

2009

Friends' Calendar

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ALL Friends every where, who have tasted of the goodness of God, keep in the savour thereof, and let not your minds be stolen away from that which is living, for that which is living cometh from above, and makes you lively, but that which is corruptible, cometh from the earth, and brings death with it over your souls; ... watch in diligence to retain the savour of the life of Truth, that you may live, from a sense that Christ liveth in you, who is the seed, the truth, the noble plant, and grows, and bringeth forth fruit in you.

... They will come to feel daily quickenings..., and will have power over the nature that is dead in Adam to all good works, and especially to waiting upon God with a steadfast and stayed mind. Nothing so hard as this to that old and corrupt nature which is soon weary. This is that nature which cannot watch with Christ one hour; but let his trials and sufferings be never so great, this leads from watching to sleeping, this hath no fellowship with the seed of God in its sufferings, and shall have none in its dominion. And where this drowsy nature stands uncrucified, it keeps you in the weakness, out of the power, and this brings out of the savour and feeling of the goodness of God ...

Let every one that bears the profession of Truth, be diligent in the work of God, and be good examples to each other; and observe your time and hour of coming to meeting; and set not one hour, and then come at another; and neglect not your middle week meetings, by reason of your outward occasions, ... but let all things give way to the service of God, and then all things shall work together for good unto you, and there shall be no lack of any thing that is good for you.

So, dear Friends, in the true love of God, have I written this unto you, as it lay upon me from the Lord, as a word of exhortation, to stir up the pure mind in you all; and the God of power and strength, give you of his might, and of his power to help you in all your necessities, and in all your combats, and strengthen your faith, in which, and by which the victory is obtained, which is the desire of my soul for you all, who am your friend in the fellowship of the gospel.

Stephen Crisp, 1628-1692



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First Month

TWELFTH MONTH

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Those that keep their hearts with all diligence to the Lord, to feel the Issue of life in the Secrets of the heart, dare not neglect their Duty to God in Public, but must come forth in their places, and stand as Landmarks; ... for it is those that keep in a living Sense of God's Dealings with them that do prize it, and receive it with Thanks-giving, and to such the Sure Mercies ... are continued and multiplied Morning by Morning:

SECOND MONTH

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Dorcas Dole, 1684

FIRST DAY	SECOND DAY	THIRD DAY	FOURTH DAY	FIFTH DAY	SIXTH DAY	SEVENTH DAY
It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night ... Psalm 92: 1-2			MOON PHASES First Qtr. 4 Full Moon 10 Last Qtr. 17 New Moon 26	1	2	3
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Second Month

One *thing* I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple...

Wait on the Lord;

Be of good courage,

And He shall strengthen your heart;

Wait, I say, on the Lord.

Psalm 27:4, 14 (NKJV)

FIRST MONTH

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If we go about the Duty of Prayer without divine Assistance, we see what sad Work we make of it; if we pray not in the Spirit and with the Understanding, how can we receive the Thing we pray for? But if we *Pray in the Spirit, and with the understanding also*, then the *Spirit helps our Infirmities*; the Spirit that came from God brings us the Things we stand in Need of....

Stephen Crisp, 1690

MOON PHASES

First Qtr. 2
Full Moon 9
Last Qtr. 16
New Moon 24

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Third Month

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I was sent of God to Stand as a witness against all violence, and against the works of darkness; and to turn people from darkness to light; and bring them from the causes of war and fighting to the peaceable gospel.

George Fox, 1654

FOURTH MONTH

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29	30	31	MOON PHASES First Qtr. 4 Full Moon 10 Last Qtr. 18 New Moon 26	O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. Isaiah 25:1		

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Fourth Month

THIRD MONTH

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A Love there is which doth not cease, to the seed of God in you all; and therefore doth invite you every one Priest and people to return into it, that into wisdom's house you may come, where there is a feast provided of all things well refined, and the living bread of God is known and fed upon; and the fruit of the Vine drunk of, the unity in the Spirit witnessed the well-beloved of the Father is here ...

Sarah Blackborrow, 1658

FIFTH MONTH

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Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deut. 6: 4-5			1	2	3	4
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Fifth Month

As we, through the tender mercies of God, do feel that this precious work is begun, I ... encourage my brethren and sisters in a holy care and diligence that each of us may so live, under the sanctifying power of truth, as to be redeemed from all unnecessary cares, that our eye become single to him, no customs, however prevalent, which are contrary to the wisdom from above, may hinder us from faithfully following his holy leadings, in whatsoever he may graciously appoint for us.

John Woolman, 1768

FOURTH MONTH

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SIXTH MONTH

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No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 11: 33-34</p>				MOON PHASES First Qtr. 1 Full Moon 8 Last Qtr. 17 New Moon 24 First Qtr. 30	1	2
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Sixth Month

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In the united stillness of the truly "gathered" meeting there is a power known only by experience, and mysterious even when familiar. There are few things which more readily flow "from vessel to vessel" than quietness. The presence of fellow-worshippers in some gently penetrating manner reveals to the spirit something of the nearness of the Divine Presence. ... Have we not again and again felt that the promise was fulfilled and that the Master Himself was indeed "in the midst of us"?

Carolyn E. Stephen 1908

SEVENTH MONTH

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28	29	30	But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. <i>John 4: 23-24 (NKJV)</i>			

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Seventh Month

SIXTH MONTH

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The extensiveness of the love of Jesus in the souls that are witnesses of it is beyond expression. It makes new acquaintance old, in that which is eternal; nay further in this love and life of it, we have unity in spirit with the holy ancients who had their being in the world thousands of years before we were born.

Joseph Pike, 1783

EIGHTH MONTH

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If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another ... I John 1: 6-7 (NKJV)			1	2	3	4
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Eighth Month

SEVENTH MONTH

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So to the hidden Word in the heart do I commend you, which gives victory over all that arises contrary to itself... for you are to triumph over all that which is contrary to the Lord, and then all things will work together for good: and nothing it is can separate us from the Love of God, which is made known to you that abide in his Fear; which Fear is the beginning of Wisdom; and as we abide herein, We meet together as children of one birth...

Anne Gilman, 1662

NINTH MONTH

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For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was... Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1:23-24, 27					MOON PHASES Full Moon 5 Last Qtr. 13 New Moon 20 First Qtr. 27	1
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Ninth Month

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Real prayer is a visit into God's invisible world and a reaching experimentally the sanctuary of His presence. It is a coming internally in contact with divine realities outside this material world, which is bounded by time and apprehended by the senses alone.

Max I. Reich, 1936

TENTH MONTH

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And this we shall know as far as we are capable, if where ever we are, our Desires are to be with Him. <i>William Penn, 1693</i>		1	2	3	4	5
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27	28	29	30	MOON PHASES Full Moon 4 Last Qtr. 11 New Moon 18 First Qtr. 25	As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: Psalm 42: 1-2	

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What are the best of us all, without the Divine presence or assistance? It is ... our strength, our crown, and rejoicing; by that are we made beautiful; and, divested of that, become as nothing: O! may I ever live in a just sense of the necessity of seeking after it. ... These... are the secret desires of my soul... My lot is cast in a barren land, and I want all the help that can be afforded me.

Catherine Payton Phillips, 1751

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He said unto me, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. II Corinthians 12: 9			MOON PHASES Full Moon 4 Last Qtr. 11 New Moon 18 First Qtr. 25	1	2	3
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Eleventh Month

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It is good for all who are concerned to speak to matters in meetings for discipline to take heed that their own spirits do not prompt thereto, and to mind the time when to speak fitly; for a word in season from a pure heart, is precious...and when they have spoken, ...they should turn inward to feel whether the pure truth owns them,...without... care whether it succeeds at that time...

John Churchman, ca. 1737

TWELFTH MONTH

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29	30	<p>MOON PHASES</p> <p>Full Moon 2</p> <p>Last Qtr. 9</p> <p>New Moon 16</p> <p>First Qtr. 24</p>	<p>Take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 12: 11b-12</p>			

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Twelfth Month

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This Light ... being believed in, kept to, and obeyed, is able to work a Change, and to cleanse the Heart, that was corrupted by Sin and Transgression, and to beget good Thoughts and good Desires, and to judge down the contrary, even all the Corrupt Ways that man in his own Inventions has involved himself into, and forsaken his Maker: But this is not of our selves, nor by any Acquirement of our own; but is the free Gift of God ...

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Isabel Yeamans, 1679

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For in him we live, and move, and have our being; Acts 17:28	MOON PHASES Full Moon 2 Last Qtr. 8 New Moon 16 First Qtr. 24 Full Moon 31	1	2	3	4	5
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Names of the Months and of the Days of the Week

From the practice of the Jews before the Babylonian Captivity, it seems probable that at first the months were simply numbered, not named. This is a clear and rational procedure and is found in the early Scriptures, so the Society of Friends felt called upon to use the Scriptural names of the days of the week and of the months instead of those names which are in common use and which are, for the most part, derived from the names of pagan gods.

Other Christians besides Friends have felt similarly on this subject. Richard Baxter, the English non-conformist of the Seventeenth Century, said: "It were to be wished that the custom were changed of using the names of week-days which idolators honored their idols with – as Saturday, Monday, and the rest. So for the months."

Friends did not object to the names "September," "October," "November," and "December," but objected to their use since the months they name are no longer the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth months.

January was named for Janus, an old Roman god.

February was named from the *Febua*, the expiatory ceremonies which the Romans held in honor of their dead in this month.

March was named for the Roman god Mars, who, at the time of the naming of the month, was primarily a god of agriculture, the symbol of spring-time and youth. It was only after the artificial identification of Roman gods with Greek gods that Mars became the god of war, the counterpart of Ares.

April is derived from the same root as the Latin *aperire*, which means "to open". Thus April is the month of opening buds and flowers.

May is of uncertain origin, perhaps from the Roman goddess Maia, or from *maiores* (the older).

June may have been named for the Roman goddess Juno, or from *iuniores* (the younger).

July, originally *Quinctilis*, was renamed for Julius Caesar, who was born in that month.

August, originally *Sextilis*, was chosen by the Roman emperor Augustus to be renamed in his honor because of the many fortunate events in his life that had occurred in that month.

The practice of naming the days of the week is derived from Egyptian astronomy. It did not become firmly established in our civilization until the time of Theodosius, at the end of the Fourth Century A.D. Curiously enough, it was the Roman custom of lettering the successive days of a *nundinum* (a period of eight days, in addition to the current day) which gave rise to the modern custom in some Christian groups whereby the dominical letter is determined. The days of the week are lettered from A to G, just as the Romans lettered the days of a *nundinum* from A to H.

According to the Egyptian astronomers the sun and moon were planets and the order of the planets in terms of their distance from the earth was as follows: Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, sun, Venus, Mercury, moon. One hour of each day, beginning with the first, was consecrated to each of these "planets". The whole day was consecrated to the planet to which belonged the first hour. If the first day be consecrated to the sun, to which belongs the first hour, then the first hour of the next day will belong to the moon and the day will be the moon's day (Monday) and so on. After the cycle has been completed, the first hour of the eighth day will belong to the sun again, and it will again be the sun's day (Sunday).

Our names of the days of the week are derived from Anglo-Saxon names and these in turn are named for the Saxon gods who approximate to the Roman gods for whom the days were named. The Roman names have survived, to an extent, in Spanish, French, Italian and other languages derived from or greatly influenced by Latin.

The day of Mars was called the day of Tiw, the god of war (Tuesday).

The day of Mercury was called the day of Woden, chief of the gods, whose attributes corresponded more nearly to those of the Roman Mercury than to those of Jupiter, chief of the Roman gods (Wednesday).

The day of Jupiter, who was believed to hurl thunderbolts, was called the day of Thor, the god of thunder (Thursday).

The day of Venus was called the day of Frigg, queen of the gods, who was sometimes confused or identified with Freyia the goddess of love (Friday).

The seventh day was still called the day of Saturn, the sower of seed (Saturday).

No doubt most Christians unthinkingly use these names, or else they use them merely in conformity to the general custom. Although general custom can, in the long run, determine the correctness of language and vocabulary, it cannot pass upon right and wrong. And so, some Christians still feel that the use of these names for months and days, derived as they are from non-Christian sources, is inconsistent with the tenets of the Christian faith.