A Listening Life

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, James 1:19

Two guys were on a golf course talking about the problems in their love life. The more they talked the more fired up they became about women in general, and how hard they are to understand. In an instant of perceived clarity one guy blurted out, "Yeah, My wife yelled at me yesterday saying, "You weren't even listening just now, were you?!" I thought, "Man, what a weird way to start a conversation."

Listening is not easy, and like that poor fellow, we may not even know how bad we are at it. Yet, the degree to which we are able to listen to others dramatically affects the quality of our relationships and alleviates many unnecessary misunderstandings.

As Christians, we are taught that one of the ways we learn to listen better to others is to begin listening more to God. Listening is essential to our relationship with God, and our intimacy with Him increases when we hear Him through the Bible and the Holy Spirit's promptings. As we listen to God, we become more effective in ministry to others because we begin to understand His heart for us and begin to have His heart for them. This makes active listening to others a more natural activity. It actually can become a personal trait and a lifestyle.

Some of the most powerful instruction about this subject comes from a short line in the Book of James. James says that listening should be "quick". It should be the first thing we do when encountering another person. Listening should be our first response. Our minds and spirits should be primed consistently to listen. When that happens, our ears can outrun our tongue and our temper, and conflict can often be avoided. Dr. Gary Chapman puts it this way, "When people respond too quickly, they often respond to the wrong issue. Listening helps us focus on the heart of the conflict. When we listen, understand, and respect each other's ideas, we can then find a solution in which both of us are winners."

There is so much we miss in life if we don't learn to listen deeply. Sometimes our listening gets especially rusty with those we have been around the longest. Active listening can get harder when we know the other person well, and yet listening is what is needed the most. To quote Chapman again, "Learning to listen may be as difficult as learning a different language, but learn we must, if we want to communicate love." One of the greatest gifts we can give another person is to actively listen to them. To be fully present with genuine care and interest is a form of validation that is rare in today's noise.

But listening should not be seen as just a clever trick to have a smoother life. It is part of our calling. Note here the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "Christians have forgotten that the ministry of listening has been committed to them by Him who is Himself the great listener and whose work they should share. We should listen with the ears of God that we may speak the Word of God."

When officiating the funeral of someone I have never met, I often ask family and friends to give me a word or phrase that describes their loved one best. I often hear words like "hard worker", "good mother", or "faithful friend". I hope it can be said of me, "He was a good listener". If that is true of us, then we can be sure we lived our lives in a way that brought hope and healing wherever we went, and to whoever we met.

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:

September 3 - Rachel Nishio

September 10 – The Choir

September 17 – Bill Terrell

September 24 - The Choir



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Choir Practice:

Wednesday, September 6 after Bible Study Sunday, September 10 – 3:00-4:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

August 31 to September 4 – Youth Family Beach Retreat

September 10 - National Grandparents Day

<u>September 10 – Friend Day</u> Invite someone to come with you to church.

<u>September 10 @ 5:30 PM</u> – Families Learn better ways to communicate with children & youth. <u>Dr. Gary Chapman</u>, Speaker <u>Everyone is Welcome</u> See Page 4

September 17 at 8:15 AM Christian Education Committee will meet Angle Brendle, Chair

*NOTE: Regular time for Monthly Meeting has changed to 3rd Sundays.

September 17 – Monthly Meeting After Worship

*Each Committee: <u>Please appoint</u> a representative to report.

September 26 – Ministry & Counsel will meet

Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 PM

Quaker Women will meet in the Fellowship Hall Hostess: Janet Robbins. New members welcome

Saturday, September 30 – CE Fundraiser
Silent Auction, Food & Games See Page 4

Submitted by Jay Brendle.

Nursery Volunteers – Worship:

September 3 – Donna Barber

September 10 – Sarah Ray

September 17 – Donna Raines

September 24 – Rhonda Moran

Submitted by Angie Brendle

Nursery - Sunday School

9:30-10:30 AM

September 3 – Priscilla Shore

September 10 – Donna Raines September 17 – Cathy Shore September 24 – Jean Hutchins

Greeters for the month of September:

Steve Hutchens, Harold Clarkson

THOUGHT for **September**

BUT

The conjunction "but" means "on the contrary," and is used to indicate contrast or opposition between elements in a sentence. It, more or less, negates the beginning of the sentence. "I would like to be thin, but I like to eat" indicates that I probably will continue to struggle with my weight. "I like to fish, but I will not put bait on a hook" should leave you doubting that we will have a fish fry anytime soon. "But" is a strong small word. It can change everything. "We want you to be a part of our meeting, but you need to change your ways"; "We love all people, but they are not like us"; "We want our church to grow, but we do not want anything to change" are words that are, unfortunately, not too uncommon. Outside people simply hear "You need to change your ways", "You are not like us", and "We do not want anything to change". We cannot rely on our children to grow up, have children, and single handedly populate our meetings. We need to attract new people in order to grow the kingdom. God has mandated it. But, to do that, we may need to truly mean "We want you to be a part of our meeting", "We love all people", and "We want to grow". Think what could be possible if we truly meant those things, and if "but" was not added. If we are going to use "but", perhaps it should be in this context:

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

<u>But</u> the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

Ginger Holt, Clerk

CE is looking for a Sunday School Teacher for the Youth Class — Teach two Sundays a month.

If you would like to volunteer please let Angie or Jared know.

NOTE for Sunday School – Teachers and Nursery Keepers:

We appreciate all our volunteers and the servant hearts you have. **Please remember** if you are scheduled to keep the nursery during Sunday School or teach a Sunday School Class, if you cannot be there, you need to get a fill-in to take your spot or someone to switch with you. *While we realize last minute things happen, it is important that all spots are covered ahead of time, if possible, so that people can be prepared.*Christian Education Chair, Angie Brendle

Life in the Furnace

Study in 1 Peter

"These are difficult times". In the book of I Peter, the author counsels and encourages Christians who are going through "fiery trials". Peter gives instructions on how to experience a "living hope". Our study focus is on how we can yield our struggles to God by understanding what he offers us during our painful times.

Looking Ahead – Mark your calendar:

Movie Night Sunday, October 22 @ 6:00pm

On Sunday night, October 22, we will be showing The Jesus Revolution movie. This movie has not only been popular, but it also raises some engaging questions. It gives us the opportunity to talk about the church and our response to those who are different.

Plan to come and see this important movie and stay for a short time of discussion afterwards.

One of the Core Values of Deep Creek Friends Meeting:

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.

Pray Daily for Ministries, Other Friends Meetings and Leadership:

FCNC Prayer Calendar		SEPTEMBER 2023		2023	"To Know God And Make Him Known"	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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 QUAKER MEN	11 Harmony Grove No Pastor	12 Hunting Creek No Pastor	Hood Swamp Friends No Pastor East Africa YM	14 Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes	15 Liberty Friends James Moore QUAKER LAKE	16 Marlboro Friend Ray Luther Terry Linthicum
17 Mar Mac Friends Howard Seymour USFW	18 Mountain View Friends Jeff Stowers	Odre Nuevo (New Wineskins) Misael Morales	20 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	21 Rocky River Friends David Hobson	22 Science Hill Friends John Porter Superintendent Mike Wall	23 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding FDS
24 Thomasville Friends Eric Morrison	25 White Plains Friends Dusty Ball Jamaica YM	26 Winthrop Friends Georgianne Hartline	27 Archdale Friends Rodney Kirby Social Media Co Jenny Gullion	28 Asheboro Friends David Millikan	29 Back Creek Friends Jon Voncannon	30 Baltimore Friends Gilbert Imbayi

September 10 @ 5:30 PM @ Deep Creek Friends Gather in Sanctuary

Everyone is invited ...

Parents, Grandparents and other family members and friends

Learn to Improve Your Communication

"The 5 Love Languages of Children and Teens" with

Speaker: Dr. Gary Chapman, author and church leader



And a Question & Answer time

* Light Refreshments in Fellowship Hall

*Dr. Chapman's books for sale

September 25 at 6:01 PM

North Carolina Quaker Men
Fall Banquet
will be held at
Science Hill Friends Meeting

Learn about Mission projects, Enjoy Food & Fellowship

Speaker and Music: Barry McGee

Contact Walter Shore for questions or a ride.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Luke 2:52



September 30, 2023 530-6:30 pm Food/Silent Auction 6:45 pm Games Begin

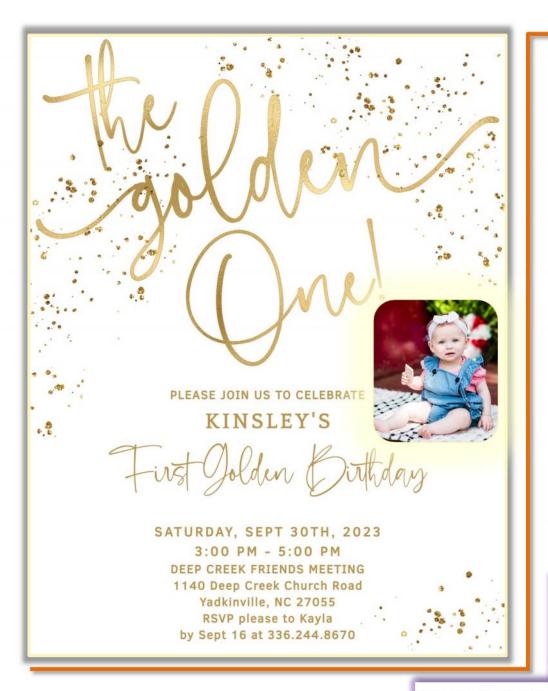
Cost:

\$25- 20 Games, 1 Coverall, Burger, Chips, Drink & Dessert Sponsored by

Deep Creek Friends Christian Education Committee
Proceeds will go to Children's, Youth and Young Adult ministries



Silent Auction will include a cross stitch made by Geneva Reece and a



LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, October 8
Pastor Appreciation Day

Fridays, October 13 & 27:

Feeding High School Football Teams Both teams will gather at Deep Creek Fellowship Hall on Friday Afternoons: Forbush – October 13 Starmount – October 27

* Please contact Tracy Shore @ 336-469-8056 If you are able to do a crock pot of

if you are able to do a crock pot of soup.

Other needed items: boxes of crackers, Little Debbie's, soup bowls, spoons, and napkins.
Contact Tracy with any questions.

Saturday, October 28

Trunk & Treat and Chicken Stew

Join us at the Walk for Hunger and donate to help with this ministry. Last month 390 Clients were served Representing 1,136 family members presented 40,570 pounds of food.

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

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

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



YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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.







From Sydney

Trunk'n Treat is coming up on October 28th!

If you would like to do a Trunk, please let me know!



REGULAR EVENTS:

Children's Church

September 10 September 24

Friends of Jesus
September 17

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

Can You Help?

North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF N.C. FRIENDS

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Eastern N.C. Disaster Relief September 24th - 29th, 2023

New Bern, North Carolina

This September trip to New Bern will be a special trip. We will be rebuilding a house for a couple who has had to endure multiple tragedies. They lost the roof of their house during hurricane Florence and they did not have any homeowners insurance. The home owner fell and broke his back while trying to do the repairs himself. Another disaster relief organization was able to repair the roof. Tragedy struck again in June 2023 when their house was destroyed by fire and the homeowner received third degree burns. He had to be sent to the UNC burn center in Chapel Hill. Now they are homeless. The Craven County Disaster Recovery and the Baptist on Missions have asked us to help. This September trip will truly change these people's lives forever.

As we have done in the past we will be working with the Baptists On Missions Disaster Group. We will be staying at their New Bern Rebuild Center. The accommodations will be dormitory style with women in one area and men in the other. If you would like to participate, please contact one of the Co-Coordinators listed above <u>as soon as possible</u>.

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, June 11th 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 North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

YOUTH & JR.YOUTH

From Jared

Coming up...

August 31 - September 4: Annual Youth/Families Beach Retreat!

September 10 - Youth at Union Cross at 3:00; Gary Chapman Event at Deep Creek at 5:30

September 16 - FaithFest in Wilkesboro - 12:00-10:00 - Let Jared know if you are interested in going.

September 17 - Dogs at 5:00/Youth at Deep Creek at 6:00

September 24 - Youth at Union Cross at 6:00

September 30 - CE Fundraiser at Deep Creek

October 1 - Combined FCNC Youth Meeting at Forbush Friends at 5:00

October 8 - Youth at Union Cross at 6:00

October 15 - Youth at Deep Creek at 6:00

October 22 - Jesus Revolution Movie at Deep Creek at 6:00. (For all ages).

October 28 - Deep Creek Trunk n' Treat at 4:00

October 29 - Union Cross Fall Festival at 4:00



Mission Sunday



The Young Ones show their joy from Quaker Lake.

Teens and adults tell of special experiences doing their work, meeting people from other areas and also a little fun along the

way.

CONGRATULATIONS

HARPER AND DAVIS WEDDING



Christopher Smith Harper and Jordan Davis were married in an outdoor heartfelt ceremony at The Farmstead in Mt. Pleasant, NC on Saturday, August 5. Chris is the son of Ken and Cathy Smith Harper of Yadkinville. Jordan is the daughter of Liz Hughes Davis of Locust, NC and Sam Davis of Lexington, NC. The couple will live in Wake Forest, NC where Chris is the Assistant Tennis Professional at Hasentree Country Club. He graduated from Forbush High School and Methodist University and has a National Professional Tennis Instructor Certification. Jordan is a

Special Education teacher in an Elementary School in Wake Forest. She graduated from West Stanley High School and Appalachian State University and University of



North Carolina with a Master's Degree. Chris is the grandson of the late Richard and Ethel Smith and A.B. and Margaret Harper.

SYDNEY MATTHEWS IS NOW A YADKINVILLE TEACHER



Sydney Matthews, our Director of Children's Ministries, has changed her public teaching position to Yadkin County Schools. She says, "Please pray for me." She is now Music and Art Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary.

We also appreciate others in our church family who have chosen to serve the school children in our county, as their occupation.

In our regular church congregation are:

At the Elementary Schools,

Angel Collins - Music Teacher at Boonville and Jonesville:

Taylor Jones and Tracy McDonald - Teacher Assistants at Boonville;

Donna Raines - Instructional Assistant at Jonesville

At the High Schools,

Forbush: Jay Brendle - Drafting Teacher; Starmount: Sarah Ray - Guidance Secretary, Rhonda Moran - ITF (Technology Facilitator) and

Trevor Collins - Teacher Assistant

Also in our family are: Three Elementary Teachers –

Ashley Dezern and Shannon Buelin at Yadkinville and Anna Welborn at West Yadkin.





CONGRATULATIONS Continued...

50 YEARS MARRIED



August 18, 1973, Ken and Cathy Smith Harper were married at Deep

Creek Friends Meeting by Ken's uncle Rev. T. A. Isaacs and Winfred Crouse. On August 18, 2023, they celebrated 50 years of marriage. Cathy is the daughter of the late Richard and Ethel Smith and Ken is the son of the late A. B. and Margaret Harper. They have two children Julie Harper Watson (Tommy) and Christopher Smith Harper (Jordan) and one granddaughter Harper Watson.



JANET ROBBINS RECOGNIZED



August 19, NC United Society of Friends Women gathered for their annual meeting. During the business portion, Janet Robbins was recognized with a

You" gift and applause for her service on

the board and now outgoing President.

WALTER SHORE CHOSEN FOR NEW POSITION



Walter Shore has been selected and approved to serve a three year term as Vice President of Quaker Men International. This organization covers/includes missions of Quaker Men throughout Friends United Meeting. Walter is presently serving as President of North Carolina Quaker Men.

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, August 13, the Right Hand of Fellowship was given to officially welcome 11 new members and 3 associate members (A child of a member is considered associate until older or make his/her own decision). This allows them to be more involved in business and responsibilities of the meeting and its ministries among the membership and programs of the larger organization of Friends including Friends Church of NC with opportunities and special programs for Youth, Women and Men including Friends United Meeting that reaches out into other parts of the country and world.

These members are: Houstin Reeves Butler, Lauren Mock Butler, Associate: Kennedy Michelle Butler; Ronnie Gray Hutchens, Diane Kay Hutchens, Associate: Adam Karim Deyab, Associate: Zaina Alexandria Dayab; Brock Alexander Moran; Randal Alan Quate, Ragan Alexandria Quate, Haley Noelle Quate; Anthony Manuel Rangel; Olivia Marion Ray, Maggie Elizabeth Ray.















Pray for Our Students; Send a Card; Send a Text or Give a Call

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*Post-graduate work

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

YOUTH AND THE CHURCH

Do you seek the conversion to Jesus Christ and spiritual development of your young people? Do you instruct them in the principles and practices of Friends? Do you strive to create a community life that will promote their mental and physical well-being?



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

Labor Day - Monday, September 4

Which President Started Labor Day?

In the U.S., the first Labor Day parade was on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September a legal national holiday every year. Labor Day is to celebrate you, the American worker!



Grandparents Day - Sunday, Sept. 10

Celebrated in various countries; it is celebrated to show the bond between grandparents and grandchildren.



Saturday, September 16 – 10 AM-3:30 PM – Yadkin Valley Harvest Festival

Downtown Yadkinville: Festivities include activities for every member of the Family: Live music, agricultural displays, food vendors, and more! Fun time Inflatables, 2023 Crafts, Retail, & Promotional Vendors: Includes individuals, groups and churches.





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Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Genesis 9:3

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 – October, 2023

Deadline for news – September 24

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