



---

# The Iowa Friend

---

January 2012 Vol. 67 No. 1

2012

## Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:9-21

When was the last time we each sat down and read these words?

How, do you measure up?

I found myself feeling uncomfortable early one morning this week while reading these verses.

Why do I let myself drift so far away from these words of exhortation? And should I not be thankful that we serve a merciful God?

My personal evaluation was pretty simple!!! Somewhat shocking and very humbling!!! There is always so much left to work on in my personal character. And how do I appear to others. I have excuses, I can rationalize very well. I am so busy. Other people don't understand. It is so hard to please everyone all the time.....Ooops, there is a clue. Who am I trying to please? When does the buck stop right here, at my door?

How much time do I spend in prayer and waiting? How much time do I spend in the written words of the book that we are challenged to measure all things by?

There it is again!!! January 1 and I am finding I need to renew my faithfulness, and refresh my soul, in the love and spiritual formation of a child of God. I believe it is true, this work is never finished, this side of Heaven.

**Happy New Year, and let us have a wonderful time in the Lord.** ~ Ron Bryan

## Winter Family Banquet

Hosted by the Quakermen of Iowa

February 25th, 2012 @ noon

Our Iowa Yearly Meeting Winter Family Banquet will be happening Saturday, February 25th, at William Penn Student Union dining hall. This is a major event for Quakers in Iowa and comes at a great time of the year, when we could all use a day set aside for fun and fellowship. It was a special day last year and the goal is to increase the value of the banquet for everyone this year. We served 122 meals last year and want to do even more this year. The food and fellowship was great; the music and the program was really good and the plan is to repeat all of this-plus!



We are fortunate to have an international conference speaker whose life is devoted to Christian service. Randy Bixby is also an author and musician with more than two decades of leadership experience. He is a former National Denomination Executive where he mentored leaders and established an international missions agency. Randy is the cofounder and Director of the Convergence Center, and the Legislative Chaplain for the state of Iowa. He lives in Des Moines with his wife and three teenage children. In his own words, Randy has a passion to see people experience the Kingdom of God demonstrated through personal and cultural transformation.

The last activity of the day will be a pie auction of twenty-five pies. Our auctioneer is Kerry Hadley of Richland and I'm thinking this is going to be a real memory maker. There are some details yet to be finalized, most notably the price of the banquet ticket, so there will be more information coming.



Bill McCracken

## North American Ministries: Summer Mission Project (VBS) Update on Funds

### 2011 Project: Kids for Kids

Friends Theological College's dairy goat project is **one of several projects that will enable FTC students to provide at least 50 percent of FTC's income so that the college can continue in its accreditation process and FUM can continue its financial commitment.**



**Original Goal: \$10,000**

**As of December 2, 2011, \$22,227.40 has been received!**

**We look forward to sharing photos and stories with you soon from FTC!**

## Opportunity to be Support Part of Short-term Mission Trip

Brenda Cox from Woolson Friends Church is planning to go to Kenya with Friends Bringing Hope from February 20—April 26, 2012. She describes what she will be doing:

*"We will be working with widows and orphans with AIDS or affected by AIDS. We will be building houses, taking clothing, medicine and other things necessary for life. We will take each group some beans and corn to be divided for each families meals. We bring encouragement to the widows for their micro-enterprises and provide some money for expansion. I will be staying in Kenya after the work trip to visit more groups, go to Turkana and whatever else the Lord has for me. I will be attending the FWCC Conference from April 17-25. I look forward to meeting other Friends from all over the world. I would appreciate your contributions and prayer that I will stay healthy and show the light of God into areas that don't know Him and share His love with everyone."*

The cost for this trip is estimated to be \$8,000. Brenda has her ticket paid for but needs assistance to get the rest of the necessary funding. Your thoughtful contribution could help make this trip reality for Brenda. Make your checks out to Iowa Yearly Meeting designated for "Brenda Cox Kenya Mission" and send to IAYM, PO Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. OR contributions can be made from our website ([iaym.org](http://iaym.org)) through the "donate" button on the homepage. Please make a comment with your contribution regarding "Brenda Cox Kenya Mission".

## What does it take to do something new?

**Written by:** Robert C. Talbot, MA  
Executive Director of Quakerdale

I am joining some of our employees in striving to become healthier by participating in various wellness programs. Some of us have chosen to increase our physical activity through walking and running.

In learning more about walking and running I am reading a book by Jeff Galloway. It may sound elementary, but Galloway says the only way to be a good endurance runner is to run. Cross training and weights are fine, but they won't help you improve your endurance running. Galloway says you slowly increase your endurance first through walking. You then run for 20 or 30 seconds and walk again. He says ultimately you'll be able to run more than you walk and you'll be more healthy and on your way to running a marathon one day!

So in order to do something new you must start...Start with small steps and build on your success! Who knows...starting something new could change your life!

Among the new starts at Quakerdale, I am excited to share another with you. In our efforts to become more prevention minded and educational we are looking forward to providing new enrichment opportunities for marriages. We will host our first marriage retreat at the Wolfe Ranch Life Enrichment Center in Marshalltown, Iowa on March 30th and 31st of 2012.

We have some great retreat leaders and a comfortable setting to empower couples from young married to seniors who desire to grow closer together. Keep watching for more information on our web site and email blasts for introductions to our retreat leaders!

I encourage you to participate and share the news with others in your church or community about this opportunity. Consider exercising your relationships like you would your legs for more endurance and better health! Remember the only way to be a good distance runner is to run and the only way to grow in your relationship is to apply healthy relationship practices. Come and be a part of our marriage retreat to learn more about the tools you can use to build a stronger relationship with your spouse.

As always, I thank you for your prayer and support of Quakerdale. We are working hard to establish new and vital ministries and services to help educate families and provide growth opportunities for everyone!

## Camp Quaker Heights News



We have some late spring dates still open if you'd like to schedule an "I Love CQH" presentation. We'd present either in your Sunday School hour or during worship, and ask that an offering be gathered for the general fund of Quaker Heights. If a visit isn't possible, please schedule a Sunday to receive an offering for this ministry of IAYM.

Linda Garrison will be out of the office for a few weeks at the end of January into February. She will lead FUM's work team to Cuba. Also participating from Iowa Yearly Meeting are Juli Hisel and Jan Hisel from Woolsen/Richland. There are 12 workers from five Yearly Meetings traveling to visit Cuba Yearly Meeting and minister with our Cuban Friends.

---

## Scholarships Opportunities

### Mission Scholarships From our IAYM Mission Board

Iowa Mission Board Offers Short-Term Mission Scholarships The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission Board announces that scholarship funds are available for adults and youth within Iowa Yearly Meeting for short term mission trips. Guidelines for this opportunity are available at the yearly meeting office and can be found on the IAYM website. The maximum amount for each scholarship is \$150. Deadlines for Applications are January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. Contact the Yearly Meeting office for more information!

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2012-13 academic school year. People within Iowa Yearly Meeting who want to pursue an education at a Christian college or an accredited college or seminary to prepare for full time mission's work with a Friend's organization may contact the Mission's Board to receive an application. For the 2012-2013 scholarship, please contact Mary Glenn Hadley, IAYM Mission's Board, 611 South R St. #6, Indianola, IA 50125 or call 515-961-0606. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

# THE IOWA FRIEND

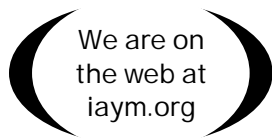
P.O. Box 657

Oskaloosa, IA 52577

phone (641) 673-9717

e-mail [iaym@mahaska.org](mailto:iaym@mahaska.org)

January 2012 Vol. 67 - No. 1



Nonprofit Organization

U.S. POSTAGE

**PAID**

Oskaloosa, Iowa

**Permit No. 544**

Change

Service Requested

Subscription Price (individual)...\$10.00 per year (group)...\$9.50 per year

Published monthly except August

## Iowa Yearly Meeting Schedule

### January 2012

1/7 Stewardship Board Meeting @ 9am in Oskaloosa  
Church Extension @ 1:15 pm in Oskaloosa

1/14 Missions Board Meeting @ 9:30 in Grinnell

### February 2012

2/8-11 FUM General Board Meetings

2/25 QuakerMen Family Banquet at noon @ WPU

### March 2012

3/10 Missions Board Meeting @ 9:30 in Grinnell

3/17 BOC Meeting @ 9AM in Oskaloosa

3/19-21 Beane Lecture and Pastors Short Course @ WPU

3/31 Spring Body of Representative @ Motor Friends

### April 2012

4/6-8 Offices closed for Easter

4/14 USFW Spring Fling @ Marshalltown Friends

## Young Friends 2012 Camps

Little Fry Camp **(K-2)** June 8 - 10

Fry Camp **(2-4)** June 3 - 6

Fox Camp **(5-6)** June 24 - 28

Jr. High Camp **(7-8)** June 10 - 15

Sr. High Camp **(9-12)** June 15 - 20

College Weekender **(9-12)** June 1 - 3



### Important Changes...

- Choosing which camp to attend is now determined by ***the last grade completed.*** (exceptions may apply)
- Students who have completed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade can choose to attend Little Fry with a parent OR independently at Fry Camp.