

And he said, The things  
which are impossible with  
men are possible with God.

Luke 18:27

# The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

May, 2021

## Is "Work" a Four-Letter Word?

An old song from many years back spoke about the harshness of working on the railroad. One phrase in the song summed up the rewards for a day of hard manual labor. It said, "*another day older and deeper in debt!*" Such a song probably reflected the sentiments of the laborers but did not do much for morale. Another song I first heard from the movie, "*O Brother where art Thou*", called "*The Big Rock Candy Mountain*", takes the sentiment even farther. This old-timey song about the hobo idea of paradise spouts; "*There ain't no short-handled shovels. No axes, saws, or picks. I'm going to stay where you sleep all day, where they hung the Turk that invented work in the Big Rock Candy Mountain!*" Now that phrase is even more disparaging about work! But what does the Bible reveal to us about our occupations?

God must be interested in our work...because He works. The first sentence of the first chapter of the first book of the Bible reveals this truth. The very first proclamation about God in his written Word reveals his divine craftsmanship. God is constructing. He is creating something useful and meaningful. He is creating the heavens and the earth...and people. Many have argued about the length of time God spent on the job. Was it six twenty-four-hour days, or days that covered thousands of years? Whatever place these debaters come down on, there is always agreement about what God was doing at the time....he was working.

We do not have to read much further in Genesis to find Adam at work too. Some have seen all labor as part of the curse, but Genesis 2:15 shows that it was part of God's design for mankind. It states that "*The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*" God gave Adam something meaningful to do while he was in the garden. What Adam was doing was significant, it was not just a frittering away of time.

Our work is also meaningful to God because he seeks to guide every aspect of our daily activity. Since our work is of interest to God, it warrants our interest as well. Being a Christian means being a Christian all the time. Christianity is not merely a Sunday affair. Christ wants to invade every room and corridor of our lives and that surely includes our occupations. For many, labor is something to be avoided, discouraged, or even despised. A winner of the Publisher's Clearing House fortune once said, "*I'll never have to work again!*" It's as if the perfect life would have to be void of work to be "perfect". This attitude does not hold with the view that we get in Genesis. In the Bible, God gives work to man who is sinless (at the time), and lives in a perfect environment. Meaningful labor was part of the plan.

The word "meaningful" is a key word to focus on when we think of our work. We don't have to be convinced that we need a job in this life. The bills in the mailbox are constant reminders that work is necessary, but how do I make my work meaningful? One way is to see our jobs as an opportunity to share Christ with others, but evangelism is not the only reason work matters. We can also bring glory to God by offering him what we do each day on the job. Whether we are in a field, behind a desk, under a hood, or starting an IV in a patient, we are fulfilling one part of our calling as followers of Jesus. In I Corinthians 10:31 Paul states, "*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*"

We are to bring glory to God in whatever we do in life. The hours and days of labor are such a large chunk of life. That time and effort has to be part of God's transforming work in us. So, if we take this attitude to work, we may begin to sense God's pleasure in our labor, and that may cause us to actually find joy in what we do. If we can see how our work is contributing to the lives of others, and we do it with a Christ-like spirit, we can start feeling a sense of "calling" even if our job seems mundane. When that happens, we will know that we are not just clocking in hours to get a paycheck. We will be fulfilling one of the reasons we were put on this earth, and we will feel The Father's smile.

Randy

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR YOUR MASK TO ALL EVENTS.**



**Saturday, May 1 – Golf  
Tournament Fundraiser**  
See Jared for information.

**Sunday School now continues at 9:30 AM  
each Sunday**

**Options Continue for Worship 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 for May:**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Donna Terrell

16<sup>th</sup> – To Be Announced

30<sup>th</sup> – To Be Announced

9<sup>th</sup> – Ginger Holt

23<sup>rd</sup> – Sydney Matthews & Jacob Brendle

**Thursday, May 6**

**United States National Day of Prayer** See pg. 4

**Sunday, May 9 – Happy Mother's Day**

**Tuesday, May 11 – 7:00 PM Ministry and  
Counsel** will meet in Fellowship Hall

**NOTE: Change of Date: May 16 - Monthly Meeting** (because of Mother's Day) after Worship service.

**\*Committees, please be prepared to report activities, updates and new recommendations.**



**A Thought:** from Ginger Holt, Clerk

This will be my first Mother's Day without my Mama. I would like to dedicate this "Thought" to Lois Matilda King Blackburn (11/02/1934 – 11/20/2020), the absolute best mother God could have chosen for me.

The first time I opened my mouth and heard Lois's voice jump out, I actually went to the mirror to see if my appearance had changed. We have all done it; said something, or done something that reminded us of something our parents said or did. It is usually the very thing we claimed we would never say or do, right?

Well, as a person who no longer has either parent, I now am holding on tight to those parts of me that remind others of my mama and daddy. I look at those characteristics as a part of them that lives on through me. I cherish every characteristic that I share with my Mama and my Daddy. Like most of you, I had godly parents. They took me to church each Sunday, taught me to pray, and set, by example, how to treat others (always as they wanted to be treated themselves). Growing up, even though I never questioned their love for me, I'll have to admit that I did not always appreciate how much they had sacrificed for me. But now, as a parent myself, I do so appreciate their unconditional sacrifices for me. I am so very thankful for the people they were. I am happy that a part of them lives on in me through my actions and words; that people can still see Lois and Warren in Ginger.

Likewise, our actions and words should reflect those of our heavenly Father, who made the ultimate sacrifice for us and loves without boundaries. If we claim to belong to Him, people should be reminded of it by our words and actions. I do not have to tell people who knew my parents that I am their child; people see them in me. I just hope that I am living the kind of life where people do not have to know that I go to church to see that I am a child of God. We should give our testimony and let people know we are Christians; it just shouldn't be a surprise to them. Instead, they should have seen the Father in us already.

**John 13:34-35** *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

**1 Corinthians 13: 4-7** *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

**Tuesday, May 25 – 7:00 PM Ministry and  
Counsel** will meet in Fellowship Hall

**May 30 –Fifth Sunday Missions Offering**



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**Parents and Students:** Please note, the June issue of the Encourager will include graduates and student promotions from small children to the greatest college degree. Please send me an article of your choice including the student's awards, activities, degree, parent's/family name and a picture.



From Randy . .

Remember:

## BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday  
At 7:00 PM  
Meal included

Also, GriefShare  
meetings continue

## Volunteers are needed for the Nursery Vickie Warden is Working on a New Nursery List for Worship Time

She has a sign-up sheet.

Vickie says: *We now have several children in the nursery at times. If you would like to volunteer to serve in the nursery, we would love to have more volunteers.*

*Please let me know if you would like to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings.*

**The CE Committee  
is asking for  
Volunteers to help  
with Vacation Bible  
School June 13-16.  
Check with a CE  
member. See the  
Children's page for  
more information.**

## One of the Core Values of Deep Creek Friends Meeting:

### STEWARDSHIP

We believe that all we have comes from God and belongs to God. We seek to encourage each other to be good stewards of God's resources of time, energy and finances. We believe in the Biblical concepts of tithing and giving our best to God to support the local and broader church.

*Pray Daily for Ministries, Other Friends Meetings and Leadership:*

## FCNC Prayer Calendar

# MAY 2021

*"To Know God And  
Make Him Known"*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>".... Be strong in the Lord and His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."</i> Ephesians 6:10-12</p>						1 Superintendent Mike Wall
2 FDS	3 Connection Church Mike Wall	4 Deep Creek Friends Randy Quate Jared Warden	5 Forbush Friends Mitchell See Kyle Widlicka	6 Goldsboro Friends George Strickland	7 Amigos de Odra Nuevo Misael Morales	8 Campus Ministries Carrie Ritter
9 USFW	10 Hood Swamp Friends Lee Lane	11 Hunting Creek Friends No Pastor	12 Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes	13 Liberty Friends James Moore	14 Marlboro Friends Ray Luther Terry Linthicum	15 FEMAP
16 East Africa Yearly Mtgs	17 Mar Mac Friends Howard Seymour	18 Mountain View Friends Jeff Stowers	19 Pilot Mountain Friends Jeremiah Thomas	20 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	21 Rocky River Friends David Hobson	22 Jamaica Yearly Mtg
23 Quaker Lake 30 Social Media Coordinator	24 Science Hill No Pastor 31 All of FCNC	25 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding	26 Thomasville Friends Jerry Gibbons	27 White Plains Friends Brian Gullion	28 Winthrop Friends Harold Salmons	29 Quaker Men

Thursday, May 6 - United States



# 2021 Theme: Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day of observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people “to turn to God in prayer and meditation.”

## HISTORY of NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

In the early 1950s, an evangelical movement called for Congress and the President to proclaim a National Day of Prayer. The movement grew and a young leader, Evangelist Billy Graham, led services for approximately 20,000 on the steps of the Capitol on February 3, 1952. Later that year, Congress proclaimed a joint resolution for a National Day of Prayer. President Harry S. Truman [proclaimed a National Day of Prayer](#) to be observed on July 4, 1952. Each year since that date, Americans have observed the day in their own way. The observance moved to the first Thursday in May by President Ronald Reagan and has been proclaimed each year since.

As a Nation, presidents and government officials have called for national days of prayer or thanks intermittently since before the country’s existence.

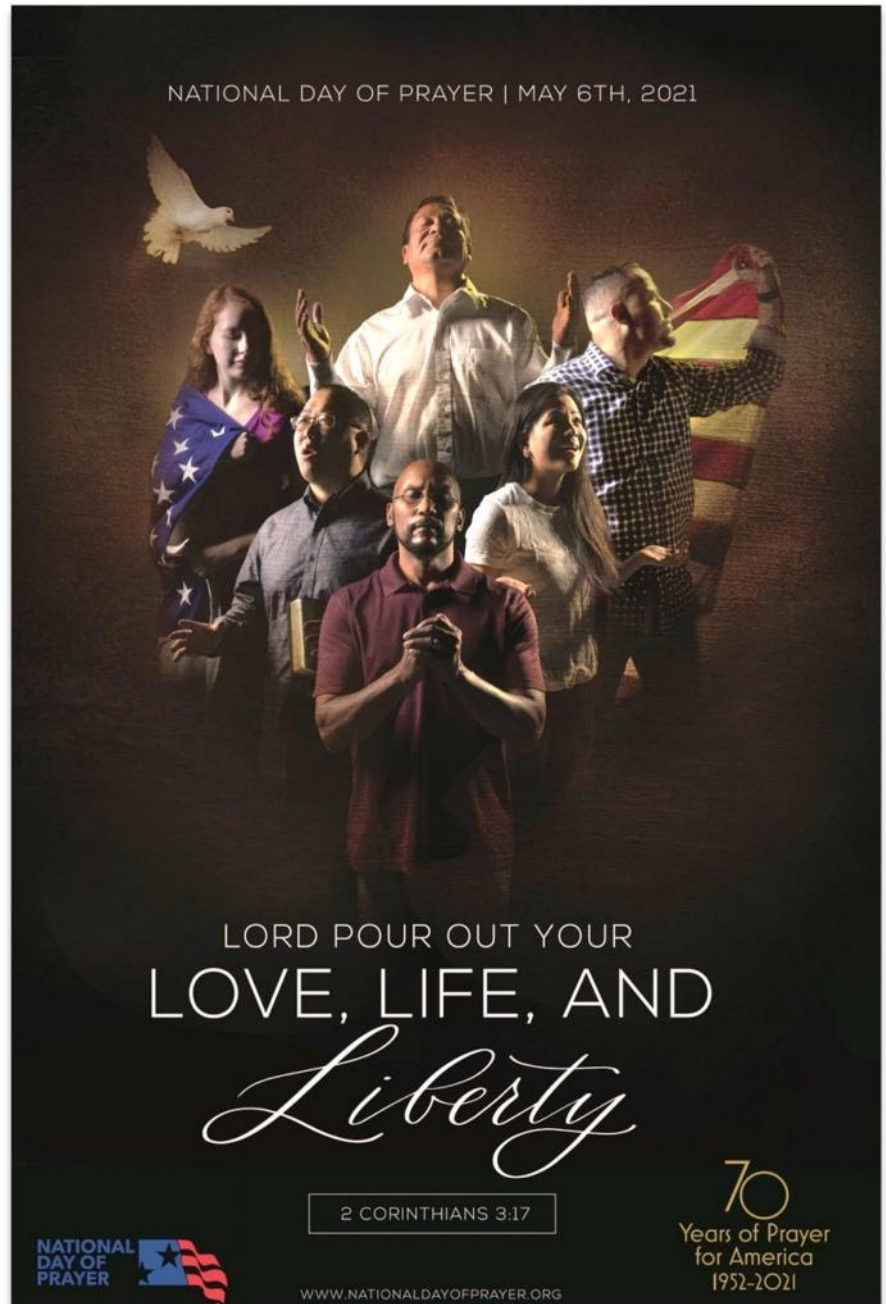
- July 20, 1775 – The Continental Congress issued a proclamation recommending “a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer” be observed.
- In 1795 – George Washington proclaimed a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.
- May 9, 1798 – John Adams declared this day as “a day of solemn humility, fasting, and prayer.”
- March 1863 – On March 3, Abraham Lincoln signed a Congressional resolution, during the Civil War, which called for April 30, 1863, as a day of fasting and prayer.

For more information on National Day of Prayer visit the website [nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org).

## HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalDayOfPrayer

People of many different faiths join in prayer on this day. While some will attend the church, synagogue, mosque, temple or monasteries of their choice to pray, others will attend interdenominational prayer events. Some will join prayer groups or meditate.

**“Let Us Pray.”**





## Food for the Hungry

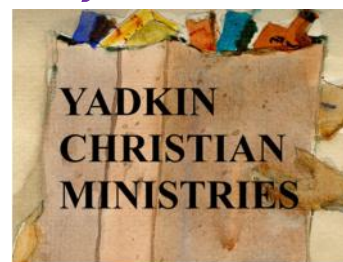
*I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.*

Matthew 25:40

**Remember - Tuesday, May 4 - The Empty Bowls** takeout only this year at the Yadkin Agricultural Building - Lunch 11:30 – 1:30 or Dinner 4:00 – 6:30. Take your Ticket.

Enjoy an easy meal and support Yadkin Christian Ministries.

You can also continue to collect and donate nonperishable food and paper products.



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**Contact Janet Robbins for more information:**

**NC USFW Spring Conference  
at Quaker Lake  
May 22 @ 10:00 AM  
9:00 – 10:00: Registration  
Book Room and Refreshments**

***Go and make  
disciples of all  
nations.***

Matthew 28:19-20



**Thursday, May 20 @ 7:00 PM**

**Quaker Women**

will meet in the Fellowship Hall

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

**PEACE**

Do you consistently practice  
the Christian principles of love  
and goodwill toward all  
people?

**Sunday, May 9**

**Building a kinder and gentler society,  
If we all pitch in, we are going to get there.**

Alex Trebek

**A Mother's Day Prayer**

*Happy Mother's Day*

In the name of  
**JESUS CHRIST**,  
we lift up all  
**MOTHERS** today.



We thank them for their  
sacrifices so that we can  
have a life of contentment.  
Grant them favour, Lord  
and may they have a  
wonderful place in existence  
in Your heart of **GRACE**.



## The Good Friday Service

Led by Youth With Bible Reading, Music, Drama and Scenery

*Upon entering the building everyone received hand sanitizer, because of Covid, and a small bag including paper and pencil to list some responses as the program progressed and a nail.*



(They began by placing a large Globe, representing the earth, on stage.)

In the beginning God created the heavens and earth, day and night, sky, land and oceans, plants with seeds and trees with fruit with seeds, lights for day and night with stars, living things – fish and great creatures for the water and all kinds of birds that fly for the sky, ALL kinds of creatures, wild and livestock, for the land. It was all good! Then God made man in his own likeness, male and female, and they, too, were to reproduce, have children, to fill the earth, and then he gave them everything he had made. It was all VERY GOOD. God also gave them instructions to bring everything under their control and it would provide their food.

All was great until the clever nice looking serpent showed up to have a conversation. Adam and Eve's control over everything in the world was not enough when the clever serpent teased them (he to Eve and she to Adam) about how to get smarter. Instead of telling him to go away he didn't know what he was talking about, they gave in to his clever chatter to try just a little taste of the good looking fruit that would make them as wise as God, which turned out to be a very embarrassing and bad mistake. They had lost control! God had to change their plan of work. And... they had a need for forgiveness.

When was God's plan for forgiveness born? Was it at this time?

Generations of God's people also made embarrassing and bad mistakes. There were promises of a savior but years and years passed before his plan was really made known with Jesus. Jesus ministry on earth, including teaching, healing, casting out demons, etc. although a short time on earth, was profound and lastingly relevant even today.

We are reminded of our own shortcomings with embarrassing and bad mistakes; we don't have to keep carrying them around with worry and discouragement. Because of the sacrifice of Jesus, God will forgive, guide and protect us if we ask. The program/service ended as we placed our nail in the container as we went out the door as a reminder to leave our worries with Jesus. That is why it's **GOOD** Friday!

(NOTE: Some of the above summary of the service is my interpretation because I wasn't taking notes, but moved by the experience with a positive and joyful ending. Shelby)





# CHILDREN

From Sydney

Children Ages 2  
through 3rd Grade

## Upcoming dates:

**Every Sunday in May: Sunday School at 9:30 am**

**May 9:** Children's Church during Worship

**May 23:** Friends of Jesus @ 3 pm

**May 30:** Children's Church during Worship

**May 30:** Friends of Jesus @ 3 pm

## Looking Ahead:

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



**Vacation Bible School is coming up! It will be June 13-16 at 6:00 PM.**

Supper will be provided each night.

Contact Sydney Matthews at (336) 469-4376 if you have any questions.

*If you would like to volunteer in any way please let me know.*

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**



## CAMP CREEK!

**Camp Creek is coming up!**

We will be having Camp Creek on the following dates from **9:00 – 11:00 AM**

**July 13**

**July 20**

**July 27**

**August 3**



# YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

## Upcoming Events

**May 1st:** Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Silo Run at 2:00.

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

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

**May 16th:** No Youth or Dogs

**May 23rd:** Dogs at 3:30; Youth at 5:00 at Union Cross

**May 30th:** No Youth or Dogs

**June 6th:** Graduation Sunday during the worship hour. If you are graduating 8th, 12th or College (Undergrad or Graduate), please send pictures for the slideshow to Jared **by May 16th**.

**June 6th:** Youth/Dogs Event with Forbush Friends. Time: TBA

**June 12th:** Youth/Dogs trip to the Virginia Creeper Trail. Let Jared know if you are interested in going.

**June 13th - 16th:** Vacation Bible School at Deep Creek

**June 20th:** Dogs at 3:30, Youth at 5:00 at Deep Creek

**June 27th - 30th** Vacation Bible School at Union Cross

**July 3rd - 9th:** Mission Trip to Nashville, Tennessee

**September 2nd - 6th:** Annual Beach Retreat at Nags Head. Space is limited and running out. Let Jared know asap if you plan to attend.





## CONGRATULATIONS

### TREVOR COLLINS HAS NEW MINISTRY



Trevor Collins has accepted a position in Youth Ministry at Branon Friends Meeting. When asked what he is doing his response is: *Well I am taking on teaching Sunday School for both Middle School and their Youth. Once the summer hits and I am out of school, I am planning a VBS and all youth outings. I am excited about this next step in my journey and very thankful for my forever church family*

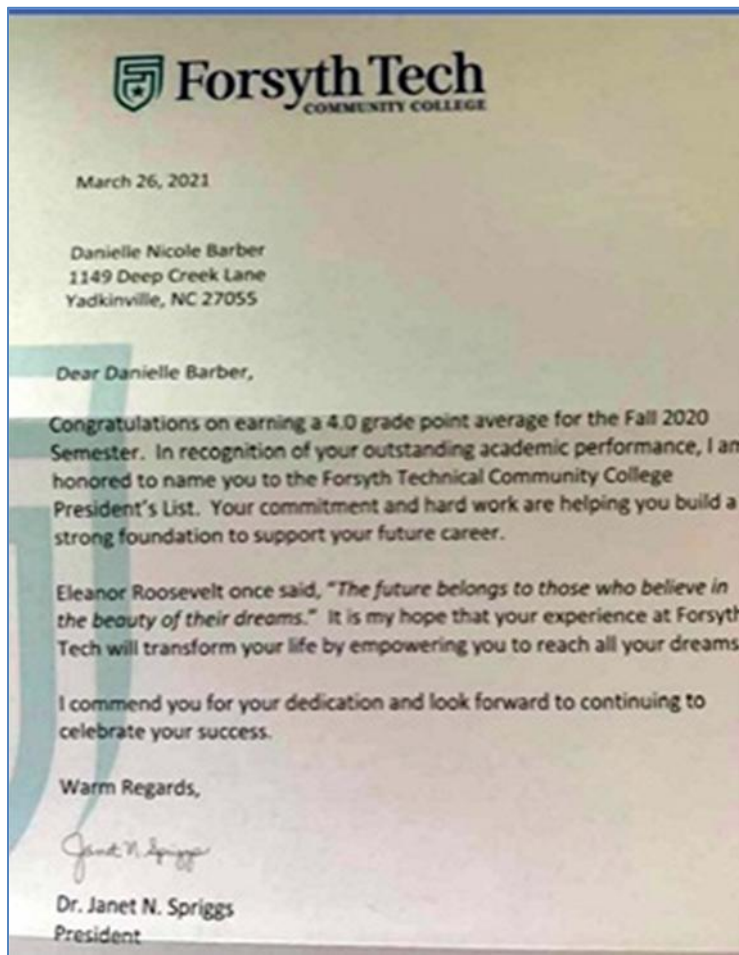
*at Deep Creek that helped raise me and will always be there. I plan on coming back for events and bringing a new group of youth with me to experience the loving environment that I was raised in.*

### BROCK MORAN IS BASEBALL PLAYER



Brock Moran is playing baseball for the majors age bracket at Boonville Elementary School. He currently plays outfield. He assisted with an “out” at first base in the first game of the season. Brock will soon be finishing the Fifth Grade at Boonville.

### DANIELLE BARBER RECEIVED SPECIAL LETTER FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT



### JACOB BRENDLE RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

Jacob Brendle has received a Research Fellowship from the URECA Center to conduct research this summer. His *intensive scholarly experience* will focus on representations of health, illness, and the healthcare system in Mexico by examining recent cultural representations. His research will be advised by Dra. Samanta Ordóñez-Robles, a professor in the Department of Spanish and Italian at Wake Forest University.



## CONGRATULATIONS Continued

### GLADYS ADAMS CELEBRATES 91<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY



On April 24, the Saturday before her 91st birthday, Gladys Adams celebrated her birthday at Deep Creek Friends Meeting Fellowship Hall with all four of her children and their spouses as well as most of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one of her great-great-grandsons. Some of her nieces and nephews attended, as did several members of her church family, including Pastor Randy.

Gladys' oldest granddaughter and three of her daughters sang Gladys' favorite gospel song, "How Great Thou Art," which was beautiful and enjoyed by everyone present. Refreshments included a sugar-free

chocolate cake and vanilla cupcakes, baked by Carolina Coffee and Creamery in Yadkinville, and finger foods provided by Gladys' children and grandchildren.

Gladys and her family are grateful to Deep Creek Friends Meeting for the use of the Fellowship Hall for Gladys' 91st birthday celebration, which was planned by Brenda and Shelley Adams.

*Gladys has been a very active member of Deep Creek for many years; working with Hospitality and sharing her talents in sewing beautiful items for gifts and auction sales and numerous baby clothes and blankets for USFW donations. After some illness, we are happy she is able to be back to worship occasionally and wish her many more birthdays.*



### Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day



Memorial Day, formally known as Decoration Day, is a federal holiday and falls on the last Monday of May. The date of the Holiday changes each year but always remains on a Monday.

#### **History of Memorial Day**

The history of Memorial Day dates back to the American Civil War. It started as an event to honour soldiers who had died during the war. It is said to be inspired by the way people in the Southern states honoured the dead. The original national celebration of Decoration Day took place on 30 May 1868. There was over twenty four cities and towns across the United States that claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo (New York) was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966. In the late 19th century, the holiday (previously known as Decoration Day) became known as Memorial Day and was expanded to include the deceased veterans of all the wars fought by American forces. Originally, the holiday used to be celebrated on May 30, regardless of the day of the week that it fell on. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed and as a result the day changed.

#### **Traditions of Memorial Day**

Traditionally Memorial Day is viewed as a time of honour and remembrance. Throughout the United States it is common to visit cemeteries, particularly military ones, and decorate graves of the deceased with flowers, small flags and wreaths. On the United States Capitol Building's West Lawn, a Memorial Day concert is held annually and is broadcasted live around the country.





## 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*

### A NOTE FROM A FAITHFUL AND SUPPORTIVE CHURCH MEMBER AND ENCOURAGER TO ALL

EDITOR'S NOTE: A Special Letter from Kate Shore was written to me on a beautiful card For All of You and she asked me to share it. She had written just after she had received last month's newsletter just before Easter.

*I hope you feel the Love that I did as I read it.*

April 2, 2021



Dear Shelby,

I have nights that I can't sleep so last night was the one I got out my church newsletter. It was so good. You really do a good job; I really enjoy it.

I can't write as good as I used to, but I am thankful for what I can do. I am sorry for the ones that are hurting. I enjoy and I am proud of the pastor and members that have talent to do the things they do for the church that I can't do. I will thank the ones that I can. I am happy to be a longtime member at Deep Creek Church and thank everyone. Thanks for my prayers and cards for my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. I wish I could come to church for Easter or any other time. Words just cannot express my feelings.

Love to all and you too,  
Kate

*Kate*



Last August at outdoor Worship



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*"They send forth their little ones like the flock,  
And their children skip about. Job 21:11*

- **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.**

**Next issue – June, 2021**

**Deadline for news – May 30**

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