



The Encourager

And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. Luke 18:27

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

April, 2021

Hiding Jesus

In the funeral home where I work are items used in Catholic services. There is a kneeling altar, torch lamps, and a crucifix. We actually keep a room set up for such services. Recently that area was used for a Protestant family so the items needed to be removed. I quickly found a place for the altar and the lights, but what do I do with the crucifix? This crucifix is a simple but beautiful piece made out of metal and wood. It stands over seven feet tall, and the cross part with Jesus crucified measures about two feet in length. I tried putting it in the cove of the chapel but wondered how it would look to those attending a service. Imagine Jesus, hanging on a cross, looking at them from the shadows near the piano, and some kid hollering, "What is that?!" So, I thought about the mechanical room instead. I could put him near the boiler and the cleaning supplies, but that didn't seem right. Then there was the storage closet in the back hallway. I could put him where we keep the wheelchairs figuring that Jesus did heal the sick, but that didn't seem right either. Then I stopped and asked myself why I was so concerned about where to store a crucifix. Quakers don't have to do this very often. It was just a religious relic that had no significance to me personally, but did it? Subconsciously, for that moment, it had become significant. I began to feel like I was trying to hide Jesus. I did not want that metal Jesus to make others uncomfortable, but I did not want to stand him up near ladders and mop buckets either. It seems silly, but I was wondering how I could keep Jesus out of sight, and still honor him, and I couldn't.

Are there times in our lives when we hide Jesus to others? We don't want them to feel uncomfortable and we don't want to feel awkward ourselves, and yet we still want to believe we are honoring him? How do we become more confident and consistent in exposing Christ naturally to others?

When Paul was standing before King Agrippa in Acts 26, he gave his testimony. He spoke of how he met the Resurrected Christ on the Damascus Road. Listen to some samples of his powerful witness: "...*God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and testify to small and great alike...I am not insane, what I am saying is true and reasonable....I am sure that none of this has escaped notice, because it was not done in a corner.*" V.23-26

Consider four reasons we glean from Paul that should give us courage when we are tempted to hide our faith from others: First, Paul speaks of how God has helped him. God's goodness and mercy poured out on us should give us incentive to let Christ shine without hesitation or apology. Second, Paul testifies to "*small and great alike*". No person is of greater importance than another in God's eyes, and all stand in equal need of Christ. A man's status in the eyes of other men should not cause us to hide our faith in Jesus Christ. Third, the accusation of insanity toward Paul is refuted with a claim that the Gospel is *true and reasonable*. A Biblical worldview gives the best explanation for the "how" and "why" of our existence. Finally, the work of God has *not been done in a corner*. The Psalmist says that the heavens declare the glory of God. It takes more faith to not believe in God than to believe in him. From Creation to Christmas, from the Exodus to Easter, God's work of Redemption in the world has not been done incognito; the effects are visible to the smallest of faith.

You know, where that crucifix ended up was not that important, but the parable it became to me was priceless. I never want to be a secret disciple who hides my glorious Savior in the closet of some private religion. He is alive, and so are all those who believe in him. Remember, we can't honor Jesus and try to hide him at the same time.

Randy

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR YOUR MASK TO ALL EVENTS.



Friday, April 2 – 7:30 PM – Good Friday Service

Led by Youth; Easter Service Saturday @ Union Cross – 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning, April 4 – Easter Events:

6:45 – Sunrise Service @ Cemetery

7:10 – Light Breakfast

Bojangles biscuits, etc. In Fellowship Hall

8:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary

Offering – The Cemetery Fund

Special Music: Bill on Dobro and

Chimes by Walter and Bill accompanied by Donna



Regular Sundays at 10:30 AM

Drive-In Worship - sit in your car and listen. Tune in to: **FM 88.9** Or on **Facebook Live**

Inside Worship with **mask and social distancing.**

Special Music – April:

11th - Ruby Brendle

18th - Jacob Brendle

25th - Donna Terrell



Tuesday, April 6 – 7:00 PM Ministry & Counsel

Fellowship Hall

April 11 @ 9:30 AM – Sunday School Begins

Classes will meet at their previous location or they may choose another area to improve the present situation for the group. *See page 5 for information.*

April 11 – Building Fund Offering

All offerings will go to the Building Fund unless otherwise designated.

Thursday, April 15 @ 7:00 PM – Quaker

Women will meet in the Fellowship Hall

April 18 – Love Offering

Allen and wife Juanita Bullard, former pastor in the Yearly Meeting, are having some health and housing challenges. *See Roger Holt for more information.*

Tuesday, April 27 – 7:00 PM Ministry and Counsel will meet in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 1 – Golf Tournament Fundraiser

See Jared for latest information.

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NOTES FROM THE CLERK:

Monthly Meeting will be Sunday, April 11th after Worship service.

*** Please appoint one person from your committee to make a report to the meeting.**

A Thought:

Luke 12: 27-28

²⁷ *Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*
²⁸ *But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you...*

Spring is such a beautiful time of year; blooming flowers, warmer days, greener grass. It is all about new beginnings, full of hope and promise. I am reminded of the song ***All Things Bright and Beautiful*** (“All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.”) I am also reminded of the scripture, Luke 12: 27-28, quoted above. Just think: The God who created the whole universe loves us and is always there for us! He will never leave us nor forsake us. That is a promise, full of hope, no matter what circumstance we may find ourselves in.

Love in Christ,

Ginger Holt,
Presiding Clerk

Social distancing and Masks required at both Mtgs.

April 18 – Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting

At Kernersville Friends Meeting (meal provided)

3:00 PM – Ministry and Counsel, clerk has special program for the last half

4:00 PM – General Business session

Let Clerk, Judy Ritter know number attending

Saturday, April 10 – FCNC Mid-Year Gathering

10:00 AM – 12:00: No lunch will be served.

Forbush Friends Meeting Fellowship Hall and livestreamed via Facebook

Send one representative from each meeting.

Agenda includes Officers & Committee reports and Faith and Practice changes concerning make-up of committees.

From Randy . . .

Remember:

BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday

At 7:00 PM

Meal included

Thank You



To all of you, the TEAM of workers, who have taken care of us by your dedication to keep us well. For your spraying, wiping down surfaces, all the guys and girls who stood out in the cold to take our temperature, to Jean holding the sanitizer and Vickie for making arrangements and being sure the bulletins were not handled and to all the assistants.

THANK YOU!

One of the Core Values of Deep Creek Friends Meeting:

TRUTH

We believe the Truth is found in our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, as the living Word of God and in the Bible as the written Word of God.

Pray Daily for Ministries, Other Friends Meetings and Leadership:

FCNC Prayer Calendar

APRIL 2021

"To Know God And Make Him Known"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day." - Abraham Lincoln</i></p>				1 Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes	2 Liberty Friends James Moore	3 Campus Ministries Carrie Ritter
4 USFW (United Society of Friends Women)	5 Marlboro Friends Ray Luther Terry Linthicum	6 Mar Mac Friends Howard Seymour	7 Mountain View Friends Jeff Stowers	8 Pilot Mountain Friends Jeremiah Thomas	9 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	10 FEMAP (Friends Emergency Materials Assistance Program)
11 East Africa Yearly Mtgs	12 Rocky River Friends David Hobson	13 Science Hill Friends No Pastor	14 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding	15 Thomasville Friends Jerry Gibbons	16 White Plains Friends Brian Gullion	17 Jamaica Yearly Mtg
18 Quaker Lake	19 Winthrop Friends Harold Salmons	20 Archdale Friends Chad Riggs	21 Asheboro Friends David Millikan	22 Back Creek Friends Brandon Dockery	23 Bethel Friends Ben Hurley	24 Quaker Men
25 Social Media Coordinator Jenny Gullion	26 Brannon Friends Eric Morrison	27 Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson John Teague	28 Cedar Square Friends Mike Fulp Jr Sterling Brown	29 Centre Friends Tommy Sluder Beulah Gullion	30 Concord Friends Greg Creed	

Food for the Hungry

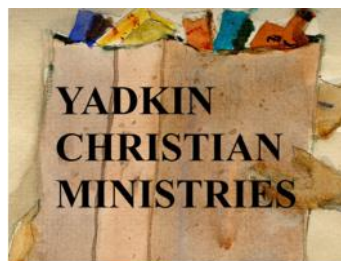
I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.

Matthew 25:40

It's time to get your tickets for **Yadkin Christian Ministries** biggest fund raiser on **Tuesday, May 4. The Empty Bowls** event will be **takeout only** this year at the Yadkin Agricultural Building, but you can choose either **Lunch 11:30 – 1:30 or Dinner (supper for country folks) 4:00 – 6:30**. Tickets are \$25.00 for Debbie's Snack Bar vegetable beef soup, Taste of Italy salad, crackers, gourmet cookies and bottled water. You will also receive a handcrafted bowl. And by putting your name on the back of the ticket you will be entered for the drawing for Shirley Murphy's handmade quilt.

Enjoy an easy meal and support Yadkin Christian Ministries.

For a ticket Contact Janet Robbins at 336-971-1212 or by email jrobbins1604@gmail.com.



Do You Have Books You Could Donate?

Christian Education Committee is collecting Paperback Books – Container in the Library

It can be any kind of paperback book like novels, magazines such as *Our State*, *Good House Keeping*, Hunting magazines, etc., Bibles, devotionals, puzzle books, word searches, even some *easier reading*.



They were all disciples in the *Easter Experience* and were off somewhere while Jesus was praying or scattering as he was being led to the cross.



Deep Creek
Friends

BOOK COLLECTION

Christian Education Committee

IS COLLECTING BOOKS

For the Yadkin County
Detention Center

Through The Month Of April
(Paperback Only)

Restarting Sunday School

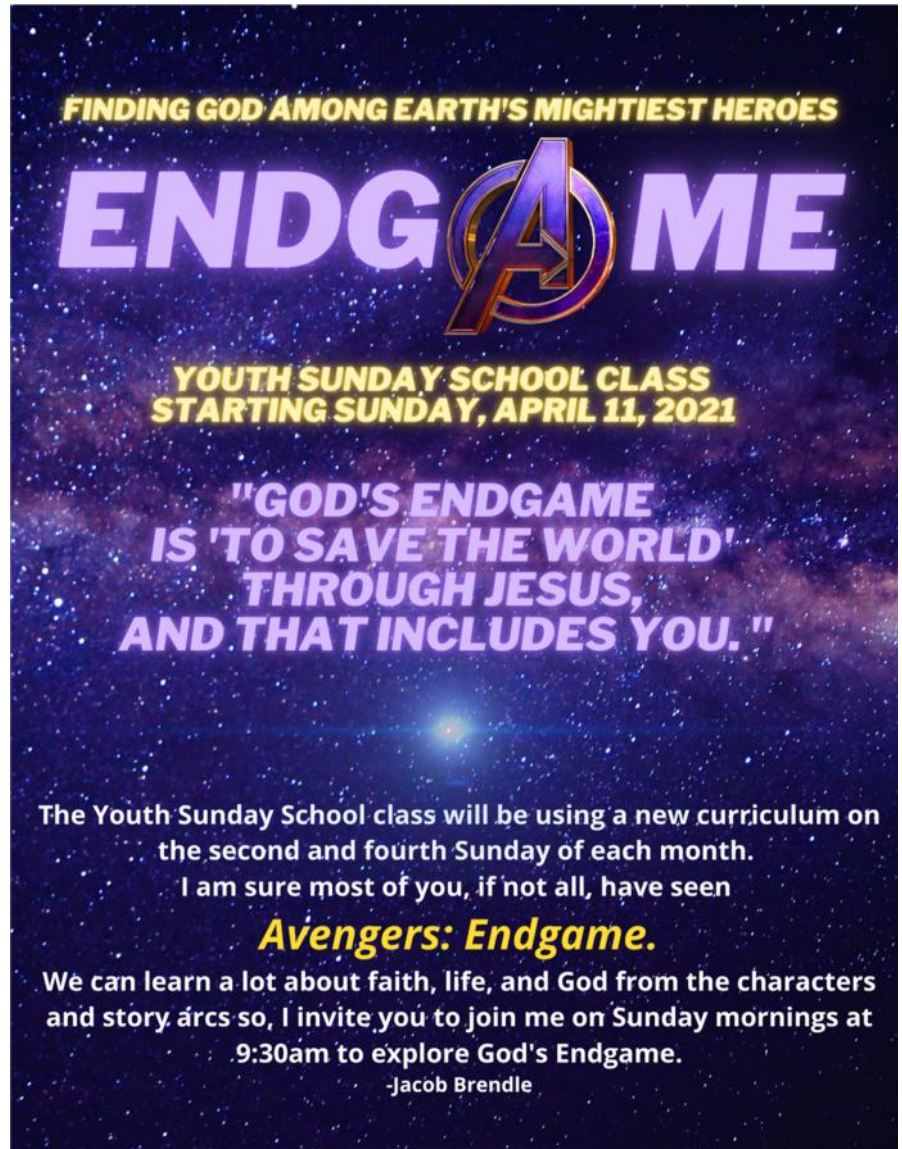
Join us as we begin Sunday School on April 11th at 9:30 AM. The children will meet in the kids room with Sydney/ Rhonda for class. Other classes will meet at the place/room of their class choice. Anyone who would like to join in the Fellowship Hall for class can also join there. Christian Education Committee is excited to offer Sunday School time again to gather and study the Bible. If there are questions or if a class needs literature, please contact Michael Ray or any member of CE.

- Submitted by Angie Brendle

Rules to Live By: The Queries from the new Faith and Practice of Friends Church of North Carolina

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Do you strive for the constant realization of God's presence in your life? Do you profess your unwavering allegiance to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? Are you sensitive and obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit? Do you endeavor to advance your spiritual growth by the prayerful study of the Bible and other devotional literature?



FINDING GOD AMONG EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

ENDGAME

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
STARTING SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021**

**"GOD'S ENDGAME
IS 'TO SAVE THE WORLD'
THROUGH JESUS,
AND THAT INCLUDES YOU."**

The Youth Sunday School class will be using a new curriculum on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.
I am sure most of you, if not all, have seen

Avengers: Endgame.

We can learn a lot about faith, life, and God from the characters and story arcs so, I invite you to join me on Sunday mornings at 9:30am to explore God's Endgame.

-Jacob Brendle

A Special Note to All of You (from a member)

Deep Creek Church Members and Attenders:

Sorry I haven't tried letting my friends, fellow-worshippers and church members know why I haven't been present for worship for over a year.

About a year ago, Cathy Shore stopped by my house to see how I was doing. She entered my door and immediately took one look at me and said "Nancy, you have Shingles in your right eye." She prescribed some medicine.

Well, it went from bad to worse. I have been under the care of Dr. Gordan at Novant in Yadkinville. After a year, I still cannot see clearly in that eye.

About 2 weeks ago, I fell forward hitting my face on the floor, cutting gashes above my left eyes. Stitches are now out, and I'm doing better.

Getting old and feeble isn't much fun, but it could be worse! At age 93. Hope to be back soon.

Love to all of you,

Nancy Holt



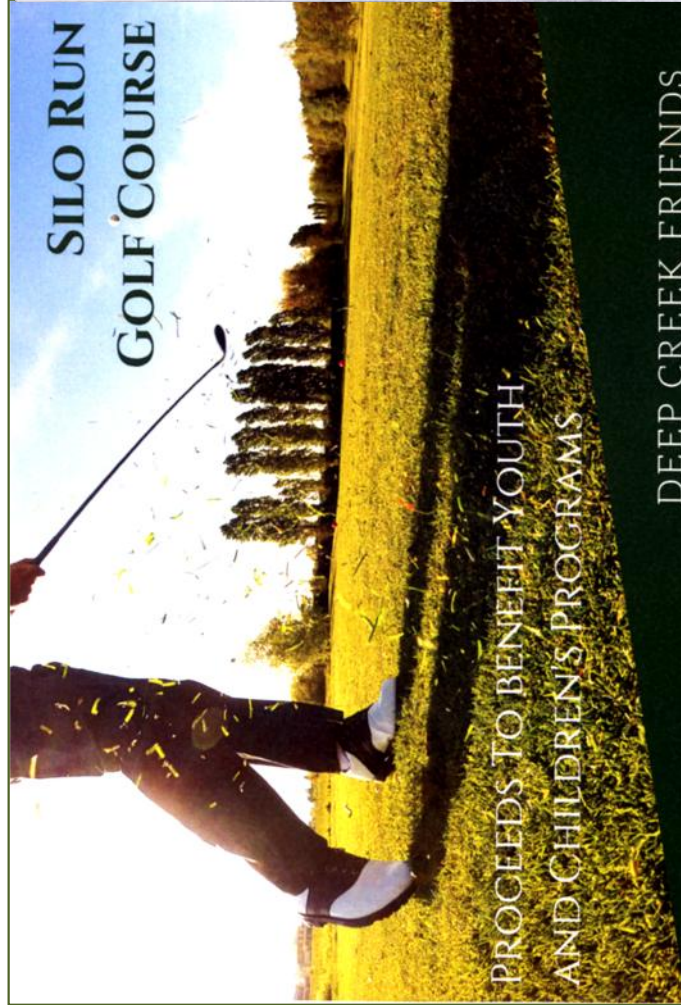
EDITORS NOTE:

Before Nancy could get her note to me, she came down with a stomach infection causing severe pain that required her to spend a few days in the hospital. The treatment worked and she is now doing much better and still wanted everyone to receive her message.

Shelby

Young Adults Enjoy Movie Night





SILO RUN GOLF COURSE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT YOUTH
AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 1ST, 2021

LUNCH 12:30 . PUTTING CONTEST 1:30
TEE TIME 2:00

Contact **Jay Brendle**
(336.679.8089) or **Jared**
Warden (336.428.0775) for
more Information

\$200 per 4-person team
(\$50 per golfer)

Sponsorship Information on Back

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS 11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

NAME: _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Please indicate your desired
contribution level below

_____ Bronze: \$50.00

_____ Silver: \$100.00

_____ Gold: \$250.00

_____ Platinum: \$500

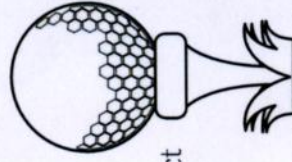
_____ Diamond: \$1,000+

_____ Individual Sponsor: _____

Proceeds benefit Deep Creek Children and Youth programs.
Sponsors will be recognized and displayed on our sponsor sign at Silo
Run Golf Course. Please make checks payable to Deep Creek Youth.

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING

1140 Deep Creek Church Road
Yadkinville, NC 27055



To submit your form or request more information, please contact
Jay Brendle (336.679.8089) or Jared Warden (336.428.0775,
jfwarden@gmail.com)

CHILDREN

From Sydney

Looking Ahead:

April 11th - Children's Church during Worship

April 11th Friends of Jesus @ 3pm

April 25th - Children's Church during Worship

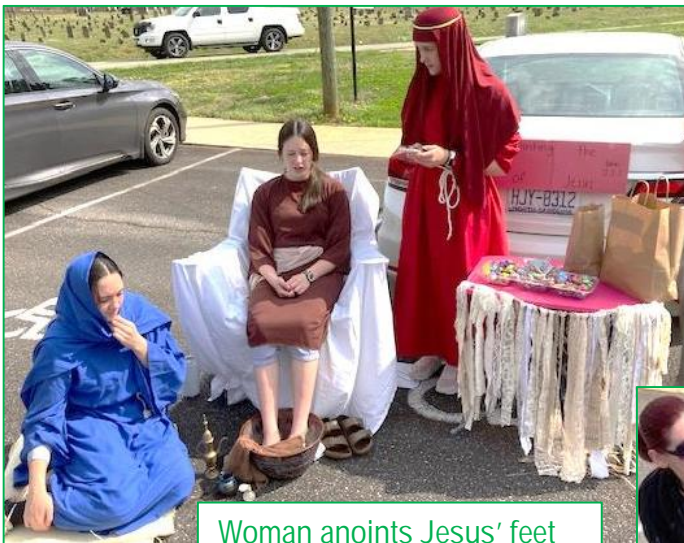
April 25th - Friends of Jesus @ 3pm

Sunday School will be starting on April 11th

During the month of March we were learning about Abraham and his family! We were also able to participate in Palm Sunday by making our own palm leaves and laying them down in the "road" so that Jesus could come through. On Sunday, March 28th we had our Easter Party to celebrate the life of Jesus.



Palms in the Street as Jesus enters Jerusalem



Woman anoints Jesus' feet and then wiped with her hair

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make The Easter Experience possible! I deeply appreciate every single person that helped and prayed for this event. There were 31 children who experienced the story of Jesus leading up to His resurrection.



At the trunk & treat Easter Experience, families received box lunch. Children received treats, eggs and experienced the Easter Story of Jesus.



Jesus prays with the disciples in the garden.



The Last Supper – A name card for each disciple who would come to have the special food.

Next page - more Easter Experience

YOUTH & JR.YOUTH

From Jared

Upcoming Events

April 2nd: Good Friday Service
7:30 - Deep Creek and Union
Cross youth will lead the service

April 3rd: Deep Creek and Union
Cross youth will lead the Easter
Service.

April 4th: No Youth or Dogs
Meetings. **Happy Easter!**

April 10th: Youth Skating event!
Details TBA. See Jared if
interested.

April 11th: Youth at Union Cross
at 5:00

April 18th: Dogs at 3:30,
Youth at 5:00 at Deep Creek

April 25th: Youth at Union Cross
at 5:00

May Events:

May 1st:
Annual Golf Tournament
sponsored by CE Committee
at Silo Run at 2:00

May 2nd: Dogs at 3:30, Youth
at 5:00 at Deep Creek

May 9th: Youth at 5:00 at
Union Cross

May 16th: No Dogs or Youth
Meetings

May 23rd: Youth at 5:00 at
Union Cross

May 30th: Dogs at 3:00, Youth
at 5:00 at Deep Creek

June Events:

Meeting times to be announced
for Youth and Dogs

June 13-16: VBS

July 3rd - 9th: Youth Mission
trip to Nashville, TN

September 2nd - 6th:

Annual Young Adult, Youth, and
Families Beach Retreat at Nags
Head. Spots are limited, so let
Jared know if you are interested
in going. Cost is \$40/person.



Disciples fall asleep
while Jesus prays.



Jesus hangs
on the cross



Angel rolls the
stone away



The tomb is empty



Mary visits the empty tomb

CONGRATULATIONS

NANCY HOLT BRINGS PAST TO BENEFIT FUTURE



Nancy as a fairy for a Boonville School Operetta in 1937

On March 9th, Mrs. Nancy Holt presented Miss. Angel Couch a check from Boonville School's Class of 1945 for the Boonville Elementary School's music program. Nancy is the class treasurer for her graduating high school class. The group stopped meeting several years ago, leaving a balance in their class account. Nancy knew that the class would want the money to go to their Alma Mater, and decided to focus on the music program because of her fond memories of participating in chorus, school plays and operettas. Thank you Mrs. Nancy Holt and Boonville School's Class of 1945.

At the time Nancy was a student at Boonville School, grades were both elementary and high school. She went on to college and became a teacher at West Yadkin and Forbush High Schools, teaching English and business classes including General Business and Typing. Her music interests continuing on made it just natural to participate at church in many ways including singing with various groups, directing the Adult Choir for a period of time and even tried the Handbell Choir.

Angel is a Music Teacher with the Yadkin County School System, teaching at Boonville and Jonesville Elementary Schools. Among her work at the church are skills on her trumpet and as sound/media technician.

MAGGIE RAY ON HOMECOMING COURT



Maggie Ray was chosen to be on the Starmount High School Homecoming Court as a Freshman Representative. She was escorted by her dad, Michael Ray. Her parents are proud of her school work and activities.

SAMUEL RAY PLAYS FOOTBALL



Samuel Ray is playing football for the Starmount Rams. Number 76 is starting center on offense and sometimes plays nose guard on defense. Samuel is a sophomore at Starmount High School this year. His family is excited to watch him play.



*At this Resurrection Season we Remember
With Gratitude and Appreciation,
Those Members of Deep Creek Friends Meeting
Who Passed Away since Easter 2020*



Heather Smith



Heather Smith was a kind and generous young woman. She was involved in several sports in elementary and high school and excelled in all of them, earning a college scholarship. She

supported and even coached her little sister's team. Continuing that support, she was regularly seen at Boonville Elementary School Gymnasium watching her play as she got older and it was a fun time. Heather was not able to go away to college as was planned because of illness, but in spite of that she completed a degree at Surry Community College. Through her illness she appreciated the support in the community, loved her friends and family and especially appreciated her grandparents..

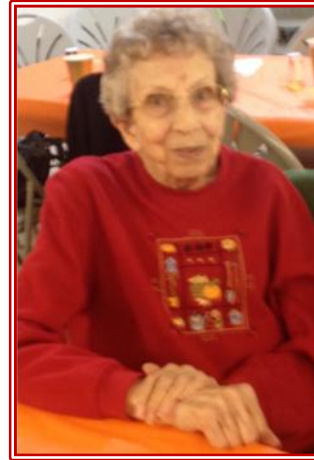
Phyllis Shore



Phyllis Shore, along with her husband Bill, have been very faithful to Deep Creek Friends, attending regularly for a long period of time. Phyllis would always greet you with a smile and a little chuckle (some call it a charming smile) and want to know

how you were doing and was interested in everything. When the regular pianist was unable to play, she would fill in and did that for a period of time. But her special gift was arrangements of hymns, which she created herself and would share for a special at worship. Also, every night at home, she played the piano. She loved and was proud of her family and grandchildren.

Alice Wishon



Alice Wishon loved people. A neighbor's gift from their garden would bring on her great big smile. She enjoyed church, but in later years was not able to attend regularly. She liked getting the Sunday Bulletin to see the front and to keep up with events. She would comment about it and the newsletter, occasionally

sharing something and when able, attending events and Special Music Sundays. She really enjoyed music and earlier even went out on Saturdays for music with her lady friends. She also liked to cook and share a special dessert and recipe with a neighbor. Alice retired from a trucking company as bank statement manager, enjoyed the mountains and beach with her husband and later traveling with friends. She especially appreciated her extended family and care givers.





REMEMBER TO **PRAY** – Prayer changes things!

The following information is included by request. **Be specific when you pray** and send notes.

★This color indicates an addition or change from last month.

Among those requesting prayer:

Pray for special needs of members, friends and relatives and celebrate God's care.

Contact the editor for information



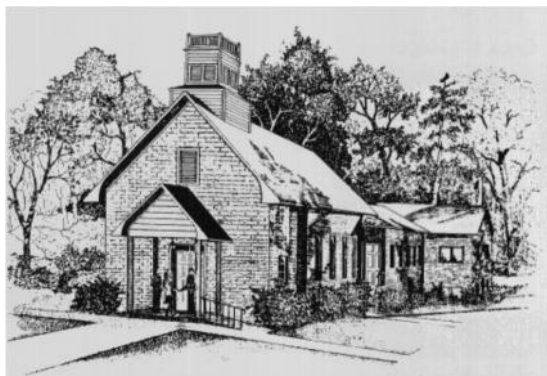


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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

- Do you have a friend or relative that would enjoy *The Encourager*? Send address (PO or e-mail).
- Please send any change of address.
- Are you receiving *The Encourager* in error or you no longer wish to receive it? If so, let us know.
- Send suggestions, news, information, announcements or materials that you would like included in *The Encourager*.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue.

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Deadline for news – April 25

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