn, 120 SW Cloverleaf Place, High Point, NC 27263 (336) 885-6000. Tell them you are attending “Arise and Shine.” Make sure you register with the motel before February 11, 2004 to assure your room. The cost is \$50.40 for 1 or 2 people per room. Continental breakfast is included.

For more information, call Steve Pedigo: (312) 285-4493.



MEETING MOMENTS

Ackworth Friends have been busy with numerous activities the past few months. We held our second annual community yard sale with Ackworth residents in June. The event was well attended.

A community Bible School was held this summer for children ages preschool through 12 years old. A program was presented the last evening and parents and family members were invited to a picnic in the churchyard. Following the successful Bible School under the direction of Marie Moffitt, a junior Sunday School class was started and is growing.

The social committee has sponsored several events—two favorites were the “Sunday of Sundaes” and the “Oodles of Noodles.” Shirley Blackford and Irene Houghtaling have been in charge of these fun get-togethers.

Several members attended the Ministry Conference in August. Our pastor attended the Pastors’ Retreat and two members attended the Christian Education workshop this month.

Gabriel Dorrell graduated from Luther College and Thomas Goodhue graduated from Haverford College. Thomas is one of the Haverford students who appears in the Rufus Jones A LUMINOUS LIFE video.

We are saddened to report the death of Ivan Allen this summer. Ruth Wilson is continuing to improve from injuries suffered in an accident in July. She is able to come out to church on Sundays.



Danny Phillips, pastor of Kilpeck Friends, plays his guitar and sings during their Sunday afternoon Block Party.

Kilpeck Friends enjoy a time of dinner and fellowship.



CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS



The Iowa Yearly Meeting Camp Board met September 22, 2003 and has the following items that need to be replaced or repaired. If you or your church would be willing to donate or bring the supplies to repair these items at our called CQH Workday October 18, 2003 from 9 AM Till? It would be greatly appreciated! **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!!**

❖ Repairs to

○ Bathhouse

- hot water heaters
 - 1 75 gallon and 1 40 gallon LP Gas Hot water heaters needed
- Plumbing to install new hot water heaters to meet code (Copper Fixtures)
- Repair to urinal (Auto flush)
- Repair toilets
- Repair baseboard
- Re calk all sinks
- Fix entry doors

○ Chapel

- Light fixtures/fans need to be tightened
- Replace some of the window panes

○ Guest House

- Figure out water situation (hot/cold shower)

○ Lodge

- Roof leaks, ceiling tile in Kitchen need to be replaced
- Hood over stove needs reworked or replaced and convection oven turned new direction

○ Volleyball Court

- Level
- Lay new plastic and sand
- Railroad ties

These items would be great Sunday School Class, Quaker Men or USFW projects, or church projects.

Please contact Ric Garrison at campqhi@adiis.net or 641-939-5977, or 641-751-4400 to inform him what your group plans to complete at fall workday!

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INFANT CARE KITS FOR IRAQ

AFSC is launching a grassroots campaign to send "Infant Care Kits" to Iraq. This is in response to staff visits to hospitals in Basra and Baghdad where Iraqi pediatricians asked for support with a project that would help assist and educate new mothers in infant care.

Each INFANT CARE KIT must include the following items placed in a gallon size "Ziploc" Bag:



- 2 receiving blankets (new or in excellent condition)
- 1 pack baby washcloths
- 1 bar baby soap
- 1 baby hair brush

To defray shipping costs and to purchase baby vitamins, AFSC is requesting a contribution of \$10 per kit. We encourage hospitals, organizations, schools and churches to become involved in this project.

Kits may be delivered to the Des Moines office or arrangements can be made for pick up. We hope to be inundated with infant care kits.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST A SPEAKER ABOUT THIS PROJECT CONTACT:

JEFFREY WEISS
(515) 274-4851, ext. 16 or jweiss@afsc.org



Dave Jones, representing the Pleasant Plain-Salem Quarterly Meeting of Quaker Men, recently presented Sam Clark (pictured above) of the Friends Disaster Service, a 20-foot fiber glass extension ladder purchased by the Pleasant Plain-Salem Quarterly Meeting of Quaker Men. The ladder will be stored in the FDS Trailer that the IAYM Quaker Men purchased last year.



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APRIL 3, 2004**

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