



The Iowa Friend

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Who Will Stand for God?

By: Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

A week ago on Sunday morning I began thinking about the social/moral/spiritual condition of the world we all live in. I was pondering in my own mind about the wars, the greed, and the immorality, the deliberate silencing of Christian voices by intimidation or murder! I had been told twice during a Board meeting that I was intolerant because I opposed bringing alcohol to certain events, just that previous week.

Then my mind went to all the scriptures that speak about how we (as a society) will become dull of hearing and deliberate moral blindness. And generally it is done in the name of progress, freedom, or love.

Psalm 78:1 “Listen, O my people, to my instruction; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.”

1 Peter 3:10-12, “THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT. FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL

Acts 28:26-29 The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers, ²⁶ saying,

**‘ Go to this people and say,
“ You will keep on hearing, but will not understand;
And you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive;
27 For the heart of this people has become dull,
And with their ears they scarcely hear,
And they have closed their eyes;
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart and return,
And I would heal them.”’**

²⁸ Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will also listen.” ²⁹ [v] When he had spoken these words, the Jews departed, having a great dispute among themselves.] NASB Gateway

My concluding thoughts were who will stand for God? What would cause me to turn my back on the Savior of my soul, of our souls? How long must I stand up and face the enemy? Forever, means eternity not just when it is convenient and won't cause me discomfort!!!! God's love is never ending and is limitless. This love and strength is available to all who call upon His name. We must remember that, “*Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*” Phil. 2:8-13

Bangor Liberty Friends Concert Under the Stars & Sky

Clear your calendar for the afternoon and evening of July 15th for a time of music and fellowship in the great outdoors!

We will be starting at 3:00 with a pre-concert for those of you that might be a little more "young at heart" featuring a number of praise bands from around the state. That concert will be ending around 5:30. This allows time for supper, band networking, people coming and going (and hopefully coming back again) and a practice time for those performing for the "traditional" concert. That 2nd concert will start at 6:30 and go no later than 8:00 ending with the also traditional ice cream social.

Come and go as you please to enjoy the afternoon/evening. Bring your own beverages and food or purchase concessions (profits will fund future mission trips). Also bring your lawn chairs, some outdoor toys for the kids or let them play on the playground beside the stage. The show will go on even if it rains, on our own "sky" stage set up inside for VBS, which will start the following day. Lots of options, lots of fun! For directions check out our website "www.blfchurch.org".

From College Avenue Friends

A year ago this summer it began to happen. Some time earlier our monthly meeting had adopted a new name for our committees in hopes of adding a spark to a lagging interest in serving on a committee at all. We became "Ministry Teams" and we liked the new terminology.

Though personally, my husband and I thought we were "too old" to serve on a committee again, we felt a tug toward it and the Nominating Committee was glad to have us on the Peace & Social Concerns Ministry Team. Margaret Stoltzfus was clerk of our team, and she was an inspiring leader who invited us each on sharing a devotional at our meetings, she knew how to pull goals out of us and work toward them, and she brought a basket of tea and goodies to every meeting!

It was blissful, the new committee name was working for us and we truly felt we were "in ministry" with our commitment. Then, after long and prayerful consideration, Margaret moved to Goshen Indiana, answering God's nudging to be closer to family. Suddenly, it seemed our Ministry Team became paralyzed, no one taking leadership, calling a meeting, or even discussing with each other what we were to do. We slipped into inactivity, and no one seemed to notice. Has this ever happened in any other Friends church in Iowa Yearly Meeting?

Then eventually, a year ago this summer to be exact, we seemed to come to consensus that we should pick ourselves up and move forward. The Lord awakened us, Allen Bowman agreed to be our clerk, I would take the minutes, we would remind each other when we forgot (the average age of our membership of six is now a shocking 75.5 years) and we soon found ourselves engaged in honest dialogue about goals and direction. We started taking turns writing a monthly column for the church newsletter to acquaint our people with the "Alphabet Soup" of Quakers and Local Outreach groups working on Peace & Social Concerns issues. Also, we decided that this being an election year, we would focus on FCNL in a special way. (see the details on the cover page of the newsletter). By February we were able to have a representative from FCNL join our meeting where we discussed having an event, and from all these small beginnings, the way opened for us to host a workshop with Diane Randall of FCNL. She is scheduled to be the speaker at the fall convocation at WPU. *Submitted by Lola Cadwallader*

Run for Missions

FUN RUN/WALK FOR MISSIONS



AUGUST 4, 2012 8 A.M.

Our first ever FUN RUN/WALK FOR MISSIONS will be held Saturday, August 4, 2012, at 8 a.m. on the William Penn University campus. The RUN/WALK will begin and end at the west end parking lot of the Penn Activity Center (PAC). The race will be run on the nature/bike trail, rain or shine. Showers will be available in the Activity Center following the race.

There will be a one mile RUN/WALK and a 5K RUN/WALK, both starting at 8 a.m. Registration will begin at 7:30. The minimum registration fee will be \$10 for all runners and walkers. All funds will go to help fund the Peace Curriculum being prepared in cooperation with East Africa Friends. Refreshments will be available in the PAC following the race. This is being designed primarily to support missions so no t-shirts or medals will be given out. Results will be announced at the missions banquet at noon. Registration forms and liability waivers can be obtained on the yearly meeting web site or will be available on race day. Parents must sign for participants under 18.

Every church in Iowa Yearly Meeting is encouraged to send walkers and runners to be a part of this first-ever event. Our goal is to promote exercise, support of missions and fellowship. Contact the yearly meeting office with any questions.

In October (date to be announced), Kip Schuler, a recent grad of William Penn and member of College Avenue Friends Church, will do a separate RUN FOR MISSIONS. This will be a 100 mile run on one Saturday, leaving Camp Quaker Heights in the early morning and arriving in Oskaloosa that evening. He is asking runners to join him along the way for as many miles as they feel they can run. Kip's email is schulerk@wmpenn.edu.

William Penn Campus Ministry

IAYM July Mission's Emphasis

I want to say thank you for your faithful support this year. Campus ministry students and my family were honored to be in many IAYM churches during the school year. We have since participated at Quaker Heights High School camp, College Weekender, and ministry at Friends Church West and Freedom Village. The campus ministry band played a set at Oskaloosa's Relay for Life. We are now busy getting set up for next year's ministry at WPU with the new student leaders who are stepping up. Please pray for our board as we navigate the waters of change and offer the great news of the Glory and Simplicity of God living among us in Jesus Christ. *Submitted by Spencer Thury*

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 1st

8:30 am—4:30 pm Registration Open

9:00 am	BOC Meeting
10:00	All boards meet
Noon	Lunch break (on your own)
1:00 pm	M&C Body of Representatives
2:15 pm	General Body of Representatives
5:30 pm	Dinner at MTC
7:00 pm	Worship with Ron Bryan @ CAF

Thursday, August 2nd

9:00 am—4:00 pm Registration open

7:15 am	Breakfast at MTC
8:00 am	Centering Prayer/Devotion w/ Justimore Musombi (ESR/FTC)
9:00 am	General Body of Representatives
Noon	Lunch at MTC
1:15 pm	Worship with Adrian Halverstadt
2:15	Round Table conversations w/ display representatives ~Break-out with Everence Group~
5:30 pm	Dinner on your own FDF Meeting
7:00 pm	Worship with Royce Frasier @ CAF



Friday, August 3rd

9:00 am—3:15 pm Registration open

7:15 am	Breakfast at MTC
8:00 am	Centering Prayer/Devotion w/ Justimore Musombi (ESR./FTC)
9:00 am	Memorial Service
10:00 am	Business sessions wrap-up (if needed)
Noon	Lunch (Pastor Assoc. Gathering)
1:30 pm	Ministry Toolkit Workshops—Session 1
3:15 pm	Ministry Toolkit Workshops—Session 2
4:30 pm	Free Time (150th committee meeting)
5:30 pm	Dinner at MTC
7:00 pm	Worship with Royce Frasier @ CAF

Saturday, August 4th

9:00 am—noon Registration open

7:15 am	Breakfast at MTC New BOC meets during Breakfast
8:00 am	5K Run/Walk for Missions
8:00 am	Centering Prayer/devotions w/ Justimore Musombi (ESR/FTC)
10:00 am	Quakermen meeting (MTC) USFW Celebration of Service (CAF)
NOON	Missions Banquet (MTC)

Saturday Missions Banquet

Meal served at Noon at the MTC Building
On the campus of William Penn University



Banquet Speakers

Dan & Tracey Whitehead

Music by Alan Mullikin

The 2012 IAYM Annual Ministry Conference will be hosted at the **MTC building** (Musco Technology Center) at William Penn University. This is a fantastic space with ground level access to the atrium, convenient parking with access to the city bike trail, handicap restrooms and easy access elevator to the upper level!

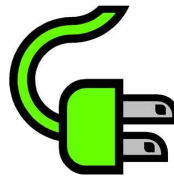


YOUNG FRIENDS of Iowa Yearly Meeting

Our Young Friends will continue being "PLUGGED IN" which is the camp theme for 2012!

Our 7th-12th grade students will be lodging in the Twin Tower Suites on the campus of William Penn University. Programming starts at 1 pm Wednesday and ends on Saturday @ 2pm

Chip Daleske will be directing this group of students. They will be "connecting" together and getting "plugged-in" to God!



Children's Yearly Meeting @ CAF (K-6th)



Featuring MOBILE CAMP (a ministry of Quakerdale)!! They will be setting up to serve on Thursday and Friday at the Yearly Meeting Park.

The group will be swimming on Wednesday afternoon—so pack a swimsuit & towel! Lunches provided Thur., Fri., Sat.

Time for meeting: Wednesday 1-5 pm

Thursday & Friday 9 am—4:45 pm

Saturday 9 am—2 pm

College Avenue Friends (CAF)

912 N. C Street, Oskaloosa
will graciously host our evening worship services
And will be home-base for Children's Yearly Meeting!



**Creative Tools for Maximizing
Charitable Giving**



Jeff Swartzentruber will be leading a break-out time on Thursday afternoon during our "Mixer Display" time. He will cover Bequest Giving, Donor Advised Fund at Mennonite Foundation, Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts, and Gifting strategies for an IRA.

Presented on Thursday Afternoon



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Royce Frazier

President of Barclay College

"Finding people's strengths and putting them in the right places"

"Though the primary example of the Strength Finders program would be using the inventories in organizing leadership at WPU campus ministry, I am looking for a few volunteers to be willing to read the book and take an online test. I could then demonstrate for actual people how the information could be applied in a real ministry setting."



Led by
Spencer
Thury



Adrian Halverstadt—Barclay College

"A Theology of Christian Relationship"

The workshop will contribute to the theme "Why we need relationship?" by helping participants:

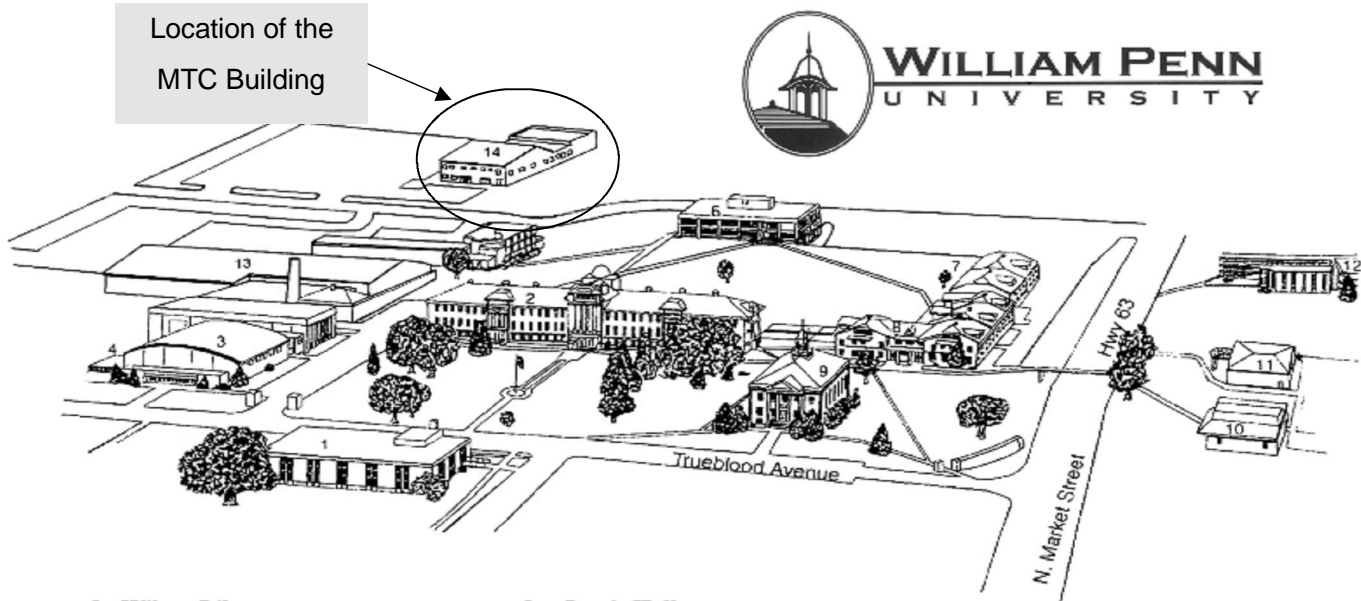
- Understand a biblical foundation for relationship
- Evaluate the spiritual significance of relationship in everyday life
- Create new relational attitudes and skills for the glory of God

A workbook will be provided for all participants.

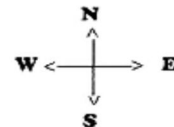
Adrian will also be sharing during our Worship time Thursday following lunch.

Other Workshops Include:

- Christian Education—HANDS-ON Technology!
- Missions—Effective Short Term Missions
- Church Extension will present a workshop
- Scott Morin (Pastor of Salem Friends) will present a workshop on Personal Financial Freedom



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| 1. Wilcox Library | 8. Lewis Hall |
| 2. Penn Hall | 9. Spencer Memorial Chapel |
| 3. Gymnasium | 10. McGrew Fine Arts Center |
| 4. Ron Randleman Fitness Center | 11. Indian Hills Center |
| 5. Watson Hall | 12. Eltse Hall |
| 6. Dana M. Atkins Memorial Union | 13. Penn Activity Center |
| 7. Twin Towers | 14. Musco Technology Center |



Camp Quaker Heights

Linda Garrison, Camp Administrator, has changed her contact cell phone number. Please use the new number effective immediately. **It is: 319-830-6230**

Family Camp dates have been set!

September 7-9th

More details will be in future editions of the Iowa Friends and sent to local monthly meetings

Iowa Yearly Meeting Schedule

August 2012

8/1-4 Iowa Yearly Meeting Annual Conference
@ William Penn University

September 2012

9/7-9 FAMILY CAMP @ CQH

October 30-November 2 National Pastors Conference

FUM Ministry of the Month

July 2012

Lugulu Hospital

Lugulu Hospital is the pride of the Elgon Religious Society of Friends. The staff motto is "We Treat, Jesus Heals". This year is the hospital's 100th anniversary! The community has dreams of expanding facilities due to the great need for more space and service. Of course they could use our help. FUM continues the "Adopt-a-Bed" program to pay fees of patients who have no resources.

A Christian Response in This Election year and Beyond

College Avenue Friends Church

912 North C Street

Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Saturday, September 15, 2012

9:30 am—3 pm

A day of dialogue and skill-building led by Diane Randall, Executive Secretary of Friends Committee on National legislation (FCNL), a Quaker lobby in the public interest.

FCNL fields the largest team of registered peace lobbyists in Washington, DC

Sponsored by College Avenue Friends P&SC Ministry Team

Allen Bowman, Clerk



Introducing Mark Arviso as the new Director of the Mesquakie Friends Center

Mark Arviso, a Navajo from the State of Arizona, Graduated College in 1998 at Ottawa University. During this time, Mark was battling with life as a sinner. Alcohol, drugs and more. It was on a night which would change his life forever, Mark was saved from suicide. There was a visitation with Jesus on that night...Mark gave himself to the Lord.

At this time Mark began to attend services, at the Church of God in Christ...it was there where schooling began. Being filled with the Holy Spirit not soon afterward...God called Mark to Arizona, where a Church became a home at Harvest Rock Ministries for the next 8 years.

During this time spent in Arizona, God began to call Mark into the ministry. It was at this time which international travel began. Missions and a heart for the Native American peoples became a burden. A Ministry was born by the Spirit of God and Mark has moved with many signs and wonders following. He established four churches in the mid-west, is a counselor, and motivational speaker. The ministry is based upon the Love of Jesus Christ who came to redeem a people, and bring them good news, and a witness of the light of eternal salvation.

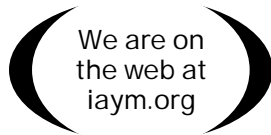
One of the unique giftings for Mark is the Office of the Prophet...Words of healing, knowledge from the Light which is Christ in us, brings a voice of reconciliation to those who need encouragement...Isaiah 61 is the tip of that spear. As a Prophet and speaker to the Nations, Mark has traveled much of the United States and other countries; as London, Germany, Puerto Rico, and more; to bring a fresh encouraging Word from the Lord.

Recently, Mark walked across America in obedience to God to speak to people, pray over our land, and be a witness to who ever would listen. This was a success. From Boston, to California, and North Dakota to Texas....Praise the Lord!

Mark has relocated his ministry to join with the Mesquakie as a witness that came from God during a time of transition. It will be there in which we expect great things from our Lord and Savior Jesus....God bless Iowa and those who wish to be part of historical future events.

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"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." -Ecclesiastes 4:12

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Registration forms are available on-line at iaym.org or can be sent to you via email (contact our office at iaym@mahaska.org or call 641-673-9717). Register early and receive a 10% discount on your total registration cost!