

# The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

November, 2022

## A Crown for Thanksgiving

A little over a month ago, Queen Elizabeth's funeral was watched around the world. The regalia and traditions were extensive. Every detail was meticulously arranged and carried out with honor and respect. As I watched some of the funeral, one aspect of British royalty that stood out to me was the queen's crown as it was paraded in procession with her body. You could not miss the stunning spectacle of that royal diadem. It should be stunning! The 2.3 pound crown with its velvet cap, solid gold frame, and precious stones costs \$4,519,709.

I wonder how that compares with the crowns of heaven? The Bible speaks of a crown for those who enter that glorious place. Paul gives us the most information about the believer's crown, but other New Testament writers mention our crowns as well. James references the crown as a reward for perseverance. *"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."* (James 1:12)

Peter and Paul emphasize the glorious longevity of our crowns: *"And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away."* (I Peter 5:4). *"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."* (I Corinthians 9:24-25.)

Paul also reveals the personal nature of how the crowns are bestowed: *"Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."* (II Timothy 4:8)

What an amazing picture scripture paints for us concerning the priceless crown Christ's followers will receive when they enter their glorious home. But the ultimate picture of our crowns and their significance is found in Revelation. There are more references to crowns in Revelation than in any book of the Bible. It is here that we see what happens to these crowns when in the Presence of Christ: *"Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne..."* (Revelation 4:9-10)

This is a heavenly picture of Thanksgiving. While the Bible teaches that there will be rewards in heaven, our works will never be the focal point of glory. The reward for those works done in the name of Jesus will never be a cause for boasting. We will not flaunt our crowns but fling them at the feet of The King.

One more sobering note about crowns in the New Testament. There are only four references to the word "crown" found in the Gospels. Mark's example will suffice: *"They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him."* (Mark 15:17)

Whatever our crowns may look like in heaven's glory, they will only serve as a gift to the One whose brow still has the scars from the crown he wore suffering for our souls. Give him thanks friends! He is so worthy! When we see him face to face, we will understand this more clearly and we will fling our glittering diadems at his feet in grateful and adoring worship.

**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:**



**November 6 – Kaci Barber**

**November 13– The Choir**

**November 20 – Morgan and Millie Salmons**

**November 27 – Hanging of the Greens Service**

**Choir Practice:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM

**Nursery Volunteers during Worship:**

**November 6 – Rhonda Moran**

**November 13 – Maggie Ray**

**November 20 – Janet Robbins**

**November 27 – Priscilla Shore**

Submitted by Jay Brendle:

**Greeters for the month of November:**  
**Jay Brendle and Don Steelman**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



**Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday,**

**November 6, at 2:00 AM “fall back”**

one hour and return to Standard Time.

**Set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday.**

**November 6 - International Day of Prayer**  
**for the Persecuted Church** See Pg. 4

**Sunday, October 16 at 8:15 AM**  
**Christian Education Committee**  
**will meet.** New members invited.

**October 16 - Friend Day** See Pg. 3

**Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 PM**  
**Finance Committee will meet**

**NOTE Date Change: November 20**  
**Monthly Meeting After Worship**  
*Committees, please be prepared to report.*

**THOUGHT:** from Ginger Holt, Clerk

**So, the story goes:**

A woman and her husband were driving down the road. The woman, who was sitting in the passenger's seat, started complaining to her husband about how their relationship was not as good as it used to be. She said, “When we were first married, you used to drive down the road with your arm around me. You do not do that now. Why do you not do that any more?” The husband did not reply. Then she said, “When we were first married, you used to kiss me on the cheek and forehead while we were driving. You do not do that anymore. Why have you stopped doing that?” The husband listened patiently. She continued, “When we were first married, you used to whisper sweet nothings in my ear as we traveled. I cannot remember the last time you did that. We are just not as close as we used to be. What is wrong with you?” The husband could be silent no longer. He replied, “Well dear, I am not the one who moved”.

Our relationship to God can be like that. Can you remember how it was when you first accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? For me, everything was new and I was so excited to be in the family of believers. I loved God and wanted to live a life that was pleasing to Him. I prayed a lot, went to church whenever the doors were open, talked about God with others, and even tried to read scripture. I felt the presence of God. The relationship was intimate. He was my friend. But, life can get in the way, or rather I can let life get in the way. Things can get to the point where I feel like my prayers are barely reaching the ceiling. I can lose the feeling that God is with me. Well, guess what? God is not the one who moved. He is always there, patiently waiting for us to come back and renew our relationship with Him. This is His promise to us, and one I am very **thankful** for.

**Hebrews 13:5**

**Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

**November 20 – Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection**

Bring boxes to worship See Page 4

**Sunday, November 20 @ 7:00 PM – Annual Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held at Mitchell’s Chapel United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Tuesday, November 22 @ 7:00 PM Ministry and Counsel will meet** in the Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, November 24 - Happy Thanksgiving**

**November 27 – Hanging of The Greens Service...** See Pg. 4

**November 27 – Christmas Card Mailbox Will Open**

Drop in 25 cents per card – All donations go to missions.



**From Randy: Join Us for Bible Study:**  
**Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM – Meal included**

**The In-Depth Learning About the Holy Spirit's Presence in Our Lives**

Continues with our study in Romans  
 How do you know God is speaking to you?  
 What kind of guidance does God send your way?  
 Do you know how to discern His voice?  
 The Holy Spirit is present in us as believers and is helping us navigate life each day.  
 He is working to help us control our thinking and better face temptation.  
 He will walk us through times of storm.  
*Come join us.*

**Sunday, November 13**  
**Friend Day at Deep Creek**

Invite a friend to come worship with us.  
 This is a great day to invite your "2 in 22" to worship.  
 The service will be geared to seekers and we will do our best to make them feel welcome. You may want to take your friend to lunch after the service.  
 It should be a great day.

**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		NOVEMBER 2022		<i>"To Know God And Make Him Known"</i>		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. Be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" Ephesians 6:18</i>		1 Bethel Church Marcus Wall <b>FEMAP</b>	2 Branon Friends Gloria Simmons Ricky Lovelace	3 Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson	4 Cedar Square Friends Michael Fulp Jr Sterling Brown	5 Centre Friends No Pastor Beulah Guillion <b>FCM</b>
		6 Concord Friends Greg Creed	7 Connection Church Mike Wall	8 Deep Creek Friends Randy Quate Jared Warden Sydney Matthews	9 Forbush Friends Mitchell See Kyle Widlicka	10 Goldsboro Friends George Strickland <b>QUAKER MEN</b>
13 Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes	14 Liberty Friends James Moore <b>QUAKER LAKE</b>	15 Marlboro Friends Ray Luther Terry Linthicum	16 Mar Mac Friends Howard Seymour <b>USFW</b>	17 Mountain View Friends Jeff Stowers	18 Odre Nuevo (New Wineskins) Misael Morales <b>Jamaica Yrly Mtg</b>	19 Pilot Mountain Friends Jeremiah Thomas
20 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	21 Rocky River Friends David Hobson <b>FDS</b>	22 Science Hill Friends John Porter	23 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding	24 Prayer-the wireless communication with God <b>Give Thanks</b>	25 Thomasville Friends Eric Morrison	26 White Plains Friends No Pastor
27 Winthrop Friends Harold Salmons Superintendent Mike Wall	28 Archdale Friends Rodney Kirby East Africa Yrly Mtg	29 Asheboro Friends David Millikan	30 Back Creek Friends No Pastor Social Media Coordinator	<i>"Prayer activates heaven's response on your behalf in accordance with the will of God. Prayer never forces God to do what is not His will; rather, it releases from God to us what is His will."            ~Tony Evans, Christian speaker and author</i>		

## International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church:

### Sunday, November 6th, at Deep Creek Friends.

Information will be available during the service to guide you in praying for our brothers and sisters who are suffering for the sake of Christ.

An estimated 260 million believers around the world are experiencing high to extreme forms of persecution due to their faith. Each year in November, believers around the world participate in special services that focus on praying for the persecuted church. This year's International Day of Prayer presents us with another opportunity to intercede on behalf of these believers. Please join us in this global prayer movement on Sunday.



## Operation Christmas Child

*Will you make a child happy with a Christmas Box?*

Shoe Box **Collection day at Deep Creek Friends will be Sunday, November 20**  
*Shoobox labels and information on how to pack a box will be available at the church.*

Since 1993, more than **198 million children** in more than **170 countries and territories** have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

Volunteers from local churches around the world partner with Samaritan's Purse to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ at festive outreach events where children are surprised with these shoebox gifts.



## Join us **November 27 for Hanging of The Greens Worship Service.**

The Young Adults, Youth, and Children will be leading the service.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:**

**This year, we have decided not to do honorary poinsettias. Instead** we ask that folks bring in school supplies for our local school students (including ALL Ages). The collected items will be given out at a supply handout along with a lunch handout around the end of December or first of January. This is in partnership with our Christian Education and Youth groups as they have felt a leading to do this ministry. There is always such a great need for things halfway through the school year that often students and families cannot afford. Please consider joining us in the effort to help our students and teachers. There will be a container up front in the church beginning November 27<sup>th</sup> and will remain there for collection through December 25<sup>th</sup>.

An example list (not a set list) for School Supplies:

Loose leaf paper, Notebooks (spiral), Pencils, Pens, Crayons, Markers, Kleenex, Paper towels, Hand Sanitizers, Ziploc bags (pint, quart, gallon), Snack foods (Nabs, other individually wrapped items)



# Food for the Hungry – The Walk for Hunger

*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



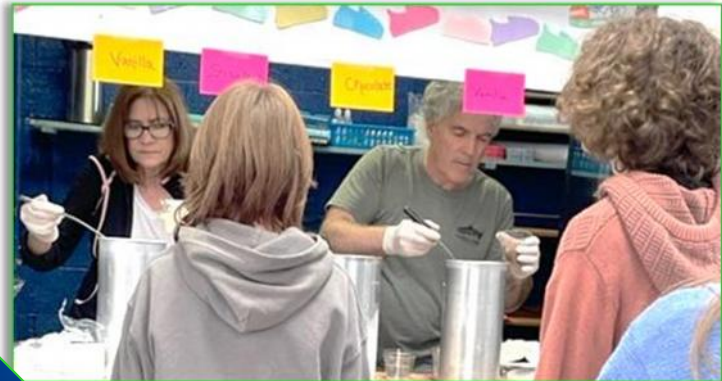
**Thank you to everyone who donated,** walked and participated in the Walk for Hunger in memory of Susan Steelman. This year the Walk for Hunger was held at the Yadkinville School Gym due to inclement weather from Hurricane Ian. Even though we were indoors, we still had a great event with homemade ice cream and good music by Hickory Bend. Thank you also to Richmond Hill for sponsoring a walk and meal at their church and also Mt Carmel. Awards for the most walkers, money collected and drawing for gift cards will be held at the YCM Annual Meeting on November 3rd.



At this time donations have totaled over \$14,000. This will help supplement a 40% decrease in government food. Yadkin County has one of the highest levels of food insecurity and that is why your donations have meant so much to families in Yadkin County. Thank you for sharing and caring.



Checking In



Serving Ice Cream



Taking the Money \$



Enjoying the Exercise



Enjoying Ice Cream



## Thanks for Your Work that you have done and will do

The Nominating Committee would like to thank all of our individuals and committees for their servanthood and ministry this year. We look forward to new members on the committees and what God will do through each one in 2023. This is how the body of Christ is able to function and do the ministry God has called Deep Creek to do in the community and beyond. So thank you for your time, energy, and gifts as you serve!

Also, to the committees, November is always a good time to plan a meeting and welcome all new members, explain what your committee does, select a new chair, recording secretary and pray about the ministry opportunities for 2023 and how your committee can best do what you are called to do in the community / beyond in the culture we are living in. Every day we face challenges of how to reach others and how to really do our roles. EVERY committee has a purpose and mission and when we meet together and pray, be ready for God to open a door for us.

Blessings to you all and here's to a great 2023 for Deep Creek!

*Angie Brendle, Nominating Committee Chair*

**Tuesday, November 15 @ 7:00 PM**

**Quaker Women** will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

### Quaker Women Challenge!

Every Sunday, bring a food item to donate to Yadkin

Christian Ministries - The Need is Great!

### **Can You Sing? And Enjoy Singing?**

The Yadkin County Community Chorus needs more singers for this year's presentation of *Handel's Messiah* on December 18 at 3:00 PM. Practice is each Thursdays at 7:00 PM at the Yadkinville United Methodist Church. **Just show up and join the group.** Everyone says it's a fun time together.

Contact Ginger Holt for more information.



**Rules to Live By: The Queries from the Faith and Practice of Friends Church of NC**

**HOME AND FAMILY**

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

### Turkeys Presented to Yadkin Christian Ministries

On behalf of the Deep Creek Evangelism and Outreach Committee, Jean Gibson and Debbie Hutchens presented 30 Turkeys for the Holiday Season to Yadkin Christian Ministries.

The staff expressed appreciation for this gift

*“to help our neighbors celebrate the holidays.”*



Invite your Friends  
and Family

# CHILDREN

From Sydney

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Children's Church** (During 10:30 Worship)

November 13

November 27

December 11



**Friends of Jesus /**

**Christmas Program Practice:**

November 13

November 18 (Friday)

November 20

December 2 (Friday)

December 4

December 16 Last run through (Friday)



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*If you have any questions  
or concerns*



# YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

## Upcoming Events:

**November 6:**

Prayer walk for anyone interested at 3:00 at the Yadkinville Post Office.  
Youth Christmas play practice at 6:00 at Deep Creek.

**November 13:** Dogs at 4:00.

Youth Christmas play practice at 6:00 at Union Cross.

**November 20:** Dogs at 4:00.

Youth Christmas play practice at 6:00 at Deep Creek.

**November 27:** Youth Christmas play practice at 6:00 at Union Cross.

New Years Eve event for Youth! Details to be announced.



At the Fair



Adam & Eve with Apples



Going West Looking for Parking





# Young Adults Movie Night



and Trip  
to the Fair



## CONGRATULATIONS

### A NEW GRANDCHILD



Kinsley Laine Collins, daughter of Ethan and Kayla Collins, was born October 1 and weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 ¾ inches long. She is the grandchild of Roger and Ginger Holt and Tim and Wendy Collins. She is the great-grand daughter of Josephine Goins and the late Junior Collins and the late Lois Blackburn and Warren Blackburn. She is the step-great-grand daughter of the late Tom and Nancy Holt.

### OLIVIA RAY EXCELS ON VOLLEYBALL TEAM



Olivia Ray plays Volleyball for the Starmount High School Rams. She has played hard and had a



successful year on the team. At the Northwest 1-A Conference, Olivia was honored with All Conference and All Tournament in Varsity Volleyball. Her proud parents are Michael and Sarah Ray.

### CAROLINE SMITHERMAN PLAYS SOFTBALL

Caroline Smitherman had a great season playing softball for the Carolina Cardinals this past season. She played with the 8U (8 years and under) age group and made some awesome plays at 2<sup>nd</sup> base and hit a home run. Friends and relatives are proud of her accomplishments.

10 Her mom Lacey and dad Matt enjoy coaching the team.

### RAY GIRLS ON HOMECOMING COURT



Olivia and Maggie Ray were both representatives on the Starmount High School Homecoming Court this year. Maggie was on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade court and Olivia on the 12<sup>th</sup> grade court. Congratulations to Olivia who was named this year's Senior Attendant.

### DESTINY RAY RECEIVES HONOR

Destiny Ray has received a nomination for The National Society of Leadership and Success at Wingate University. She works as a Lead Resident Advisor, and as a Peer Tutor. While a Junior, Destiny is majoring in History and Education, studying hard and enjoying her time at college.





## 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*

## Trunk’nTreat

The Christian Education Committee thanks everyone who helped, attended and contributed to our annual Trunk’n Treat. We had a huge crowd and a lot of smiling faces. It would not be possible without the support of our church family.

Special thanks to The Matthews family for the wonderful Chicken Stew & Ricky Moran for the great Gumbo.



Outside Food  
&  
Inside Fun





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### Deep Creek Friends Meeting



*For where two or three  
are gathered in my name,  
there am I among them.  
Matthew 18:20*

- Do you have a friend or relative that would enjoy *The Encourager*? Send address (PO or e-mail).
- Send suggestions, news, information, announcements or materials that you would like included in *The Encourager*.
- 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.
- **Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue. Next issue – December, 2022**

**Deadline for news – November 27**

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