



# The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

July, 2023

## Yard Sale Spirituality

Have you ever had a yard sale? Here in the South, yard sales are as common as grits and sweet tea. Once a year there is actually a yard sale in eastern North Carolina that stretches 100 miles, across 5 counties! However, yard sales are hard to do. Actually going through your stuff and deciding what to put on sale for a fraction of the purchase price can be a challenge. Why is it so hard to decide what to part with? One of the reasons it's hard to let go of an item is the perception of necessity. We pull out a gadget that we bought years ago, and even though we have been able to function quite well without it for a long time we still sometimes think, "That might be useful one day. I might need that" and we put it back in the box. Another reason some things don't make it to the yard sale table is nostalgia. We run across mementoes and souvenirs from long forgotten trips, accomplishments, and experiences. We may find pictures and letters from people in our past that remind us of relationships that were once so vital, but which now seem like a lifetime ago. A yard sale that starts out as an effort to boost the family budget can quickly turn into a safari through the past.

Life with God can be a bit like getting ready for a yard sale. Over the years of our lives, emotional and mental "stuff" begins to accumulate. We find ourselves remembering life plans and projects that once seemed so important and now wondering why they never came to pass. We may think about goals we have made and try to dust them off, adding them to our present list of responsibilities, but that can quickly leave us overwhelmed. This is one thing that midlife does for you. It can make you think about the things that you planned to do in your life, while at the same time bringing you to the realization, "I can never get it all done". We are jolted out of the naive notion that there will always be enough time, and earthly existence, to accomplish everything we ever wanted to do. We start realizing that we have to make choices.

Taking an inventory of the plans and goals that cling to our conscious and subconscious mind is a very significant activity, and it is something that God wants to guide us through. Imagine that all of your life's dreams, intentions, and relationships are in a dusty box in the attic of your heart. Now visualize Christ coming to you as you begin to display all the stuff of your inner life that has been tucked away. Imagine Him saying, "I know the number of your days, you don't, so let me sort through this with you. Let my wisdom guide you through the choices you make today. Take that dream in the corner (by the way, I gave you that dream), and make it a priority again. Over there, on the right, take that relationship. I want you to renew your friendship with that person, make that a focus now. Oh, and there in the middle, that connection you always felt you wanted to have with Me, take that one too, that is the most important... that should do it" Then he backs away. Not because he is disinterested or distracted, but because he wants to leave the choice with us. It is the choice to do what is the most important. It is the decision of priority, and the Lord leaves that for us to decide. He wants to give us the opportunity to desire what is important, instead of being swept gently away by the demands of the urgent, or our own natural longings. He wants to see if we really want Him most of all. John Piper powerfully speaks to this when he writes:

*"The greatest enemy of hunger for God is not poison but apple pie. It is not the banquet of the wicked that dulls our appetite for heaven, but endless nibbling at the table of the world... The greatest adversary of love to God is not his enemies but his gifts. And the most deadly appetites are not for the poison of evil, but for the simple pleasures of earth. For when these replace an appetite for God himself, the idolatry is scarcely recognizable, and almost incurable."*

So, let's have those yard sales, and divest ourselves of the clutter. But more importantly, may we let God into the backed-up clutter in our souls, so that He can restore in us an appetite and a thirst for Him. He wants to renew in us a fresh vision of the wonderful life He is calling us to live.

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:

July 2 – The Kids and Youth - **VBS music**

July 9 – Angie Brendle

July 16 – Phyllis Barnes

July 23 – The Women's Trio

July 30 – Morgan and Millie Salmons

Choir Practice:

The choir is taking off the month of July and will resume rehearsals Sunday, August 13 at 3:00 PM



Submitted by Jay Brendle.

Nursery Volunteers during Worship:

July 2 – Donna Barber

July 9 – Sarah Ray

July 16 – Donna Raines

July 23 – Rhonda Moran

July 30 – Jean Hutchins

Submitted by Angie Brendle  
[Sunday School Nursery](#)  
9:30-10:30 AM

July 2 – Jean Hutchins

July 9 – Priscilla Shore

July 16 – Donna Raines

July 23 – Cathy Shore

July 30 – Jean Hutchins

Greeters for the month of July:

Jean Hutchins and Michael Ray

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[July 1 – Parades, etc. Yadkinville & East Bend](#)



[July 4 – Happy Independence Day](#)

**Thursdays, July 6 and July 20 – Camp Creek**  
**9:00 AM-11:00 AM, Children Bring a friend**

**July 20 includes a trip to Safari Nation**

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**July 9 – Building Fund Offering**

**July 9 – Monthly Meeting**

**After Worship**

**\*Each Committee: *Please appoint a representative to report.***

**Christian Education Committee**

**Will NOT meet in July**

Angie Brendle, Chair

**July 16 – Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting**

**3:00 PM at Branon Friends Meeting**

Branon will provide a meal of hamburgers, chips, drink, and dessert. The cost of the meal will be \$10.00. One-half of the proceeds will go to Yadkin Christian Ministries, and one-half to a ministry of the Quarterly Meeting's choosing. Please RSVP by July 5, to Geraldine H. Brannon at ghbrannon@gmail.com or by calling 336 468 4232.

**Ministry & Counsel will NOT meet in July.**

**July 30 Worship - Fifth Sunday Sing**

**with Morgan and Millie Salmons**

**THOUGHT for July**

The New Colossus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

-Emma Lazarus (1849-1887)

"The New Colossus" was written by Emma Lazarus in 1883 to help raise money for the construction of a pedestal for the Statue of Liberty. In 1903 it was cast onto a bronze plaque and mounted inside the pedestal's lower level. It has been a reminder for several generations that we are a country made up of a diverse group of people "yearning to breathe free", and Lady Liberty holds the torch that glows with a "world-wide welcome".

In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus says "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." It is a reminder that we are a world of diverse people yearning for "rest" for our souls, and Jesus is the light that glows with a "world-wide welcome".

- Ginger Holt, Clerk **Happy 4th of July!!**





**Looking Ahead: The 5 Love Languages of Children & Teens**

with Dr. Gary Chapman

**September 10 @ 5:30 PM - Open to Everyone**

Dr. Gary Chapman will be at Deep Creek Friends Church on September 10 to share with parents on “The 5 Love Languages of Children and Teens”. This seminar, along with a Question & Answer time, will help parents and grandparents be able to better relate to and communicate with the youth in their family.

This event is sponsored by Lighthouse of Deep Creek Friends. Lighthouse is a ministry of encouragement and education for Christian parents. There is no cost for this seminar.

Dr. Chapman’s books will be available for purchase.

Light refreshments will be offered after the presentation.

Dr. Chapman serves on staff at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem. He has written numerous books on family and relationships with his bestselling “The Five Love Languages” selling over 11 Million copies. His radio programs air on more than 400 stations.

He and his wife Carolyn Chapman have two adult children, Shelley and Derek.

**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		JULY 2023		"To Know God And Make Him Known"		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>"Our prayers lay the track down on which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, His power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails." -Watchman Nee, Christian teacher/leader in China</i></p>						1 Bethel Church No Pastor FEMAP
2 Branon Friends Gloria Simmons Jordan Ramey Carlene King	3 Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson	4 PRAY FOR OUR NATION <i>Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord</i> Ps 33:12	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 No Pastor	19 Odre Nuevo (New Wineskins) Misael Morales	20 Pilot Mountain Jeremiah Thomas	21 Thomasville Friends Eric Morrison	22 White Plains Friends Dusty Ball Jamaica YM
23 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	24 Rocky River Friends David Hobson	25 Science Hill Friends John Porter Superintendent Mike Wall	26 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding FDS	27 Winthrop Friends Georgianne Hartline	28 Archdale Friends Rodney Kirby Social Media Co Jenny Gullion	29 Asheboro Friends David Millikan
30 Back Creek John Voncannon	31 Baltimore Friends Gilbert Imbayi					

## 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 *Remember: Food and Cash Donations are always needed and appreciated.*



**NEEDED:** School Supplies, etc.

**You Can Help**

During the month of July, Christian Education Committee will be collecting items for schools to give away in August.

**Suggested items** (but not limited to) are: composition books, pencils, pens, dry erase markers, construction paper, loose leaf paper, etc. Also: paper towels, Kleenex, hand sanitizer. Place items in the box as you go in the side door.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**Sunday, August 6 – Mission Sunday with Youth sharing during worship** – Mission Trip and Quaker Lake Camp.

**Sunday, August 13 – “Back to School Bash” at Lake Hampton 5:00 to 7:00.** Everyone invited. Please bring food to share as we fellowship and eat together.

**FCNC Annual Sessions – August 11 & 12** at Quaker Lake – Register by August 1 if you plan to have meals there.

**NC USFW Annual Gathering – August 16** at Cedar Square Friends Meeting – Register by August 9

### “Young At Heart”

Enjoy

Breakfast Outing



# Several Enjoyed a Tour of Billy Graham Library on June 19



Remembering Billy Graham's upbringing on a Dairy Farm



Ruth Graham had a special love for flowers



**YOUNG ADULTS HAD THEIR SECOND FIREPIT FRIDAY ON JUNE 9**  
**A GREAT TIME OF FELLOWSHIP, DEVOTION AND PRAYER**  
**THANK YOU TO OUR HOME HOSTS, ADAM & JEAN HUTCHINS AND THEIR FAMILY**



**NEXT GATHERING:**



# CHILDREN

From Sydney

## Camp Creek Schedule:

Bring a friend! To our

## **Super Hero Adventures**

Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 11:00 AM

And

Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM – Until...

*We will be going to Safari Nation following Camp Creek.*



*\* Thank you so much to everyone who has helped with VBS! It could not have been done without a wonderful team like y' all.*

## REGULAR EVENTS :

### Children's Church:

July 9

July 23

### Friends of Jesus:

**Saturday, July 1** starting at

**4:00 PM** - Pool Party at

Yadkin County pool (beside the YMCA)

**July 16 at 5:00 PM**

Sydney Matthews:

(336) 469-3476 or

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

Jesus said:

***“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”***

Matthew 19:14



# YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

## Upcoming Events:

- July 1st: Youth** - One Day Beach Trip –  
Leaving Union Cross at 4:30 AM!
- July 2nd:** Dogs at 5:00; Youth at 6:00 at Deep Creek
- July 9th:** Youth at 6:00 at Union Cross
- July 15th - 22nd:** Youth Mission trip to Pittsburgh, PA
- July 23rd:** Youth at 6:00 at Union Cross
  
- August 4th:** Union Cross Back to School Bash  
(All Youth/Dogs invited)
- August 11th-12th:** Young Friends Annual Sessions Retreat
- August 13th:** Deep Creek Back to School Bash at Lake Hampton  
(All Youth/Dogs invited)
- August 31st - September 4th:** Labor Day Beach Retreat
  
- September 10th:** Dr. Gary Chapman to speak at Deep Creek at **5:30**  
as part of the Lighthouse ministry - Open to everyone!



Jared said he “accidentally” put the two high schools on opposite sides of the church.



**Graduates of  
Middle Sc.  
High Sc. &  
College  
present on  
Graduation  
Sunday**



# HAPPY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>



Uncle Sam has been a long standing symbol of American patriotism. His image has been used by the United States government in a number of different ways, from stamps and military recruiting posters to magazines and newspaper cartoons.

Uncle Sam is a cartoon symbol for the United States, the U.S. government, or the American people.

The image of Uncle Sam is based on a combination of two earlier American characters: Yankee Doodle and Brother Jonathan. Yankee Doodle was a derogatory term the British used for colonial Americans during the Revolutionary War. Brother Jonathan was a heroic character often featured in American folk tales and cartoons.

Though the origins of the name Uncle Sam are subject to some dispute, most historians believe that the name came from a New York merchant named Sam Wilson, known by his friends as “Uncle Sam.” Wilson supplied beef to American troops during the War of 1812. The barrels were stamped with the initials U.S., for United States, but many associated the initials with “Uncle Sam” Wilson. Over time, *Uncle Sam* became a synonym for *United States*.

From NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC:

The earliest known personification of the United States was as a woman named Columbia, who first appeared in 1738 (pre-US) and sometimes was associated with another female personification, Lady Liberty.

While the figure of Uncle Sam specifically represents the government, the female figure of Columbia represents the United States as a nation.

Her use declined as a national person in favor of Liberty, and she was effectively abandoned once she became the mascot of Columbia Pictures in the 1920s. (From Wikipedia)



Who is Lady Liberty?

The statue is a figure of Libertas, the Roman Goddess of Liberty. The Statue of Liberty is a colossal neoclassical sculpture on Liberty Island in New York Harbor in New York City. The copper statue, a gift from the people of France, was designed by French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi and its metal framework was built by Gustave Eiffel. She holds a torch above her head with her right hand, and in her left hand carries a tabula ansata inscribed JULY IV MDCCLXXVI (July 4, 1776 in Roman numerals), the date of the U.S. Declaration of Independence.

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

PEACE

Do you consistently practice the Christian principles of love and goodwill toward all people?



## 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*



**“Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the Children of God.” Mark 5:9**

**This verse is our Plan and Promise. The PLAN is to be PEACEMAKERS.  
The PROMISE is we will become Children of GOD.**

Linda Kersey, NC USFW Peace and Christian Social Concerns Secretary



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**Make your speech, behavior, love, faith, and purity an example for other believers.** 1 Timothy 4:12

#### Do you have a friend or relative that would enjoy

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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 – August, 2023**

**Deadline for news – July 30**

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