

# The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

April, 2023

## Life Isn't Fair

When the girls were small, breakfast in our home was an interesting routine. Cheerios and waffles were the typical menu items at the Quate house. We tried to add a bit of variety to this morning ritual by offering cheerios with milk or cheerios without milk, waffles with butter or waffles without butter, etc.... However, one thing was always the same each morning; it was the awareness of fairness. When the cereal was put before the girls, the first glance was not to what they had been given, but how much the other one had received. If it seemed that there were too many cheerios in the other bowl, then the person who felt shortchanged would lodge a complaint with the management for more food. It is amazing how early the individual idea of fairness begins in our minds and how it remains with us throughout our lives.

As we look around us, we often see or experience difficulties that can cause us to think, "Life isn't fair". An employee who has been a devoted worker is laid off at the whim of management. A family is barraged with a sequence of challenges that cause permanent change, while their neighbors seem untouched by similar difficulties. A young person dies in the prime of their life. A family is forever changed as they permanently adjust to the care of a loved one who has suddenly become disabled, and the list goes on and on.

There are few answers that seem to satisfy our painful curiosity when we are hurting. Oh, there are some standard responses to the misfortune of others, but they often feel canned and superficial. The Bible does not seem to give excuses or reasons for all the individual sufferings we can endure in life. What we do have is the understanding that both good and bad experiences happen to both good and bad people, and that there are some things in this life that cannot be explained right now.

As a devoted missionary and church leader, the Apostle Paul had given his life in sacrificial service to Jesus Christ and His church. Yet there was a time when Paul had to endure what he called a "thorn in the flesh". When that thorn began to painfully pierce Paul's life, he cried out for deliverance. Three times he called out to God, and three times he received God's answer; "*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*" No excuses, no apologies, just a promise, and a perspective.

When a hard time comes, someone may be tempted to say, "Life isn't fair", and then follow with another typical complaint, "I don't deserve this". These responses to a crisis are understandable on an emotional level. When we are in pain, we cry out to God based on our vantage point in the struggle. Some of the great people of the Bible had their moments with such thoughts. But the problem comes when the "Life isn't fair" perspective becomes an engrained philosophy of life, a constant mindset instead of a fleeting reaction. When this outlook becomes the filter through which we view our existence we can become sour and bitter people. People who end up with a distorted faith, if any faith at all, and that becomes the greatest loss of all.

Ironically, Scripture supports the belief that life is not fair, and that we don't get what we deserve, but not in the way we think. In Ephesians, Paul writes these words: "*Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.*" (2:3-4) The Bible teaches that life is not fair, because we get to trade in our sin for the grace of God. The Bible also teaches that we do not get what we deserve. We deserve the wrath of God because we have all sinned, but instead God offers mercy. The Bible teaches that the greatest example of the undeserving and unfair nature of things is found in the crucifixion of Jesus. He was treated unfairly (mocked instead of worshipped) and did not get what he deserved (crucifixion instead of a crown) so that we might be treated unfairly (offered forgiveness in exchange for repentance) and get what we don't deserve, (adoption into God's family instead of receiving His wrath).

I have often wondered what that first breath in heaven will be like. What will we see? What will we hear? What will we feel? All of those questions are yet to be answered. But there is one other thing that piques my curiosity; what will be our first words as we catch our initial glimpse of glory? What might be your first words or thoughts? I believe our first reaction will be awed silence. Words will seem so inadequate in response to such a glorious reality. Eventually though, in those early adjustments to eternal life, words will begin to emerge. When those words come, they may be strangely familiar but with a far different meaning in the unfiltered presence of God's glory. As tears roll down our cheeks, we will say; "*This is not fair, I did not get what I deserved*" ...and we will be right.

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:**

April 2 – The Handbell Choir

April 9 – The Choir

April 16 – Bill Terrell

April 23 – The Choir

April 30 – Anointed By Grace

Choir Practice: April 2: 2:30-3:30; April 16: 3-4 PM



**Nursery Volunteers during Worship:**

April 2 – Janet Robbins

April 9 – Cathy Shore

April 16 – Ginger Holt

April 23 – Priscilla Shore

April 30 – Donna Barber

Submitted by Jay Brendle.

**Greeters for the month of April:**

**Debbie Hutchens, Fred Taylor**

Submitted by Jay Brendle:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**April 1 at 9:00 – Cemetery Clean-Up**



**APRIL 2 – PALM SUNDAY**

Handbells play at Worship

April 2 – 4:00–6:00 PM – **See Pg 6**

**Easter Egg Hunt and Food for Everyone**



**April 7 @ 7:30 PM – Good Friday Service**

**April 9 – 6:45 AM Easter Sunrise Service**  
followed by **Breakfast**



**8:00 AM - Worship**

Annual Cemetery Offering

**Sunday, April 16 @ 8:15 AM**

**Christian Education Committee**

**will meet; devotions by Michael Ray**

Angie Brendle, Chair

**April 16 – 10:30 AM Worship**

**Building Fund Sunday**

**NOTE: Change of Date:**

**April 16 – Monthly Meeting**

**After Worship**

*Committees, report at the meeting.*

**April 16 – Quarterly Meeting**

at Winthrop Friends Meeting

3:00 PM Ministry and Counsel

4:00 Business Session

**THOUGHT for April**

When we do what we consider to be “all the right things” like go to church, read our Bible, and pray, we feel like we should be blessed by the world’s standards. However, the Bible says that “He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous” (Matthew 5:45). So, why be a Christian? What good does it do us?

Well, as Easter approaches I am reminded that Jesus became human in order to become the ultimate sacrifice for all my sins. He lived the life I should live, and died the death I deserve. He experienced the absence of God so that we will never have to. He went to Hell and defeated Satan on our behalf. Furthermore, “Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us” (Romans 8:34). And, because he went to heaven and sent us the Holy Spirit, we have the promise that “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you” (Deuteronomy 31:8). You know, if God never does another thing for me, He has done EVERYTHING.

*For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.*

*2 Corinthians 5: 14-15*

Ginger Holt, Clerk



**Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM**

**Quaker Women meet in Fellowship Hall**

Ginger Holt and Sydney Matthews, hostess

Speaker: Beth Steelman from Yadkin Christian Ministries

Janet Robbins, President

**Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 PM**

**Ministry & Counsel will meet.**

**April 30 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday):**

**Anointed by Grace,  
a musical group from West Yadkin Baptist Church  
will lead us in worship.**

**May 1 – 5:59 PM -NC Quaker Men Spring Fling**

**@ Cedar Square Friends Meeting**

For more information or a ride contact Walter Shore

From Randy: Join Us – Bible Study continues each week: Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM – Meal included

*Have some Summer Fun with Randy:*

## Fly Fishing Class

May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 3:00pm

@ Deep Creek Friends Fellowship Hall

If you have ever wanted to learn how to fly fish, or just want to hone your skills, this class is for you. Brian Donley and Ray Coble, two experienced fly anglers, will be leading our class. We will be covering several aspects of the sport as well as types of rods, reels, lines, knots, flies, presentations, etc. There will also be time to practice casting. This will be a fun event. No experience necessary and no equipment needed. Bring a pencil, notebook, and your lunch.



The cost will be \$15 which will cover any materials and supplies needed for the day.

There will be more information in the bulletins and May newsletter. If you are interested, please sign up on Randy's office door. **Deadline for sign-up is May 1st.**

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

### WORSHIP

We are a fellowship centered in Jesus Christ, and led by the Holy Spirit. Worship is a celebration of adoration and obedience to God through listening, music and the spoken Word.

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

FCNC Prayer Calendar		APRIL 2023					<i>"To Know God And Make Him Known"</i>	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p><i>When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Pray the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."</i> Matthew 9:36-38</p>							1 Bethel Church Marcus Wall <b>FEMAP</b>	
2 Branon Friends Gloria Simmons Jordan Ramey Carlene King	3 Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson	4 Cedar Square Friends Michael Fulp Jr Sterling Brown	5 Centre Friends No Pastor No Youth Pastor <b>FCM</b>	6 Concord Friends Greg Creed	7 Connection Church Mike Wall	8 Deep Creek Friends Randy Quate Jared Warden Sydney Matthews		
9  EASTER Revival in FCNC	10 Forbush Friends Mitchell See Kyle Widlicka	11 Goldsboro Friends George Strickland <b>QUAKER MEN</b>	12 Hood Swamp Friends Lee Lane <b>East Africa YM</b>	13 Harmony Grove No Pastor Hunting Creek No Pastor	14 Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes	15 Liberty Friends James Moore <b>QUAKER LAKE</b>		
16 Marlboro Friends Ray Luther Terry Linthicum	17 Mar Mac Friends Howard Seymour <b>USFW</b>	18 Mountain View Friends Jeff Stowers	19 Odre Nuevo (New Wineskins) Misael Morales Alejandra Morales	20 Pilot Mountain Jeremiah Thomas <b>Superintendent Mike Wall</b>	21 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	22 Rocky River Friends David Hobson <b>FDS</b>		
23 Science Hill Friends John Porter ----- 30 Back Creek No Pastor	24 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding	25 Thomasville Friends Eric Morrison	26 White Plains Friends Dusty Ball <b>Jamaica YM</b>	27 Winthrop Friends Georgianne Hartline	28 Archdale Friends Rodney Kirby <b>Social Media Co Jenny Gullion</b>	29 Asheboro Friends David Millikan		

## Food for the Hungry

*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** from **Yadkin Christian Ministries**: Thanks to everyone who bought tickets to support Yadkin Christian Ministries Empty Bowls fundraiser. This *Drive-Through Takeout Lunch and Dinner* event was a huge success with over \$43,000 added to the finances of YCM. This money is especially needed since government food has been decreased by 50%. Thanks to all the sponsors, those who volunteered to help and Jeff and Becky Smith for assistance in use of the Yadkin Moose Lodge.



### *Just so you know the importance of these funds –*

Last month the following assistance was provided by YCM to Yadkin County residents:  
**294** Clients were served, representing **882** family members, totaling **30,350** pounds of food.

*When you are in the Grocery Store, pick up a few extra items to donate.*

### **Most needed now are:**

Peanut Butter, Cooking Oil, Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Fruit, Spaghetti Noodles

## NOTE: . . .

### **YOU CAN HELP**

**Yadkin County School Students  
(Who are in need)**

**You Can Donate Snacks  
and School Supplies,**  
suggestions below.

Place in the bin near the pastor's study.  
(Just inside the side door)

**In April – Evangelism and Outreach  
Committee will be filling baskets  
with different treats for our Yadkin  
County School's staff to deliver.**

Below are some suggestions, but not  
limited to this list.

#### **Food Snacks:**

Chocolate candies individually wrapped,  
hard candies / mints,  
nab crackers, breakfast bars, individually  
wrapped muffins, trail mix packs,  
individual chips

#### **School Supplies:**

Small post it notes,  
Pencils / pens, highlighters, sticky notes  
*and*

**Good used baskets**

### Quaker Women Learn of More Needs in Yadkin County New Horizons Adult Day Services, Inc.

By Janet Robbins



The Quaker Women met Tuesday, March 21 and enjoyed meals from The Empty Bowls fundraiser to support Yadkin Christian Ministries. We had a wonderful speaker, Leah Hanes, the Executive Director of New Horizons Adult Day Services, Inc. speak to us. New Horizons Adult Day Services is a private nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 2008 after Yadkin County discontinued ADVP. ***The Mission Statement is: To empower others to be as independent as possible. Connect others to resources that can help make them successful. To meet the needs of the whole person - body, mind and spirit.***

Leah told us that the facility was flooded after pipes froze last December 26. Sheetrock was soaked and many things were unable to be saved from the 16,030 gallons of water that flooded the facility. She said that this was a blessing in disguise. The community has responded to their devastating loss with donations, allowing them to renovate and purchase: sensory boards, mats for wheelchairs, a new recreation facility and a raised garden area that will accommodate wheelchairs.

The facility is open 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, where the 28 Members work in the Thrift Store, sort clothes, help deliver food for Meals on Wheels along with other jobs.

Leah has asked us to pray for other needs that they have which will allow them to provide more opportunities.



March 5, the McDonald Girls Sing to Open Our Worship

Upcoming: Mark your calendar

NC USFW Spring Conference  
 At Quaker Lake  
 May 20  
 Registration, Bookstore  
 & Refreshments  
 begins at 9:00  
 Speaker: Hope Carter,  
 Missionary In Africa  
 Register by May 13



# Fire Pit Fridays

April 21 at 7:00 pm  
 At the home of Jared and Gwyn  
 FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
 See Angie for more info

Rules to Live By: The Queries from the Faith and Practice of Friends Church of NC  
**Queries for Meetings on Ministry and Counsel**  
**PERSONAL LIFE AND CONDUCT**  
 Do you provide in your schedule of activities an opportunity for daily devotions? Do you prayerfully seek the leading of the Holy Spirit in the interpretation of scriptural truth? Does your personal conduct reflect the true dignity of Christian character as set forth in the Scriptures? Do you strive to live so that others see Christ in you?

## Songs of Jesus

O sing a song of Galilee,  
 Of lake and woods and hill,  
 Of Him who walked upon the sea  
 And bade its waves be still:  
 For though, like waves on Galilee,  
 Dark seas of trouble roll,  
 When faith has heard the Master's word  
 Falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary,  
 Its glory and dismay;  
 Of Him who hung upon the Tree  
 And took our sins away;  
 For He who died on Calvary  
 Is risen from the grave,  
 And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,  
 Is mighty now to save.



Louis F. Benson (1855-1930)

# CHILDREN

From Sydney



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR  
**EASTER  
EGG  
HUNT**

**APRIL 2 | 4:00pm  
FOR ALL AGES!**

BIBLE STORY  
GAMES  
EGG HUNT  
FOOD

AT DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING  
1140 DEEP CREEK CHURCH RD.  
YADKINVILLE, NC 27055

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS :

### Children's Church:

April 9

April 23

### Friends of Jesus:

April 2 – Easter Egg Hunt @ 4:00 PM

April 16 – He has Risen Party

Sydney Matthews:

(336) 469-3476 or

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



## At Children's Revival:



# YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

## **Upcoming Events:**

**April 2:** 4:00 PM Deep Creek Easter Egg Hunt (Youth and Dogs to participate)

**April 7:** 6:00 PM Union Cross Easter Egg Hunt (Youth to participate) And Youth Easter gathering to follow

**April 9:** Easter - No youth meeting

**April 16:** Youth at Deep Creek at 6:00

**April 22:** Youth rally at Branon Friends at 1:00

**April 23:** Youth at Union Cross at 6:00.

**April 30:** Youth at Deep Creek at 6:00



## **Looking Ahead...**

**May 6 – Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Silo Run Golf Course**

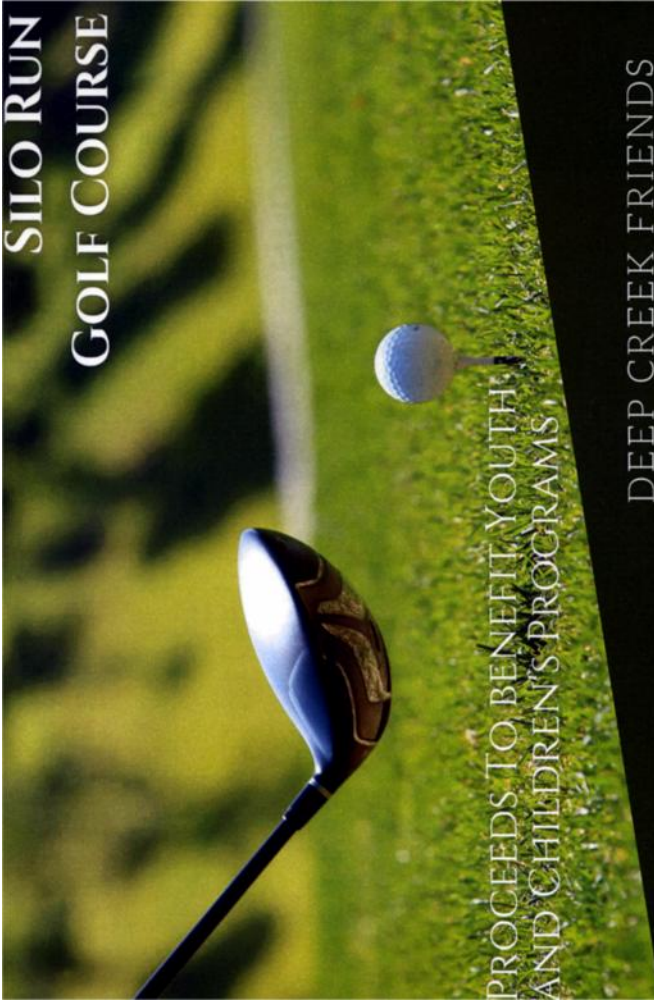
**July 15 -22 – Mission Trip to Pittsburgh, PA**

**August 31 - September 4 – Annual Beach Retreat: Let Jared know if you plan to attend.**

Fun & Food at the Youth and Young Adults Gathering after Saturday's Revival



Support the Youth: *Be a Golfer; Donate with a Sponsorship; Be a Helper*



# SILO RUN GOLF COURSE

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS

# ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 2023

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

Contact Jay Brendle (\$200 per 4-person team  
(336.679.8089) or Jared (\$50 per golfer)

Warden (336.428.0775) for more information

Sponsorship Information on Back

## DEEP CREEK FRIENDS 13TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

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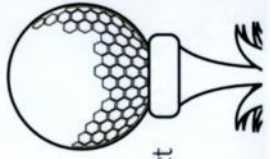
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Platinum: \$500
- \_\_\_\_\_ Diamond: \$1,000+
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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 )





*At this Resurrection Season we Remember  
With Gratitude and Appreciation,  
Those Members of Deep Creek Friends Meeting  
Who Passed Away since Easter 2022*



### **Gladys Adams**



Gladys Adams lived in the community for years, then moved away for a while with her husband and family, but in later years returned to church with her daughter-in-law, Brenda and was just as if she had never left, which

she hadn't really as she had continued to support the church. Gladys loved her big family and loved to do things for others. She had a special gift with a needle, whether by machine or by hand. From her days work, she would bring home the fabric scraps and make stacks of baby blankets and clothes for her Missinary Circle to donate. Beautiful sewing machine embroidered pillow cases and other items were gifts for her friends and brides and babies and always a variety of items for the church auctions. She also did beautiful crochet work. For many years Gladys was a faithful and hard worker on the church Hospitally Committee. She also enjoyed her Sunday School Class and special outings with them.

### **Lois Brendle**



Lois Brendle and her husband were a dedicated couple and both enjoyed the church music and going out to eat listening to country bluegrass. Lois was known for the smile on her face and her encouraging words, especially to the children and youth. Some of our adults now remember the Children's Sunday School Class she taught and had them act out the Bible stories and when

she helped Nora Shore with Trick or Treat for UNICEF. She was also a good cook and brought food to church for any event. Once she hurried to bring her several dishes into the Fellowship Hall, but couldn't find that special pie. Finally, she went back home to return with the story that in her rush she had set the pie on top of her car and it didn't make it to church. This dissapointing event was a lesson for her and others, but for the true Lois, it became a laughing story. When she could no longer attend church, she remained interested in what was happening and especially enjoyed getting the Sunday Bulletins that were taken to her each Sunday by Mike Shore.

### **Mary Willard**



Mary Willard loved her family and had a gift of caring. She seemed to enjoy church activities even when it was work. Serving on the Greeters Committie, she met everyone at the church door with a smile that made you feel loved. She served on the Hospitality Committee helping with food for church events and family meals for funerals. There were fun times working with her husband at the Chicken Stews and reaching out when meals were prepared for Impact Yadkin and other youth and children events; many times bringing her grand daughters along to assist with her assignment. She was also there helping when the Quaker Women filled dozens of plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and their other events, especially the fun Christmas dinner. She also enjoyed the Young at Heart meal trips to the mountains.





## 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*

The 2023 White House Easter Egg Roll will be held on Monday, April 10

- The South Lawn is filled with exciting activities for the whole family, including storytime, games, live entertainment, and the traditional Easter Egg Roll.

- What do I wear? There is no dress code, but most people wear Your Sunday best.

*Presidents and their families enjoy the White House's largest public celebration, and is customary for*

*Presidents, First Ladies, their children, grandchildren and pets to attend. Among the most eagerly anticipated guest is the Easter Bunny.*

- How can I get invited? Get a ticket, you must literally win the lottery. Entry is free, but demand outweighs supply, so you must enter a ticket lottery at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov)



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And at the dinner hour he sent his slave to those who had been invited, "come for everything is ready now" Luke 14:17

**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 – May, 2023**

**Deadline for news – April 30**

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