

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

Luke 18:27

The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

July, 2021

LESSONS FROM A DITCH

Years ago, I was picking up trash as part of a community beautification project. One of the young guys from our church was with me. As we foraged the ditches for litter, Scott noticed a strange sight. There in front of us was about a dozen eggs laying in a curve. Before I could filter my thoughts, I blurted out; *"someone must have thrown them out of a car"*. That's a far-fetched explanation when you realize that none of the eggs were broken. They lay perfectly formed beneath a canopy of brown Johnson grass.

How did so many eggs end up in a ditch unbroken? The answer was only twelve inches away. There under thicker camouflage was a large red hen who silently stared ahead as she lay on another batch of eggs. It became clear to us that we had finally answered the age-old question of why the chicken crossed the road. Chickens lay eggs all the time, but why did she pick a ditch in a curve to nest? A place where cars reach blinding speeds, and can veer off the road in a stray moment?

The hen belonged to a fellow we all knew, but before I could alert him to that vulnerable maternity ward, I thought about the scene in a different way. I became haunted by the thought of chicks hatching and wandering onto a deadly path. It was not the thought of a chicken being killed that bothered me. One look in my freezer will dispel any deep convictions you may think I have about dead chickens. Instead, it was the presence of innocence and vulnerability nestled near danger that struck me. Helpless life could be at the mercy of speeding cars and roaming dogs.

During VBS I watched children flow out of pews and make their way to special places where they could learn, play, and sing. I looked at their eyes as they were taught simple object lessons about eternal mysteries and wonders. They were listening, they were absorbing...they were trusting. They live in a world that is so big. It moves so fast and the young are defenseless.

As a church family we are on a joint mission with the parents of our congregation. What can we do to provide not only physical safety, but spiritual safety as well? One of our responsibilities is ATTENTION. We should be mindful of the opportunities to teach them truth while they are with us. We must be aware of their potential...not just their "cuteness".

We also have a responsibility for INFLUENCE. It is not enough that we tell them the truth, but that we live the truth as well. Their concepts of biblical manhood and womanhood will be shaped not only by their family, but by their church community as well. Probably the most important responsibility we have for the vulnerable young among us is PRAYER. The Lord is the ultimate guardian of these young lives and he must be trusted. We must pray that their hearts will be warmed and open when they hear the Gospel and finally understand that it is about them, not just about the heroes of the Bible. Pray that when the Gospel gets personal, they will say "yes"!

LIFE magazine once had a picture that has stuck in my thoughts. It was a black and white photograph of eight or ten men in a circle. The picture was taken above their heads, looking down as they had extended their arms together. In the center of that circle was a baby who was being held by the right hands of all the men. The father was part of that circle, as were uncles, cousins, grandfathers and friends. They were all listening as the father spoke about his dreams for his son, and pronounced blessings over the child in their presence. As a church family we are part of a similar circle, and every child in this congregation should be in the center of that circle being baptized by our attention, influence, and prayers. Yet, as we do, we are thankful that the Heavenly Father also extends his invisible hand to hold these tiny lives, these vulnerable innocents, close to his heart.

Randy

WEARING YOUR MASK IS NOW OPTIONAL FOR ALL EVENTS. USE YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT!



Each Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM Options :

*Inside Worship; Drive-In Worship - Tune in to: **FM 88.9**; [Facebook Live](#)*

Special Music:

July 4 – To Be Announced
July 11 – Ruby Brendle
July 18 – To Be Announced
July 25 – Ladies Trio



Nursery Volunteers during Worship:

July 4 – Janet Robbins
July 11 – Sarah Ray
July 18 – Olivia Ray
July 25 – Rhonda Moran

Mission Trip, Saturday July 3 – Friday, July 9

July 4 – Happy Independence Day

Guest Speaker: Eric Morrison
(Randy is on the Mission Trip)



July 11 – Building Fund Offering

Mark your check or envelope

July 11 – Monthly Meeting after Worship service

Please NOTE: Reminder From the Clerk

*The job descriptions for each committee are due this month. Give them to Angie Brendle or Ginger Holt.

***Each committee needs to appoint someone to report at the Monthly Meeting.**

Tuesday Mornings 9:00 – 11:00, July 13, 20, and 27
Camp Creek See pg. 8

July 18 – Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting
will meet at White Plains Friends Meeting

3:00 PM – Ministry and Counsel
4:00 – General Business

July 23 at 7:00 PM – Youth/Young Adult Movie
Night See page 6

Tuesday, July 27 at 7:00 PM- Ministry and
Counsel will meet in Fellowship Hall.

See page 4 for Opportunities for Service.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tuesday, August 3 – from 9:00 to 11:00 AM
Camp Creek continues

Sunday, August 15 at 5:00 PM
Back to School Bash at Lake Hampton

September - Labor Day Weekend
Beach Retreat

from Ginger Holt, Clerk of the Meeting

July Thought:

From The time Trevor was in the 7th grade he said that he wanted to be an optometrist. He held to this idea for a few years, and I would jokingly say that I would be living with him when I got old because I knew he would be able to afford it. Then, his junior year in high school, he announced that he felt the call to go into ministry. Well, I have always been involved in church. Right? So, you would think I would have been ecstatic. Right? Wrong. No, that was not my reaction at all. I thought, "Oh no, what a hard life", and "There is no money in that". I surprised myself. I showed myself my true colors: very disappointing. Luckily, I held my tongue. I said nothing to him that would let him know of my concerns. Well, during Randy's sermon the Sunday following Trevor's announcement, Randy made the comment that "parents often get in the way of God's plans for their children". He looked straight at me when he said this, or at least I thought he did. I knew that God was telling me to get out of the way, and I did.

Trevor has never looked back. He has stayed the course, and is now the youth minister at Branon Friends Meeting, the church where I grew up. I do not know where God will lead him, but I do have faith that God has Trevor's back, as He does all our children. We, as parents, have to let go and let God. We must have faith that God loves them even more than we do.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

From Randy . . .

Summer Bible Study Continues in:

The Book of Acts

Wednesday nights @ 7:00 - 8:15 with a meal

Come join us as we continue learning why the church is the hope of the world.

Why does our church matter here and now?

AND

“What does God want to do through me and my church?”

BIBLE STUDY will NOT meet on July 7th since several are away on the mission trip and vacations.

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.

Remember to Pray for those in our congregation who have accepted positions of leadership in other meetings:

Jared Warden is working with Youth and other ministries at Union Cross Friends Meeting.

Trevor Collins is working with Youth at Brannon Friends Meeting.

Pray Daily for Ministries, Other Friends Meetings and Leadership:

FCNC Prayer Calendar

JULY 2021

“To Know God And Make Him Known”

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	2 Rocky River Friends David Hobson	3 Quaker Men
4 Social Media Coordinator	5 Science Hill Pastoral Search	6 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding	7 Thomasville Friends Jerry Gibbons	8 White Plains Friends Brian Gullion	9 Winthrop Friends Harold Salmons	10 Superintendent Mike Wall
11 FDS	12 Archdale Friends Pastoral Search	13 Asheboro Friends David Millikan	14 Back Creek Friends Brandon Dockery	15 Bethel Friends Pastoral Search	16 Branon Friends Pastoral Search	17 Campus Ministries Carrie Ritter
18 USFW	19 Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson John Teague	20 Cedar Square Friends Mike Fulp Jr Sterling Brown	21 Centre Friends Tommy Sluder Beulah Gullion	22 Concord Friends Greg Creed	23 Connection Church Mike Wall	24 FEMAP
25 East Africa Yearly Mtgs	26 Deep Creek Friends Randy Quate Jared Warden	27 Forbush Friends Mitchell See Kyle Widlicka	28 Goldsboro Friends George Strickland	29 Amigos de Odre Nuevo (New Wineskins Friends Church) Misael Morales	30 Hood Swamp Friends Lee Lane	31 Jamaica Yearly Mtg

*“Put on the full armor of God so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to Stand.”
Ephesians 6:13*

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

Share the following information with anyone you know that is in need.

Janet Robins Shares: New Information from Yadkin Christian Ministries:

Effective July 12, YCM will change the client shopping procedure. Clients may enter the lobby of YCM facilities. Those who have not had a COVID vaccine must wear a mask when entering the facility. If at all possible, only one person representing each household should enter the building. All clients will be asked to complete an application to help update our files.

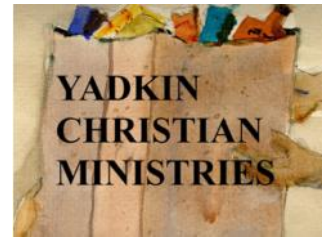
After files are updated, clients will be asked to review a list of food items in the pantry. Clients will select food items for their household and this list will be delivered to a volunteer shopper in the warehouse who will shop for the client. When the volunteer shoppers have completed shopping for the household, the client can drive up to pick up their food.

From Beth at the center: **EMERGENCY FOOD BOXES/BAGS**

YCM will be supplying emergency food boxes/bags to the community through August 21, 2021, every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. at the Yadkinville Ministry Center and every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the East Bend Ministry Center. These boxes will be available as long as the pantry can sustain the boxes and service our regular clients with food items. This program will be discontinued when we can no longer maintain sufficient food supplies. These boxes will contain basic items to supplement family food supplies. The items will vary depending on the food stocked in our pantries.

To participate, a person presents at the ministry center and requests an emergency food box. A person is not required to be a client to participate. Please share this information with anyone who may need this service.

Overall for June, **222 Clients were served** representing **592** family members. Thank you for your support and thank you to those who volunteer.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

For Children in
Our Area

Contact
Cathy Shore at
336-469-2761
If you have
questions

Be a voice for
the children
in our
community

 North Carolina
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A CHILD'S ADVOCATE IN COURT

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volunteerforgal.org

Could you be a voice for a child?

Could you advocate for a child in court?
Could you speak for their best interest?
Could you work side by side with an attorney?

Become a Guardian ad Litem Today!

Alleghany/Ashe (336) 219-1421 | Wilkes (336) 651-4421 | Yadkin (336) 679-3671

HONORING PARENTS WITH A USEFUL GIFT AND SHARING A MEMORY

from Janet Robbins

Our SECU Hospice Care home in Yadkinville is such a wonderful service that we have in Yadkin County. The quality of care is one of compassion and care for the patient as well as the family. When the campaign first started to build this beautiful facility, my sister and I wanted to honor our parents with a memorial. This is the bench that is now at the right of the front door to the SECU Hospice home. It seemed like a good time to share this memorial on their 71st wedding anniversary, July 1, 2021. Frank and Susan Steelman were married July 1, 1950 and were the first couple to have a formal wedding at Deep Creek.



Can you help with this project?

We at Deep Creek can probably give our contributions to Janet Robbins. She is president of NC USFW that works with FEMAP. We have contributed before.

David Hobson, pastor at Rocky River Friends passes on a message:


FEMAP continues to assemble and distribute Emergency Kits (Infant, Hygiene, School, and Farm Worker). Volunteers are working on School Kits and could use your help in purchasing composition notebooks!

Becke Jones passed along the news that school supplies, some at promotional prices, are showing up in area stores. She asked that I send this email with an appeal for **single-subject, spiral bound notebooks for the FEMAP School Supply Kits.**

Becke understood STAPLES had them on sale for \$0.25 each, with a limit of 30 at that promotional price. I was able to get 30 at that price in Asheboro! (I think you can buy more than 30, but the additional ones will be at a higher price!) Your help in purchasing some and getting them to the Allen Jay House, 606 East Springfield Rd, High Point, NC for FEMAP would be greatly appreciated!! FEMAP phone: 336/ 887-5488 FEMAP email: FEMAP2011nc@gmail.com The Kits include 4 unsharpened pencils, 2 spiral composition books (wide ruled), 1 ruler (plastic or wood, inches and cm), 1 block eraser, 1 small pencil sharpener. Ziplock Bags (1, 2, or 2.5 gallon) to hold kit items are also welcome.

Youth/Young Adult Movie Night

For any questions about the event, contact Angie Brendle.



DEEP CREEK FRIENDS

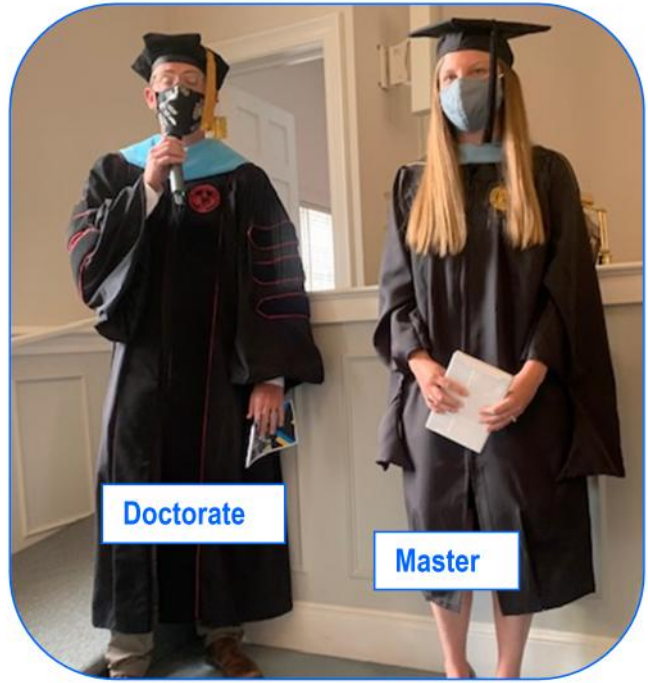
MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for Jeopardy, Snacks, and a Great Movie

July 23 | 7:00PM
Youth and Young Adults
In the Fellowship Hall

*May he give you the desire
of your heart and make all
your plans succeed.* Psalm 20:4

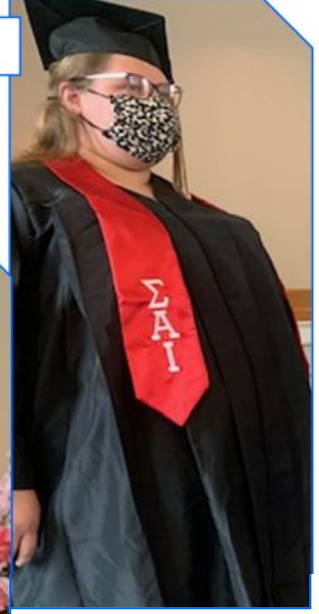
Graduates Recognized at Worship



Doctorate

Master

Bachelor



Associate



High School



Speaking about the Bible, President William McKinley:
“The more profoundly we study this wonderful Book, the better citizens we will become, and the higher will be our destiny as a nation.”

July 4 - The day we Americans celebrate our Declaration of Independence from Great Britain.

John Adams writes to his daughter about the first celebration:

“John Adams to Abigail Adams 2d

Philadelphia, July 5th, 1777

My dear Daughter

Yesterday, being the anniversary of American Independence, was celebrated here with a festivity and ceremony becoming the occasion.

I am too old to delight in pretty descriptions, if I had a talent for them, otherwise a picture might be drawn, which would please the fancy of a Whig, at least.

The thought of taking any notice of this day, was not conceived, until the second of this month, and it was not mentioned until the third. It was too late to have a sermon, as every one wished, so this must be deferred another year.”

He goes on to describe the day’s events that continued on with ships and boats, “At three we went to dinner, and were very agreeably entertained with excellent company, good cheer, fine music from the band After this, two troops of light-horse, raised in Maryland, accidentally here in their way to camp, were paraded through Second-street, after them a train of artillery, and then about a thousand infantry, now in this city on their march to camp from North Carolina. All these marched into the common, where they went through their firings and manoeuvres; but I did not follow them. In the evening, I was walking about the streets for a little fresh air and exercise, and was surprised to find the whole city lighting up their candles at the windows. I walked most of the evening, and I think it was the most splendid illumination I ever saw.”

(You can read the letter in its entirety on the Library of Congress website.)

The celebration continued to grow and spread over the years. In 1783, as peace returned to the nation in the aftermath of the Revolutionary War, North Carolina’s governor Alexander Martin became the first governor to issue a state order to celebrate The Fourth of July. The Moravians of Salem heeded this and first celebrated the Forth that year with church services, music and a torchlight procession through town (Now Winston-Salem).

Information found Online and Winston-Salem Journal

Almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1938 and 1941.

Happy Fourth of July. Celebrate our Freedom. Pray for our country.

Rules to Live By:

The Queries from the Faith and Practice of Friends Church of North Carolina

PEACE:

Do you work actively for peace and for the removal of the causes of war?



Big Events Coming Up:
Invite a Friend

CHILDREN

From Sydney

FOJ Lock-in on July 30th from 6:30pm - 9:00am on July 31st

If you have any questions please feel free to text or call Sydney Matthews at (336)469-4376 or email at syd.matthews22@gmail.com

Terrific Tuesdays
at Camp Creek!

July 13th 9-11am

July 20th 9-11am

July 27th 9-11am

August 3rd 9am-12pm



Friends of Jesus:

July 11th @ 3pm

July 18th @3pm

Children's Church:

July 11th during worship

July 25th during worship



A Huge Thank You to everyone who helped, prayed, supported, and came to Vacation Bible School this year! We could not have done it without each and every one of you! We ended up almost doubling our offering goal this year. The offering will be going to support the Children's Center of Yadkin in their recent remodeling of their group homes. We had around 35 kids attend VBS throughout the week.



YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

Upcoming Events

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

July 11th: Youth at Union Cross at 1:00

July 18th: Youth at Deep Creek at 5:00

July 25th: No Youth

August 15th: Back to School Bash at Lake Hampton at 5:00

Stay tuned for information on a **Carowinds trip and a river floating trip!**





Workers taking a Rest



“Thank You!”





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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Jeremiah 29:11

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Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue.

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Deadline for news – July 25

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