



The Iowa Friend

Iowa Yearly Meeting: Spreading Like Prairie
Grass to Make the Love of Jesus Christ Known
in the Heartland and Beyond

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Quaker Men's Banquet Saturday, February 28 Starts at Noon!

Location: William Penn University
Chief Mahaska Room
in the Student Union

Ticket price: \$10 per person in advance
(by February 20th)
\$12 at the door

send reservations to:

Charles Nichols
1743 Main St. Rd
State Center, IA 50247

Speaker:

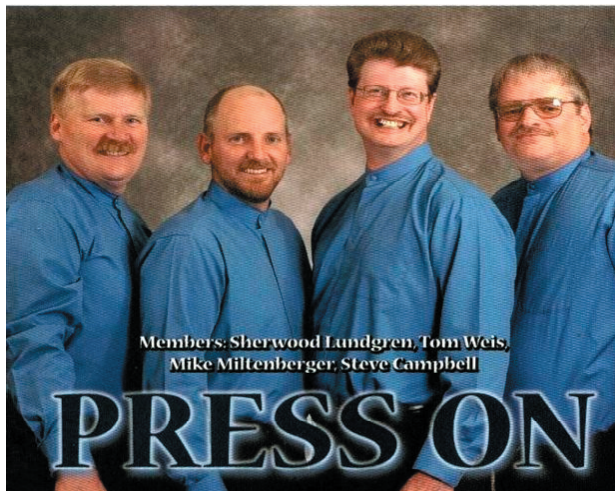
Dr. Tom Clegg

President of
CoachNet

"Eternity in Their Hearts"



Special Music by "Press On"



Pastor's Short Course February 26-28th

Please register by February 20th!

Special speaker is Dr. Tom Clegg
registrations available from the
Yearly Meeting Office

****Special Note: Friday Evening service is
open to the public**

Service begins at 7 pm at College Avenue Friends

Schedule for Short Course

Thursday, February 26th, 2009

6:00 pm Registration at College Ave.

6:30 pm Pastor's Appreciation meal (please pre-register)
Provided by the members
Of College Ave. Friends (CAF)

7:30 pm Worship @ CAF
Superintendent Ron Bryan

Friday, February 27th, 2009

(breakfast on your own)

9:30 am Workshops for Mentoring, Training, and
Encouragement in practical ministry.
(Scheurmann Room at WPU)

Noon Lunch at WPU—Scheurmann Room
Greetings from President Sours

1:30 pm **"Cultivating Vitality in Leadership"**

(This session delivered in 2 parts)
An honest look at life in the pastorate
Dr. Tom Clegg
Scheurmann Room

3:30 pm FREE TIME

Evening meal on own or go as a group

7:00 pm **"The Future and You"**

Church revitalization begins with embracing change
Meeting at CAF—open to public

Saturday, February 28th, 2009

(Breakfast on your own)

9:00 am **State of the Church in Iowa**

Dr. Tom Clegg @ CAF

Refreshments (provided by pastor Association)

10:30 **Breaking Growth Barriers**

Dr. Tom Clegg @CAF

Friendly Flashes

- a Ministry of USFW of Iowa -

Happy Valentine's Day!

Did you know the heart is happiest when it beats for others? This drives each of us to share with others the good things we have been blessed with.

This is what being a citizen of God's Kingdom is all about!

Please mark your calendars.

SPRING FLING
at LYNNVILLE FRIENDS
Saturday, APRIL 4th.
GAYLE MORTIMER,
speaker



Gale will be doing a morning and an afternoon presentation on LISTENING PRAYER, (Psalm 46:10: Be still and know that I am God.)

Sam and Becky Barber will be there also to visit with us about their schedule and work assignment to Belize for FUM.

I know I have, and perhaps you have too, kept asking... and asking... and asking Jesus for something and you get "NO RESPONSE"? Well that's the answer.

BE QUIET AND WAIT.

I have learned, the secret of contentment is the realization THAT LIFE IS A GIFT, NOT A RIGHT. Consider life as God's gift to you. Every moment is precious, so cherish them. In doing so, you'll find purpose and meaning for each day.

We want to see **YOU** on SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH at Lynnville Friends for SPRING FLING.

Awaiting your arrival with open arms,
Lyn Kinney, Vice President

Friends Disaster Service Work Opportunities!

Calling all carpenters, plumbers, electricians and wannabes. Once again, Iowa Yearly Meeting has the opportunity to cooperate with Eastern Region FDS in repairing hurricane and storm damaged homes in Texas and Indiana. This is an opportunity to not only help people who have suffered severe damage to their homes and lives, but also to meet and work with Friends from other parts of the country in a common rebuilding task. The usual procedure is to travel to the work site on Saturday and/or Sunday, work Monday through Friday, and then start home Saturday morning

TRIP ONE - 1042 miles from Oskaloosa. 16-17 hours estimated driving time.

Could you organize a volunteer trip to League City, TX, to help hurricane victims for one or more weeks from February 1 - 27th of 2009. We will be working to rehab damaged houses under the supervision of our Texas Director, Tom Hoke. Jim Moore and Jim Secaur will oversee the first two weeks. Bob Winn will be on the scene the second two weeks to culminate our presence in Texas.

Volunteers are asked to consider a \$10.00 per day per person donation to help with food expenses. FDS provides all food, drink and snack requirements for its volunteers. Our shower trailer with a washer/dryer unit and our tool trailer will accompany us. Housing will be at the League City Friends Church. You will need to bring personal hygiene items, casual and work clothes, a pillow and bedding as well as a cot or vinyl mattress.

Work weeks are:

February 1 - 6, 8 - 13, 15 - 20, and 22 - 27

TRIP TWO - 490 miles from Oskaloosa. 7-8 hours estimated driving time.

From March 29 - April 17th of 2009 our focus again turns to Columbus, IN. Last fall we successfully completed over 2,100 man hours in three weeks of work there and 15 families were able to return to their homes. More than 5000 houses and businesses near Columbus were flooded in the storms early last spring. There is still much to be done.

The Sandcreek-Azalia Friends Church 12 miles south will be our "bunkhouse". Pastor C. G. White and his entire congregation were most hospitable during our last stay and has invited us to return. United Way has a huge list of needy addresses in Columbus, IN.

Work weeks are:

March 29 - April 3, April 5 - 10, and 12 - 17

If you want to be involved in either or both of the above projects, write Dennis White , Box 803, Postville, IA 52162; email - dennis673@centurytel.net; or phone - 563-864-3858 or cell phone 563-379-2744

Meeting Moments & Vital Signs

Bloomington-Muscatine Friends - *Jerry Phillips, Pastor*

If your looking for a new ministry idea I have one for you. Chris Foss is a member of Bloomington-Muscatine Friends Church. Besides being a very devout Christian, he is a very talented musician. Chris along with his wife Melanie own the Round The Bend Music Shop here in Muscatine. Chris has been using the wonderful talents that God has given him to start a great music ministry here in town. Last spring Chris opened his shop up on Tuesday evenings for a old time gospel jam. People who play instruments can come and play, people that like to sing can come and sing. You don't have to have a lot of talent to come, all you need is a heart to worship the Lord and you are welcomed into this group. A few weeks ago Chris has expanded his ministry by taking his Gospel sing on the road. The first Tuesday of each month we go to Lutheran Homes which is a nursing home here in Muscatine. The residents just love this time as they sing and enjoy worshipping the Lord. The Second Tuesday the "Road Show" goes to the Clark House which is a retirement home and again the looks on the peoples faces as they worship God with their singing is priceless. On the Forth Tuesday of the week the road show travels to the Carrington Place which is another nursing home. We again see the same results. As Quakers we are all call to be ministers and the talent that God gave to Chris he uses to spread the Gospel to a lot of people who would otherwise not be able to worship. Chris a true minister in our Quaker sense and if you are in the area some Tuesday night and truly want to feel blessed and to be a blessing to others give me a call and we will take you on our "Road Tour" for Jesus.

Salem Friends - *Nathan Martin, Pastor*

Recently posted in their church newsletter were 10 Questions to ask at the start of a New Year (by Don Whitney). These questions are:

1. What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
5. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years? In eternity?

Deaths:

Marjorie Johnson, age 81, of LeGrand Friends, died on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at Bickford Cottage in Marshalltown. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 31 at a local funeral home. Marjorie and her husband of 60 years, Maynard, lived on a farm between LeGrand and Marshalltown all their married lives. She enjoyed helping him raise Black Angus cattle. She also loved family tree scrapbooking, gardening, and establishing an Iowa-award-winning windbreak. She is survived by her husband, one son, one daughter, six grandchildren, and two sisters.

Donna Hinshaw, age 74, of Richland, died on January 25, 2009 following a lengthy illness. She was born to Emile and Winnifred Emonin in Fairfield, IA. Donna grew up southeast of Fairfield and graduated from Fairfield High School in 1953. She was united in marriage to Kevin Dean Hinshaw on May 14, 1953 in Junction City, KS. They farmed the Hinshaw Century Farm for 56 years, enjoying gardening, visiting friends and church activities. Donna was an active longtime member of Trinity Friends Church. She is survived by her husband, one son, two daughters, 6 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and one brother.

Kay Bryan, age 85, of New Sharon Friends, died on Monday, January 26, 2009. Violet Kathleen Bryan, daughter of John and Velma (Sarver) Newport was born on March 13, 1923 in Lacey, IA. She was a 1941 graduate of Searsboro High School. On June 16, 1941, Kay was united in marriage to Edwin Bryan at the Friends Church parsonage in Searsboro. Together they farmed in the Montezuma area until 1974. In the fall of 1970, Edwin and Kay opened Fun Valley Ski Area in Montezuma. Kay was very active in Fun Valley's success. She was Vice President and Treasurer at Fun Valley. She was in charge of the kitchen and writing out checks. Kay was known for making pies and cookies that everyone around here enjoyed. She played the piano/organ at the Friends Church for over 60 years. Kay enjoyed crocheting, doing crossword puzzles, playing cards and dominos. She enjoyed making quilts; especially for everyone in her family. Kay prayed daily and was an avid reader. She belonged to the New Sharon Friends Church, Forest Home Club and Montezuma Country Club.

Kay's memory will be cherished by her seven children, Terry (Linda) Bryan of Montezuma, Ron (Joyce) Bryan of Oskaloosa, Carol (Jim) Means of Olathe, Kansas, Rick (Connie) Bryan of Oskaloosa, Joy (Dean) Hubbard of Montezuma, Denny (Marcy) Bryan of Oskaloosa, and Kelly (Lori) Bryan of Montezuma; 50 grandchildren including their spouses; 56 great grandchildren including their spouses; one great-great grandchild; one sister, Donna Bryan and two sisters-in-law, Lorna Bryan and Delores (Bob) Burt.

Erin Beane - IAYM Mission's Board Emphasis

About me

Thank you for the chance to tell you a little bit about myself and the ministry God has led me to. I grew up going to Le Grand Friends Church, Sunday school, Bible school, Camp Quaker Heights, etc. However, it wasn't until 7th grade that I really understood what it meant to have a personal relationship with God. God used some very difficult situations in my life to start me searching for something or someone that would not let me down. This is when God brought me to my knees before the cross and brought me into a relationship with himself.

I grew in my walk with the Lord through junior and senior high, but I definitely grew the most during college. God taught me to allow him alone to fulfill me and really opened my eyes to others' need for him. In my last two years of college, God gave me a heart to reach out to the women in my sorority. Through those years of ministry, God showed me that he wanted me to go into full time ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ to continue reaching out to college students.

I ministered to students at Iowa State for the last 1 ½ years, and now I am heading to St Cloud State in Minnesota to share the message of Christ with students on this campus!

My ministry

College is a very exciting, challenging, and influential time in students' lives. Often it is a student's first time away from their parents, and they are forming who they are and what they believe. Unfortunately there are many influences pulling students away from God, such as peer pressure, alcohol, and even professors, who discourage a faith in God.

St. Cloud State is about an hour north of Minneapolis and has over 16,000 students. I will be joining with 5 other Campus Crusade staff to reach out to this campus with the message of Christ. It is our desire that every student would have the opportunity to hear how they can have a relationship with God through Christ and help them grow in that relationship. I have the joy of sharing the gospel with students, leading Bible studies, discipling women one-on-one, helping with conferences, and teaching students how to share their faith!

Prayer and financial needs

☐ I need a team of people, who will partner with me to pray for St. Cloud State and my ministry there.

☐ I also need monthly financial partners. I must raise the funds to cover my ministry expenses, salary/ living expenses, insurance, etc. I have \$600/month left to raise before I can go to St. Cloud.

Contact Erin to arrange for her to speak at your church. Please consider supporting Erin through prayer and financial giving. Send contributions to Bob Watson, IAYM Mission's Treasurer, 803 Minnesota Street, Glidden, IA 51443 and mark it Erin Beane (Campus Crusade for Christ).



Teacher Training Workshop Motor Friends Church

FOR WHO: Any one interested in teaching, leading a small group, or improving there personal study skills

WHEN: Sunday February 15th (note date change)

TIME: 2 pm - 7 pm

SUPPER: provided for freewill donation

CONTACT: Angie Gentry 515-238-5844

REQUEST: if possible please RSVP to Angie Gentry as soon as possible so that we can get an approximate count for Supper

Iowa Yearly Meeting's Peace and Social Concerns Committee

March 12th of 2009 is
Quakerdale Legislative Day
at the Capital Building in Des Moines
Iowa. Those interested in attending
need to meet there at 7:30 am. Please
contact Paul Kessler at 641-521-4849
or email him at pkdelivery@yahoo.com

Lynnville Friends - Dr. Doug Smiley, Pastor

A column in their January newsletter highlighted their "Mission Moments". It reads:

"It was a wonderful moment when the Mission Committee had their goal of 50 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child more than doubled. When we filled Eileen Den Hartog's van with 114 boxed, we couldn't have been more excited. We delivered them to the Grace Fellowship Church in Pella that was the collection center for southeast Iowa. There are 3 relay centers assisting with this also in Grinnell, Oskaloosa and Ottumwa. They felt as blessed with this ministry from God as the Mission Committee of our own Lynnville Friends did.

The total shoebox gifts from the whole area were up 500 boxes from last year. They totaled 3,318 shoebox gifts. These gifts destinations from the Upper Midwest Region go to Abkhazia, Belize, Cameroon, Kenya, Mauritius, Mongolia, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, St. Vincent and Trinidad.

We praise God for His work through this ministry. Thanks you for your part in Operation Christmas Child. May you fell as blessed as the committee did this year."

Peace and Christian Social Concerns Award for 2008

Kevin Burkett

Honey Creek –New Providence

Kevin is a member of Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church who regularly exercises his gift of service. In addition to his work with sound engineering, video recording, creating a church directory, etc.; Kevin avails himself to members of the community for technical help with their computers. Kevin is willing to volunteer for community activities such as the Round House Players, the community breakfast, the Roundhouse Breakfast, Town Celebrations, and serving on committees for various organizations. Kevin has the ability to connect with people of all ages. He brings the message of Christ's love to others through his unselfish service.

John and Mary Patterson

College Avenue Friends

John and Mary Patterson have both spent their lives helping others and volunteering their services and expertise for the benefit of others. Their careers in Iowa State University Extension gave them a wide variety of skills that they were able to transfer into retirement in the Oskaloosa community. Each new community effort to help others has been strengthened by their support. For example, Crisis Intervention Services opened a shelter for abused women and children, and Mary continues to give practical assistance at the site. John has been called upon often by Love, Inc., a community effort to help provide a new start and health care to families in crisis. John and Mary have spent many hours at the Ecumenical Food Cupboard. John, an avid gardener, continues to be in charge of the county-wide Farmers Market from Spring through the Fall months. Mary, a nutrition specialist, is often sought out for advice and assistance with large meals at the church. Both have been active in the local Chapter of People-to-People International, and Mary has served as President of the organization. Throughout the years, they have provided room and board for William Penn University International students from Africa and more recently South Korea and Burma. The Pattersons have been involved in Church committee work, active in Quaker Men and USFW, and have faithfully attended Friends events with a willingness to take leadership roles when called upon. Their ability to "always have time" has become a daily example to those who know them. Truly, their "Helping Hands" are a gift freely given in Christian love. It is a privilege to honor John and Mary Patterson.

Karen Shipley-Cooper

Marshalltown First Friends

Marshalltown First Friends Monthly Meeting is pleased to recommend Karen Shipley-Cooper to be honored by the Peace and Social Concerns Board this year. In addition to being a 30 year member of First Friends Church where she has taught Jr. High Sunday School, helped with Vacation Bible School in Marshalltown and Mesquakie, been a member of Ministry and Counsel and hosted Outings for adult and youth outings at the farm; her involvement in community affairs is absolutely remarkable. In order to include her activities, they are listed as follows:

1. Served on Quakerdale board for 12 years, and served on or chaired many committees, currently treasurer and chair of personnel committee. Active in the development and fund raising for the Marshalltown Promise Home Program.
2. 30 year member of Beta Sigma Phi and Sigma Master.
3. 24 years Chapter leader and co- founder of the Marshalltown chapter of "The Compassionate Friends" - this is a support group for parents who have lost a child. She was qualified for that position because her only daughter Teresa Lynn died at age 16 and 1/2 from a brain aneurism at church in 1983.
4. 8 years establishing the "Fisher Heritage Center".
5. Marshalltown United Way, member as TCF chapter leader. Active in MAUW tour of homes effort, deliver packets to corporations for employee contribution cards, making public presentations to assist in campaign fund raisers.
6. City of Marshalltown, member of Housing Committee. Lifetime member (given by organization in recognition of service) of Marshalltown Lioness Club and Girl of the Year several times. Provided trailer for float and helped decorate for numerous parades in Marshalltown and State Center. Active since 1972 in ticket sales for Marshalltown Community Concert. Volunteer for traffic control of 5K-10K run during Oktoberfest. Member of Eastern Star (Rainbow Girl age 11-18).
7. Lifetime member (given by organization in recognition of service) of Optimist Club International, member of local Noon and evening Clubs for several years, active in tree sales and Sweetheart Auction fund raising efforts, Active in Special Olympics, MOBI, Peddle Pull, bike safety and other service projects for kids. Served as Iowa District Secretary Treasurer for State Governor in 1999- 2000, and District Optimist International Supplies Chairperson 2000-2001.
8. Taught "Dignity Memorial" Community Safe and Smart Series Programs for seniors in local schools, senior centers and churches.
9. Girl Scout leader 2 yrs.
10. Crime Stopper captain in her area for 4 years.

Through the years, Karen has consistently obeyed Christ's command to help others and to love one another.

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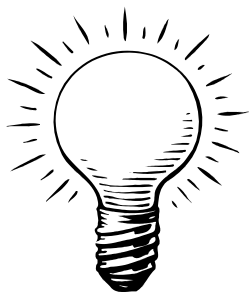
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Change

Service Requested

IOWA YEARLY MEETING YOUTH MINISTRIES



BLIZZARD BLAST 2009

Middle School (5 - 8th grade) LOCK-In
Marshalltown YMCA & 1st Friends Church
MARCH 13 - 14

More information and forms will be sent
to churches and posted on our website soon!

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2009
Young Friends
Camps
At Camp
Quaker Heights
June 2009



Little Fry Camp	June 5 - 7th
Fox Camp	June 7 - 11th
HS Weekender	June 12-14th
Junior High Camp	June 14 - 19th
High School Camp	June 21 - 26th
JH Weekender	June 26 - 28th
Fry Camp	June 28 - July 1st