



# The Iowa Friend

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## BECOMING YOUR FAVORITE CHURCH

*"What the Church can do for God when Pastors, Lay Leaders, and People work together"*

with  
**H.B. London**

**Friday, February 4, 2005**  
at the Student Center on the campus of  
Vennard College

5:30 p.m. Registration  
6:30 p.m. Ministry Banquet  
Guest Speaker: H.B. London

**Saturday, February 5**  
at College Avenue Friends Church

8:15 a.m. Welcome & Worship  
8:30 a.m. Session 1: With H.B. London  
10:00 a.m. Break  
10:30 a.m. Session 2: With H.B. London  
12:00 noon Lunch at the Church  
1:00 p.m. Session 3: With H.B. London  
2:30 p.m. Dismissal

### Pre-Conference

**Friday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.** -- H.B. London will speak at the chapel service at Vennard College. The chapel is located on the top floor of the Administration Building.

### Post-Conference

**Sunday, February 6, 9:00 a.m.** -- H.B. will speak in the meeting for worship at Middle River Friends Church near Carlisle, Iowa. Call 515-989-3319 for more information.

### About our Speaker

H.B. London, Jr. is Vice President of Church, Clergy, and Medical Outreach for **Focus On The Family**, located in Colorado Springs. A fourth generation minister, Rev. London was born in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is a graduate of Pasadena College (now called Point Loma Nazarene ) and



Nazarene Theological Seminary, and was ordained on May 24, 1962.

Rev. London pastored for 31 years. After serving three decades in pastoral ministry, H.B. accepted the invitation to become Assistant to the President for **Focus On The Family**.

He has co-authored with Neil B. Wiseman the books, *Pastors At Risk* (Victor Books), *The Heart of a Great Pastor* (Regal Books), *Married to a Pastor's Wife* (Victor Books), *Your Pastor is an Endangered Species* (Victor Books), *It Takes a Church Within A Village* (Thomas Nelson), *They Call Me Pastor* (Regal Books), *Becoming Your Favorite Church* (Regal Books), *Pastors at Greater Risk* (Regal Books).

Two other books by H.B. that have received wide distribution are: *Refresh, Renew, Revive* (Focus on the Family Book Publishing) and *The Minister's Little Devotional Book* (Honor Books). His newest book, co-authored with Neil Wiseman, *For Kid's Sake – Winning the Tug-of-War for Future Generations*, was released in January of 2004 by Regal Books.

H.B. and his wife, Beverley, have two married sons and four grandchildren.

**MINISTRY BANQUET** -- The Quaker Men of Iowa Yearly Meeting will host their annual banquet in conjunction with the Ministry Conference. The banquet will be at the Student Center/Cafeteria at Vennard College. All conference attendees are welcome.

Members of Quaker Men, who have paid the dues and pre-registered for the conference, are charged \$5.00 for the banquet. Other pre-registrants are charged \$7.50. All banquet attendees will be charged \$8.50 after the January 14, 2005 deadline.

**LUNCH TICKETS** are available for the Saturday noon meal at College Avenue Friends Church. The sack lunches are prepared by the youth of the church. Each ticket is \$5.00 a piece.

**NOTE: Brochures have been sent to each of the churches. Also, registration and motel information will be printed in the December issue of the Iowa Friend**



## Friendly Flashes

*"Let us always offer to God our sacrifice or praise."  
~Hebrews 13:15~*

The farmers have been busy getting the harvest in from the fields and the gardens are being readied for a winter rest. I can sense a nip in the air at five in the morning when I bring in the paper. All the signs are pointing to the coming of winter and the end of this year, 2004.

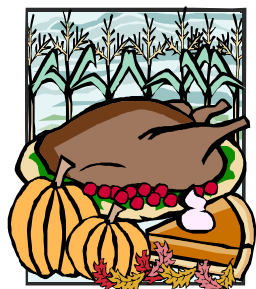
As I see the pumpkins and squash stacked for sale, Thanksgiving seems just around the corner. I think God made this time of year especially beautiful with all the warm colors; gold, brown, red, yellow and orange so that we might store them in our hearts to review during the long grey days of winter.

This is a time when I count my blessings. At Fall Retreat, we discussed our gifts from God and how we were using them to serve others. I thank God for friends that used the gift of **TIME TO LISTEN** and **ENCOURAGE** me, for friends who **WROTE CARDS** or made a **PHONE CALL** to say they were **PRAYING** for me, for friends who came to **VISIT**, or **DROVE ME** to a meeting, or brought me **FOOD**. I especially am grateful for those who **VOLUNTEER** at the food pantry, teach **SUNDAY SCHOOL** with me, bring me **QUILTS** or share their gift of **MUSIC**. To my young friends, a big **HUG** for your help with the **HOUSEHOLD CHORES** that have become difficult for me and for your willing spirits whenever a task comes up at church.

As you can see, I have much to be thankful for because I am surrounded by people who are using the gifts God gave them and blessing me and those around them everyday. My niece, Tina, and her friend, Lorie, came last Sunday to share their musical gifts by singing. They chose **LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE** between your heart and mine and isn't that what Christ came to do? To use the love of the Father to build a bridge of love between our hearts and His and make it possible for us to build our own bridges by sharing that love.

Peace, Grace and Love  
As we send up our chorus of praise!

Linda Burnett



*Let us with joyful hearts  
Praise the Lord of harvest,  
Let us enjoy our harvest stored away,  
And we'll never cease to thank  
and praise Him  
Who is with us every day and  
in every way.*

*~John H. Baxter~*



## MEETING MOMENTS

The lazy days of summer turned into busy fall days for **Bear Creek Friends!** On Sept. 19, the church members enjoyed a potluck dinner to share in the joy of Otha and Marie Cook at having all four of their sons home. The Cooks celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in August, and a time of visiting was enjoyed by all at this special reunion!

Sept. 28 found Leon Maxson being honored with a card shower for the occasion of his 85th birthday.

Our pastor, Dallas Gilreath, officiated at the Sept. 30 funeral service of one of our members, Carroll Noland. Carroll's parents, Fred and Nora Noland, were lifelong members of Bear Creek. Carroll was 89 years old at the time of his death. His memorial service was held at the funeral home in Earlham, and our church ladies provided lunch there afterwards.

On Oct. 2, the USFW manned a table at the Raccoon Valley Humane Society Art and Craft Fair in Adel. The women sold soup mixes, drink mixes, and baked goods. The next day, our pastor and wife Eleanor left for pastor's Retreat at Camp Quaker Heights. Several of the women returned to Quaker Heights on Oct. 9 for the USFW Fall Retreat.

Our pastor was called upon once again to conduct a funeral service, this time on Oct. 18 for Wilda Glenn of Redfield. Mrs. Glenn was the mother of Martha Bosomworth, WAQ is one of our members. Mrs. Glenn's service was held at the funeral home in Adel, and our women then assisted in the luncheon at the Redfield Legion Hall.

A neighborhood fall party was held in Chuck Weesner's pasture on Fri., Oct. 22, with the church furnishing the food. A wiener roast, smores, and horse drawn wagon rides were enjoyed by church members, neighbors, and friends.

Our annual USFW Missions Guest Day was held on Sun., Oct. 24. Margaret Stoltzfus of Oskaloosa spoke at our morning service. A potluck dinner was followed by slides of Margaret's work in Jamaica.

The month of Oct. ended on a happy note as we celebrated the 100th birthday of our oldest member, Russell Johnson! Russell enjoyed a card shower on his Oct. 28 birthday, but church members and friends traveled to his home at the Panora Care Center on Oct. 21 for a special open house.

We now look forward to a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season at Bear Creek Friends!

*~Meeting Moments continued on page 3*



# COME, BE RENEWED!

**A Conference With  
Dr. Joy Moore  
November 28-29, 2004**



Dr. Joy Moore is Professor of Preaching at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. She holds a BA degree in Education and Mathematics for National Louis University, a Masters of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Brunel University/London School of Theology. Dr. Moore is a

powerful preacher and communicator. She is also recognized for her expertise in the disciplines of homiletics, hermeneutics, narrative theology, and community formation.

Dr. Moore will speak at the First Congregational Church, November 28-29, located at 312 West Main Street in Marshalltown, Iowa. The conference will begin Sunday evening at 7:00 and conclude by 3:00 on Monday afternoon.

**Motel accommodations can be made at:  
The Best Western Regency Inn (641-752-6321)**

or

**The AmericInn (641-752-4844) in Marshalltown.**

**For more information contact:**

**Kelly Kellum (641-673-8357)**

or

**Barry and Cheryl Holmes (641-752-4239)**

*All are welcome! Come, join Asbury Seminary alumni and friends, and be renewed!*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**Kenneth & Pauline Santee  
celebrating their 55th  
Wedding Anniversary on  
November 25, 2004.**



**Greetings may be sent to:  
Kenneth & Pauline Santee**

**8650 N 65th Ave. - Cs111**

**Glendale, AZ 85302**

**Ph: (623) 842-3808**

**email: kpsantee@hotmail.com**

~ Meeting Moments continued from page 3

The fall gathering of the **Winnesheik Quarterly Meeting** was held October 9th & 10th at the **Valton Friends Church**. The weekend began with a hayride through the beautifully colored hills of southwestern Wisconsin and a croquet course set up on the lawn for the youth. The evening meal consisted of four different kinds of soup and an array of bread ranging from homemade white bread to pull apart cheese bread. The evening service was attended by some twenty-nine people including Pastor Bill Shepherd and his wife Alice from Sturgeon Bay, Pastor Keith Mardock of Hesper, and Pastor Ernie Baiotto and wife Joyce from Earlham Iowa. Ernie Baiotto is a retired pastor and also the uncle of Ruth Willis, wife of Valton pastor Paul Willis. The messages that Ernie brought were very thought provoking and timely. Sunday morning was a wonderful time of worship and praise as people were lifted by the music of John and Ingrid Bamberg of Sturgeon Bay, Marvin Cooper, Keith Mardock, and Bunny Cooper of Hesper and John (trombone) and Georgene (vocal) Mann of Sturgeon Bay. Ernie's message from Acts 5:12-16 on Sunday morning was a blessing to the ninety people in attendance and there were many who answered the call to live their lives for Jesus. It was decided at the business meeting on Saturday that Sturgeon Bay would forego the quarterly meeting there in order to help Hesper prepare for it's 150th celebration to be held on July 2nd and 3rd of 2005. All in all the weekend was a great gathering of God's people around food, music and worship, a time of renewing friendships and realizing how wonderful it is to be members of the family of God.

## CHESTER FRIENDS

**Final Service November 14th**



An observance of thanksgiving and celebration for the three centuries of corporate worship at Chester Friends will be held Sunday, November 14.

Beginning at a 10:30 am service, members along with family and friends will testify to the movement and leading of the Spirit throughout the years. After the morning meeting, all are invited to fellowship at a luncheon provided by the church. Following this service, there will no longer be a weekly gathering for worship at Chester Friends.

Chester Friends is located on RR Avenue, south off D65 between Union and New Providence, Iowa. To send a note, mail correspondence to:

Chester Church  
32031 RR Ave.  
Union, IA, 50258.

*The body at Chester Friends welcomes all who wish to mark this very special day.*

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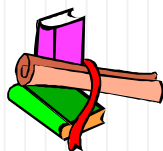
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### Clarence and Lilly Pickett Fund for Quaker Leadership

This Endowment seeks to honor the Picketts, Penn Alumni and distinguished AFSC leaders, by encouraging young Quaker potential leaders through grants for service projects.

January 15th is the deadline for receiving nominations for the year 2005. If the emerging leader and his/her intended project fit the Pickett Fund guidelines, he/she is promptly notified and invited to complete an application form.

A limited number of grants (averaging from \$2500 to \$3000) are available each year to individuals showing unique promise for Quaker leadership. Grants are not made to fund academic study; the focus of the Pickett Fund grants is for "hands on" service and research projects directly related to the quality and betterment of life for all humankind.

The Endowment is administered by trustees governed by established articles of incorporation and by-laws. Allen Bowman is the coordinator. Requests for nomination forms can be sent to Allen at 1720 Kemble Drive, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. Telephone (641) 673-4190.

**Nominations due January 15 -- Grants are awarded in May**

### Trustees Scholarship

Several years ago, IAYM received a generous gift making it possible for a student to receive a \$500 scholarship to assist in their education. The donor providing these funds had a great concern for our Christian young people and their education. The income from this gift is available from year-to-year to the student selected by the Trustees Scholarship Committee.

Applications may be submitted by any Christian student who is planning to attend a recognized college; all other things being equal, special consideration will be given to those planning to attend William Penn University. Those applying must have a recommendation from their local church and fulfill other requirements asked for in the Scholarship Application.

Those wishing to apply should write to Iowa Yearly Meeting Scholarship Fund, PO Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA 52577 for an application.

**Deadline is February 1, 2005.**



## PROMISE PROGRAM

Ground was officially broken August 2, for the facility that will house Quakerdale's Promise Program, Iowa's first privately-funded, voluntary, long-term group living opportunity for youth, made possible with funds raised by the "Caring For The Forgotten Child" campaign. Bill and Kathy Clendening, from Fairfield Friends Church, have been hired as the program's houseparents. Bill writes:

"About a year ago Kathy attended a conference where Dave Holm, Quakerdale pastor, told about the Promise Program and mentioned the need for houseparents. We were thinking about new directions in our lives and have also had a long-standing concern for the well-being of young people, so we contacted Quakerdale and they decided to hire us as houseparents."

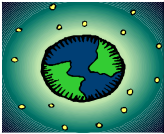
"Currently we are working in other Quakerdale programs—gaining experience, getting trained and making plans for our roles as live-in houseparents in the Promise Program. The construction and remodeling in Marshalltown is almost complete and the program will begin about the first of the year."



"There are many young people living in situations that prevent them from reaching their full potential. We are excited about the opportunity to help

some of these young people become all that they can be in an environment that is loving, encouraging, and grounded in Jesus."

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# Superintendents & Secretaries

~by Ron Bryan, General Superintendent~

In September, Joyce and I traveled to Portland, Maine to attend the Superintendent's and Secretaries Annual Meeting. We met at the Durham Meeting near Freeport, Maine and enjoyed worshipping at their historic Meeting House. There were a total of twelve participants. It was a learning experience for all and informative to hear them share about the growth struggles within their own Yearly Meetings. I found that we experience many of the same hurdles, even those who have served in their respective positions for several years.

We exchanged information concerning issues of child safety in our churches and other volunteer organizations, and how insurance and new laws are being enacted in different states. It was also a good opportunity to discuss prospective pastor's and their relocations within FUM and EFM.

After our time in Maine, Joyce and I vacationed for one week in Nova Scotia, visiting an aunt and uncle as well as viewing the maritime provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.



## MISSIONS

### John Moru to visit Iowa

John Moru from Turkana will be in Iowa to speak at Friends churches from Thursday, Nov 11 through Sunday, November 21. John will need lodging, meals, and transportation to the churches, who invite him to speak. After his time here in Iowa, John will be traveling back to Richmond, Indiana.

Turkana is running very low on funds and do not have enough finances to keep the program running. They are currently running a children's home and school. They also have a women's group and offer scholarships for the school. With operating expenses and salaries, they need about \$2000 per month. Currently, the staff is often not being paid in order to care for the children. John is trying to raise awareness of Turkana and the need for financial help.

If you are interested in having John speak at your meeting, please contact Karen Bauer at 319-694-4120

## MY SOLEMN VOWS



May everything I say and do,  
Dear God, reflect my love for You,  
And as I'm walking down life's road,  
Let me share someone's heavy load.  
May what I do to others be  
What I would have them do to me.  
May I show kindness every day  
To everyone who comes my way,  
And God, please walk beside me now--  
And help me keep each solemn vow.

~Doris A. Orth~



## "A FUTURE AND A HOPE"

A special sub-committee was appointed from the BOC to consider the next step in moving forward with the Capital Campaign. After several meetings and interviews, the BOC agreed to hire Pat Watson as the director of the next phase of the Capital Campaign.

Pat and her husband, Greg, live in Mt. Pleasant. They attend Grace Community Friends Church, and own and operate the Ramada Inn there. The following is a summary of the agreement between Pat Watson and Iowa Yearly Meeting.

**Summary of plan:** This plan, in support of the IAYM capital campaign, which began last August, creates a "\$100 A Year Will Make a Difference" program. The goal is to challenge every member of IAYM to contribute \$100/year for the next 5 years in order to meet and possibly exceed the remaining capital campaign cash goal of \$340,000. In addition, as contacts are made throughout IAYM, those in a position to do deferred giving or participate in planned giving will be encouraged to do so.

To give the best opportunity for success, Pat will initially focus the program on 4-6 monthly meetings for the first three months. In general, these churches will have the full support of the pastor and have had 5 or more attenders/members who have participated in Yearly Meeting sessions at least once in the past three years.

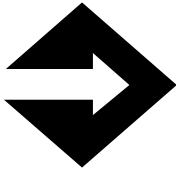
**Initial time period of agreement:** The initial time period for this agreement is for one year. There will be a review and evaluation of the program at the end of the first three months at which time either Pat Watson or IAYM may opt out of this agreement.

*The Board on Coordination of IAYM* will evaluate the progress and success of this agreement and may act to continue the agreement for an additional period of time beyond the first year. One criterion of evaluation will be the pledge level of support, which has been generated from the "\$100 A Year Will Make a Difference" program. At least one third to one half of the goal could be expected to be raised during the first year. An additional criterion will be the potential for development of future deferred giving.

**Remuneration:** \$27,000 per year to be paid in monthly installments (\$2250). Payments will be made on the 28<sup>th</sup> of each month. Expenses (gas, printing supplies, postage costs, etc.) will be reimbursed at actual cost. Expense reports will be filed monthly. Compensation for Pat Watson will come from contributions to the capital campaign and not from IAYM operating budget.

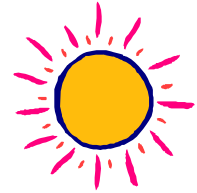
## VITAL SIGNS

**Carroll Noland, 89** of Adel, and a member of Bear Creek Friends Church, rural Earlham, passed away on September 28, 2004. Pastor Dallas Gilreath presided at the memorial service at Kuhn Funeral Home in Earlham. His parents, Fred and Nora Noland, were lifelong Bear Creek Members. Carroll is survived by his wife, Pauline, three sons, one brother and one sister, and many other relatives and friends.



# Arise and Shine

Friday, March 11th - Saturday, March 12, 2005  
Quaker Lake Camp — Climax, North Carolina



*Get Up and Go!*  
*Sharing Our Faith in the 21st Century*  
*Acts 8:26,29*

## 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.**

### Schedule Overview

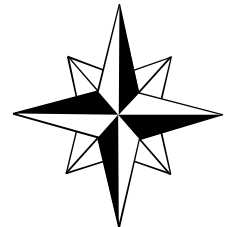
Friday, March 11, 7:00 pm Session 1  
Saturday, March 12, 8:30 am Session 2  
Saturday, March 12, 11 :00 am Session 3  
Saturday, March 12, 2:15 pm Session 4

Many participants of Arise and Shine will be participating in a Friends Disaster Service project in eastern North Carolina March 7-10. You are invited to participate. For more information on how to help, call Wiley Shore at (336) 679-8466.

## Registration

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

Registration Fee: \$25 per person before February 1 st. \$30 after February 1 st.  
\$10 for Friday night only/\$20.00 for Saturday only  
*Please make your check out to the **Chicago Fellowship of Friends***



- Lodging will be provided at Quaker Lake Camp. Bring your own linens.
- Local USFW groups will be providing meals for a reasonable fee, as fundraisers.

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**Mail to: North Carolina Yearly Meeting  
Attn: Darrin Allen/Arise & Shine  
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Greensboro, NC 27410**

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