

The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

February, 2023

I Will Not Be Won In A Day

Life in the Yukon valley a century ago was anything but easy. The treacherous conditions and rugged terrain of the Yukon and southern Alaska made searching for wealth a dangerous endeavor. Yet this was a place of treasure, the treasure of gold. There is a poem by Robert Service about this called “*The Law of the Yukon*”, and the picture it paints about the challenge of experiencing the treasure of something precious speaks to me at this time in our church’s life. Here is a segment of that poem:

Send not your foolish and feeble; send me your strong and your sane.

Strong for the red rage of battle, sane for I harry them sore.

Send me men girt for the combat, men who are grit to the core.

And I wait for the men who will win me – and I will not be won in a day.

And I will not be won by weaklings, subtle and suave and mild,

But by men with the hearts of Vikings and the simple faith of a child,

Desperate, strong, and relentless, unthrottled by fear or defeat,

Them will I gild with my treasure; them will I glut with my meat.

The old prospectors who braved the Yukon and were successful were people of resolve and determination...they were tough. For if the Yukon could speak with a human voice it would say, “*I will not be won in a day.*” The hope that gold lay within its bosom kept a special breed of men on the difficult trail of discovery.

I find a simple but very profound parallel with the words of Service’s poem and the task that lay before Deep Creek. Our commitment to point 3 people to Christ in 2023 is a definite challenge for us as a Christian family, and it will not be accomplished quickly and with ease. You have probably found that out by now if you attempted to reach out for Christ during our “2 in 22” year. Skepticism and indifference abound. It is hard to even point a conversation in the direction of Jesus. So what do we do? We can be steadfast.

Now we all know we are dependent on the Holy Spirit to accomplish God’s work. We all know that it is “*not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.*” (Zech. 4:6) Seeing people come to Christ, witnessing believers revived and empowered, observing broken communities touched by the love of God is a wonderful vision that he can do through us...but that usually does not happen quickly. Lives will be changed by God’s power channeled through the gritty fortitude and dogged faith of the committed. Through believers who keep praying, who keep expressing love, who keep pointing people to Jesus through words and deeds.

Gold was not found in the Yukon by the indifferent and uncommitted but by “*men with the hearts of Vikings and the simple faith of a child*” The gold we seek is not that which is prized by the jeweler but that which proves to be infinitely more valuable, both now and in eternity. The men and women of Deep Creek our Lord will use to accomplish this will have a perceptive discernment and persistent obedience when in the presence of those God has chosen for us to reach. Those we seek for Christ will not be won in a day, but they can be won by Christ as we let him use us day by day, and minute by minute.

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:



February 5 – Phyllis Barnes

February 12 – The Choir

February 19 – Robert and Beth Steelman
and friends

February 26 – The Choir

Choir Practice: 1st & 3rd Sundays 3-4 PM

Nursery Volunteers during Worship:

February 5 – Cathy Shore

February 12 – Priscilla Shore

February 19 – Ginger Holt

February 26 – Donna Barber

Submitted by Jay Brendle.

Greeters for the month of February:

Angie Brendle and Leon Robbins

Submitted by Jay Brendle:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday, February 12 @ 8:45 AM
Evangelism and Outreach Committee
will meet in Fellowship Hall



February 12 – Souper Bowl Sunday
Bring cans of Soup to church See pg. 5

February 12 – Monthly Meeting
After Worship

Committees, report at the meeting

Tuesday, February 14
Happy Valentine's Day



Sunday, February 19 @ 8:15 AM
Christian Education Committee
will meet in the Fellowship Hall

Angie Brendle, Chair

Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 PM
Quaker Women meet in Fellowship Hall
Cathy Harper & Jean Gibson, Hostess

Sunday, February 26 at 6:00 PM
Leaders Meeting See pg. 4

Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 PM
Ministry & Counsel will meet

THOUGHT for February

I have told my boys, virtually every day of their lives, that I love them, either spoken or by text. In spite of this, when my oldest child was about 6 or 7 years old, he looked at me one day with tears in his eyes and asked “Mommy, do you like me?” I do not remember the circumstance, except that I know he was not being punished for anything. Perhaps I was having a rough day and my actions were not very loving. Perhaps I had a stern look on my face when I looked at him, or was short with him. I do not remember. I do know that those words still haunt me from time to time even though he is now a 28 year old man. I can still hear his little boy voice asking me that, and I can still see his little hurt face. To think that, for even one moment, my actions would make one of my children doubt that I even liked him cuts deep. Shame on me.

Saying “I love You” is easy; acting like it, maybe not so much. However, words without actions are just empty and meaningless. “Actions speak louder than words” is an old phrase, but a true one. We, as Christians, talk about love. We cannot forget to show it. The Bible says “By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another (John 13:35).” It does not leave this to our own interpretation: It says “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 (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).” My prayer is that my actions will not speak louder than my words and cause someone to doubt my love. I am supposed to **show** love, not just talk about it.

“Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments (Matthew 22: 37-40).”



Happy Valentine's Day to All



Ginger Holt, Clerk

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

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Do you love one another as becomes the followers of Christ?

From Randy: *Join Us – Bible Study continues each week:* Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM – Meal included
 Everyone is welcome. Join the group for study and prayer

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

A sermon series in February

Skepticism and indifference to the church and the Lord we proclaim is very prevalent today. More churches closed than were started in 2019, the last year data was available. This trend has been growing for decades but peaked during Covid. How can we reach people who, with every generation, are more apathetic and even negative about the church? One way is to face the arguments made against the church, the Bible, and even the existence of God himself. Taking Peter’s challenge in I Peter 3:15-16 we will share messages in February that will help us engage the skeptic, and address the doubt that can even creep up in a believer’s heart.

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		FEBRUARY 2023		<i>“To Know God And Make Him Known”</i>		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14			1 Bethel Church Marcus Wall FEMAP	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 No Youth Pastor FCM	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 OUAKER MEN	11 -Harmony Grove No Pastor -Odre Nuevo (New Wineskins) Misael Morales
12 Hood Swamp Friends Lee Lane East Africa YM	13 -Hunting Creek No Pastor -Pilot Mountain Jeremiah Thomas	14 Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes	15 Liberty Friends James Moore QUAKER LAKE	16 Marlboro Friends Ray Luther Terry Linthicum	17 Mar Mac Friends Howard Seymour USFW	18 Mountain View Friends Jeff Stowers
19 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	20 Rocky River Friends David Hobson FDS	21 Science Hill Friends John Porter Superintendent Mike Wall	22 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding	23 Thomasville Friends Eric Morrison	24 White Plains Friends Dusty Ball Jamaica YM	25 Winthrop Friends Harold Salmons
26 Archdale Friends Rodney Kirby Social Media Co Jenny Gullion	27 Asheboro Friends David Millikan	28 Back Creek Friends No Pastor	“The church is not a human invention, it is a Divine Institution. The church owes its origin to God because the church is the people of God.” Alistair Begg, Pastor, Author			

Everyone Invited

Leadership NIGHT

Sunday February 26 6:00 pm	YOU ARE ALL LEADERS!
	DINNER PROVIDED

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Attention High School Seniors & Returning College Students:

**Scholarships Available:
To students in your meeting**

*Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarships
provided by NC USFW*

Forms for applications can be found online

At <http://friendschurchnc.org/usfw>

Applications are now available and must be postmarked no later than March 15 to be considered.

Send to: Bennie Burton

155 Toms Creek Bluff Ln.

Pilot Mountain, NC 27041

(Address is also on the application)

Add This to March Activities on Page 5:

Register By February 24th online at www.quakerlakecamp.org/womens-retreat
Or send to **Quaker Lake Camp**

Women's Retreat

March 4, 2023

8:30am-5:30pm

Check-in 8:30am to 9am

Cost: \$50 (light breakfast & lunch included)



A day of worship, relaxation and fellowship! Choose from optional activities. Open to women of all ages.

SATURDAY | 03.25.2023 | 8:30 pm

Following Revival

Coffee
Conversation
Cookies

FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS



On Sunday, immediately after worship, everyone join in the fellowship hall for a fellowship lunch. The Christian Ed Committee will provide soups. You may bring crackers and/or dessert to contribute to the meal.



Featuring guest speaker
Darryl Love

Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:00pm
with Lauren Willard as our guest musician

Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 7:00pm
Youth and Young Adult Emphasis
with Parker Love as our guest musician

Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 10:30am
with the Deep Creek Church Choir

REVIEWAL

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



Sunday, February 12 – Souper Bowl of Caring

Bring cans of any kind of soup to church
to help feed those in need in our area.

Deep Creek has supported this for a number of years.



About Souper Bowl of Caring: *What has a bigger impact than a trio of 300-pound linebackers bearing down on a quarterback? **You!** The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of people working together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. The number of families struggling to put good food on their tables continues to grow. You send all the funds you raise directly to the hunger-relief charity of your choice.*

Deep Creek Friends has chosen Yadkin Christian Ministries each year.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Bring cans of soup to church to support those facing food insecurity.



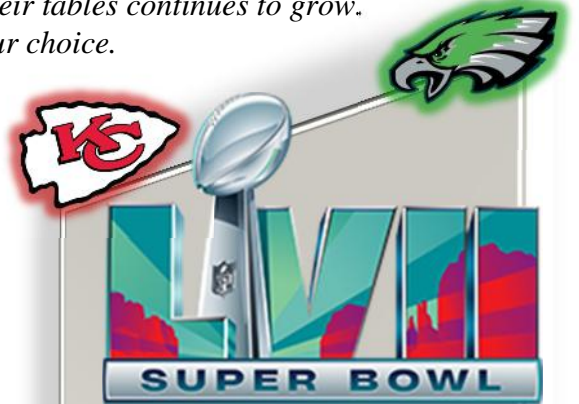
IN YADKIN COUNTY,

15.9%

OF PEOPLE FACE FOOD INSECURITY AND OVER

26%

OF CHILDREN LIVE IN FOOD INSECURE HOMES.



Enjoy the Game – Super Bowl LVII will be played at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona on Sunday, February 12 at 6:30 PM (on Fox)

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS will play PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

According to the News:

The Chiefs won a hard-fought 23-20 battle with the Cincinnati Bengals last Sunday afternoon to secure the AFC Championship and their half of the Super Bowl slot. Earlier in the day, the Eagles cruised to a 31-7 victory over the San Francisco 49ers to clinch the NFC Championship. The Eagles are making their second Super Bowl visit since 2018, when the team won for the first time in franchise history.



**FCNC 2023
Mid-Year Gathering**
at Concord Friends Meeting
on Saturday, March 18th



A bit about our Workshop Leader, Steven Ackley:

Steven, his wife Emily, and their four kids live in their hometown of Winston Salem, NC where Steven serves as the Pastor of Discipleship at Calvary Baptist Church. Steven is passionate about fulfilling God's command to make disciples and believes that the local church and the home are God's Plan A to accomplish His mission. Steven has earned both his M.Div and D.Min from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

- 9AM Business
- 10AM Workshop #1
- Noon BBQ Lunch provided by Concord
- 1PM Workshop #2

Lunch will be \$10/person.
Payment is to be received the day of at Registration.
Please RSVP to Mike Fulp by March 10th.

Workshops will focus on engaging and recruiting Young Adults within FCNC and the Meetings

Learn More.....

How do you grow your church and advance your Ministry?

"Well, one key is this- you turn ordinary attendees into passionate LEADERS of the ministry."

How do you encourage young people into church?

"You encourage young people into church by making them really, really want to go. They have a choice, and you need to treat them in a way that acknowledges that."

Volunteers Needed:

We will need folks to help with lunch and dinner.

If you can help during one of these meals, please call the ministry center by **March 13 at 336-677-3080 or email steelman.beth@gmail.com and let us know when you are available.** We will be scheduling a volunteer's meeting for those wishing to participate.



Tickets can be Purchased from Beth Steelman or Janet Robbins

Empty Bowls - March 21

Yadkinville Moose Lodge

Lunch 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM; Dinner 4:00 PM. – 6:30 PM

All meals are take-out ONLY

Ticket Price: \$25 includes:

a delicious meal, a pottery bowl & a chance to win a lovely quilt made by Shirley Murphy

(Additional quilt raffle tickets may be purchased for \$5.00 each.)

Meal consists of:

- Cracker Barrel vegetable beef soup,
- Taste of Italy salad & Ranch dressing, Krispy Kreme Donuts,
- and bottled water

All foods will be prepared by an inspected kitchen.

Don't Forget Your Tee-shirt

We have YCM tee-shirts for sale. They are available in sizes ranging from small to XXL at Yadkinville ministry center for only \$12. All proceeds from these shirts will go to Empty Bowls fund raiser as well.



Invite your Friends
and Family

CHILDREN

From Sydney

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friends of Jesus:
February 5
February 19

Children's Church:
February 12
February 26



Valentine's Day Party:
February 12 after worship service (for lunch)

Sydney Matthews:
(336) 469-3476 or
syd.matthews22@gmail.com

Youth Ski Trip



YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

Upcoming Events:

February 5:

DOGS at 4:00

Youth at 6:00 at Deep Creek

February 12:

Youth Valentine's Event at Union Cross at 5:30

February 19:

Combined FCNC Youth Group meeting at Union Cross at 5:00

February 26:

DOGS at 4:00

Youth at Deep Creek at 6:00

Looking Ahead...

May 6 at 2:00 - Golf Tournament fundraiser at Silo Run

See flyers included in Newsletter.

Summer Mission Trip with FCNC Youth:

July 15-22 in Pittsburgh, PA.

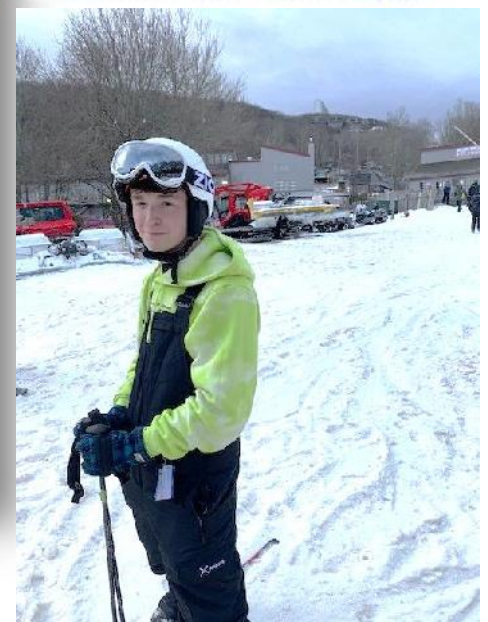
Let Jared know soon if you would like to go.

Annual Youth and Families Beach Retreat:

August 31 - September 4

Let Jared know if you would like to go.

NOTE from Janet Robbins: Some of you may wonder where the DOGS group got their name. It actually stands for Disciples of God's Spirit. Here is a picture of this group in 2004.





SILO RUN
GOLF COURSE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT YOUTH
AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS

ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 2023

LUNCH 12:30 . PUTTING CONTEST 1:30
TEE TIME 2:00

Contact Jay Brendle
(336.679.8089) or Jared
Warden (336.428.0775) for
more Information

\$200 per 4-person team
(\$50 per golfer)

Sponsorship Information on Back

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS 13TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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NAME: _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

*Please indicate your desired
contribution level below*

- _____ Bronze: \$50.00
- _____ Silver: \$100.00
- _____ Gold: \$250.00
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- _____ Diamond: \$1,000+
- _____ Individual Sponsor: _____

Proceeds benefit Deep Creek Children and Youth programs. Sponsors will be recognized and displayed on our sponsor sign at Silo Run Golf Course. Please make checks payable to Deep Creek Youth.

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING

1140 Deep Creek Church Road
Yadkinville, NC 27055

To submit your form or request more information, please contact Jay Brendle (336.679.8089) or Jared Warden (336.428.0775, jfwarden@gmail.com)



CONGRATULATIONS

TONY AND GENEVA REECE 61ST ANNIVERSARY



Tony and Geneva Reece will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary in February. They were married February 16, 1962. Their children, Danny (Jennifer) Reece of North Wilkesboro and Byron Reece of Raleigh; and their grandchildren, Anna (Andrew) Foster of Miller's Creek and Charles Reece of Cullowhee would like your help in wishing the couple a blissful and happy anniversary!

KATE SHORE CELEBRATES 102ND BIRTHDAY



Kate Shore, a remarkable lady and true example for us all, recently celebrated a milestone birthday at Boonville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Tracy Shore, speaking for the whole big family said: "We celebrated sweet Grandma Kate's **102nd Birthday** on Sunday, January 8th with tons of family and friends. She enjoyed seeing everyone and is loved by all."

Kate, in the picture above with one of her sons showing five generations: son Clark, granddaughter Tracy, great-granddaughter Taylor and great-grandson Colton.

Did You Know?



Mamie in Her Engagement Gown



President Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower proposed to his wife, Mary Geneva "Mamie" Doud on Valentine's Day.

"Mamie" had many suitors, but she began courting "Ike" in 1915. They were introduced while the Douds were visiting a friend. He broke convention by inviting her to tour the facility, where he was working, with him while he made his rounds. She was immediately infatuated with him, but she initially turned him down when he asked her on a date. He pursued her for the following month as she courted other suitors before they began to date exclusively, and they were engaged on the following Valentine's Day in 1916. Ike had initially given her a miniature of his West Point class ring as was custom. On her request, he later gave her a full size ring, and he formally asked permission to marry her on Saint Patrick's Day. Mamie would go on to celebrate both Valentine's Day and Saint Patrick's Day as the anniversary of their engagement. Mamie's father agreed to the marriage and they were married July 1, 1916 at the Doud family home.





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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Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Timothy 4:12

- 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.

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Deadline for news – February 26

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