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Turn Around Strategies

For the Small Church with Dr. Ron Crandall

**A Ministry Conference
For the Friends of Iowa Yearly Meeting
at College Avenue Friends Church
Oskaloosa, Iowa - February 27 & 28, 2003**

Friday, February 27

6:30 p.m. Registration
7:00 p.m. Session 1: "Understanding the Small Church"

Saturday, February 28

8:15 a.m. Welcome & Worship
8:30 a.m. Session 2: "Leading the Small Church"
10:00 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Session 3: "Enhancing the Spirit in the Small Church"
12:00 p.m. Lunch at the Church
1:00 p.m. Session 4: "Reaching New People through the Small Church"
2:30 p.m. Dismissal

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Ron Crandall is the Associate Dean of E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission & Evangelism at Asbury Theological Seminary. A member of the Asbury faculty since 1983, Dr. Crandall came to the Seminary with significant local church and denominational experience.

Dr. Crandall holds degrees from Michigan State University and Fuller Theological Seminary. An ordained elder in the Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church, he has pastored churches in California and Arizona. In 1977, he was appointed to The United Methodist General Board of Discipleship (Nashville, Tenn.), where he served as director of evangelism for the local church. He is a frequent speaker at seminars, workshops, and conferences.

Dr. Crandall is author of several books on the subject of evangelism with a special concern for small churches, including *Witness: Exploring and Sharing Your Christian Faith*, *The Contagious Witness: Exploring Christian Conversion*, *Turn Around Strategies for the Small Church*, *There's New Life in the Small Church*, and *The Small Membership Church: Growing, Caring, Serving*. He is an international leader in *The Upper Room's Walk to Emmaus* and has published articles on evangelism-related topics in such periodicals as *The Academy for Evangelism Journal*, *The Interpreter*, *The Asbury Herald*, and *Children's Leader*.

"This conference speaks to the heart of my vision for Iowa Yearly Meeting Churches. I want every church to be encouraged, have hope and a true sense of purpose. Whether you are a pastor or a leader in the local Meeting, having this type of opportunity available may be an answer to your prayers. It is my strong desire to have every church of Iowa Yearly Meeting participate in this conference, no matter what size or condition".
- Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

MOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Red Carpet Inn.....1-800-251-1962
Comfort Inn.....1-800-228-5150
Rodeway Inn.....1-800-228-2000

We encourage conference attendees to stay at the Friends friendly Red Carpet Inn. The Inn is located 1 mile north of William Penn University on Highway 63.

REGISTRATION FORM

Church Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Fees

\$25 for the first attendee from your church
\$20.00 for additional attendees from the church
Scholarships are available (check here if needed)

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed

Attendee Names

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

**Send registrations and fees to: IAYM, PO BOX 657,
Oskaloosa, IA 52577, Tel: (641) 673-9717**

This conference presented by the Pastors Association in conjunction with The Board on Church Extension



Friendly Flashes

Proverbs 31:20 – "She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy."

As I write this, USFW Fall Retreat has just passed, the fall harvest is in full swing and the papers are speculating on the grain prices. We can become so focused on our own profit or loss that we lose sight of how truly rich we are in this country.

At Fall Retreat, money was raised to replace a broken water heater for camp. \$110 of the \$800 came from the sale of the "old hens" that decorated the tables. These hens were the work of Angie Wetrich and the Earlham USFW. The ladies also learned that over \$800 has been raised so far for the Turkana school uniforms.

In Des Moines the week of October 12-18, the World Food Prize will be awarded. Established in 1986, the prize recognizes achievements in improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world. This year, Catherine Bertini, Undersecretary of the UN World Food will receive the prize for 2003. In part, she is being honored for her "discovery that by giving food directly to the women, the food gets directly to the people in need!

Friends have historically been involved in feeding the hungry and seeking to ease poverty. In 1940 with fewer than one hundred thousand members of the Society of Friends, the American Friends Service Committee led the way in relief work in Europe. American Quakers administered relief in both occupied and unoccupied war zones, feeding children who were hungry all the time.

A Quaker miller named Perry Haydon from Michigan decided to plant a cubic inch of wheat-360 kernels and to tithe a 10th. That project grew into what was called Dynamic Kernels. The wheat was harvested, processed into Ralston Relief Cereal. Friend Lucy Morgan, whose objective was to design a food that would provide the nourishment necessary to sustain life and be easily transported, developed the cereal.

As Friends, we have always recognized the abilities of women to minister equally with men. We use what we have at hand; fabric for hens or pennies for missions, always with the goal to change or enhance beyond the initial offering; school uniforms that enable a child to get an education and an adult to earn a living; hens that brighten a table and aid the work of Camp Quaker Heights; Food to those in need, to restore health and dignity. Over seven hundred thousand fed by women, with food provided by U.N. programs, and still - babies are dying of starvation in Africa, orphaned and abandoned in the AIDS epidemic.

Yes, we are indeed rich in this country. As Friends Women, we have a rich heritage to celebrate and to continue. Proverbs 31:29 "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all."

This Thanksgiving, I give thanks for all of you and work you are continuing, you are greatly to be praised.

Peace and Grace, Linda Burnett



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

EARLHAM SCHOOL OF RELIGION OFFERS

Christian Reconciliation: Conflict Resolution in Church and World

January 5-16, 2004. Class times are M-F 5:30 - 9 pm. Courses are graduate level and can be taken for credit either within the full-time *ESR Access* program or as an occasional student.

Tuition is \$795 per course plus fees (\$35 application, \$80 registration & \$50 technology).

Qualified applicants, who are not interested in taking the course for credit but want the education, may audit the course for only \$200 plus fees. The number of auditing students may be limited. **Deadline for admission is Dec. 8th.**

For more information or to apply

www.esr.earlham.edu or

call Sue Axtell, ESR Admissions at (800)432-1377



THE HOLY ALPHABET

Although things are not perfect

Because of trial or pain

Continue in thanksgiving

Do not begin to blame

Even when the times are hard

Fierce winds are bound to blow

God is forever able

Hold on to what you know

Imagine life without His love

Joy would cease to be

Keep thanking him for all the things

Love impart to thee

Move out of "Camp Complaining"

No weapon that is known

On earth can yield the power

Praise can do alone

Quit looking at the future

Redeem the time at hand

Start every day with worship

To "thank" is a command

Until we see Him coming

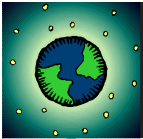
Victorious in the sky

We'll run the race with gratitude

Xalting God most high

Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...

Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!



MARDI GRAS

February 19-26, 2004

Hello to those who are wondering where they need to stretch and do something different for the Lord this year!

The 8th querie asks, "Do you make diligent effort to acquaint yourself and those under your care to the spiritual needs of the world? Do you support by prayer and systematic giving those who are laboring to extend Christ's kingdom? Do you use your spiritual gifts in serving humanity as God grants you light to see suchservices.

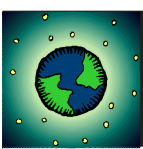
If you have been proud of yourself as a Friend of Jesus, I encourage you to go all the way and not just support missions, but also attend an excellent trip of your own. Be stretched, be offended, discover a direction for your life by moving your feet in a different direction. Take a break down south during the bleak winter months where the love of Jesus is most needed and hardest to find.

Feb 19-26, 2004, \$150 plus gas, 7 days, includes room and board. Registration deadline is Jan 25th with a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

If you can't go there is always a line of people I know who would go if they had the funds and I know they would be effective in this ministry. If you can't go, would you consider sending funds so someone else can?

Jesus said, GO!

Contact: Diane Martin, Riverside Friends,
Mason city, IA. 641-424-6094.



JAMAICA

MISSIONS - 2004

Service mission trip to Jamaica
Date not yet set

Join George and Sue Johnson from Riverside Friends in Mason City, in their second trip to Jamaica to serve, do repair work, and visitation ministry with Eugene and Fran Wolfley, Pastors of Worthington Friends Church in New Kingston.

Cost: Airfare to Kingston, Jamaica and \$35.00 @ day for room and board.

Experience the paradox of exhilarating beauty and abject poverty. If you find it in your heart that God is calling you to Jamaica and to be a blessing to others.

Please contact:
Susan and George Johnson
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Mason City, Iowa. 50401
or e-mail us at:
gajohnson6@juno.com



PLAIN AND PLENTY

a Quaker Cookbook!

Do you have a hard-to-buy-for relative that's holding up your Christmas shopping?
Stew no more! (no pun intended!)

Have you exhausted all your old recipes and are ready to whip up something fresh and new? Put on your apron!

Are you wanting to learn more about Quaker History and the Meeting Houses where Friends far and near gather to worship? Look no further! Where can you find one book that accomplishes so many things at once?

Quaker Life Presents:

Plain and Plenty: A Quaker Cookbook

Published by *Quaker Life* magazine!

With foods that will soothe your pallet, excite your taste buds, satisfy your belly and inspire your spirit to embrace culinary delights from F/friends all over the world, we have just the thing for you! *Plain and Plenty* cookbook, hot off the press and ready to take its place in every cupboard in your meeting!

Plain and Plenty offers tasty dishes sure to satisfy every longing. With over 150 recipes from: Grandma's Gingerbread, to Kenyan Ugali to Cuban Chicken Fricassee, (to nameonly a few), no appetite will go unattended, no craving will go unsatisfied and no sweet tooth will walk away sour!

Plain and Plenty makes the perfect Christmas or "just because" gift. Savor the sweet aroma and succulent flavors Quaker cuisine has to offer and delight in the coming together of people everywhere. Order today!

Please Send: _____ copies of: *Plain and Plenty: A Quaker Cookbook* @ \$13.50 plus \$4.00 shipping

Name _____

Name of Meeing _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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MID-WINTER RETREAT

ATTENTION YOUTH !!!

"But the speaker is so delightful, (just ask him)
And since you've no place to go (get me outta here!)
Worship God, Make a Friend, Hit the Slopes!"

Where: Lynnville Friends Church

When: December 29-31, 2003

Who: Grades: 7-12

Speaker: Scott Rains

Music: Lynnville Friends Youth Band

Cost: \$60 per person, \$50 per person in group of 15 or more/same church

Sponsor: \$40 per person

Cost includes skiing and tubing,
Supper December 29, Breakfast and
Supper December 30, Donuts and OJ
December 31 in morning before
leaving...**DOES NOT INCLUDE
LUNCH ON DAY OF SKIING!**



What to bring: Bible, sleeping bag, towel, gym clothes,
friends, **MONEY FOR LUNCH ON DECEMBER 30TH,**
bag of Oreo Double Stuff cookies.

Christmas gift for Ric is optional this year, but that lunch
money isn't! (unless you are a wrestler trying to make
weight and brought a couple slim-fast bars for lunch.....)

Not to bring: Bad Music, Cell Phones, Poor Attitude

"For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that
leads to life, and there are few who find it"
-Jesus (Matthew 7:14)

Churches - Please collect the consent forms (on the
right) from your kids and send them as a group along
with a deposit of \$15 per person to:

Mid-Winter % Lynnville Friends Church, PO Box 176,
Lynnville, IA 50153. **DUE BY Wednesday, December 17th.**

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

Email: _____

Church Home: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

This consent form gives permission to seek whatever medical attention is deemed necessary, and releases IAYM and its staff of any liability against personal losses of named child.

I/We the undersigned have legal custody of the student named above, a minor, and have given our consent for him/her to attend events being organized by IAYM. I/We understand there are inherent risks involved in any ministry or athletic event, and I/We hereby release IAYM, its pastors, employees, agents, and volunteer workers from any and all liability for any injury loss, or damage to person or property that may occur during the course of my/our child's involvement. In the event that he/she is injured and requires the attention of a doctor, I/we consent to any reasonable medical treatment as deemed necessary by a physician and/or hospital personnel designated by IAYM, I/we agree to hold such a person free and harmless of any claims, demands, or suits for damages arising from the giving of such consent. I/we also acknowledge we will be ultimately responsible for the cost of any medical care should the cost of that medical care not be reimbursed by the health insurance provider. Further, I/we affirm that the health insurance information provided above is accurate at this date and will, to the best of my/our knowledge, still be in force for the student names above. I/we also agree to bring my/our child home at my/our expense should they become ill or if deemed necessary by the student ministries staff member.

Parent/guardian signature _____

Date _____



Allison Vis leads LeGrand Youth on Wednesday evenings.



Brenda White and the Mesquakie Youth



MEETING MOMENTS

“Coffee with Friends” - Summer flew by at Bear Creek Friends! Special guest speakers on July 2nd were Michael and Kay Cain. The Cain’s presented an excellent and challenging message regarding their work as missionaries and teachers at Belize Friends Boys’ School. Members of the Earlham Friends Church were invited to be our guests. On July 6th, the Earlham Ministerial Association sponsored a worship service in the City Park. Superintendent, Doug Latham of the Earlham schools, presented the message. Our pastor, Dallas Gilreath also took part in the service.

Every Sunday evening in July, the churches of the EMA take turns providing a musical service for “Music in the Park.” Bear Creek’s turn was July 20 when we brought in The Harbor Lights Quartet from the Winterset area. The Bear Creek Conservative Friends served ice cream during the program. Also in July, we were invited to be guests of Earlham Friends as they hosted Andy and Lisa Stout, who have been appointed by FUM to serve at Happy Grove High School in Jamaica.

Dallas and Eleanor celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 17th. On the 27th, their church family honored them at a potluck dinner. They were surprised with a special anniversary cake, a golden mum plant, and a potted branch hung with 50 gold one-dollar coins. On Sunday, August 3rd, many Gilreath family members attended church and enjoyed a luncheon with an open from 3-5 that afternoon. We wish Dallas and Eleanor many more years of happiness!

Dallas became editor and publisher of the “Bear Creek Friends & Neighbors”, a community newsletter started in August and delivered to all neighbors in the area. “Coffee with Friends” was also initiated in August then the church opened each Monday morning so neighbors could come in and enjoy coffee, breakfast treats and conversation. In September, “Coffee with Friends” switched to Friday mornings, and the crowd continues to grow.

Church members were treated to a special Sunday dinner following monthly meeting on September 28th. We carpoled to the Des Moines home of Sarah Kritzer, who is a sister of Eleanor Gilreath. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and Sarah’s generous hospitality. From there, Dallas and Eleanor traveled to Camp Quaker Heights to attend the Pastors’ Retreat for 3 days.

Grinnell First Friends celebrated 100 years during the months of September and October, dividing it into 25-year periods. On Sunday September 21st, Kathy Kessler gave us some history of the Quakers beginning with George Fox. Keith Briggs presented a monologue “A Visit from George Fox”. Attenders came in clothes representing that era, including ladies with their Quaker bonnets, scarves and long dresses. We had a short quiet time with the elders in front on benches. A men’s quartet sang “O that will be Glory”.

Our second Sunday, September 28th, the history of First Friends from 1925 to 1950 was read. Several hymns were sung using the piano. A ladies double quartet sang, “Count your Blessings”. The history of the bell was given and the bell was rung.



October 5th saw us singing several hymns and the organ was used. A blend of voices from today and yesterday sang, “The Light of the World is Jesus”. The history of the vision of building our present meeting house was acted out. Several young people sang a medley from “Godspell”. Keith Briggs, former pastor, brought the message.



October 12th, the last Sunday of our celebration, was very well attended. Peggy Larimer presented a monologue on the changes that have taken place in the worship services from the early days up to how the services are conducted today. One thing that will never change is the Gospel Truth. Todd Follette brought an inspirational message. This was followed with a potluck dinner. The climax of the celebration was in the afternoon. Some former members and some present members presented special music. Various individuals shared memories of the past and the present. Ron Bryan, IAYM General Superintendent brought a short message.

A book was made of a combination of history and memories in which we had a very good response. God has truly blessed us during these 100 years at First Friends of Grinnell – and He continues to work in our midst.



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VITAL SIGNS

DEATHS

James C. Sparks, 87, of Union, Iowa, died August 14 at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 19, at Bangor Liberty Friends Church with Pastor Keith Haisch officiating. Burial followed at Union Cemetery in Union, Iowa. Jim was a farmer, a W.W. II veteran and a member of the Union American Legion Post 252. He was a faithful member and regular in attendance at Bangor Liberty Friends Church. Jim is survived by his wife, Evelyn; daughters Nancy Smith, Marcia Hadden and Sharon L. Johnson; nine grandchildren; four sisters, two brothers and three sisters-in-law.

Donald L. Sparks, local farmer, cattleman, and member of Bangor Liberty Friends Church died September 15 at his home under the care of his family and Iowa River Hospice. He was 76 years old. Services were held Thursday, September 18 at Bangor Liberty Friends Church with Pastor Keith Haisch officiating and burial followed in the Clemons Cemetery, Clemons, Iowa. Don was a regular attender at Bangor Liberty and especially enjoyed helping at the House of Compassion ministry in Marshalltown. Don is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter Patricia McKinley; son Bill Sparks, six grandchildren; two brothers, four sisters and three sisters-in-law.

Helen Hadley, 98, passed away in early August. Her funeral was held August 5th at the Dexter United Methodist Church, with burial at the Bear Creek cemetery. Pastor Dallas Gilreath of Bear Creek Friends Church, officiated at both the funeral and the graveside services. Helen is survived by one sister-in-law, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-greats. Helen was a life-long members of Bear Creek Friends.

ANNIVERSARY

Glen and Elaine Rochholz are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married on November 22, 1953, at Canby Friends Church. If you wish to send greetings, please mail to:

Glen and Elaine Rochholz
1531 White Pole Road
P.O. Box 361
Adair, IA 50002

SERVICE GRANT OPPORTUNITY



*Clarence and Lilly Pickett Fund for
Quaker Leadership*

This Endowment seeks to honor the Picketts, Penn alumni and distinguished AFSC leaders, by encouraging young Quaker potential leaders through grants for service projects.

January 15th is the deadline for receiving nominations for the year 2004. If the emerging leader and his/her intended project fit the Pickett Fund guidelines, he/she is promptly notified and invited to complete an application form.

During March, the trustees receive copies of all applications and independently rank applicants according to the Funds' goals. In April the trustees finalize selections. Cumulative requests are always larger than available resources but the 2003 grants totaled six and ranged from \$1,500 to \$3,000 for a total of \$12,000.

The Endowment is administered by trustees governed by established articles of incorporation and by-laws. Allen Bowman is the coordinator. Requests for nomination forms can be sent to Allen at 1720 Kemble Drive, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. Telephone (641) 673-4190.



Riverside Friends Praise & Worship on Sunday mornings.

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