

# The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

August, 2023

## Headlights

A while back I was driving on a two-lane road late in the evening. In the distance I spotted an approaching car whose driver blinked his lights. My lights were on low, not high beam, so I blinked them back. I was signaling that I was a courteous driver, but immediately the driver blinked me back. A little curious, and just a tinge frustrated, I flashed my headlights again, reaffirming my commitment to safety and respect. The response again was quick. This time they clicked on their high beams and left them on. I wondered why a person would be so insensitive as to respond to my respectful action with such an inconsiderate reaction. I found myself pondering what kind of person was behind the wheel of that car. As I moved my eyes away from their approaching lights to look for the white line on the shoulder of the road, I glanced at the speedometer. There I noticed a blue light glaring near the gauges. It was the high beam light. My high beams had been on the entire twenty seconds it took this experience to unfold. I realized that I had made a mistake. That every time I thought I was blinking my lights to show courtesy, I was actually conveying intentional irritation. As the car raced to meet me I found myself, almost involuntarily, trying to explain what happened. *"I thought my low beams were on. Sorry. I didn't know that my bright lights were shining in your face."* As the other car came near and passed me, I was apologizing. Then I realized that there was no way to explain. How do you apologize to someone you meet at forty-five miles an hour when you cannot see them, and they cannot see you?

I wondered what the other driver was thinking. Did he or she assume that I was a cold, heartless person who liked to scare children, was mean to cats, never said "thank you", and always tried to blind other drivers? I probably seemed to be just another rogue high beamer who targets innocent motorists on a mission of misery. With my unintended victim long gone from my rearview mirror, and pondering the implications of my mistake, I noticed that the blue light near my speedometer was *still* on. The entire time that I was apologizing to the approaching driver, my bright lights were *still* glaring in his face.

Each day we encounter people who seem irritable and insensitive. Their personalities come across as glaring and uncooperative, but the headlight incident reminds me of something. The other driver could not see me through the windshield of my car, it was too dark. They didn't know that I was trying to correct the problem that was causing them discomfort, but the more I tried, the worse it got. They didn't know my intentions. All they had to go on was the apparent evidence that I was intentionally trying to ruin their evening.

The real motives of others we encounter are often mysteriously concealed within their inner world. We never know what a person has experienced that has fed their disposition. We don't know what burden is invading their mind when they are in our presence. We are unaware of the load they carry.

Steven Covey tells the story of being on a subway when a father with two young children got on board. The children were unruly and loud, and the father sat seemingly unconcerned about their behavior. After a while, with the chaos still unfolding, Covey politely mentioned to the man that the children might be disturbing others. The father looked at Covey with a bit of sheepish embarrassment and said, *"I'm sorry. We just left the hospital where their mother just died. I guess they just don't know how to handle it, and frankly, I don't know how to handle it either."* Covey then tells how his whole perspective of the situation changed, and how he then tried to help the father.

Until we see behind the windshield of the glaring behavior of others, we may not know the source of their actions. Could we be more sensitive to the possible reasons a person's behavior seems a bit harsh? Maybe that will cause us to delay our impulse to tell them off or get the last word. Proverbs 11:12 states: *"A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue"* and James tells us to *"be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry"* (1:10).

In a day filled with people who are stressed and anxious we may encounter more aggression and abrasiveness than normal. We may face the high beams of someone else's internal frustration and pressure. In these moments, maybe we could try to err more on the side of grace instead of rebuke. Maybe we could be more like our Master who taught about "turning the other cheek" and hailed the peacemakers as "blessed". Maybe we could hold our tongue and exercise the same discipline and grace our Lord extends to us every day.

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:

August 6 – Missions Sunday, the Kids / Youth  
August 13 – Tommy and Cathy Shore  
August 20 – Robert and Beth Steelman  
August 27 – The Choir

Choir Practice:

The Choir will resume rehearsals:  
Sunday, August 6 at 3:00 PM  
Sunday, August 20 at 3:00 PM

Submitted by Jay Brendle.

Nursery Volunteers during Worship:

August 6 – Janet Robbins  
August 13 – Cathy Shore  
August 20 – Ginger Holt  
August 27 – Priscilla Shore

Submitted by Angie Brendle  
[Sunday School Nursery](#)

9:30-10:30 AM  
August 6 – Priscilla Shore  
August 13 – Donna Raines  
August 20 – Cathy Shore  
August 27 – Jean Hutchins

Greeters for the month of August:  
Angie Brendle and Leon Robbins

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**August 6 – Sunday School Move-Up Day**  
See Page 6

**August 6 – Mission Sunday with Youth sharing** – Mission Trip and Quaker Lake Camp  
Anyone is welcome to share from their experience.

**August 6 – Quaker Lake Offering**  
Mark your check or envelope.

**August 13 at 8:15 AM**  
**Christian Education Committee will meet**  
Devotions by Aaron McDonald     Angie Brendle, Chair

**Sunday, August 13 – During Worship,**  
**New Members Right Hand of Fellowship**  
Come and support these new Friends

**August 13 – Monthly Meeting**  
**After Worship**

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

**Sunday, August 13 – “Back to School Bash”**  
**at Lake Hampton 5:00 PM until.** Please bring homemade ice cream and food to share.  
Everyone invited to fellowship with us. Enjoy the Lake and chattering.

**August 20 - Coffee House Group will be starting the Jesus Revolution study. Meet at Steve and Sarah Hutchens’s house Sundays at 4:00 PM.** Anyone is welcome.  
See Rhonda Moran or Steve or Sarah Hutchens for questions or more details.     See Page 5

**August 22 – Ministry & Counsel will meet**

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**August 27 - Shore Family Reunion**  
**Noon**

**THOUGHT for August**

**All I Need to Know, I learned in Kindergarten**

*By Robert Fulghum*

Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people.  
Put things back where you found them.  
Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours.  
Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.  
Wash your hands before you eat. Flush.  
Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.  
Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint  
And sing and dance and play and work every day some.  
Take a nap every afternoon.  
When you go out in the world, watch out for traffic,  
Hold hands and stick together.  
Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the styrofoam cup:  
The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how  
or why, but we are all like that.  
Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the  
Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.....  
Everything you need to know is in there somewhere.....  
.....And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out  
in the world,  
It is best to hold hands and stick together.

**Matthew 18: 1-5** *At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.*

I hope everyone going back to school has a blessed year.  
Remember that your church family loves you, and that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are here for you if you ever need us.



Ginger Holt, Clerk

**Life in the Furnace**  
**Living With Hope in a Hostile World**  
**A Study in 1 Peter**

“These are difficult times”. That statement has probably been said by every generation of people who have ever lived. And while there have been times of greater suffering in history, we still know the pressures of today all too well. In the book of I Peter, the author counsels and encourages Christians who are going through “fiery trials”. Peter gives his readers, and us, instructions on how to live in hard times and still experience a “living hope” and an “inexpressible and glorious joy” that can only come from being born again. Our study will likewise focus on how we can yield our struggles to God by understanding what he offers us during our painful times, and how he uses such times to draw unbelievers to the gospel. Come join us as we learn about the hope we have when the heat is on!

*One of the Core Values of Deep Creek Friends Meeting:*  
**MISSION**  
 By ministering to the whole person’s immediate needs, we strive to help people find Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, both here and abroad.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>AUGUST 2023</b>						
<b>FCNC Prayer Calendar</b>			<i>“To Know God And Make Him Known”</i>			
<p><i>O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name.</i>  <i>Nehemiah 1:11</i></p>		<p><b>1</b> Bethel Church No Pastor <b>FEMAP</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> Branon Friends Gloria Simmons Jordan Ramey Carlene King</p>	<p><b>3</b> Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson</p>	<p><b>4</b> Cedar Square Friends Michael Fulp Jr Sterling Brown</p>	<p><b>5</b> Centre Friends No Pastor No Youth Pastor <b>FCM</b></p>
<p><b>6</b> Concord Friends Greg Creed</p>	<p><b>7</b> Connection Church Mike Wall</p>	<p><b>8</b> Deep Creek Friends Randy Quate Jared Warden Sydney Matthews</p>	<p><b>9</b> Forbush Friends Mitchell See Kyle Widlicka</p>	<p><b>10</b> Goldsboro Friends George Strickland <b>QUAKER MEN</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> Harmony Grove No Pastor</p>	<p><b>12</b> Hunting Creek No Pastor</p>
<p><b>13</b> Hood Swamp Friends No Pastor <b>East Africa YM</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes</p>	<p><b>15</b> Liberty Friends James Moore <b>QUAKER LAKE</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> Marlboro Friends Ray Luther Terry Linthicum</p>	<p><b>17</b> Mar Mac Friends Howard Seymour <b>USFW</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> Mountain View Friends Jeff Stowers</p>	<p><b>19</b> Odre Nuevo (New Wineskins) Misael Morales</p>
<p><b>20</b> Pilot Mountain No Pastor</p>	<p><b>21</b> Randleman Friends Wade Craven</p>	<p><b>22</b> Rocky River Friends David Hobson</p>	<p><b>23</b> Science Hill Friends John Porter <b>Superintendent Mike Wall</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding <b>FDS</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> Thomasville Friends Eric Morrison</p>	<p><b>26</b> White Plains Friends Dusty Ball <b>Jamaica YM</b></p>
<p><b>27</b> Winthrop Friends Georgianne Hartline</p>	<p><b>28</b> Archdale Friends Rodney Kirby <b>Social Media Co Jenny Gullion</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> Asheboro Friends David Millikan</p>	<p><b>30</b> Back Creek Friends Jon Voncannon</p>	<p><b>31</b> Baltimore Friends Gilbert Imbayi</p>	<p><i>“Only one life ’twill soon be past; Only what’s done for Christ will last.”</i>  <i>C.T. Studd, British Missionary</i></p>	

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**Ephesians 2:10**

**August 11 & 12 - FRIENDS CHURCH of NC Annual Sessions at Quaker Lake**

Theme: *Being Stronger Workers in God's Kingdom*

**Guest Speaker: Jay Marshall, Dean Emeritus of Earlham School of Religion**

\*Book Room open & Silent Auction (bidding closes at 5:30PM on Saturday. Funds go to support missions)

Tentative Schedule:

*Roger Holt,  
Clerk*

(The Meals are by Pre Registration)

**Friday**

- 1:30 PM\* Registration
- 2:00 Ministry & Counsel
- 3:00 Business
- 5:00 Supper
- 6:00 Special Music
- Worship - Speaker: Jay Marshall

**Saturday - 8:00 AM Registration**

- 8:30 Morning Praise on the Porch by Valli Chilton
- 9:00 Business Session
- 12:00 PM\* Lunch (Pre-registration required)
- 1:00 Memorial Service by Western Quarter
- 2:00\* Free time & optional Adult Workshops
- 5:30 Supper (Pre-registration required)
- 6:30 Special Music
- 7:00 Worship - Speaker: Jay Marshall, Annual Sessions Message

**NOTE: NC Quaker Men Fall Banquet will be September 25 @ Science Hill Friends Meeting**

**NC USFW Annual Gathering (Registration)**

**Saturday, August 19, 2023**

**Cedar Square Friends Meeting**

**7546 Harlow Road Archdale, NC 27263**

*Thank you to Cedar Square for hosting our Fall Annual Gathering.*

The program will focus on the Triennial in Kenya. Speakers will be Brenda McKinney and Rita Mintmier along with a few others who attended the Triennial July 2-8.

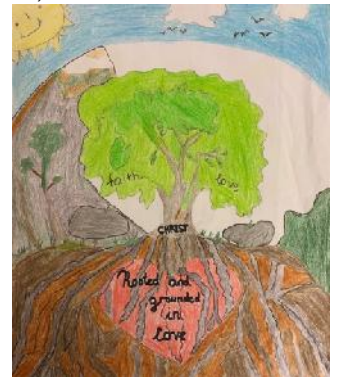
New officers will be installed and new Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship members will be recognized.

The new theme for United Society of Friends Women is "Rooted in Love". Philippians 4:6-7, which goes along with the Triennial theme of "Come, Abide and Go". These three words hold a lot of meaning.

As a family of believers we come together to support one another because we are rooted in Love. As we come together and abide, we receive the peace of God to help us to not be anxious or worry. This peace will allow us to go and share the message of Jesus in many different ways to many different people.

Remember to bring your Love and Hope dollars to Fall Gathering so that we may help with the food crises still facing our world.

*Janet Robbins, President*



9:00 – 10:00 am  
Registration and Bookstore  
with light refreshments

10:00 am – 12 noon  
Welcome, Music, Business  
and Program

12:00 noon – Luncheon

If you have questions,  
contact: DeLois Russell at  
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or Donnivee Perry at  
[donniveeperry@gmail.com](mailto:donniveeperry@gmail.com)  
(336)-689-0040

**NC USFW Annual Gathering at Cedar Square Friends**  
Please clip and send by **August 9**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lunches at \$12.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please clip / mail with check written to: Cedar Square Friends USFW :

**Donnivee Perry**  
1396 Riverwood Road  
Randleman, NC 27317

## 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



MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR

*Donate, Walk,  
Help, Enjoy*



**O Lord, let me not live  
to be useless.**

*John Wesley*

## WALK FOR HUNGER 2023

In Memory of Susan Steelman

**Sunday, October 1st, 3:00-4:30 PM**

Registration: 2:30-3:00 PM

**Yadkinville Community Park**

Parking at Yadkin Farmers Market  
Homemade Ice Cream will be served

( If you choose, you can walk at your Home Church. )

**All Proceeds Benefit Yadkin Christian Ministries**

Music by: "Anointed by Grace" From West Yadkin Baptist Church



### 2023 Awards Include

Most walkers from a church or organization

Largest Dollar Amount raised by a church or organization

Random drawing for (2) \$25 gift card

**Sponsored by: Deep Creek Friends and the Susan Steelman family**  
*Yadkin Christian Ministries is supported by the people, churches, and organizations of Yadkin County to assist families in crisis times with food, medication, heat and water. The ministry seeks to do its mission in the spirit of Christ, with a nonjudgmental attitude. We request your prayers and goodwill.*

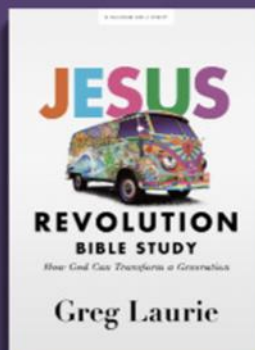
**Looking Ahead: September 10th @ 10:30am - Friend Day!** This year we have 4 Friend Day Sundays. Our third will be on September 10th. Invite someone to come with you on this Sunday. This is a great way to focus on our "3 in 23" people.



**It's time for  
another revival.**

**Meet at Steve & Sarah Hutchens home  
at corner of Country Club and Shore Rd.**

**Beginning August 20, Sunday @ 4:00 PM – New Study**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME – Just show up and Join the group**  
Contact Rhonda Moran for questions.



We live in a time of spiritual apathy and sometimes outright hostility toward the gospel. This six-session Bible study draws important parallels between the early 1970s and today, offering insight and hope for a new generation of believers—and for the next great American revival.

## Do You Have any Board Games You No Longer Use?

**Starmount High School** is looking for **Risk**, **Monopoly** and **Pay Day** games for the New Economics and Personal Finance Class. If you have any old ones hanging around the house and would like to donate, see Rhonda Moran.

**NOTE:** Rhonda is a teacher at Starmount and a regular member and attender at Deep Creek Friends. You can contact her at church or the school.



### *Pray for our Schools*

**Yadkin County  
Back to School:**

*All Schools including Yadkin  
Early College  
begin*

**August 10 for Teachers and  
Staff**

**August 16 - First day for  
Students**

*also*

**College Students at different  
locations and schedules**



**August is Sunday School Move-Up  
Month at Deep Creek for children and  
Youth** according to age and we extend a  
welcome to those who have graduated high  
school to move to the Young Adult Group.

**Also**, if anyone has any thoughts, need a  
teacher for Sunday School Class or wish to change  
your position please let a member of Christian  
Education Committee know. We appreciate all our  
willing servants, who volunteer time to serve in  
Sunday School and afternoon Youth / Kids / Young  
Adult ministry groups, helping assist Jared and Sydney.

### **Back-to-school humor**



What kind of school do you go to if you're...  
...an ice cream man? Sunday school  
...a giant? High school  
...a surfer? Boarding school  
...King Authur? Knight school

*Teacher:* What's the chemical formula for water?

*Student:* H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

*Teacher:* What are you talking about?

*Student:* Yesterday you said it was H to O.

*Math Teacher:* A person from LA drove toward New  
York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York  
drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they  
meet?

*Student:* In jail!

*From a former LAMPLIGHTER, Up River Friends Meeting Newsletter*

### **LOOKING AHEAD: September 10 @ 5:30 PM**

Dr. Gary Chapman, author of books including bestselling *The Five Love Languages* and a staff member at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem, will be at Deep Creek to share with parents on "The 5 Love Languages of Children and Teens". A planned Question & Answer time will give parents and grandparents an opportunity to learn better ways to relate and communicate with the youth in their family.

Everyone is invited

**October 13 & 27:** Feeding Football teams, Forbush & Starmount



Michael, the Host



# Fire Pit Friday

July 7 at 7:00 pm  
At the home of Michael and Sarah  
FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Sarah, the Hostess



The Rays were Host Family

The Ray Girls



Great Dessert? Or Fun Swim?

Take a Rest Break?



Or Roast Marshmallows ??



## A GREAT TIME OF FUN, LEARNING AND WORSHIP



**Thank You:** CE and the church body for your support for 2023 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.**

*CE expresses appreciation to our Youth and Children's Ministry pastors for their dedication and hard work, to Pastor Randy for being there each evening to help and support this ministry, to Jacob Brendle for his work on theme decorations that always bring excitement to the kids **and** to the many volunteers who completed the VBS team.*

**The VBS Offerings raised \$843.71 for Hands of Hope medical clinic.**

*Also thank you to the Evangelism and Outreach Committee for collecting items for Hands of Hope and for gifting their staff with a meal for lunch.*







# CHILDREN

From Sydney

## REGULAR EVENTS :

**Children's Church:**  
August 13  
August 27

**Friends of Jesus:**  
August 6 @ 5pm  
August 20 @ 5pm

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



A Good Time and Food  
at  
*Safari Nation*



# YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

## Coming up...

**August 4th** - Union Cross Back to School Party at Yadkin Country Club. 6:00 to dark

**August 6th** - Quaker Lake/Mission Trip Sunday. Youth to present during the worship service.

Youth at Deep Creek at 6:00.

**August 8th** - Carowinds (let Jared know asap if you want to go)

**August 11/12th** - Young Friends Annual Sessions

**August 13th** - Deep Creek Back to School Bash at Lake Hampton

**August 20th** - Youth at Deep Creek at 6:00

**August 27th** - Youth at Union Cross at 6:00



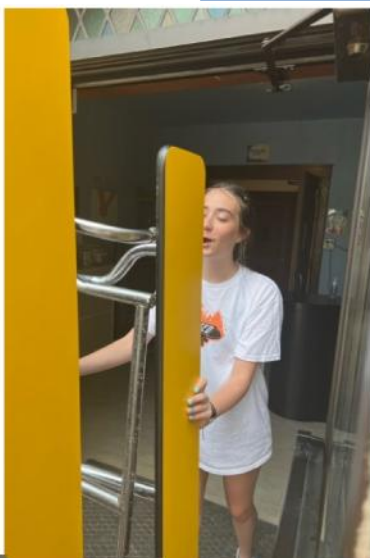
Yearly Meeting groups come together to serve

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

**MISSIONARY OUTREACH**

Do you make diligent effort to acquaint yourselves and those under your care with spiritual needs locally and globally?

# MISSION TRIP

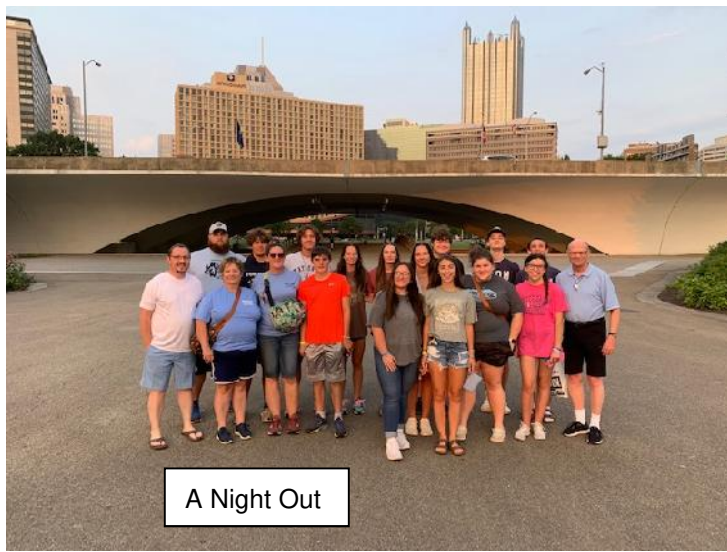


Do Some Work for World Vision

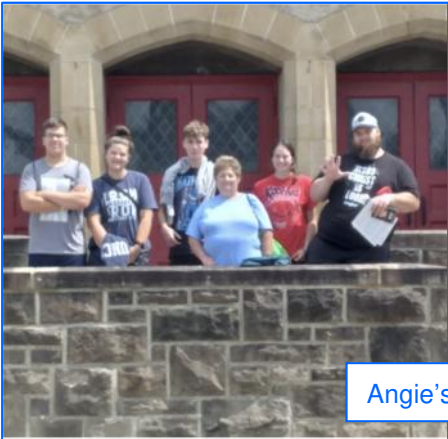


Happy Finish





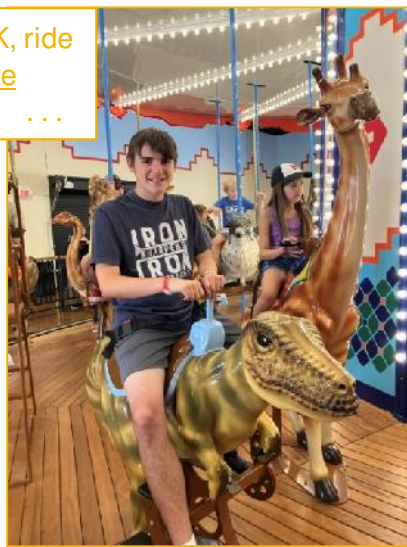
A Night Out



Angie's Group



At the ARK, ride the real live Camel OR ...



Try new flavors



## 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*

### *Special Workers at VBS*



**Thank You!**



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**Go through, go through the gates, sweep (prepare) the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway, gather out the stones.** Isaiah 62:10

**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 – September, 2023**

**Deadline for news – August 27**

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*Shelby Shore*

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