

The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

May, 2023

Too Good to Be True?

Whenever you watch TV or go online with your phone, you get bombarded with advertisements. Super sales, bargains, and once in a lifetime chances are common. In order to get our attention, retailers make offers that seem too good to be true, because most of the time they are. This is where the term “fine print” comes into play. The fine print shows all the details of the offer that you don’t see in the large print of the advertisement, such as hidden fees, limited availability, strict criteria to quality, etc.... Because of this, we become wary of all the amazing offers we hear. But this approach to filtering the “good news” that comes our way should not be applied to God and his invitations through Jesus Christ.

Jesus gave an open armed appeal in Matthew 11:28-30 that seems too good to be true. We read, *Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”* NLT Jesus says we can come to him just as we are and receive the soul care we need. Not only does he seem open to our presence, whatever our condition, but also eager and welcoming.

But, we say, “What do I have to do in order to collapse in his arms with my burdens and failures?” We think there has to be a catch. What is some of the “fine print” we may assume is attached to the free invitation of Jesus?

First, *“I am too sinful to come to Jesus.”* We resist his invitation because we feel so unworthy, and the secret is that we *are* unworthy, all of us, but that is why Jesus came to the world in the first place. His invitation to come to him in faith is made without restrictions. This very invitation is made for broken people, people who have failed and sinned like you and me. Jesus does not have a restriction based on our unworthiness, because he knew our state before he made the appeal.

Second, *“I have to build a track record first”.* This is the mentality that I can only approach Jesus when I have constructed a resume of obedience. This forces a question about obedience: “Do I do what I do because I am convinced that Jesus passionately loves and desires me, or do I do what I do to *get* Jesus to love me?” In reality, Christ’s heart for you is not fueled by your obedience nor diminished by your failure. Actually, obedience will not become a natural part of our lives until we are convinced that Jesus has an unconditional love for us.

The third fine print assumption is a misconception: *“I already know Jesus loves me”.* This sounds good, but it is actually a complacent spirit that minimizes God’s heart. It is the state of being familiar with the concept of Jesus’ love but never being captivated by Jesus’ heart. It’s like the person who says they know how beautiful the Grand Canyon is because they saw a picture in a magazine. To have a superficial and self-focused acceptance of Jesus’ love is to miss the point. To miss the undeserved nature of his love is to minimize our own sin and hopeless state apart from God’s grace. This is not because we are totally unfamiliar with it, but because our faith is not deep enough to see ourselves as we really are, and then to see Christ still say, “Come to me!”

All of these fine print responses to the good news of Jesus’ invitation minimize the amazing opportunity his offer affords. Only Christ’s heart for us can slay the twin dragons of pride and fear that can so often lay our spiritual vitality to waste. If I am truly convinced of Christ’s passionate pursuit of my heart, because of *his* heart, then I am standing on the most solid foundation for a life given to him. (Romans 5:2).

So, here is the good news! We can come to Jesus at any time, in any condition, with any need, and know we will be received. It is true! No fine print!

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:

May 7 – The McDonald Girls; Debbie Hutchens
May 14 – The Choir
May 21 – Walter Shore
May 28 – The Choir



Choir Practice:

1st and 3rd Sundays at 3:00 PM **Come join the Choir**

Submitted by Jay Brendle.

Nursery Volunteers during Worship:

May 7 – Sarah Ray
May 14 – Donna Raines
May 21 – Rhonda Moran
May 28 – Jean Hutchins

Greeters for the month of May:

Charlene Taylor, Don Steelman

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May 6 – Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Silo Run Golf Course
Lunch – 12:30
Putting Contest - 1:30 Tee Time - 2:00

Contact Jay -336 679 8089 or Jared -336 428 0775



Saturday, May 13 – Put non-perishable foods at your mailbox
See page 4

Saturday, May 13 – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Fly Fishing Class in the Fellowship Hall
Join the Fun. See page 5

May 14 – Happy Mother's Day



Sunday, May 21 @ 8:15 AM
Christian Education Committee
will meet; devotions by Michael Ray
Angie Brendle, Chair

NOTE: Change of Date:

May 21 – Monthly Meeting
After Worship

Each Committee: *Please appoint a spokesperson for the meeting.*

Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 PM
Ministry & Counsel will meet

NOTE: Change of Date

Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 PM
Quaker Women meet in Fellowship Hall
Hostesses: Cathy Shore & Angie Brendle
Speaker: Bridget Boyles from Hands of Hope
All ladies are welcome Janet Robbins, President

THOUGHT for May

Mama said “Be good to people, and they will be good to you.” Mama said “Smile at people, and talk to them”. She also said, “If God gives you a talent, you should use it to give Him glory”.

Now that I am an adult, I look back on her sayings, and I feel so lucky to have had such a wise Mama. Her words were as meaningful as they were simple: “Be good to people”, “Smile at people”, “Talk to people”, “Use your talents to glorify God”. Pretty good advice.

Thank you Mama.

Proverbs 31:26 - *She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.*

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers and Mothers at Heart.



Ginger Holt, Clerk

Volunteers Needed: Will YOU help? See Page 4

- * Keep the **Nursery** during Sunday School
- * **Drive** (take rotation) the Church Van to pick up Children

Share Your Yard Flowers

As beautiful flowers grow and bloom in our gardens and yards, would like to place flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday morning?
Please let Angie Brendle or Jean Hutchins know.

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

God's Grace in the Midst of Crisis

A Study in The Book of Ruth
 Wednesday Nights Beginning May 10th

Times are very difficult in our world...and they can be in our own lives as well. During these seasons of anguish, God is not absent. He can weave his providential grace in our lives in ways we've never imagined. The black backdrop of darkness actually can become a stage for God's light to shine all the more. In the book of Ruth, we meet a woman who has experienced one crisis after another, one loss after another. This was all during a time when Israel was in the chaotic time of the Judges. But God was at work in Ruth's life in ways she could have never imagined. He can even use something as common as a field of barley to not only deliver a woman in crisis, but also to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ!

Join us as we study the Book of Ruth and learn how God's presence can be even more pronounced when we are in our most challenging times.

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

We seek to encourage by ministering to spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

Pray Daily for Ministries, Other Friends Meetings and Leadership:

FCNC Prayer Calendar		MAY 2023		<i>"To Know God And Make Him Known"</i>		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Bethel Church Marcus Wall FEMAP	2 Branon Friends Gloria Simmons Jordan Ramey Carlene King	3 Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson	4 National Day Of Prayer <i>(For the Nation; For the church to rise up)</i>	5 Cedar Square Friends Michael Fulp Jr Sterling Brown	6 Centre Friends No Pastor No Youth Pastor FCM
7 Concord Friends Greg Creed	8 Connection Church Mike Wall	9 Deep Creek Friends Randy Quate Jared Warden Sydney Matthews	10 Forbush Friends Mitchell See Kyle Widlicka	11 Goldsboro Friends George Strickland QUAKER MEN	12 -Harmony Grove No Pastor -Hunting Creek No Pastor	13 Hood Swamp Friends Lee Lane East Africa YM
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 Odre Nuevo (New Wineskins) Misael Morales	20 Pilot Mountain Jeremiah Thomas
21 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	22 Rocky River Friends David Hobson FDS	23 Science Hill Friends John Porter Superintendent Mike Wall	24 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding	25 Thomasville Friends Eric Morrison	26 White Plains Friends Dusty Ball Jamaica YM	27 Winthrop Friends Georgianne Hartline
28 Archdale Friends Rodney Kirby Social Media Co Jenny Gullion	29 Asheboro Friends David Millikan	30 Back Creek Friends No Pastor	31 Baltimore Friends Gilbert Imbayi	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>"I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit. Apart from Me, you can do nothing."John 15:5</i></p> </div>		

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

Food Wish List for May: Peanut Butter, Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce



Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Annual event by US Mail carriers

Saturday, May 13 – Put cans of food or any non-perishable food items at your mailbox for your letter carrier to pick up on this day.

Since 1993, the Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has been the U.S.'s largest one-day drive, held annually on the second Saturday in May.

We are so appreciative of our postal carriers who work even harder on this day to support Yadkin Christian Ministries.



Deep Creek Volunteers Needed

*The Christian Ed Committee is looking for volunteers to help keep Nursery during Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Beginning May 7. If you could help, let Angie Brendle know.

*Also Need volunteers to help drive the church van to pick up children from the community for events such as VBS, Camp Creek, regular meetings and church services.

We need both male and female. We have a couple of folks already, but would like to have more in order to take rotations. Please let Angie Brendle or Trevor Collins know if you would like to serve in this ministry.

Remember:

NC USFW Spring Conference

At Quaker Lake

May 20

9:00 – Registration, Bookstore & Refreshments

10:00 – Music, Business, Speaker: Hope Carter, a Missionary In Africa for 38 years

Followed by Lunch

Register by May 13

For more information, contact Janet Robbins

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

HOME AND FAMILY

Do you practice the daily reading of the scriptures in your families, giving time for reverent meditation?

Deep Creek to Get New Sign

On April 16, Deep Creek Monthly Meeting approved getting a full color double faced LED sign from Spurlin Signs. The sign will be located on Deep Creek Church Road in the grassy area in front of the cemetery on the right side of the road as you head to the church. This site will allow visibility of the sign from Rockford Road as well as Deep Creek Church Road. It will display messages about upcoming events with ease of programming while increasing our visibility to the community.

A sign was first recommended by the Task Force in 2017 and picked back up in July, 2022. After discussion and a consensus that there was a need for more up to date signage with lighting, within a reasonable price, a committee was formed and considered three different proposals, which were presented with all information at the March and April monthly meetings.

We are very excited about our new sign and hope to get this project started soon. We have raised \$13,000 (over half the cost) through donations. If you are interested in helping with this project, please see Jared Warden or Randy Quate. Your support is much appreciated.



Come, Have some Fun with Randy

Fly Fishing Class

Saturday, May 13th from 9:00am – 3:00pm
@ our Fellowship Hall

Deadline for sign-up has been extended to Sunday, May 7th – Sign up on Randy's office door.

If you have ever wanted to learn how to fly fish, or just want to hone your skills, this class is for you. No experience and no equipment needed for this fun event. Brian Donley and Ray Coble, both experienced fly anglers, will lead the class 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. Bring a pencil, notebook, and your lunch. The cost of \$15 covers any materials and supplies needed.



Deep Creek LOOKING AHEAD:

June Newsletter includes Graduates of all ages
We will need a picture and an article about the student

Friend Day – June 4

Graduation Sunday – June 11

Camp Creek – June 22, July 6 & 20

VBS – Sunday, June 25 – Friday, June 30

New Deep Creek Staff Member for Summer

Destiny Ray will be serving as a Summer Intern, as approved by Monthly Meeting, assisting Youth Director, Jared Warden with the Youth summer program and activities. She will begin in late May.

Did you know?

Quaker Lake Camp is on this list?

Newsweek and Plant-A Insights Group ("Plant-A") have partnered to determine the 500 best summer camps in the U.S. "America's Best Summer Camps 2023" recognizes the top summer camps in the United States, categorized by state, based on social media reviews and a comprehensive survey of 15,000 parents.



Richmond Staff Temporarily Evacuated FUM Offices

On Tuesday, April 11, the large industrial fire at a 14-acre Richmond, Indiana plastics recycling facility led authorities to order an evacuation affecting thousands of residents. Friends United Meeting's offices on Quaker Hill are approximately two miles from the blaze site. The office closed temporarily due to increasing plastics/chemicals content and smoke in the air, both inside the offices and outdoors. Staff returned to the offices with discretion. Prayers were asked for the staff.

Easter at Deep Creek



Palm Sunday

The Handbells play



Sunrise Service

As The Sun Rises . . .



**Good Friday Service
Worship, Soft Piano and
Silent / Open Worship**

The Choir sings *Ten Thousand Angels,
Glory in the Cross*



Easter Worship

Congregation sings
He Lives

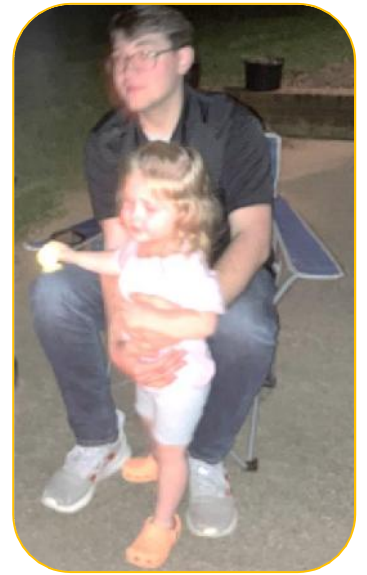
Sunday after Easter



Bill Terrell plays
*What A Friend We Have
In Jesus ; The Old Rugged Cross*



Young Adult Fire Pit Evening



CHILDREN From Sydney



Easter Egg Hunt Event

CALENDAR OF EVENTS :

Children's Church:

May 14

May 28

Friends of Jesus

Friday, May 12 @ 6pm

Sunday, May 21 @ 4pm

VBS

June 25-30 6pm-8:30pm

Camp Creek

June 22 @ 9am-11am

July 6 @ 9am-11am

July 20 @ 9am

Sydney Matthews:

(336) 469-3476 or

syd.matthews22@gmail.com



Walter tells the Story of Jesus from the Cradle to the Cross



YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

Upcoming Events:

May 6th:

Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser at Silo Run. **GOLF COURSE**

May 7th:

Dogs at 3:00

Youth at 4:00 at Deep Creek

May 14th:

No evening programs. Enjoy time with family for Mother's Day!

May 21st:

Dogs at 4:00

Youth at 6:00 at Deep Creek

May 28th:

Youth at 6:00 at Union Cross

June 3rd:

Dogs at 4:00

Youth at 6:00

June 11th: Graduation Sunday during the worship service.

Parents please have pictures to Jared by June 4th.

Union Cross Bible School starts at 6:00

(Youth invited to help with VBS)

June 18th:

No evening programs. Enjoy time with family for Father's Day!

June 25th:

Deep Creek Bible School starts at 6:00

(Youth invited to help with VBS)

July 15th - 22nd: Youth Mission trip to Pittsburgh, PA

Time for Praise and Prayer



**Adults
Hunt Eggs**



Fun Time



Craft Time



April Youth Event



CONGRATULATIONS

BROCK MORAN IN ALL COUNTY CHORUS



Brock Moran, son of Rick and Rhonda Moran, was selected to represent Starmount Middle School as a baritone in the All County Chorus. He performed with the chorus at the Yadkin County Middle School's evening of the arts and got to travel with the group to perform at Carowinds. He is a seventh grader and has recently joined the church choir.

CRAIG SHORE NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN



Dr. Craig Shore has been named Associate Dean of Students for J. F. Ingram State Technical College. Ingram State is the only institution offering correctional education to prisons in the State of Alabama. Its mission is to provide "comprehensive educational services to incarcerated adults" with the goal of returning responsible citizens to society and reducing repeat imprisonment. Craig has previously served as Director of Student Services/Registrar for the college. Craig and his wife, Sophy, reside in Montgomery, AL, and have four children. Craig is the son of Tommy and Cathy Shore and grew up in Deep Creek Friends Meeting.

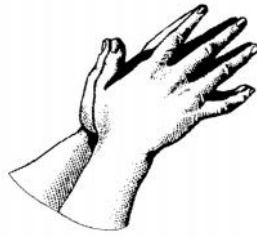
NEW BABY IN THE COMMUNITY



Hunter and Layne Michael have a baby girl, Madden Blake Michael, born April 28, weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces and 22 inches long. The proud Grandparents are Mike and Kelly Welborn and Great Grandfather Bob Smith.

Be ye fishers of men -- you catch them & He'll clean them.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.



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

Happy Memorial Day – May 29:



WHY IS THE POPPY ASSOCIATED WITH MEMORIAL DAY?

The red color is not a symbol of blood, death, or support for war.

Instead, poppies were the only flowers that grew in war-torn battlefields. When the countryside was nothing but mud and devastation, poppy flowers sprouted up and flourished.

According to The Department of Veterans Affairs: In the U.S., some people wear the red poppy on Memorial Day to honor those who died trying to protect the country associated with wartime since World War I.



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- 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 – June, 2023

Deadline for news – May 28

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Shelby Shore

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I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day.
2 Timothy 1:3

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