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Joseph John Gurney

continued

~by Ron Bryan, General Superintendent~

Last month I finished by saying I wanted to do further reading about Joseph John Gurney. Partly because I wanted to know more about the person that many would say the Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends (FUM) is the outcome of.

Joseph was born in 1788 in England to a well to do banking family. The youngest child and a brother of Elizabeth Fry who was another famous Quaker. Joseph was educated by private tutors in Oxford and was apparently a very good student. At the age of 25 he wrote about his convictions pertaining to Christianity and essentials to his faith. Later, he wrote much more and traveled throughout England, Scotland and Ireland in support of his sister Elizabeth's work in reference to reform within the prison and asylum establishments of that day.

Joseph was quite active in the anti-slavery movement in England and eventually in America. What he became most noted for was the encouragement of establishing "Bible Societies" in England and eventually North America.

In the late 1830's he traveled for three years in America speaking whenever and wherever given the opportunity. Friends Meetings and sometimes other facilities or churches were utilized to host large gatherings that came to hear. Joseph spoke in the Congress as well as the Whitehouse and had private meetings with President Van Buren. Those topics had much to do with abolishing slavery, but it also included addresses about how Quakerism was a Christian society. There had already been one major split in North American Quakers and another one followed about the same time of his death in 1845. I want to share with all of you, what Joseph John Gurney wrote in 1813, which I believe motivated him to travel and speak so widely. **The following is an excerpt from Memories of J.J. Gurney.**

Let thy moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Present thy body "a living sacrifice, holdy and acceptable unto God." Judge not, lest thou be

judged. Never expose the faults and infirmities of others, except for a decidedly good purpose. Let it be thy general rule, never to mention what is amiss in thy neighbour to a third person, until thou has been faithful in communicating thy sentiments to the individual himself.

Be in love and charity with all. Lov "thinketh no evil," and speaketh no evil, "is not puffed up, and is kind." Be kind in sentiment, kind in manner, kind in action; yet away with all ostentation. In all things let self be absed. Be willing to suffer for Jesus Christ's sake. His word will be "a lamp unto thy feet and a light unto they path." Watch for his guidance, follow it with a firm and manly step; dewll deep in the power of his love; live not to thyself, but live as Christ liveth in thee.

Had I been during the whole course of my life perfectly obedient to the Divine law, I should still be an unprofitable servant, without surplus of merit. But since, on the contrary, I have grievously offended in many particulars, I not only deserve no favour, but have become subject to God's just wrath. Under the effects of this just wrath I believe I must have fallen, had not God provided for me a way of escape in his own free pardoning grace, through the sufferings, death, and sacrifice of his Son Jesus Christ.

I believe that God hath appointed this sacrifice, in its mature propitiatory, as the means of atonement or reconciliation, and that he hath therein at once displayed his mercy to the sinner and his judgment upon sin. This pardoning of sinners for Christ's sake is what I understand by the term "justification."

In order to partake of these mercies, I believe I must possess a living faith, which shall lead me, first, to place my whole hope of acceptance with God in the merits of my Redeemer; and secondly, to obey the dictates of the Holy Spirit, whom Christ has sent to bring me to repentance, to purge me from all sin, and to guide me in the way to life eternal. This work of the Spirit, by which we become freed from, sin, born again, new creatures, is what I understand by the term "sanctification." These two, justification and sanctification, I believe to be necessary and sufficient for the salvation of my soul – the first, the cause—the second, the condition; both the result of the grace of God, in Christ Jesus my Lord.



Friendly Flashes

"There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha. She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor." Acts 9:36

I hope many of you were able to attend Fall Retreat. The cooler days of Autumn are fast approaching and soon we will be shut inside against the cold. For those of us who now live in town, a day in the country is always a treat. I have been watching the squirrels and the chipmunks scurrying about gathering nuts and seeds for winter. The chipmunks are so cute as they fly about with their little tails stuck straight up in the air. God instilled in these animals the need to prepare for the changes to come, and so we too, must make preparations for a changing world.

As we gathered at Quaker Heights to hear about the "Call to Ministry", we were reminded again that it takes all of us. Ministry is not done in a vacuum, but rather in the world around us. We are called to be in the world but not of the world. We each have the ability to minister as Tabitha did, by doing kind deeds and helping others. This can be done only when we go into the world to see the needs of others. When we sit in our "steeple houses" and keep apart from the world, we do not recognize the needs of others.

Jesus traveled about and mixed with the people much to the consternation of the religious leaders of His day. That is how he came to see and recognize the poverty of the people, both spiritually and physically. He offered them his help for both kinds of poverty. By touching the places where there is physical need, we come into fellowship and are then able to minister to the greater need. The need for Living Water, which is at the heart of most of our pain and sense of despair. The world is quick to point out our shortcomings, but Jesus came to take us into His family and to wipe out all of our despair and shortcomings.

May we take the lessons we learned at Fall Retreat home with us and make preparations to use our skills in the world around us. The world outside our churches where the love of Christ is not yet known and understood. The world where darkness can prevail until we take our light, the light of Christ and dispel the darkness.

May you be blessed.
Linda Burnett

**SPRING BODY
ARNOLDS PARK FRIENDS CHURCH
ARNOLDS PARK, IOWA
APRIL 30, 2005**



CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT

The Missions Committee of IAYM could like to encourage your church to join with others in Iowa Yearly Meeting in supporting the Christmas Box Project for the Chicago Fellowship of Friends Mission where Steve and Marlene Pedigo are pastors. This project is for children, who attend the Chicago Fellowship of Friends Church and their after school programs with Steve and Marlene in Cabrina-Green, an inner city neighborhood in Chicago. It will provide a Christmas blessing to children, some of whom live in very difficult situations. It is a simple missions' project that focuses on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift.

Thank you for your consideration and involvement in this worthwhile project.

CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT

Step-by-step instructions:

1. Find an empty shoe box.
2. Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or girl and choose an age category: (2-4), (5-9), or 10-14). Attach an appropriate label.
3. Fill your shoe box with a variety of gifts.
4. As the Lord leads you to give, you may want to enclose a check made out to Chicago Fellowship of Friends in an envelope, as a gift for the support of the ministry in Chicago. If you desire a receipt, please enclose your name and address. Place envelope so it is clearly visible on top of the gift items.
5. Please place a rubber band around your shoe box and lid. (If you chose to wrap the box—wrap the lid separately.)



Suggested new gift items:



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☐☐☐☐—School Supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons or markers, erasers, writing paper, solar calculators

☐☐☐☐—Hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, comb, washcloth etc.

☐☐☐☐—Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, small games. etc.

☐☐☐☐—Other: gum, sunglasses, flashlights, ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, small picture books. etc.

Please bring your Christmas boxes to one of the following drop off points by Tuesday, November 23, 2004. Be sure to check with your selected location on the hours they are open.

**Grinnell Friends Church ☐ 641-236-6412
Salem Friends Church ☐ 319-258-4956
Earlham Friends Church ☐ 515-834-2529
West Branch Friends Church ☐ 319-643-5472
IAYM Office ☐ 641-673-9717**

The First Annual QUAKER GENALOGY CONFERENCE

*Travelin' in the Spirit Pioneer
Quaker Families:
The Cooks & the Hadleys*

at

The Mary L. Cook Public Library
381 Old Stage Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068
513-897-4826, campbeka@oplin.org

Saturday, April 30th, 2005

8:00 A.M ~ 4:30 P.M.

SCHEDULE:

8:00 A. M. ~ Registration in the Community Room (CR) at *The Mary L. Cook Public Library* (coffee, tea, juice, donuts and muffins).

8:30 A. M. ~ "Quaker Genealogy" presented by Dr. Thomas Hamm of *Earlham College*, Richmond, Indiana. Dr. Hamm will focus on the Hawkins family to demonstrate how to conduct Quaker Genealogy. Dr. Hamm is the author of *Quakers in America* (Columbia University Press, 2003) and many other books. Dr. Hamm is presently working on another book with regard to the history of Hicksite Friends. (CR)

9:45 A. M. ~ Fifteen minute break

10:00 A. M. ~ "The Quaker Migration from the South" presented by Friend Bill Medlin, Pastor of Friends Meeting in Lynn, Indiana and author of *Quaker Families of South Carolina & Georgia* (Ben Franklin Press, 1982). (CR)

11:15 ~ 11:45 P. M. ~ Lunch in the *Red Brick Meeting-house, Quaker Hill* in Waynesville

11:45 ~ 12:15 P. M. ~ Tour of *White Brick Meetinghouse, Quaker Hill* in Waynesville

12:30 P. M. ~ "Cook Family History" presented by Milton Cook, clerk of *Miami Monthly Meeting of Friends* (FGC) in Waynesville. (CR)

1:45 P.M. ~ Fifteen minute break

2:00 P.M. ~ "Hiram Hadley, Educator: from Ohio to New Mexico" presented by Steve Hussman, Associate Professor, Department Head for Archives and Special Collections, New Mexico State University. CR.

3:15 P.M ~ 4:30 ~ Drive to *Springfield Monthly Meeting of Friends* in Clinton County, Ohio and tour.

The Genealogy Societies of Warren, Greene and Clinton Counties will be present with information concerning their Quaker resources.

DIRECTIONS - MARY L. COOK PUBLIC LIBRARY:

From Rt. 42: At Waynesville, turn west at Franklin Road. Drive up the hill. Turn right at the first intersection onto Old Stage Road. The Library will be the fourth building on your left.

From Rt. 73: At Waynesville, turn north onto South Main Street. Go five blocks and turn west on Franklin Road. Drive up the hill. Turn right at the first intersection onto Old Stage Road. The Library will be the fourth building on your left.

\$20.00 per person --The fee includes breakfast & lunch.

Please send check to:

Karen Campbell, Genealogy Librarian
The Mary L. Cook Public Library
381 Old Stage Road
Waynesville, Ohio 45068

Make the check out to *The Mary L. Cook Public Library*.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL #: _____

Representatives of the *Clinton Co. Historical & Genealogical Society*, the *Greene County Genealogical Society* and the *Warren County Genealogical Society* will be at the conference with displays of their genealogical books for sale and information about their Quaker resources.

Activities near Waynesville:
Caesar's Creek State Park
Little Miami Scenic River & Trail Corridor
Historic Waynesville
Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio
Historic Springboro, Ohio
Historic Lebanon, Ohio

DATES TO REMEMBER

October



- 11 - Camp Board at Grinnell Friends, 6:00 pm
- 13 - Yearly Meeting Planning, IAYM Office, 1:00 pm
- 16 - C.E. Retreat at Grinnell Friends,
- 16 - M&C Board, IAYM Office, 9:30 am
- 16 - Church Ext, IAYM Office, 9:30 am
- 21 - Personnel Comm., IAYM Office,

November

- 6 - BOC, College Ave Friends at Oskey,
- 9 - Youth Board at Grinnell Friends,
- 20 - Stewardship Board, IAYM Office, 9:30 am



Amy Wyatt
Vanderveld Scholarship Recipient

LeGrand Friends Church (LFC) announces that Amy Wyatt is the 2004-2005 recipient of the Vandervelde Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. Amy attends Marshalltown Community College majoring in Elementary Education. She plans to be a Preschool or Elementary Teacher.

In addition to her scholastic pursuits, Amy is a wife and mother of four who runs a full-time in-home daycare. She is quite active in LFC, providing leadership to Pioneer Club, Family Camp Committee, and LeGrand Pioneer Days Concessions, as well as teaching Children's Church and participating in last year's Christmas production of Bethlehem Inn.

The Vandervelde Scholarship is made possible through LeGrand Friends Church by a grant from Marjorie Vandervelde in honor of her father, the late Dr. E. M. Mills. Dr. Mills was LeGrand's country doctor in the early 1900's. Recipients of the scholarship are judged on a combination of qualities including educational goals, character, church involvement, and financial need.



POSITIONS OPEN

MOWA-Choctaw Friends Academy and Center, near McIntosh, Alabama, is seeking a Director beginning June 2005, with administrative, office, maintenance, communication skills, and experience with and compassion for low income community. Assist the Pre-K / Kindergarten Class, in charge of the after school Kids Bible Club meetings, develop appropriate community programs and Christian Discipleship classes. Quaker Married couple preferred. Send resume to: Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs (ACFIA), P. O. Box 2326, Richmond, IN 47375-2326.

Executive Secretary – part time, for the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs (ACFIA), beginning April 2005. Duties center around the areas of communication between the Executive Committee and the Friends Center Directors; promote ACFIA work by reporting to and attending various Yearly Meeting sessions; raise awareness and funds by speaking to Meetings and organizations, and by correspondence. Small stipend and travel offered. Send enquiries to: ACFIA, P. O. Box 2326, Richmond, IN 47375-2326, or e-mail: kjkendall@earthlink.net



MEETING MOMENTS

Our summer activities began with Baccalaureate for the 2004 Earlham High School Seniors on Wed., May 26. It was held at the Earlham Peace Lutheran Church, and all ministers in the Earlham Ministerial Association, including our pastor Dallas Gilreath, took part in the service.

On July 4, Bear Creek joined with the other churches in Earlham to worship together in the City Park at 10:00 a.m. Once again, our pastor took part in the service.

On the evening of July 11, we hosted our annual night of Music in the Earlham Park. This year we invited the Dunkard Brethren Church Singers of Dallas Center to be our special musical guests, and they shared many old favorite hymns with the crowd. Ice cream floats were enjoyed by all afterwards.

Our Vacation Bible School was held on the evenings of July 29 and 30, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The theme this year was "Fly High with Jesus", and several children AND adults enjoyed singing, stories, art projects, games, refreshments, and the grand finale of kite flying! .

We were saddened with the death of Bob Barnett, whose funeral was held at Bear Creek on Aug. 2. Bob's wife Loretta has attended Bear Creek for many years; and his parents, Willard and Mabel Barnett, were lifelong members. Pastor Dallas Gilreath officiated at the funeral service, and burial was held at the Bear Creek Cemetery. Bob is survived by his wife Loretta, two children, one grandson, and many other relatives and friends.

Several members, as well as our pastor and his wife, attended Iowa Yearly Meeting Aug. 4-7.

The summer ended with our annual Community Picnic, held at the churchyard, on the evening of Aug. 28. Approximately 70 neighbors and friends enjoyed the lovely weather, good food, and visiting.

We have been enjoying the new carpeting in our basement, Sunday School rooms, and stairways. New curtains and fresh paint on the furniture in the children's rooms and dining room have made a wonderful difference! Our Friday morning coffee club continues to meet and grow, and to enjoy the new surroundings!

IN TOUCH PRAYER CIRCLE

Wilma Kaldenberg continues to add names to the In Touch prayer circle, sponsored by the Church Extension Committee.

If you want your name added to receive emails from people across IAYM, giving praise or asking for prayer, simply send your request via email to wlkald@netins.net If you do not have email but would like to receive messages by phone or regular mail, call or write Wilma at PO Bx 38, Lynnville 50153 (641-527-2181).

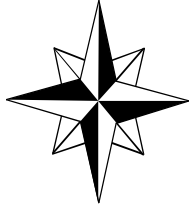
"FAITH AND HOPE"

Leadership Program
6th Graders Overnighter
Grinnell Friends Church
October 15 & 16, 2004
8:00 pm - 2:30 pm

What are the spiritual disciplines?
Leader: Spencer Thury, pastor of
Riverside Friends Church
Cost: \$20 per person

What to bring: Bible, notebook
and pen, sleeping bag, pillow,
toothbrush and toothpaste,
comfortable clothes

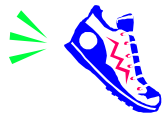
What not to bring: video
games, CD players, DVD
players, radios, etc.



My Grace is
sufficient for You!
2 Corinthians 12:9

"FAITH AND HOPE"

Leadership Program
5th Graders Overnighter
Grinnell Friends Church
November 5-6, 2004



**walk
your
talk**

Leader: Wendy Rains, Buffalo Friends
Cost: \$20 per person

What to bring: Bible, notebook and pen,
sleeping bag, pillow, toothbrush and tooth-
paste, comfortable clothes

What not to bring: video games, CD players,
DVD players, radios, etc.

both programs sponsored by
IAYM Youth Ministries

IMPACT

November 6, 11:00 am

November 7, 12:00 pm



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Games
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Dan Oldenkamp

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Four Foot Giants



IMPACT is a growth-oriented
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oriented youth. If you are
ready to grow, then we are
ready to help. Come expecting
a fresh look at what it means
to connect with God!

For more information, contact:

Anthony Nieuwsma
(641) 236-6412
youthguy@grinnellfriends.org

\$50/person

Location: Camp Quaker Heights
22605 V Avenue
Eldora, IA 50627

phone: 641-939-5977
email: campghi@adiis.net

Please register by
October 23, 2004
\$60/person @ the door



~sponsored by IAYM Youth Programs and Youth Ministries~

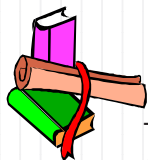
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Missions Board Scholarship

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2005-2006 academic school year. Persons seeking intentional study in missions at a Christian college or seminary, and want to pursue education to prepare for full time missions' work with a Friends organization may contact the Mission's Board to receive an application. For the 2005-2006 scholarship, please contact Diane Martin, IAYM Mission's Presider, at 3227 Pheasant Avenue, Rockwell, IA 50469 or e-mail at zoocrew@netins.net. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2005.

OPEN WORSHIP

The follower of Jesus is to discover and then promote the Kingdom of God. That kingdom has two tenses: it is already here, in each one of us; and it is still to come, when God's goodness becomes a universal norm. We are to live now, as if the Kingdom of God were already fulfilled.

Peace begins within ourselves. It is to be implemented within the family, in our meetings, in our work and leisure, in our own localities, and internationally. The task will never be done. Peace is a process to engage in, not a goal to be reached.

~Sydney Bailey 1993~

VITAL SIGNS

Meisha Kun and Thomas Goodhue, were married August 14, 2004. Thomas is the son of Darrell and Eve Goodhue. Thomas and his parents are members of Ackwroth Friends Meeting. Grandparents are the late John and Helen Goodhue.

Caroline Carter and Ted Fisher were united in marriage on September 25, 2004 at LeGrand Friends Church with Pastor Alan Mullikin officiating. Caroline is the daughter of Mac and Jane Carter of Marshalltown.

Mildred Heiring, 98, died Wednesday, September 1, 2004. She was an active member of LeGrand Friends Church since her move to the community in 1968. Many will remember Mildred as "The Doll Museum" lady, for that was her passion—making and collecting dolls. It was a hobby brought her national attention and her collection a place of exhibit at the Iowa Historical Society Museum in Des Moines.

Orville "Joe" White, age 82, passed away 8/27/04. He taught and coached in the Bloomington Schools (Minnesota) for 34 years. His devoted wife of 57 years, Louise, survives him as do his loving children, Betsy (Edward) Souther, Patti (Thomas) Poladian, Brian (Susan) White and Alan (Melissa) White, and 6 grandchildren. Joe was very involved in environmental and peace concerns. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Audubon Center of the Northwoods www.audubon-center.org or donor's choice. Memorial Service will be held September 26th, 2PM at Minneapolis Friends Meeting, 4401 York Ave. So, Minneapolis.

Kjrsten "Kit" Hoeksema, 14, was tragically killed in an automobile accident, September 16, 2004. Funeral services were held September 20, at the Bondurant Federated Church in Bondurant, Iowa. Kjersten was actively involved in her church youth group and many school activities. Surviving are her parents, David and Ardeth Hoeksema; brother, Hans, grandparents Marvin & Doris Hoeksema and Ard and Charlane Blomberg; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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