

## ***Second Hour Programs***

### **Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> *Nuba Aid with Sam Totten***

Sam Totten has returned to Arkansas from his most recent expedition to take aid to the famine struck people of the Nuba Mountains of Sudan. These people are subject to genocide and to the violence of war. Sam will tell us of the situation that he found there. This is a project our meeting has given financial support to in the past – don't miss this update.

### **Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> *Mary: Our Other Half***

What if you learned that Jesus and Mary Magdalene were married equals where she expressed the *message* with equal depth and love? That Jesus and Mary had children, some even after he moved up in dimensions. That both were highly educated and tested through Initiations all over the world. Or that a group of Essenes worked to set up this whole drama for centuries? Garin Wiggins will lead, and asks us to meet with open minds.

### **Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business***

The Quaker process in action. A spirited business meeting.

### **March 13<sup>th</sup> *Quaker Jeopardy***

Quaker educational fun led by Karen Takemoto.

## ***The Skilled Worker***

How can he become wise who guides the plow,  
Directs the ox and urges on the bullock,  
And whose every concern is for cattle?

How too the smith standing by the anvil,  
Intent on the iron he forges.

The flame from the fire sears his flesh,  
Yet he toils away in the furnace heat.  
The clang of the hammer deafens his ears;  
His eyes are on the object he is shaping.  
His determination is to finish the work,  
And he is careful to perfect it in detail.

So also the potter sitting at his labor,  
Revolving the wheel with his feet.  
He is always concerned for his products,  
With his hands he molds the clay,  
And with his feet softens it.

His determination is to complete the glazing,  
And to fire the kiln is his diligent care.

All these are skilled with their hands,  
Each one an expert at his own work;  
Without them no city could be lived in,  
And wherever they stay, they do not go hungry.  
But they are not sought out for the government,  
They do not sit on the judge's bench,  
Nor are they found among the rulers.

Yet they maintain the fabric of the world,  
And in the work of their hands is their prayer.

—*The Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus, Ch. 38*



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## **February 2016**

Meeting for Worship is on Sundays. It begins with worshipful singing and sharing at 9:30 a.m. followed by one hour of silent/waiting worship which starts at 9:45 a.m.

After worship on most Sundays there is a break for fellowship with coffee, tea, and snacks, which is then followed, at about 11:15 a.m., by an enlightening and enjoyable, "second hour" program.

**Visitors and enquirers are always  
very welcome.**

**South Central Yearly Meeting 2015** is March 24<sup>th</sup>—27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Greene Family Camp, Waco, TX. Registration is now open. The theme this year is "*Living Water from the Well: Renewal in Quaker Community; Indwelling and Outpouring, Sustainability and Sustenance*".

<http://www.scym.org/yearlymeeting>

### **AR-OK Spring Quarterly 2015**

Will be the weekend of **June 3<sup>rd</sup> —5<sup>th</sup>** at Lake Fort Smith State Park, AR.

Please be sure to leave spaces for **car parking** at the south/west side of the meeting house for visitors and disabled. Preferred parking for the fit, and those in need of exercise, is at *Liquor World* just up the road. Please leave the parking area next to the restaurant clear for their customers.

After *meeting for worship* and a coffee break we usually have an optional second hour program. They are **organized during the month** thus:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: a business meeting;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: an educational program;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: a worship sharing;
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: an educational program;
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: a potluck.

Of course we sometimes shuffle the pack as the need arises.

A proposed booklist for our spring **book study group** is here:

***Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande.** In this book Gawande, a practicing surgeon, describes aging, mortality, dying and death, current practices and how they may change to our advantage... or disadvantage.

***Healing the Heart of Democracy* by Parker Palmer** helps us, "We the People of this country," to learn to practice politics from the heart. By coming from a loving perspective, the reader begins to live within the tensions of differences and conflict instead of focusing on an "us versus them" attitude.

***Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates** is a bold and personal literary exploration of America's racial history. It offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis.

***A Sustainable Life: Quaker Faith and Practice in the Renewal of Creation* by Douglas Gwyn.** How have Quakers learned to create the kind of life that can prepare us to live fully and responsibly in a time of social and planetary change?

***The Quaker Way: A Rediscovery* by Rex Ambler.** This book is an attempt 'to explain the Quaker way, as far as that is possible'.

Please tell a member of the Education Committee (Mary Elsie Marchant, Frances Hime, Betty Blanch, or Jane Purtle) which book you prefer to study if you wish to participate in the spring book group.

We look forward to a visitor in April when we will welcome Lon Burnham, a Fort Worth Friend, who served as a member of Texas' State Legislature for 18 years before working with *Friends Committee on National Legislation* (FCNL) in Washington, D.C. A second hour is in the works for April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our **Healing Circle** takes place in the office at the Meeting House on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. Let the participants (usually Maya, Jane, Betty, & Deirdre) know of any concerns for healing that you would like them to hold in the Light. You are also welcome to join them and so add **your** Light to the circle of Friends.

### **Our Committee Clerks:**

*Ministry and Oversight Committee:* Deirdre Phillips;

*Peace & Justice Committee:* Maya Porter;

*Education Committee:* to be decided.

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