



# The Encourager

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

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

September 2022

## God's Relentless Mercy

*"But Jonah ran away from the Lord..."* It takes only three verses into the first chapter of *The Book of Jonah* to encounter these infamous words. You see, God had given a mission to this prophet and Jonah responded by showing the Lord his backside. Before we can even get to know Jonah on the most elementary level he has been branded. His most defining title has become "fugitive" and his most defining trait has become "rebellion".

But the book of Jonah is not primarily about the disobedience of one man; it is about the tireless energy of God to pursue a runaway. Each verse of this tiny book drips with mercy, God's mercy. God pursues Jonah and His pursuit is fueled by divine love. It is love for a city that needs to hear the truth, and love for a trembling, weak-kneed survivalist.

What is life like for a fugitive? It is a miserable existence. Living on the run all the time. Having to calculate every move in order to avoid detection. Abandoning the places and people that bring the most comfort and joy. Living off of scraps instead of a full meal. Always...always looking over your shoulder. I suppose a fugitive would be easy to spot after being on the run for months. Unkept and dirty it would be hard to camouflage a long stint in the shadows. But it is possible to be a runaway and still look normal, even respectable and confident on the outside. It is possible to be externally "together" while still being a renegade. A spiritual fugitive.

Why does a person run from God? We may run from the responsibilities and opportunities that God places before us. Others of us may flee from God's conviction of unconfessed sin in our life, never being sure that such conviction issues out of Divine love. Some of us may run from intimacy with God because we are not convinced of His compassion toward us. Still others of us may run from God because we think we have found something better to satisfy our needs, or we may have just given ourselves over to doubt.

It is possible to run from God and still have a place among the religious. It is even conceivable to get lost in a church culture. To be doing all the right things by an observer's point of view, but inwardly be on the run from the Lord. Here is where the real message of the book of Jonah comes in. Throughout Jonah's evasive moves and childish tantrums, he is still pursued by a relentless mercy. When someone runs from God, the Father pursues them with unyielding grace. Because of His love nature God does not rest from the pursuit of those who have wandered away.

If you have your wooden nickel and took the "2 in 22" challenge to point two people to Christ this year you have probably had some frustrating moments. If you have been praying for someone, and if you have tried to share Christ in some way but have seen no change or even any interest you may be discouraged right now. You may be tempted to give up. As we seek to reach our friends and loved ones for Christ let's remember that they may actually be like Jonah. They may already know the good news of the Gospel but are resisting the grace God is extending. Just remember, The Father has not given up His pursuit of that dear soul. If we have the heart of God, we will not give up loving, interceding, and pointing them to Jesus either.

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:**



**September 4 – Tommy and Cathy Shore**

**September 11 – The Mitchell Family**

**September 18 – Angie Brendle**

**September 25 – The Choir**

**Choir Practice:** 7<sup>th</sup> after Bible Study  
and 18<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM

**Nursery Volunteers during Worship:**

**September 4 – Janet Robbins**

**September 11 – Rhonda Moran**

**September 18 – Maggie Ray**

**September 25 – Priscilla Shore**

Submitted by Jay Brendle:

**Greeters for the month of September:**  
**Steve Hutchens and Harold Clarkson**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**9/1-9/5 - Annual Beach Retreat**

**Deep Creek Revival September 9-11**

Friday & Saturday nights @ 7:00 PM  
Sunday Morning Worship - **See Page 4**

**Sunday, September 11 @ 8:15 AM**

**Christian Education Committee**

will meet in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, September 11**

*Happy Grandparent's Day*

**NOTE: Change of Date**

**September 18 – Monthly Meeting**

**After Worship – Committees,**  
*please be prepared to report.*

**Tuesday, September 27 @ 7:00 PM**

**Ministry and Counsel**

will meet in Fellowship Hall.

**THOUGHT: FAVORITE GRANDCHILD** from Ginger Holt, Clerk

In a few weeks, I will meet my 4th grandchild, Ethan and Kayla's first. I have chosen the name "Grammy", which Ryder, Reagan, and Olivia have been using for a while. To say that I am excited about this newest baby is an understatement. As I contemplate the type of Grammy I want to be, I know that I want to strive to be the kind of grandmother that my Ma Blackburn was.

Ma was a round little woman, not quite 5 feet tall. She and Pa had 11 children. Nine of them grew up to get married and have families of their own. Most of them had more than one child. Those of us born later, grew up with our 1st cousin's children. All together, between the 1st cousins and their children, there were 39 of us (today, there would be 52 if all were still here). Only about 30 of us were around Ma on a regular basis, or are old enough to have a good memory of her. It is these 30 that this story is about.

I grew up certain that I was Ma's favorite. I knew she loved the others, but she and I had a special bond. When I was with her, she spent time with me like I was a "real person". We made biscuits together, hung wet clothes on the line, picked apples and cherries off the trees, plucked feathers off chickens, and had long conversations at the kitchen table. She never said the words "Ginger, you are my favorite", but I knew. Words were not necessary. For 18 years I knew I was the favorite grandchild. I did not brag to the others or anything, but I was certain they must know this fact.

Ma died when I was 18. Months after her death, at a family reunion, a few cousins and I started talking about her. During our conversation, one cousin, Julie, said something about her being Ma's favorite. I could not believe my ears. Surely, everyone knew I was the favorite! But, nope, turns out the others knew they were "the favorite." Turns out, to our shock, we were ALL "the favorite."

That is the kind of grandma I hope to be. What a wonderful woman. Weren't we so fortunate to have a grandma like that?

Our Father in Heaven is that way. He loves us ALL the same. He does not favor ANYONE above the rest. He came to save THE WORLD, not to condemn it. He gave up His life to save us ALL. We just have to believe and accept Him as our Lord and Savior. What a wonderful God. Aren't we so fortunate to have a God like that?

**1 John 4:16**

*So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.*

*God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

**Help Needed – Plans being**

**Made:**



**We Will Be Feeding the High School Football Teams again this year.**

**Friday, October 14 at 3:45 PM - Forbush at our Fellowship Hall**

**Wednesday, October 26 at 6:00 PM - Starmount at the School**

We will be doing soups for both and will need about **5 to 6** crock pots of soup, **boxes** of crackers, bowls, spoons and Little Debbie snack cakes.

Anyone willing to help in any way, **please call or text Tracy Shore at 336-469-8056.**





**From Randy: Join Us for Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM – Meal included**  
**Studying in the Book of Romans as we Explore God's Word**

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

**DISCIPLESHIP**

Together we become Christ-like servants by continuing to develop our personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and by knowledge of scripture.

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

FCNC Prayer Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2022

*"To Know God And  
Make Him Known"*

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                                | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| <div> ...Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18 </div> |   |  |  | 1<br>Bethel Friends<br>Marcus Wall                     | 2<br>Branon Friends<br>Gloria Simmons<br>Trevor Collins      | 3<br>Cane Creek Friends<br>Cheryl Benson<br>John Teague |
| 4<br>Cedar Square Friends<br>Michael Fulp Jr<br>Sterling Brown  | 5<br>Centre Friends<br>Tommy Sluder<br>Beulah Guillion          | 6<br>Concord Friends<br>Greg Creed<br>FEMAP      | 7<br>Connection Church<br>Mike Wall      | 8<br>Deep Creek Friends<br>Randy Quate<br>Jared Warden | 9<br>Forbush Friends<br>Mitchell See<br>Kyle Widlicka<br>FCM | 10<br>Goldsboro Friends<br>George Strickland            |
| 11<br>Odre Nuevo<br>Misael Morales  | 12<br>Hood Swamp Friends<br>Lee Lane<br>QUAKER LAKE             | 13<br>QUAKER MEN                                 | 14<br>Hunting Creek Friends<br>No Pastor | 15<br>Kernersville Friends<br>Jeff Barnes              | 16<br>Liberty Friends<br>James Moore<br>SOCIAL MEDIA COORD   | 17<br>Marlboro Friends<br>Ray Luther<br>Terry Linthicum |
| 18<br>Mar Mac Friends<br>Howard Seymour   | 19<br>Mountain View Friends<br>Jeff Stowers<br>JAMAICA YRLY MTG | 20<br>Superintendent<br>Mike Wall                | 21<br>Randleman Friends<br>Wade Craven   | 22<br>Rocky River Friends<br>David Hobson              | 23<br>Science Hill Friends<br>John Porter<br>FDS             | 24<br>South Plainfield Friends<br>Hugh Spaulding        |
| 25<br>Thomasville Friends<br>No Pastor  | 26<br>White Plains Friends<br>No Pastor<br>EAST AFRICA YRLY MTG | 27<br>Winthrop Friends<br>Harold Salmons<br>USFW | 28<br>Archdale Friends<br>Rodney Kirby   | 29<br>Asheboro Friends<br>David Millikan               | 30<br>Back Creek Friends<br>No Pastor                        |   |

***School Has Begun – YOU CAN Help Yadkin Students in Need***

CE Committee is collecting items for Starmount High School Students. Find container in the church foyer for items or cash.

Make check to DC Youth and deposit in box or cash in an envelope and drop it in or give it to Angie or Tommy.

As we all know there are many challenges facing parents today and with the rising cost of supplies, clothes, food etc., there is a great need with our school students. We would like to be part of making a difference in our community by helping collect some items. We appreciate the church family for always being supportive of our community needs.

**List of Suggested and Needed Items (Most can be picked up locally at a reasonable price.):**

**Nonperishable food:**

Microwave meals, fruit cups, chips, gummies, individual canned food, cereals, snack bars, crackers, goldfish packs, bottled water, Apricot Suns, non-refrigerated milk, water flavor packs

**Clothes, Hygiene, and School Supplies:**

Drawstring bags, Hangers, All sizes of **Boys** T-shirts, shirts, pants, shorts; **Girls** T-shirts, shorts, longer length pants (leggings are popular);

Feminine products, Shaving cream; Book bags (solid color), pens, pencils, 1" & 2" binder notebooks, loose leaf paper.

**Rules to Live By: The Queries from the  
Faith and Practice of Friends Church of NC**  
**BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITY**  
**Do you give an honest day's work for a  
day's pay?**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK**

### **Labor Day: Monday, September 5**

*Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday to recognize and celebrate labor in the District of Columbia and the territories.*

*On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law.*

Labor Day in the United States, celebrated on the first Monday in September, honors American workers who contribute to the strength, prosperity and well-being of the country. It also marks the official end of summer. People have been celebrating Labor Day since 1894!

**Colossians 3:23** Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

**Proverbs 16:3** Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.



# FALL REVIVAL

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

## Andy Lambert



## Saturday

September 10, 2022

7:00pm

feat. Millie and Morgan  
Salmons

## Sunday

September 11, 2022

10:30am

feat. The Mitchell Family

1140 Deep Creek Church Rd.  
Yadkinville, NC 27055

## Friday

September 9, 2022

7:00pm

feat. The Deep Creek  
Church Choir

### **What happens when a church develops authentic prayer?**

#### POSSIBILITIES

1. Expect Spirit-provided direction
2. Expect authentic unity
3. Expect individual transformation
4. Expect personal encouragement and comfort
5. Expect Spirit-empowered outreach
6. Expect growing trust
7. Expect the grace of humility
8. Expect "glorious" church services
9. Expect a spirit of thanksgiving
10. Expect joyful generosity
11. Expect spontaneous ministry mobilization
12. Expect God-ordained growth
13. Expect the potential of revival
14. Expect eternal reward

#### MAJOR PERILS

1. Expect satanic counterattack
2. Expect slow advancement
3. Expect personal discouragement

**The single greatest need of the world today is Jesus Christ living through a "revived" church.  
May God give us conviction perseverance, and great hope as we Expect and Experience His  
reward for a faithful, praying people.**

Excerpt from article by David Henderson, president of Strategic Renewal

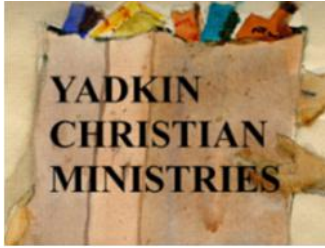




## Food for the Hungry

*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



### Plan How you will participate.

This is one of the biggest Fundraisers to help the hungry in our county.

#### **September 17, 9:00 AM NC USFW Fall Annual Gathering**

@ Centre Friends Meeting,  
Program: NC Friends  
Disaster Service  
See Janet Robbins for  
information.

Deep Creek Quaker Women  
Watch for a date & time for  
Fall Meetings.

#### **Monday, September 19 @ 5:59 PM**

#### **NC Quaker Men Fall Dinner at Centre Friends Meeting *Men of all ages Invited.***

Those who are musical will gather  
to rehearse songs for this  
gathering at 5:29 PM.

Speaker: Josh Brown –  
*The Rebuilding of North Carolina  
Quakers*

Contact Walter Shore for information  
or ride.

#### **September 25 – 30 N C Friends Disaster Service**

*At New Bern, N C  
Volunteers  
needed to help Rebuild  
homes damaged by  
hurricanes.*

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



## WALK FOR HUNGER 2022

In Memory of Susan Steelman

**Sunday, October 2nd, 3:00-4:30 PM**

**Yadkinville Community Park**

( If you choose, you can walk at your Home Church )

**All Proceeds Benefit  
YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

**Registration: 2:30-3:00 PM**

Parking at Yadkin Farmers Market

**Music provided by Hickory Bend**

**Homemade ice cream will be served**

**2022 Awards Include**

Most walkers from a church or organization

Largest Dollar Amount raised by a church or organization

Random drawing for (2) \$25 gift cards



**Sponsored by: Deep Creek Friends and the Susan Steelman family**

*Yadkin Christian Ministries is supported by the people, churches, and organizations of Yadkin County to assist families in crisis times with food, medication, heat and water. The ministry seeks to do its mission in the spirit of Christ, with a nonjudgmental attitude. We request your prayers and goodwill.*

#### **Work Days at Harmony Grove Friends Church have been rescheduled: Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM & Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.**

We welcome anyone that can come to be a  
part of this service.

If you have a large pickup that could haul a  
piano and other materials to the dump,  
please drive that over.

If you have questions please feel free to be  
in touch with me.

*Judy Ritter*



Fun at Back To School Bash:  
Waiting for the Feast and Ice Cream



Just hanging out



Fishing



Is that a Fish??



Lounging





**Invite your Friends  
and Family**

# CHILDREN

*From Sydney*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 4th:** NO meetings: **Beach Retreat**

**Children's Church:**

September 11<sup>th</sup>

September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Friends of Jesus:**

September 18<sup>th</sup>

**Looking Ahead:**

**October 30<sup>th</sup>:** **Trunk n' Treat**  
with a **Chicken Stew**:

**All are invited** to attend!

**If you want to do a trunk**  
let Sydney Matthews know:

(336)469-3476 or

[syd.matthews22@gmail.com](mailto:syd.matthews22@gmail.com)

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

**Don't Miss it!**

**Coming Next Month. . .**

**Making plans Now**

**Let Sydney Know if you will  
have a Trunk**

**The Playground has had  
more updates. Bring your  
Friends and Play.**



# YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

## **Upcoming Events:**

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

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

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

**September 25th:** Youth at 6:00 at Union Cross

**September 18 - DOGS** at 4:00 at Deep Creek

**October 2 - FCNC Youth at 5:30 at Union Cross**

**October 9 - Youth** at 6:00 at Deep Creek

**October 16 - Youth** at 6:00 at Union Cross

**October 23 - Youth** at 6:00 at Deep Creek

**October 30 - Youth** at 6:00 location TBD

## Youth Missions Sunday



## Reporting on Quaker Lake and Impact Yadkin



## Special Music by Kaci Barber

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\*Post-graduate work



## CONGRATULATIONS

### WALKER BABY DEDICATION



Grandparents, Mike & Angie Walker



Grandparents, Becky & Jeff Smith  
Great Grandfather, James Smith



Sunday morning, August 28, during worship at Deep Creek, a period of time was set aside for the Baby Dedication of Bryson Wrenn Walker, the son of Brandon and Amber Smith Walker. As Bryson and his closest family members stood before the congregation, Pastor Randy Quate read Scripture. He spoke of the importance of spiritual support for children as the parents, then the congregation of family, friends and church members vocally responded in a promise to support this child. Everyone bowed in prayer.

The family returned to their seats and the congregation sang *Jesus Loves Me This I Know*. The service continued with a theme of Jesus's blessing of the children and how we should all be more like them.

### SAMUEL RAY PLAYING FOOTBALL



Samuel Ray with his #76 is again playing on the Starmount High School Varsity Football Team. His mom, Tracy, is excited to watch him during this, his senior year.



### ROGER HOLT IS NEW CLERK OF FCNC

At the recent Annual Sessions of Friends Church of North Carolina, Roger Holt was approved as the new Presiding Clerk.

Pray for Roger as he takes on this new responsibility.





## 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. Matthew 19:14

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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 – October, 2022**

**Deadline for news – September 25**

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