

THE IOWA FRIEND

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

The Torn Veil....by Tom Showalter

Mt.27:51, "...and behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom..."

We first hear of the curtain as Moses was given instructions by God in the wilderness for constructing the tabernacle, the tent of meeting. It was about 42 feet high and about 15 feet wide. Its purpose was to serve as a symbol of separation.

Ex.26:33, "...and the veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies."

The entire temple area was designed as levels of separation. There was a common area known as the Court of the Gentiles, where any person, Jew or Gentile was free to congregate. Then there was what is called the Court of the Women, where only Jewish persons were allowed. The next level was the Court of the Men, sometimes called the Court of Israel, where only Jewish males were allowed. Then the Temple Courtyard, where only priests could assemble where a continual offering of the fat and innards of sacrificial animals was placed, so that there was always a "pleasing aroma" to the nose of God, and a continual reminder of the seriousness of man's sin.

Finally, coming inside the temple building itself, the temple was divided into two further sections:

- The Holy Place was where priests would carry out their duties of interceding in prayer for the people, serving there on a rotating basis, on allotted days.
- The final level of separation was the Holy of Holies.

It was here at the Holy of Holies that the curtain formed the "dividing wall," the veil of separation, that kept this holiest of all places from the eyes of any person, and restricted the entrance of any person except one, the High Priest, and even he could only enter on one day of the year, the Day of Atonement.

But in the quoted Matthew passage above:

Mt.27:51 -- "and behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom;"

And the fact that it was torn from the top to the bottom tells us a few things:

- It was beyond the reach of man (it was over 40 feet high!)
- God had now initiated and opened a new relationship with man!

Prior to the cross:

- there was no way for us to tear open that curtain
- there was no way that our efforts could penetrate the barrier between God and us.
- there was a wall that existed between God and man... and we could not break it down

But then, Jesus died on the cross and everything changed. When Jesus died on the cross, the barrier between sinful man and sinless God was torn open. In the cross, GOD tore the barrier open that had existed between Himself and us. Or as Ephesians 2:14 tells us, *Jesus "...destroyed the barrier..."*

The curtain (barrier) has been opened. May we walk through that which has been opened unto us and experience the new life promised. May revival take place as we corporately enter through the curtain together.

Hebrews 10:19 tells us, "Therefore brothers since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus by a new and living way opened to us through the curtain, that is his body and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience...Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess"

IAYM Mission Board

MINISTRY AND LIFE - MARTIN FAMILY IN CAMBODIA-

One major area of focus continues to be the worship group in Snoul Letch which broke apart during our last Home Assignment. Our dream for 2016 is that this group would be stable and growing by the time we leave, and able to continue on together. God has recently opened a big door here with Om Vet's sudden move back to this village (you might remember how suddenly she moved away last year). Her nephew, a man in his early 30's named SomBaht, decided it had been enough bouncing around for her and built her her own very simple house on his land. This family welcomed us to worship there and this location is a neutral space for Bu Ruah and Srey Lieng. All of this is but a step, but we praise God for His Hand at work.

When Brianna and Srey Lieng went to visit Om Vet when she arrived back in Snoul Letch, she shared of the extreme difficulty of living in the other village. Brianna had not seen joy in Om for months. Unlike in the other village, Om is now free to read her Bible and sing, and she has begun praying on her own again. It seems the nightmares and screaming at night, which she struggled with almost every night in the other village, have also stopped.

After weeks of much unusual death (from bad homemade rice wine) people were very afraid and life seemed uncertain. Monks went around passing out papers saying that the bad spirits were about and you needed a spirit scarecrow to protect yourself. Nearly every house had one at their front gate. We pray that they will find refuge in Christ, the true victor over the evil one.

Finally, we are in the early months of our homeschooling journey, and also often thinking through how to best parent and lead our children in life here. Pray also for Caleb. When visiting new villages, the children tend to stop and stare almost in shock at seeing a child with white skin. Pray that our boys would grow in grace. Also pray for health and energy for our whole family. We were sick most of January.

UPCOMING HOME ASSIGNMENT: We're coming back to the States for a six-month Home Assignment starting September 1st, 2016. After much discussion and prayer we have decided to try this new rotation for our Home Assignment visits. We will move from the four-year term / one-year Home Assignment to a pattern of a two-year term followed by a six-month Home Assignment. We look forward to connecting with you in person later this year and at the beginning of 2017!

PRAISES: We passed our language evaluation in December with flying colors! We saw a huge boost in our support and cleared 2015 fully in the black! We send our heartfelt thanks to all!

Journey to Cambodia



Two years ago at Yearly Meeting there was a powerful laying on of hands from many Friends as Robert and I were to embark on a journey to California.

Now this journey is coming to a close as we are officially going to Cambodia in September. It has been a time of beginning to learn the language and culture strategically in Long Beach who have one of the largest populations of Cambodians outside of Cambodia.

We have heard many stories from first generation Cambodians about fleeing their country because of the Khmer Rouge. God has deepened our love for the Cambodian people and it has been a joy to work and build relationships with the Friends Churches here in California.

The connection between Iowa Yearly Meeting and Evangelical Friends Church Southwest (EFCSW) goes back to the Genesis of EFCSW. Friends from Iowa, Kansas, and Ohio in the thralls of the Great Awakening of Quakers moved west in the late 1800's and found themselves all across Southern California, planting churches in Long Beach, Whittier, Pasadena and other places. In 1892, these churches requested Iowa Yearly Meeting sponsor them as a brand new Yearly Meeting. At the first Yearly Meeting of California Friends in 1895, a young woman, Anna Hunnicutt, offered herself to missionary service. Anna had spent the previous year at Penn College in Os-kaloosa Iowa. She would become the first missionary to Alaska a few years later. God is calling our family of churches to be a people who throw all that we are into following Jesus

Robert and I will be coming back to Iowa in June and July. We want to meet with you, our Friends, again and would love to speak in your churches. If this is something you think your church would be interested in please e-mail us at

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Deaths

It is Said

It is said that it is the little things in life that get you down,
But I...I would like to change that.
I would rather say that it is the little things in life
That can bring the greatest joy.
A smile, a glance of the eyes, a hand clasp,
A word or a nod from a friend,
The embrace from a friend you love,
So much can make your day.
An "I love you" said or unsaid,
A few lines from a friend you miss or
To one you are thinking of,
No matter how few or how many the words.
Or, even knowing that they are thinking of you,
Or thoughts of the same entering your mind.
Or knowing that prayers are being
 Sent above in your behalf.
Oh, how pleasant that thought,
 Knowing that the Heavenly Father
 Using someone in your behalf.
How great is that love from above
Sent through one here below.

Written by one who has known loneliness in his life
But was taught love by the greatest Lover of all.
One who also knew loneliness when, through love,
Gave His son to die on the cross that the world
May know that Love.

Henry Wass—College Avenue Friends
12/10/1919—2/28/2016



Warren Eves Cadwallader was born July 11, 1921 to Morris Warren Cadwallader and Mary Rachel Eves, and died on March 2, 2016 at Serenity House in Oskaloosa after a brief illness. He was born in the farmhouse southeast of Oskaloosa in which he lived all his life. He was a birthright member of the College Avenue Friends Meeting (Quaker church). During his lifetime he served there in many capacities, including singing

in the church choir, teaching Sunday School and serving on the Peace and Social Concerns committee. He also served on Peace and Social Concerns Board of Iowa Yearly Meeting and of Friends United Meeting, a worldwide ministering body.

Eves lived his faith daily, and in World War II was a Conscientious Objector. He entered Penn College in 1940 but was soon deferred to the farm because the Grade A Holstein Dairy production of milk was considered essential for the war effort. During his deferment he completed a Science Special Project at Penn, and learned beekeeping for the initial purpose of providing honey for the family as sugar was rationed. He kept bees for over 70 years before macular degeneration forced him to sell the operation in 2011.

On August 12, 1948 Eves was united in marriage to Lola Mae Powell of Plains, Kansas. Eves and Lola were blessed with three children, Mariann Dee, Warren Lee and Jane Powell.

He delighted many families and groups of children with tours of the farm, pointing out many facets of nature that are easily overlooked. His lifelong sense of wonder about the natural world was expressed through photography for many decades, and poetry in his later years. He enjoyed writing his memoirs as well.

Left to mourn his passing are his beloved wife, Lola, and his children, Mariann Harris (Greg) of Leawood, Kansas; Julie Cadwallader-Staub, (Warren's widow), of South Burlington, Vermont; Jane Cadwallader Howe (Geery) of West Branch, Iowa.

Eves was preceded in death by his son Warren, his parents Warren and Mary (Eves) Cadwallader, his maternal grandparents J. Walter and Amanda Worthington Eves, and his paternal grandparents Morris and Clara (Kirk) Cadwallader.

The visitation will take place on Friday, April 15 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa.

The celebration of his life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 16 at College Avenue Friends Church. A luncheon will follow.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

New logo contest! We are inviting creative and artistic Friends to offer submissions for a new Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends Churches logo. All submissions are to be given by April 30, 2016 and can be sent to the Yearly Meeting Office.

In case you did not get the information, IAYM has received notification regarding the closing of services at Davenport Friends. We are prayerfully considering a new work to reach the community of Davenport.

IAYM welcomes Sawyer Woodsmall his wife Morgan, and their baby girl Addison, as they begin their pastoral ministry at Marshalltown Friends Church.

We extend a heart-felt thank you to Frosty Van Voorst for his years of dedicated service as he enters retirement in 2016.

Mark your calendars for IAYM Ministry Conference sessions July 27-30. The theme is Revivfy and it means "to make (someone or something) strong, healthy, or active again.

Triennial 2016 Update – Prayer Guide

The USFW/QMI 2016 Triennial Conference is just four months away! Preparations began over a year ago, and now it's time to work out details, details, details. But underneath all the details is the foundation of prayer. We're asking you to join us in uniting our hearts, minds, and spirits in an intentional prayer effort for this gathering of Friends from around the world who will be gathering to lift up and honor the Name of Jesus Christ.

Here are some ideas to add to your own prayer-thoughts.

Pray that:

- God's Presence will inhabit and fill the place in a powerful way. (He's already there; He will be welcoming us.)
- Jesus Christ will be acknowledged and exalted as Savior and Lord.
- The Holy Spirit will have freedom to move among us in the areas of repentance, re-birth, renewal, restoration, and revival.

Pray for:

Attendees

- All may come with expectation and a readiness to receive.
- Those who are weary and heavy-laden will find peace and rest.
- We will have eyes to see and ears to hear.
- As we see and hear, we will be obedient to God's messages.
- Travel arrangements for international Friends (visas, flights, extended stay plans, etc.) will be handled in a timely, efficient manner.
- Fund-raising for conference expenses will be successful and sufficient.
- Health and travel safety.

USFWI Planning Committee and Iowa USFW/QM Host Committees

- Discussions and decisions will be done in a God-honoring manner.
- Carrying out plans/details can be done with an attitude of gratitude and joy.

Conference Leaders – Speakers, Workshop Leaders, Bible Study Leader, Devotional Writers, Small Group Facilitators, Worship Leaders/Musicians, Presiders

- The next few months of preparation will be a time of personal reflection, growth, and drawing closer to Christ as they spend time in His Presence.
- The Holy Spirit will motivate, generate, and inspire them as they lead with God's heart and mind.

Quaker Men

- Quaker Men have been inspired to do more of their own programming at this Triennial. May this be a rich time of worship and praise, learning and growing, fellowship and bonding for our brothers in the faith.

Marriott Convention Center Staff (Housekeeping, Maintenance, Kitchen Staff, Chef Steve, Front Desk/Reservation Personnel, Administrators-Cyanna & Lori

- Their personal well-being/wholeness.
- God is preparing their hearts and minds to know Him better.
- During the Conference they will be aware of "Christ in the Midst"; not because Friends are there, but because Christ Himself is there.

There are several ways you can use this prayer guide:

In your personal prayer time, in Bible study/prayer groups, during worship services, at your local USFW/QM meetings (choose a different area each month), at USFW Spring Fling, at the BOC and Spring Body of Representatives meetings.

Thank you for helping lay this foundation of prayer for this gathering where Friends expect to meet God and see Him at work.

web address to register online

<https://www.regonline.com/usfwiqmitriennial2016>

Facebook page: "USFWI Triennial"

Professor of Youth Ministry at Barclay College

Fall 2016

Provide expertise, instructional services, and leadership for youth ministry department classes in the college's division of Bible and Ministry, acting as chair of the Youth Ministry major, and serving in other faculty-related roles on campus. Qualified persons should submit a curriculum vitae and letter of interest to

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MAY 13-15, 2016

May 13-15, 2016
Caraway Conference Center
Sophia, North Carolina

a gathering
in the power of Christ

2nd Annual Stoking the Fire
A conference for North American Friends

For those who are:

- spiritually on fire
- smoldering embers, ready to burst into flame
- discerning risky new steps of faithfulness
- desiring deeper worship



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revivify

verb re·viv·i·fy \rē-'vi-və-, fī\
: to make (someone or something) strong,
healthy, or active again

2016 Annual

Ministry Conference

July 27—30th, 2016

On the campus of William

Penn University

AND

College Avenue Friends

Young Friends Camps
June 2016

6/10-12	Little Fry
6/12-17	Jr/Sr high camp
6/17-19	Young Adult Weekender
6/19-23	Elementary Camp



USFW

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CHOOSING GRATITUDE

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APRIL 9, 2016

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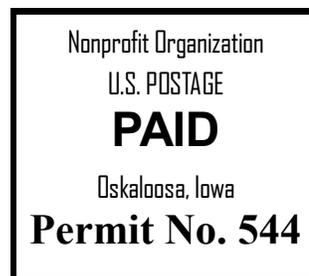
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MASELLI FAMILY. WE WILL THEN HAVE EACH
CIRCLE SHARE WHAT THEY ARE DOING IN

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Spring Body of Representatives

**** March 19th**
**** Hosted by Grace Community Friends**
1105 East Henry St
Mt Pleasant, IA

Doors open at 9 am
Roll Call @ 9:30 am
Lunch at noon
Cost of meal \$6.00—pay at church

Camp Quaker Heights Upcoming Events

Women's Scrapbooking Retreat:
April 1-3
Work Day: April 16th
Cookie Day: April 23rd

More information available soon!

CHURCH EXTENSION NEWS

A **Workday is scheduled for March 17** beginning at 9:00 a.m. at 3207 Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, the present site for the Living Waters worship group. Living Waters has been meeting as a Bible study group on Saturday evenings but will be laying down in May when the lease on this building ends. The building needs to be returned to its prior condition. This means the worship platform needs to be removed. A wall has already been removed but accompanying repairs need to be made as well as clearing out all items this group has been using. Who will join us from the yearly meeting to help with this project? We will never know what spiritual seeds have been sown in the lives of those who have participated in Living Waters over the past few years. Will you join the Church Extension Board in praying for God's direction as we respond to opportunities opening to us to develop a new worship group(s) in the Des Moines area.