

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

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

# The Encourager

August, 2022

## *"Stay on the beaten path!"*

I stopped by a famous hot dog café in Burlington recently. While I was waiting on my cheese dog an older gentleman, a couple of stools down, started a conversation. I heard about his fight with four wasps on his porch before he got to Zacks, which actually caused him to set off his house alarm. We both laughed. His name is Ken and when I asked him how old he was he gave me a weatherman's response; *"Oh, I'm in the upper 80's"*. Then the conversation took a quick turn. He started talking about the war, the Korean War. In a matter of minutes, I was listening to a host of harrowing stories, but one quickly stood out.

While on an excursion in a dense forest Ken's unit was climbing a small mountain. There was thick vegetation all around separated by a clear trail that led up the hill to a cave. It was a cave the South Koreans had hewn out some time before. He said the trail was especially worn because the Marines had used that cave until they had to make a hasty withdrawal. To this day Ken said he could still hear his commanding officer hollering, *"Stay on the beaten path!"*. Over and over again he repeated, *"Stay on the beaten path!"*. As they got closer, they saw large stones at the entrance to their overnight lodging. These would serve as the "pillows" they would rest on during the night. One of his comrades decided to grab some of the thatch that hung all around the trail. In a matter of minutes that GI had a load of brush on his back that would make for a cozier night. But then, in an instant, the soldier stepped on an invisible trip wire. It caused an unseen grenade suspended between several limbs to explode. The soldier died instantly. At that moment, every man in that unit knew why the repeated call had bellowed out so many times: *"Stay on the beaten path!"*.

We had some more conversation, then I thanked Ken for his service said goodbye and headed for the cash register. After paying for my cheese dogs and his meal, as a gesture of my gratitude, I stepped out onto the city sidewalk. Making my way to my car I could not get that picture and that urgent message out of my head; *"Stay on the beaten path!"*. Several days later these verses from Psalm 25 were in the One Year Bible: *"Show me the right path, O Lord, point out the road for me to follow...the Lord is good and does what is right; he shows the proper path to those who go astray....Who are those who fear the Lord? He will show them the path they should choose."*

Ken's story from the wilderness of South Korea during a brutal war is a vivid picture of what Scripture reveals to us. We are presented with different paths in this life and with multitudes of interruptions on our journey. We are also under attack from unseen forces. Ken's "beaten path" symbolizes the right path that the Lord calls us to walk. A path of relationship and communion with him through Jesus Christ. We have to see our lives as ones meant to be lived in continual awareness of, and focus on, Jesus Christ. *"Fixing our eyes on Jesus"* is about survival. Any divergence from this practice exposes us to spiritual trip wires that can not only be discouraging but destructive.

The late Dallas Willard wrote, *"the first and most basic thing we can and must do is to keep God before our minds... This is the fundamental secret of caring for our souls. Our part in this practicing the presence of God is to direct and redirect our minds constantly to Him...if God is the great longing of our souls, He will become the pole star of our inward beings"*.

My conversation with Ken was a reminder. It was a parable from the Holy Spirit to keep me leaning into Jesus every day, every minute, every breath. To identify the distractions and time wasters that fill up my reservoir of conscious thoughts. To refuse to settle for a life focused on sin management but one that consistently seeks to see and know the One who helps me, who loves me, and calls me to himself. The most timely and urgent words we can discern from the Holy Spirit today is to *"Stay on the beaten path!"*

Randy

**NOTE: WEARING MASKS IS OPTIONAL. USE YOUR GOOD JUDGEMENT.**



**Each Sunday:** Sunday School at 9:30 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM Options: **Inside**; Tune in to: **FM 88.9**; **Facebook Live**

*Submitted By Ginger Holt:*

**Special Music:**

**August 7 – Kacie Barber**

**August 14 – The Choir**

**August 21 – Jacob Brendle**

**August 28 – The Choir**

**Choir Practice:** 10<sup>th</sup> after Bible Study  
and 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3:00 PM

**Nursery Volunteers during Worship:**

**August 7 – Janet Robbins**

**August 14 – Donna Raines**

**August 21 – Cathy Shore**

**August 28 – Sarah Ray**

*Submitted by Jay Brendle:*

**Greeters for the month of August:**  
**Angie Brendle and Leon Robbins**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**August 7 at worship – Quaker  
Lake Offering – mark your check  
Youth & Young Adults will share  
summer Missions and Quaker Lake**

**August 7 – 5:00 PM Back to  
School Bash @ Lake Hampton  
Bring a dish or two to share.  
And Ice Cream See pg. 4  
Fun and Fellowship for Everyone**

**August 14 – Monthly Meeting  
After Worship – Committees,  
please be prepared to report.**

**Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 PM  
Missionary, Hope Carter will  
be speaking.  
Everyone Invited**

**Sunday, August 21 @ 8:15 AM  
Christian Education Committee  
will meet in the Fellowship Hall**

**August 21 – Sunday School  
Children Move-up Day and  
Teacher Appreciation Day  
(Recognizing all Sunday School  
Teachers during worship.)**

**THOUGHT: ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL** from Ginger Holt, Clerk

Over time, I found that if I look for God in every circumstance, I can have more patience with things in general. Case in point, once I got my driver's license, I drove to Starmount High School each day. I drove in from the Hwy 21 side in Hamptonville. Inevitably, I would get behind this elderly man in the community (I have forgotten his name) whose top speed was well below 35. It was always on Longtown Road, which was very narrow and curvy, with few places to pass. It did not seem to matter if I was a little earlier or a little later, I would end up behind him at some point on the road. See, there was a local store on the road, not too far from the school, kind of like a Ben Brendle's, and he was making his morning journey there. I was not the only student who got behind him each day, but unlike some, I was not brave enough to try to pass him on that road (there was just one place I felt okay about passing). So, I decided that God must have put him in my way for a reason. I would just tell myself that my fortune to get behind him at least 3 times a week was just God's plan to save my life from impending danger. Now, I never did enjoy getting behind him, but my new found way of looking at it granted me a lot more patience with the matter. I even found myself wondering what was wrong with him if I made it all the way to school without running up on him. I will never know, this side of heaven, if God was keeping me from disaster, or if He was up there wondering if I was ever going to get enough courage to pass the guy. But, I do know that thinking that God was with me, and that this guy was part of His overall plan for me made my morning commute much better than it would have been. We may never know if the obstacles in our lives are there by coincidence or by design, (maybe some of both) but we can rest assured that God is working in our lives, and that he has a plan for each of us. We just have to have faith and trust. In doing so, I truly believe that it will make our daily "commute" through life much better than it would be otherwise.

**Romans 12:12 "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."**

**Tuesday, August 30 @ 7:00 PM  
Ministry and Counsel  
will meet in Fellowship Hall.**

**August 28 – Shore Family Reunion  
12:30 – Gather in Sanctuary followed  
by Lunch in Fellowship Hall**

**Fire Destroys the Friends Lindi School in Kibera, Kenya**

Means both a halt to educational activities and to a feeding program for children. As they assess the damage and determine next steps, pray for wisdom, peace, and hope.





**From Randy: Join Us - Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM Bible Study**

**Continuing: Breakthrough! Embracing God's Grace, A Study in the Book of Romans as we Explore God's Word**

## 2 in 22

### Keeping the Focus

Testimonials are everywhere. Each morning on TV or the radio you can hear folks give their stories. Stories that promote a new medicine, a pair of shoes, or even an attorney. It must be effective because so many businesses use testimonials to advertise. You know, people will listen to a story. Have you ever shared your Christian testimony to your 2 in 22? Without strings or expectations, pray for an opportunity to share how you came to Christ and what he means to you. This could be a way to ignite more conversation about our wonderful Savior.

It's hard to believe, but 2022 is half over and so too is our year-long emphasis on evangelism. Let's ask the Lord to give us the courage to share the good news of who Jesus is to us and what he has done in our lives! Praying for you and your 2 in 22!

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

### MISSION

By ministering to the whole person's immediate needs, we strive to help people find Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, both here and abroad.

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

FCNC Prayer Calendar		AUGUST 2022					"To Know God And Make Him Known"
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 Bethel Friends Marcus Wall	2 Branon Friends Gloria Simmons Trevor Collins	3 Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson John Teague	4 Cedar Square Friends Michael Fulp Jr Sterling Brown	5 Centre Friends Tommy Sluder Beulah Guillion	6 Concord Friends Greg Creed FEMAP	
7 Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson John Teague	8 Connection Church Mike Wall	9 Deep Creek Friends Randy Quate Jared Warden Sydney Matthews	10 Forbush Friends Mitchell See Kyle Widlicka FCM	11 Goldsboro Friends George Strickland	12 Odre Nuevo Misael Morales	13 Hood Swamp Friends Lee Lane QUAKER LAKE	
14 QUAKER MEN	15 Hunting Creek Friends No Pastor	16 Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes	17 Liberty Friends James Moore SOCIAL MEDIA COORD	18 Marlboro Friends Ray Luther Terry Linthicum	19 Mar Mac Friends Howard Seymour	20 Mountain View Friends Jeff Stowers JAMAICA YRLY MTG	
21 Superintendent Mike Wall	22 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	23 Rocky River Friends David Hobson	24 Science Hill Friends John Porter FDS	25 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding	26 Thomasville Friends No Pastor	27 White Plains Friends No Pastor EAST AFRICA YRLY MTG	
28 Winthrop Friends Harold Salmons USFW	29 Archdale Friends Rodney Kirby	30 Asheboro Friends David Millikan	31 Back Creek Friends No Pastor	After they (the believers) prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. Acts 4:31-32			

EJOY:



REMEMBER: STILL NEEDED –  
A VOLUNTEER  
FOR THE CHILDREN



Christian Education Committee appreciates all the support and prayers that we continue to receive from the church family, the ministry we offer would not be possible without the support we receive from each of you.

### Our Children Will be Back to School Soon:

Yadkin County Early College. – August 15  
Yadkin County Schools – August 29  
Colleges begin around August 22

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

#### HOME AND FAMILY

Do you promote the moral and spiritual life of your children through careful supervision of their education, recreation, and friendships?

From *Why We Love Children*

### BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible.

He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?'

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'





# FCNC 5th Annual Sessions

**August 12 & 13, 2022  
at Quaker Lake Camp**

## Guest Speakers:

**Bob & Hope Carter, M.D. & Kenyan Missionary**

**Diane Faison-McKinzie**

featuring her monologue of  
"The Spirit of Harriet Tubman"

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

Philippians 3:14



## Looking Ahead:

**September 9-11 –  
Deep Creek Revival**  
Speaker: Andy Lambert

**Sunday, October 30 –  
Trunk'n Treat**  
Christian Ed will be  
providing Chicken Stew  
and other food. More  
information to come  
later!!

## Looking Ahead:

**September 17, 9:00 AM – NC USFW  
Fall Annual Gathering @ Centre  
Friends Meeting, Program: Friends  
Disaster Service**

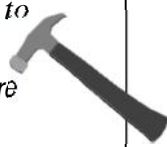
**September 19, 5:59 PM – NC Quaker  
Men Fall Dinner @ Centre Friends  
Meeting**

**September 25 – 30  
North Carolina Friends  
Disaster Service  
Eastern N.C. Disaster Relief**

*At New Bern, North Carolina*

*There is still a need for volunteers to help  
with families dealing with homes damaged  
by multiple hurricanes. There are many  
families with no insurance or funds to  
repair their homes.*

Call Walter Shore @ 336-244-0527 for more  
information



## 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 25:4

*Thank You for your  
continued support of Yadkin  
Christian Ministries; the need  
for feeding the hungry is real.*

**Looking Ahead –  
Mark your calendar for the  
annual**

**WALK FOR HUNGER**

**Sunday,  
October 2nd,  
3:00-4:30 PM @  
Yadkinville Community  
Park**

Sponsored by Deep Creek  
Friends  
And the Susan Steelman family

*Mark Your Calendar*

*For These Events*

**AND**

*Help Our Neighbors*

*Near*

*and*

*Far*

## Art Contest

*"Rooted In Love—More Than We Can Imagine"*

Sponsored by USFWI Executive Committee

### One Grand Prize:

\$100 and art will be used as cover for  
2023-2024 Blueprints

### Prizes for each age group:

• First Prize: \$75

**\* Design the cover for the  
2023-2024 Blueprints  
using Ephesians 3:17b-21  
as inspiration**

Entries must be received by August 30, 2022

\* See Janet Robbins for more information.

Prizes - \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25

# What is Special About Sunday School? – A Survey Done By Angie Brendle, Chair of CE

1) In a few sentences, please share a meaningful memory from Sunday School.

I want to go to Sunday School.  
- why?

~~I like it!~~ I like it!

Dylan Hammer

2) What do you enjoy most about Sunday School?

I get to learn about God and see my friends.  
I get to read the Bible. I love everything!

Katie Mae

2) What do you enjoy most about Sunday School?

I get to read Bible stories. I get to eat  
snacks. It's really fun. I have fun with  
my friends.

Hazel

2) What do you enjoy most about Sunday School?

I get to learn about the Bible. I get to make  
crafts. I get to learn about God. I get to  
sing.

Maelynn

4) Who has been one of your favorite Sunday School teachers throughout your life? Why?

When I think of all my former Sunday School  
teachers the one that sticks out is Eloise Bryant.  
She was a lady that had never had kids but  
was able to reach a bunch of loud, wild, rambunctious  
mainly boys! I still marvel at that to this day!

Tommy

1) In a few sentences, please share a meaningful memory from Sunday School.

In the Sunday School room that is now the sound room  
~~Angie Brendle~~ had the Middletons and we acted  
out the Bible stories -- someone would be the donkey, someone  
else would be Mary riding on the donkey's back. She did  
~~this with all the kids~~ this with many of the kids and we  
loved it!

Samuel

2) What do you enjoy most about Sunday School?

Being able to have deeper conversations  
about the Bible & things happening around us.

Olivia

Don

1) In a few sentences, please share a meaningful memory from Sunday School.

The memory of my dad (Ray Steadman)  
pleasing he Sunday School lesson every last night



Cherlene

4) Who has been one of your favorite Sunday School teachers throughout your life? Why?

Dallas Pruitt

He taught from the Bible, explained it so I could understand it, and had discussions with us after the lesson.

2) What do you enjoy most about Sunday School?

Anthony

The stories and topics that are introduced and expanded on. Also, I like the teachers. They keep it simple while teaching valuable lessons.

2) What do you enjoy most about Sunday School?

And

I enjoy the Bible study and the open interaction with the others.

3) In a few sentences, share how God has allowed Sunday School to have a profound impact on your life.  
Sunday School has ~~been~~ had a profound impact in my life because it has provided me answers for some of my big questions about my faith and God.

2) What do you enjoy most about Sunday School?  
and learning more about Him.  
Getting together to God

#1

2) What do you enjoy most about Sunday School?

Jean

I enjoyed the flannel board illustrations and making tissue paper flowers - I must have also learned something because I always knew all the Bible stories.

Walk there

1) In a few sentences, please share a meaningful memory from Sunday School.

I had a wonderful class with many friends who were such good teachers too. My meaningful memory is of them and the fellowship.

In my class was Nancy Holt, Susan Steelman, Vonnie Shore, Ben and Ruby Nell Brendle, Phyllis Barnes, Beulah Warden, Harold and Helen Wooten, Audrey and Clyde Bovender, Susie and Les Hutchins. RL & Betty Steelman sat next to me.

One of the men would drive us up to the Hungry Farmer in the church van. We always had a fun time. There's a picture of us all together there at the restaurant.

Kate Shre

Phyllis

3) In a few sentences, share how God has allowed Sunday School to have a profound impact on your life.

God has allowed me to teach Sunday school over a period of sixty some years, which always results in my learning more from my preparations than I could ever impart to the class members. However, the memory that always returns to me occurred when I was no more than six years old. I can still see the Sunday school superintendent enthusiastically leading the song while swaying back and forth with the music of "Brighten the corner where you are."

Brighten the corner where you are  
Brighten the corner where you are  
Someone far from harbor you  
may guide across the bar,  
Brighten the corner where you are.



Invite your Friends  
and Family

# CHILDREN

From Sydney

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**August 7th: Back to School Bash  
@ Lake Hampton – a family event**

### **Children's Church:**

August 7th  
August 21st

### **Friends of Jesus:**

August 5th: **Lock-in 7pm-8am**  
August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm  
August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm

*As always, if you have any questions  
or concerns please let me know!*

PHONE: (336)469-4376



Fun at the Pool Party



We need a volunteer to lead children's church twice a month; if you are willing please see Sydney.



# YOUTH & JR.YOUTH

*From Jared*

## **Upcoming Events:**

**August 7th** - Deep Creek Back to School Bash at Lake Hampton - Youth to join!

**August 12-13th** - Young Friends Annual Sessions at Quaker Lake

**August 14th** - Youth at Deep Creek at 6:00

**August 21st** - Union Cross Back to School Bash at the Yadkin County Pool - Youth to join!

**August 28th** - No Youth meeting. Rest up before school starts!

**September 1st-5th:** Annual Beach Retreat at Nags Head, NC

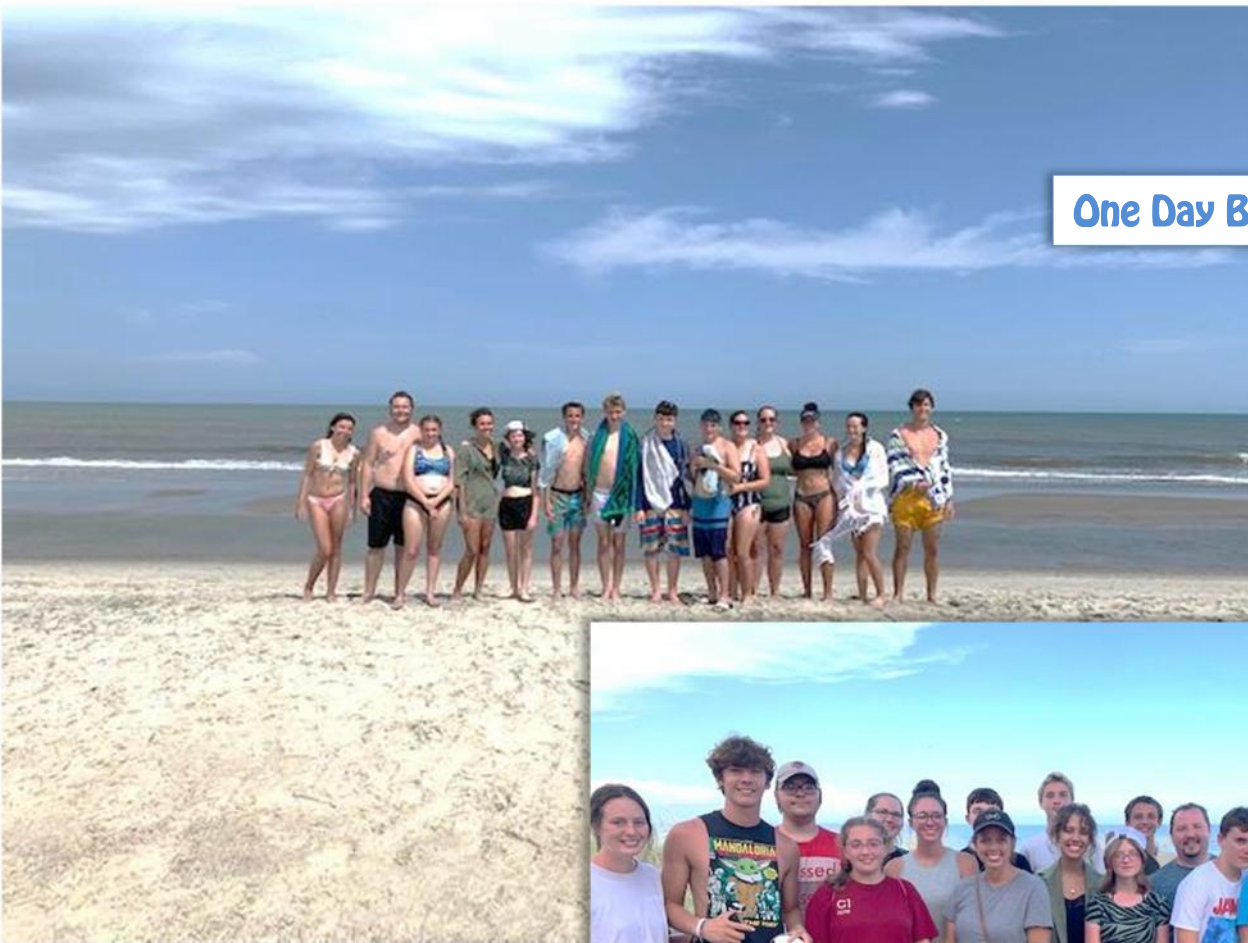
**September 11th:** Youth at Union Cross at 6:00

**September 18th:** Youth at Deep Creek at 6:00

**Adults Needed**  
to provide food  
for Youth  
Meetings . . .

**If you can help,  
Please see Angie  
Brendle.**

## **One Day Beach Event**





## 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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Sing to the LORD, praise his name.  
Psalm 96:2

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- 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 – September, 2022**

**Deadline for news – August 28**

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