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The Iowa Friend

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

Welcome to Iowa Yearly Meeting

Scott Biddle, Youth and Young Adult Director

Let me introduce myself. My name is Scott Biddle, I am the new Youth and Young Adult Director for the Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends. I am married to a beautiful young lady by the name of Tauni, and have 2 kids; Michael, 9 and Zoe, 7. My past includes being an Associate Pastor for 4 years and a Youth Pastor for 2, as well as traveling for the last 7 years preaching and teaching at retreats, camps and pulpit fills.



There are several questions that have been asked of me for the last couple of weeks:
What are the responsibilities of this position?
What are you excited about with this ministry?
What are your plans?

My responsibilities, as what I see boiled down, are to give leadership and vision for the overall Youth and Young Adults(YAYA) of the IAYM, along side the YAYA board, as well as help with training of leaders and being a resource to the monthly meetings. I ran across this quote:

"Management is planning, organizing, budgeting, and controlling ... leadership is setting a vision, building relationships, creating strategies, and motivating" (Phil Lewis, Transformational Leadership, pg. 43).

This is a great opportunity for us to work together to further the Kingdom of God.

I am excited to work with a group that is historically known as the starters of revivals and revolutions. There has been a lot of talk and research poured in this age group over the last couple of years that talk about brain development, and how the frontal lobe is not fully formed till the late 20's. The great part of that, and what helps to trigger the opportunity and moving forward with great awakenings, is that it is the part of the brain that is associated with "risk". Youth and young adults don't get as caught up in what people are going to think as well as the repercussions of going out on a limb and following God as far as He wants to go. That is something we need to encourage, along with the wisdom of some more seasoned Christ followers.

My plans are not set in stone. The cool thing about God is that HIS WORD and SALVATION never change, but the way we carry it out can and will. The opportunity that we have together is to listen and discern what direction we will head as a group of leaders moving forward. I am not at all apposed to change, but I do not do it just for change sake.

I want to encourage everyone from our toddlers to our seniors, participants to lay leaders to our pastors, to find out what God is calling you to do and give it your all. Do not be afraid of where that might lead, just take that first step.

Scott Biddle

Missions Board of Iowa Yearly Meeting Prayer Labyrinth and Your Local Meeting

The Mission Board is working on ways to deepen and broaden the local meetings information about and participation in the various missions which we "officially" support, as well as local and other missions supported by the local meetings.

At Yearly Meeting, the Mission Board set up a Prayer Labyrinth and encouraged attendees to participate in it. I hope that several from each meeting were able to do this. The process takes 30-45 minutes, and includes suggestions for prayer in areas of our personal lives, the life of our meeting, and the various missions we support. Participating in this is a very meaningful experience.

Each meeting was given a packet which includes information on setting up a Prayer Labyrinth, and the meditations for each station. We encourage each meeting to set up the Labyrinth and promote participation in it.

The packet also included a set of 12 5-minute missions you support or wish to include in your mission giving. This was prepared as a result of several meetings asking for more information on our missions and ways to promote them.

Next month, our column will include specific information on websites, printed materials, etc. which give current information on FUM missions, our local Iowa missions and others. We urge every meeting to avail themselves of all the information which is available to stimulate interest in and prayer and giving to our missions, which are a vital part of spreading the knowledge of Christ around the world.

Friends Disaster Service
Workday at Mesquakie Friends Center
Iowa Friends Disaster Service (FDS) is sponsoring a work day at our Yearly Meeting Mesquakie Mission on Friday, September 27. In addition to five specific goals, there are sure to be other maintenance or repair opportunities for men and women. It is also an opportunity for all of us to learn more about our mission while working together with others from across the yearly meeting.

If you plan to be at Mesquakie on September 27, it would be greatly appreciated by the cooks for the noon meal if you would let us know of your intentions. However, no one will be turned away. There will be a job and a time of fellowship for everyone.

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A Big Announcement

Plans have been in the making for months and we are happy to announce that on Tuesday, August 6 the City of Marshalltown granted Quakerdale a special use permit for the opening of a new transitional house for women. Construction will soon commence to renovate the former Promise Home on Summit Street into a transitional house titled, The Van Orman House.

"The Van Orman House will provide women from all walks of life the opportunity to transform their lives in a Christ-centered community," stated Van Orman House Director, Randy Edgar. "The house is for women who want to make a change in their lives. Our role at Quakerdale is to encourage them and work with them as they make goals and turn their dreams into reality."

The house will provide housing for women and will offer day programs as well. Some of the programs that the Van Orman House will provide will include parenting classes, budgeting, life skills training, job training, counseling, and substance abuse counseling.

The transitional house for women is scheduled to open its doors in the fall of 2013.

For more information or to schedule interviews please contact Lalaina Rabary at 641-497-5294 or

lrabary@quakerdale.org



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Deaths

LeGrand Friends Church lost a great bass singer from its vocal groups when **Oscar "Ott" Rhodes went home on Monday, June 10, 2013.** In perfect final tribute, a men's quintet harmonized while singing "I'll Fly Away" at his service. Ott was 89.

He was born in rural Tama County on February 4, 1924 to John Harris and Sophia Benetta (Hansen) Rhodes and graduated from LeGrand High School in 1941. A patriot through and through, Ott served his country in the United States Army Airforce from December, 1942 until his honorable discharge in January, 1946. He was a Staff Sergeant during World War II where he held the position of top turret gunner on a B-25 H Mitchell Medium Bomber in the Pacific Theater.

On July 4, 1948, Ott was united in marriage to Rita Maureen Oliphant. He graduated from the Cedar Rapids Barber College in 1950, and worked as a Barber from 1951 until he retired in 1998. A lover and caretaker of nature, Ott also worked for Marshall County Conservation as well as serving on their board. He was President of Marshall County Wildlife Club, too. His involvement in his community extended farther yet as he was a charter member of the LeGrand Fire Department and served as Fire Chief for nine years. Ott also joined LeGrand's Senior Citizens' Club and Senior Card Club. He was a tremendous athlete who loved sports: especially baseball. He played for the Montour Semi-pro Baseball League and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Perhaps due to his chosen profession, Ott had the knack of telling a great story and listening carefully to people, making each one feel special. He took time to ask about a person's life and listen to their cares. We would do well to learn from his example.

Ott will be missed by the many whose lives he touched, but especially by his family including his wife of 64 years, Rita, and children Craig, Deanna, Amy, and Andy and their families. Ott was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey who died in 1975 at age 20, as well as his parents and eight siblings.

Tom Good

Thomas A. "Tom" Good, 87, of Grinnell, went into the arms of his Lord on Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Tom was born on November 22, 1925, near Valton, Wisconsin to Thomas A. and Mabel Huntley Good. He attended rural school and later graduated from Wonewoc High School. He also attended Friends Bible College and received a BA Degree from William Penn College in Oskaloosa, IA.

On August 21, 1952, he was married to Doris Lawrence in Baycliff, Texas. He served as a pastor in Friends Churches in various Iowa communities before moving to Grinnell in 1971 and serving the former Oak Grove Friends Church. He also was employed in the building and grounds department and a school bus driver for the Grinnell-Newburg School District before retiring in 1992.

Tom enjoyed gardening, raising flowers, Bible studies, teaching Sunday School and spending time with his family. Survivors include his wife, Doris Good of Grinnell; one daughter, Emma Lou (Everett) Krumm of Wichita, KS; two sons, John (Margaret) Good of Union, IA and David Good of Grinnell; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one daughter-in-law, Jaydine.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Richard Good; an infant brother, Lewis Good; and three sisters, Charlotte Farra, Muriel Good and Rachel Bauer.

A Very Big Thanks

From Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

I want to express my deep appreciation for all the people who gave much time to preparing and carrying out the many tasks that went in to our 150th Yearly Meeting celebration. From the people who worked on the 150th Book Committee, thank you, to the speakers who helped lead us, Dr. Greg Hinshaw and General Superintendent Doug Shoemaker from Indian Yearly Meeting. Tom Palmer and Bill Griggs for the devotional times they led, thank you. For all the workers at Wm Penn University, from SODEXO, maintenance, marketing and planning, the PAC leaders who all worked hard at times to make this a success. There are of course the musicians, recording and sound system help, the wonderful people who help with Youth Yearly Meeting, Children's Yearly Meeting and babysitting that are so important to have in place. Then there of course the clerks, committee members, workshop leaders and attenders who make the fellowship and worship times so uplifting.

Finally, thanks to all our staff, Mary, Chip, Alicia, Deneen and Scott, for being here and being involved.

Dana Oswald sent this picture of the group of teachers training for the Peace Curriculum. Dana, along with Charlotte Stangeland and Noelle Hoover, spent a week in Kisii, KENYA to facilitate the training.



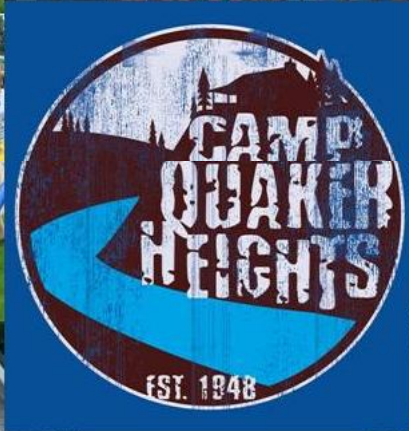


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Fall Ideas to “Live Love” Year 2

The “Live Love” project is to give practical examples of how we can show genuine love and compassion to those around us in an effort to live out the goal of loving God and loving others.



September 2nd—Labor Day (or another day in September)

Express your gratitude for those who have to work, i.e. in fire and police stations or hospitals. Deliver cards, flowers or food to those who ‘labor’ away from family on the holiday.

Ideas to “Live Love” at the Grocery Store

- Help pack and/or carry out groceries for a young mom or elderly person
- Offer a close parking spot to others by parking further back yourself
- Give someone who seems impatient, a smile and your place in line
- Buy a flower and give it to the cashier checking you out
- Pick up or properly arrange items that have fallen or are out of place
- Give an encouraging word (or even a gift card) to a harried mom of preschoolers

Be kind to unkind people—they need it the most. ~ Asliegh Brilliant

Sticky Notes: Write messages of encouragement on sticky notes and post in public spaces. Examples: On a restroom mirror, “Smile! You are God’s creation and you look amazing!” On a co-worker’s desk, “There is nothing that will happen today that you and God can’t do together.” In a child’s lunch bag, “I was praying and God told me He has great plans for you!” In a library book, “Is what you are living for worth Christ dying for?” At a doctor’s office, “When we cannot understand what is going on around us — let us be calmed by the thought that what is hidden from us is not hidden from God.”

Meet to Pray for Others in Public Places: Pray for those in the hospital, or to ask God to show mercy to those with a court date today, or a job interview...really any form of interceding for another person’s needs. God wants to see the sick healed and sinners forgiven.

Kindness is never wasted.

If it has no effect on the recipient, at least it benefits the bestower. ~ S. H. Simmons



Projects for your Whole Church to Work on Together

September 26 Johnny (Appleseed) Chapman’s birthday: Celebrate his sharing of apples by giving an apple to everyone at church on September 22. They can pass it along to someone else in their life with a note of appreciation or add others to it to make an apple dessert to share. If possible plant an apple tree near your church so you can have fruit to share for years to come.

Garden Extras: Collect unneeded produce from members’ gardens and share with a soup kitchen, women’s abuse shelter, or a family in need. Use grated zucchini in breads or cakes to pass on to these organizations saving them the time required to bake.

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September

- 9/16-18 Superintendent & Secretary Meeting
In Wichita KS
- 9/19-20 Ron Speaking at Barclay Chapel and class
- 9/13-15 Team Camp (formally Family Camp)
At Camp Quaker Heights

October

- 10/5 USFW Fall Retreat at Lynnville Friends
- 10/6-8 Pastors Retreat at Camp Quaker Heights
- 10/9-12 FUM General Board Meetings
- 10/16-27 Ron Bryan to Kenya & Tanzania, Africa

November

- 11/1-2 All Boards Retreat at Camp Quaker Heights
- 11/5-9 Campus Ministry—Poverty Awareness Week
- 11/8-9 Quaker Leadership Training in Iowa for
Clerks, Treasurers, and M&C
- 11/15-17 Tentative Youth Retreat



Family Camp 2013 September 13—15

Take a weekend to retreat from everyday life and retreat into God's word. Enjoy meals prepared for you...laugh with friends and family....pray quietly at Vespers....walk along the tree-lined lake....refresh your soul.

Send in your reservation today for a great weekend at Camp Quakers Heights! We will be watching the football game on Saturday afternoon as well as enjoying some activities and free time.

Registration starts at 5 pm on Friday and we will finish with lunch on Sunday.

Contact the Yearly Meeting office if you need a registration Form. iaym@mahaska.org