

Skunks

Yadkinville is a great place to live. However, there is one thing I wonder: if there was a skunk census where would Yadkin County fall? How many skunks are here? Or more specifically, how many dead skunks are here? They are a frequent sight on these beautiful country roads.

Years ago, on a hot August day, I was driving down old 421 and encountered a deceased skunk in my lane. It did not take long for that ripe smell to rush into the car. Impulsively, I slowed down and turned the air conditioner fan on high. I soon realized that the car was being filled with that one-of-a-kind scent. I then resorted to another impulsive reaction: I turned the fan off. In that moment I had effectively sealed that aroma all around me. I was sitting in the middle of a skunk cloud! To add to the dilemma, I had slowed down while I valiantly tried to keep from being overwhelmed by skunk. My slower pace kept me in the vicinity of that odorous varmint which allowed the smell a chance to linger. After what seemed like a painfully long time, I finally found relief by opening up all the windows of the car and accelerating back up to speed. Church bulletins and food wrappers were flying around in the back seat, but it did not matter. The hot summer air was pushing that pungent smell away and I was able to continue my journey. I recently remembered that August moment when I passed six "Pepé Le Pews" in the course of the same day. However, I have learned how to respond to a dead skunk: open the windows and don't slow down!

You know, as we move through each day, we never know what we will encounter. There are many unpleasant and unprovoked difficulties that could lay in our path. They may merely be aggravating inconveniences, or they may be disruptions that challenge us in a deeper way. In times like that, what is typically your first impulse? Is it anger or blaming? Is it withdrawal or incessant worry? How much do these impulsive reactions actually help us deal with the discomfort of a frustrating moment? Often, they just serve to trap those negative emotions in the cabin of our thoughts where we rehearse them over and over. If the windows of our mind and spirit are closed, or at least distracted from the truth and promises of God, we can be stuck with the odor of a bad experience in our head. Our natural impulses are not effective in fending off such irritations. Instead, what if our initial response was to open the windows of our mind to allow the fresh air of a verse of Scripture to flow through? What if instead of reacting, we acted, and began to sing a hymn or a worship song? What if in the midst of that disgusting moment we began to pray? We may find, in most cases, that the scent of the trial begins to fade. What if instead of parking our thoughts near the place of frustration, we focus on where we are going? What if in the moments we are disrupted by an unprovoked and unexpected trial, we keep our destination in mind? As followers of Christ, we have an identity, a purpose, and a destiny that are all given by God. When we surrender ourselves over to God's panoramic view of our life in the here and now, the scent of life's hurts is put into perspective and they often begin to slip away. This is not about denial. Skunks stink. Sometimes life stinks. But God is good, and when we allow His perspective and promises to flow through our minds and spirits, He will transform our days, no matter what's in our path!

PS. Here are some good passages to tuck in your mind for those unexpected disappointments: Psalm 27:1, Isaiah 12:5, I Peter 5:6-7, Ephesians 2:4, James 1:3, 1:12, I John1:9, 3:1, Galatians 6:9, Philippians 4:8



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: March 5 - Debbie Hutchens March 12 – The Choir March 19 - Tommy and Cathy Shore March 24-26 - Revival: Friday @ 7:00 PM - Lauren Willard Saturday @ 7:00 PM - Parker Love Sunday @ Worship Time – The Choir Choir Practice: 1st & 3rd Sundays 3-4 PM

Nursery Volunteers during Worship: March 5 – Sarah Ray March 12 – Donna Raines March 19 – Rhonda Moran March 26 – Jean Hutchins Submitted by Jay Brendle.

Greeters for the month of March: **Steve Hutchens, Harold Clarkson** Submitted by Jay Brendle:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday, March 12 **Daylight Savings Time Begins** Set your clocks



NOTE: Change of Date:

March 19 – Monthly Meeting After Worship *Committees, report at the meeting.*

March 24 - 26 – REVIVAL See Pg. 4 & 5 Friday and Saturday @ 7:00 PM Sunday @10:30 AM with lunch following

Sunday, March 19 @ 8:15 AM **Christian Education Committee** will meet, devotions Tommy Shore Angie Brendle, Chair

Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 PM

Quaker Women meet in Fellowship Hall Brenda Shore, hostess; for the meal we will be supporting Yadkin Christian Ministries & have soup from the Empty Bowls fundraiser. Let Janet know if you need a ticket. Speaker from Hands of Hope. Janet Robbins

Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 PM

2 Ministry & Counsel will meet.

THOUGHT for March

The following is a true story. I have changed the names and places to protect the innocent and guilty alike. Two friends of mine, who do not know each other, and had not met until recently, are both very good people, but one is unchurched and the other is a minister. I will call them "Violet" and "Rosie". Rosie is a believer, but does not go to church. I have known her for several years. I have known Violet my entire life. Her father was a minister, and when she grew up, she went into ministry herself. Rosie works in retail. Violet is an associate pastor at a large church.

A few weeks ago Rosie asked me if I knew Violet. Violet and I share a maiden name, so she thought I might. "I do know her", I said. Before I could get the words "she is a minister" out of my mouth, Rosie began to tell me about an "unpleasant" encounter she had with her. Apparently, there was an honest mistake with an order Violet was expecting to receive, and even though Rosie explained what had happened, and said they would make it right, Violet was hateful about the whole situation. Let's just say I am happy I did not mention that Violet is a minister.

As Christians, we are called to be "in the world, but not of the world". We are called to be different; to handle situations with grace, forgiveness, and love. We are to "turn the other cheek". Our lives preach. The world is watching. We cannot grow God's kingdom by giving the unchurched the ammunition they need for the excuses used to not come to church. Violet was expecting her order when she arrived to pick it up. It was not there. We all would have been disappointed about that. But, being "hateful" about the situation did not get her order to her any faster. And, had I finished my sentence to Rosie about Violet being a minister, Rosie would have probably thought "Well, I may not go to church, but I do not treat people like that." We are all human, and we make mistakes. Perhaps Violet had a hard day, and her lost order was the final straw. I do not know. What I do know is that her actions were preaching at that moment, and not in a way that would cause Rosie to want to go to church.

We must really be careful to treat others the way we want to be treated, under ALL circumstances. People are watching. It makes a difference. The Bible says we will be known by our love. We need to make sure everyone sees that side of us.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

- Proverbs 3: 3-4

Ginger Holt, Clerk

Reminder to Everyone: Do you wish/need to use the church facilities for an, event, reunion, etc. OR share talents? Contact Ginger Holt at 336-244-5235 to be put on a calendar. Ginger is responsible for both, the church Event Calendar and the Music Calendar.

Membership Class

Beginning Sunday, March 12th @ 4:00pm

If you are curious about what Quakers believe, this class is for you. We will study a brief history of Friends and our beliefs. We will also seek to better understand what it means to be a church member. These classes are not only informative, but they are always fun. If you have interest in becoming a member of Deep Creek Friends, or just want to understand more about Friends faith and practice then come join us!

The class will last for about 6 weeks and will meet each Sunday at 4:00pm. Class location will be announced. Please let Randy know if you would like to attend.

You can call him at 336-580-2853

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

We believe the Truth is found in our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, as the living Word of God and in the Bible as the written Word of God.

FCNC Prayer Calendar MA			ARCH 2023		"To Know God And Make Him Known"	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The shortest distance between our problems and their solutions is the distance between our knees and the floor. Dr. Charles Stanley			1 Bethel Church Marcus Wall FEMAP	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 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
12 Hood Swamp Friends Lee Lane East Africa YM	13 Hunting Creek No Pastor	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 Mid-Year Gathering
19 Odre Nuevo (New Wineskins) Misael Morales	20 Pilot Mountain Jeremiah Thomas	21 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	22 FWCC Section of the Americas March 23-26 South and Central America & Caribbean Friends	23 Rocky River Friends David Hobson FDS	24 Science Hill Friends John Porter Superintendent Mike Wall	25 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding
26 Thomasville Friends Eric Morrison	27 White Plains Friends Dusty Ball Jamaica YM	28 Winthrop Friends Georgianne Hartline	29 Archdale Friends Rodney Kirby Social Media Co Jenny Gullion	30 Asheboro Friends David Millikan	31 Back Creek Friends No Pastor	

Pray Daily for Ministries, Other Friends Meetings and Leadership:

FCNC: Friends Church of North Carolina Mailing Address Has Changed:

New Address: P O Box 4240, ARCHDALE, NC 27263

Please begin to use this address immediately for **ALL** mail that was sent to our old address. All checks for Financial Obligations or donations should come to the new address. If you have automatic bill pay set up through your bank, please remember to update the address. **Please make sure the Treasurer has this new address.** I have a forwarding order with the post office but that always delays the mail.

If you have any questions, please email me at jcranford@ncym-fum.org or phone 336.875.8615.

Thank you for your assistance.

Judith Cranford, Financial Manager

REMINDER: Postmark Deadline is <u>March15</u>

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)

Register by March 10:

FCNC 2023 Mid-Year Gathering

at Concord Friends Meeting on Saturday, March 18th

9:00 AM – Business 10:00 – Workshop "How to Grow Your Church" Noon – BBQ Lunch by Concord 1:00 PM – Workshop continues



with Stephen Ackley of Calvary Baptist Church WORSHIP, MUSIC & SUNDAY LUNCH

COME TO DEEP CREEK MARCH 24, 25, 26

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

On Sunday, immediately after worship, Everyone join in the <u>Fellowship Hall for a fellowship Lunch</u>. The Christian Ed Committee will provide soups. You may bring crackers and/or dessert to contribute to the meal. For questions or if you wish to help please see Angie.

Meet the **Revival** Guest **Speaker**:

Darryl Love is a native of NC and has called High Point home since 1992. He is married to the love of his life Rhonda, and they have two kids, a "new" grandson and 2 grand pups –"life is an exciting journey for sure."

He began in student ministry in 1992 and eventually became the lead pastor at Crossover Community Church, where he has served this church for 31 years. Darryl and Rhonda also launched a non-profit ministry dear to their hearts in 2011. Healing Place Ministries is a place of respite for ministers and spouses.

In his free time Darryl enjoys getting away to the NC Mountains.

Meet the Guest Musicians:

<u>Friday Night:</u> Lauren Willard is a Boonville native and has been singing with the Boonville UMC choir since 1997 and the Phatt City Band since 2010. She loves to sing and her musical influences include Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley, Ann Wilson, and Mavis Staples. Lauren grew up listening to rock and roll, Southern gospel, blues, and bluegrass. She enjoys singing locally and is always hopeful that her performance will spread the joy of Jesus to others.

<u>Saturday Night:</u> <u>Parker Love</u>, son of Darryl, has been a worship leader since his middle school chapel days at HPCA in High Point, NC. He surrendered to the call to ministry in his freshman year of high school. He completed his undergraduate degree in Worship Ministry at Liberty University while leading worship for a local student ministry. He received his master's degree in business management and marketing also from LU.

Parker joined the staff at Crossover Community Church in 2014 as the Worship Pastor and has since transitioned to the role of Executive Pastor. Because of his passion for worship, he continues to serve on the worship team.

What little free time he has, he enjoys outdoor rock climbing, mountain biking, disk golf and time with his wife Kaitlyn and their 6 month old son, Harlan.

Meet the Guest Kids Leader:

Friday & Saturday Nights and Sunday Morning

Emily Crouse is from Union Cross Friends where she volunteers with Children's Church and other Children's events and is excited and already planning for the upcoming Kids Revival with us. She is daughter-in law of Pam and the late Mike Crouse and she and her husband, Lance have a daughter.

"Be in prayer for her as she comes."

Other Revival Events & Services:

Nursery provided during each service:

Friday night – Cathy Shore Saturday night – Donna Barber & Debbie Hutchins Sunday morning – As regular schedule

Kids Revival in Fellowship Hall – See pg 8

Youth and Young Adults Event in Fellowship Hall after Saturday Service - See pg 8

NOTE: Handbell Practice March 12, 19 and 26 @ 3:00; April 2 practice @ 8:30 & Play at Worship.

Church Flowers:

If you would like to **place flowers in the church** on a given Sunday please reach out to Angie Brendle or Jean Hutchins and let us know. With Spring approaching and flowers blooming, we welcome vases of things you might have blooming in your yard or *flower garden. Angie cell:* 336 244-8791 and Jean 336 469-8692

Church Events & Opportunities for You

If you wish to help provide evening meal for our Youth, please let Angie know.

NOTE <u>Youth Internships Available</u>: Any Youth that are Junior / Senior in High School or College Young Adult that might be interested in doing an Internships, please let Angie or Jared know.

Upcoming news:

Easter Egg Hunt - April 2 beginning at 4:00 PM Fellowship and Hotdog Meal for church family. More info to come.

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 to everyone who brought soup or canned goods for Souper Bowl Sunday. Two carts of food, 291 pounds, were taken to Yadkin Christian Ministries. Thank you so much for your

support and your compassion for our community.







Coming Up:

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 <u>delicious meal</u>, a <u>pottery bowl</u> & a <u>chance to win</u> 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 Dougnuts, 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.

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.





Can You Help?

NOTE:

Evangelism and Outreach Committee will be filling baskets with different treats for our Yadkin County Schools to deliver in April. You Can Donate Snacks and School Supplies

We will have a bin near the pastor's study for anyone to bring in good used baskets, treats and small supplies. 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,

School Supplies: Small post it notes, Pencils / pens, highlighters, sticky notes

individual chips





North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

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Eastern N.C. Disaster Relief March 26 - 31, 2023 New Bern, North Carolina

We will be starting off this new year on a good note with a spring rebuild trip to New Bern. Last year, during multiple trips to New Bern, we were blessed to help build a complete house for a special lady who lost her entire house during hurricane Mathew. This year's spring trip will consist of hurricane repair work to existing homes still damaged from previous storms. Even after quite a few years, there continues to be families with no insurance or funds to repair their homes damaged by multiple hurricanes. Volunteers are the only way these homes will be repaired.

We will continue to work with the Baptists On Missions Disaster Group as we did all last year. The Baptist on Missions group requires their volunteers to submit a background check before volunteering. If you have already submitted a background check you will not be required to complete another one. If you have not completed one it is very simple and only takes a few minutes. Contact us and we can walk you through it. If you would like to participate, please contact one of the Co-Coordinators listed above as soon as possible.

Lodging : Baptists on Missions - New Bern Rebuild Center

2108 Old Cherry Point Rd.

New Bern N.C. 252-571-6347

Meals will be provided by the Baptist on Missions group. (Prepared by our wonderful cooks !!!!!)

Plan on meeting Sunday afternoon, March 26th at 5:00 PM at Moore's BBQ 3621 MLK Blvd New Bern NC for a group meal.

Please share this information with everyone at your meeting/church.

Thank You for your continued support of the

North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

Rules to Live By: The Queries from the Faith and Practice of Friends Church of NC Queries for Meetings on Ministry and Counsel RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Do you as elders and ministers recognize your responsibility in setting an example of faithfulness and loyalty to the meetings for worship and business? Do you accept appointment to this group as a definite response to the "high calling of God in Christ Jesus"? Are you concerned that the needs of all are ministered to in your meetings, whether by silent worship, inspirational speaking, or reverent music?

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING

···· Kids ··· Revival

WITH GUEST KIDS REVIVAL LEADER EMILY CROUSE

in Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:00pm Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 7:00pm Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 10:30am

CHILDREN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS : Children's Church: March 12

Friends of Jesus: March 5 March 19

<u>Easter Egg Hunt</u>: April 2 @ 4:00 PM Let me know if you can help!

From Sydney



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

SATURDAY | 03.25.2023 | 8:30 pm

Following Revival

FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Upcoming Events:

March 5: DOGS at 4:00 Youth at 6:00 at Deep Creek

March 12: Youth @ 6:00 at Union Cross

March 19: Dogs @ 4:00 Youth @ 6:00 at Deep Creek

March 25: Coffee, Cookies & Conversation – Youth and Young Adult discussions after revival

March 26: Youth @ 6:00 at Union Cross Stay tuned for Dogs and Youth fellowship outings in March.

Looking Ahead...

 April 22 - Youth rally at Branon Friends
 At Deep Creek Friends Meeting

 May 6 - Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by CE – See flyer for info.
 July 15 -22 - Youth Mission Trip to Pittsburgh, PA with FCNC youth groups

 August 31 - September 4 - Annual Youth/Families Beach Retreat (Let Jared know asap if you want to attend)



From Jared



FCNC Young Friends met At Union Cross Friends. February 19 Good fellowship, lesson on Prodigal Son







CONGRATULATIONS BROCK MORAN RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Announcement by Starmount Middle School:

"Congratulations to these students for exhibiting our character trait of RESPECT in the month of January!"



Brock Moran, 2nd from right, was among those recognized. Brock is also a student athlete, on the Honor Roll, and a member of the BETA Club and Chorus.



The Young Adults gathered for A Gastro Church on February 10th. They enjoyed a meal, fellowship and discussion on the unexpected in life and seeing God in the unexpected.





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

Leadership Meeting:

Around 40 adults and youth met for a wonderful time of discussion on how to be good leaders following Jesus' example.





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Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. Acts 20:28

- **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 – April, 2023

Deadline for news – March 26 Send Information and Materials to: e-mail: wshore@yadtel.net Mailing address: 2324 Shore Rd, Yadkinville, NC 27055 Phone: 336 679 8466

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