

The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

February, 2024

The Secret Ingredient of Love

Years ago, I was at a restaurant and ordered buffalo wings. When my order appeared, I was asked if I wanted their signature “tiger sauce”. I was feeling fairly adventurous that night and said “Yes!”. Well, I was not disappointed. Their distinct sauce was cool and creamy but with a definite kick to it. It made those hot wings pop with flavor. I asked the waiter what was in the sauce and he said it was a secret recipe. Sometime later I was with a friend who knew the owner of that establishment. I asked him about the tiger sauce, and he laughed. He asked, “Did they tell you it was a secret recipe?” I said that’s what I was told. He laughed again and said, “Sour cream and Texas Pete. That’s all it is”. Secret recipes are not always that secret, but some are. For great cooks, there are often unexpected and unconventional ingredients they use to spice up a dish. A touch of sugar, a little dill, or a dash of vinegar, etc. and if you leave that ingredient out, the food will not be the same.

It’s February, and what does this have to do with Valentine’s Day and love? Well, there are a lot of components that make up our expressions and experiences of love. But there is one ingredient that is essential for deep love to be manifested in a special relationship. An essential ingredient that may not be identifiable at the moment, but in time reveals itself as the reason that person loved you in a way that was notable. This ingredient conveys a depth of love that is rare. It makes the affection from a person stand out from the expressions of love that others offer. That ingredient is sacrifice. Sacrificial love is usually inconvenient and often costly, but it yields a quality of relationship that can be had no other way.

Growing up, I knew I was loved as a son, but until I became a parent myself, I really did not understand the secret of that love. The sacrifices my parents made, without drawing any attention to themselves, was at the core of their love for me. Now, I not only understand some of those sacrifices, but I share the same heart from which they came. After a few fleeting decades as a parent myself, I better grasp the natural willingness to sacrifice for someone you really love.

This is where the Bible points us when it comes to love. The Greatest Commandment in the Bible is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind” (Luke 10:27) Notice how many times God uses the word “all” to describe the love He seeks from us. It is a sacrificial love. Paul wrote that such love is “not self-seeking” (1 Cor.13:5). It is also part of Jesus’ job description to be His disciple. “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Mt.10:24). It is in this willingness to love God with all of our being, to refuse to live a self-seeking life, and a desire to deny ourselves out of love for Christ that shows the secret ingredient to the best love of all: it is sacrifice. When we lack this secret ingredient, we practice a love that is frequently self-serving, tends to have strings attached, and will usually remind others of all we have done for them.

Paul Miller, in his book; “The J Curve” describes this form of love in a way that brings clarity. He says that we experience a kind of “death and resurrection” when we deny ourselves for the sake of someone else. Just as Jesus died and rose again, we too die to self for the sake of someone else and rise in the joyful power of Christ’s resurrection. Using Philippians 3:10-11 Miller sees this being lived out every day, over and over again, as we die to self in our love for others, and then God raises us up in the joyful power of the resurrection as we lean into the life of Christ. We willingly enter into some kind of inconvenience, sacrifice, or suffering for the sake of someone else, which then causes the sin of a selfish life in us to be weakened. When this happens, we are leaning into the image of Jesus, and we can experience a taste of “a real-time, present resurrection”

So, what is the secret ingredient that makes love for Christ and others possible? It is sacrifice. It is in fact a death to self-centeredness that resurrects us with joy and peace, and a deeper affection for Jesus. An affection that spills out in every direction to everyone we meet. The spice and savor of a life as it is meant to be lived is one that is willing to be second instead of first. Sacrifice is the special ingredient that makes love for others not only possible but also rewarding and fulfilling.

Randy

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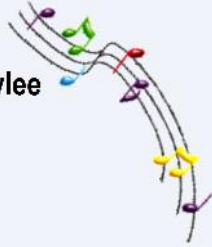


Each Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM or [Facebook Live](#)

Submitted By Ginger Holt:

Special Music:

February 4 – Walter, Dylan & Kaylee
February 11 – The Choir
February 18 – Angie Brendle
February 25 – The Choir



Choir Practice:

Sundays, February 4 and 18 - 3:00–4:00 PM

Submitted by Sarah Hutchens

Nursery Volunteers – Worship:

February 4 – Cathy Shore
February 11 – Donna Raines
February 18 – Ginger Holt
February 25 – Priscilla Shore

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

February 4 – Donna Raines
February 11 – Cathy Shore
February 18 – Jean Hutchins
February 25 – Priscilla Shore

Submitted by Jay Brendle.

Greeters for the month of February:

Angie Brendle, Leon Robbins

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February 4 – Lighthouse event is postponed.

Saturday, February 10 at 5:30 PM Valentine Banquet Dinner and Movie, *Jesus Revolution*.

Youth Fundraiser - Childcare Provided.

Get your ticket - See a CE member.

See Pg 5

February 11 – Souper Bowl of Caring

Bring cans of soup to church. See pg 6

Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 PM – Quaker Women will meet in the Fellowship Hall

Hostess: Cathy Shore

Speaker: Will be from Trellis Supportive Care.

All ladies are invited to join us.

Saturday, February 17 at 10:00 AM – Yadkin Historical Society will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

February 18 at 8:15 AM – Christian Education Committee will meet.

Devotions by Jacob Brendle.

Jean Hutchins, Chair

February 18 – Monthly Meeting

After Worship *Each Committee needs to have at least one representative present.

February 27 at 7:00 PM – Ministry and Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall



From Ginger

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a grown-up, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.



Ginger Holt, Clerk

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?

A NOTE from Jared Warden:



Dear Everyone,

As most of you know by now, I have accepted the Senior Pastor role at Union Cross Friends Church and will be leaving Deep Creek on January 31st. This decision came after months of prayer and discerning God's will for the ministry of Gwyn and I. While this was certainly not an easy or quick decision, it is ultimately what God desires and we are so thankful for his grace, mercy, patience and guidance. As I have taught my youth groups for years, when God has plans for your life, you submit and go. While that is not always easy, we remember that he has plans and they are always the best plans. As such, I know God has plans and look forward to what he has in store for our family and the ministry ahead.

Even though I'm looking forward, I cherish my time of ministry at Deep Creek. I began serving as Deep Creek's Director of Youth and Jr. Youth ministries in January of 2012. I really had no idea what I was doing, but God guided my every step, protected me, loved me and allowed me to make and learn from my mistakes. I also experienced many mountain tops, on which to praise His holy name. I have had the pleasure of working with many young people over the 12-year span and it has been an absolute treasure and joy to watch them grow, many since 4th grade, into the awesome young men and women that they have become. We have laughed a lot, cried some, shared in sorrows and joy, death and life, chapters ending and new beginnings. We've had many adventures on mission trips and ski trips, endured the craziness of one-day beach trips, battled through many games of Sardines and Capture-the-Flag at New Year's Eve lock-ins, spent countless hours at Vacation Bible School, gathered for Christmas play practices and worshipped as a church family at the annual Beach Retreat we started many years ago. I will cherish the Sunday afternoons that we have spent having Dogs and Youth groups. There, we played, ate together (a lot), just chatted about our weeks and shared in God's Word. Despite all those wonderful times, my greatest joy has been to lead many of those young people to a saving relationship with our Lord Jesus. I am very proud that many of those young people are following God's guidance to minister and serve others. The Lord is good!

While the young people have always had my heart and have been the center of my ministry at DC, I love the entire congregation and will miss being with them. Deep Creek poured into my life for many years before I began ministry there and has fully supported me ever since. I have enjoyed the chicken-stews, church-wide events and especially Wednesday night Bible study. There we shared a meal and did a deep dive into God's Word. Pastor Randy has taught me so much about the Bible and how to study the Word and mentored me. He also allowed me to teach and preach when he needed to be away, pushing me out of my comfort zone and into new areas of ministry. I am forever grateful for his mentorship and friendship and I know that DC will be a church where the true Word of God is preached. There is no possible way to remember all of the wonderful times as a church or to thank each person individually, so I will say a big THANK YOU to my Deep Creek family for all of the wonderful memories and relationships over the past 12 years. While my ministry role will change, those wonderful relationships will remain.

I'm only minutes away so I won't say goodbye but rather, see you around!

Blessings,
Jared

Making More Room for God – 21 Day Fast @ Deep Creek Friends REFLECTIONS

You did it! 21 Days of Fasting and Prayer have ended. Whatever you did during those 3 weeks is over. The “what” you did is not as important as the “why” you did it. While we all stumbled along the way, and may not have kept our plan perfectly, hopefully enough disturbance to our usual, daily routine happened to wake us up.

To wake us up concerning:

How we spend our time each day.

How much attachment we have to certain habits and things.

What can happen when we have just a few extra minutes per day to focus on Christ and to be in His presence.

How much power we feel when the church, as a whole, is focused and engaged in an area of growth or ministry.

Most of all, we wake up to what can happen when we make more room for God.

By the time you read this, your experience fasting may already be a distant memory. But imagine if what we discovered in those 21 Days helped us craft a new normal in our everyday life? That could be life changing and ministry magnifying. Let’s build some new habits...together....so we can all “make more room for Jesus” a way of life!

FCNC Prayer Calendar

FEBRUARY 2024

*“To Know God And
Make Him Known”*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Prayer brings inner strength to God's warriors and sends them forth to spiritual battle with their muscles firm and their armour in place. ~Charles Spurgeon				1 Bethel Church No Pastor FEMAP	2 Branon Friends Gloria Simmons Carlene King Ricky Lovelace	3 Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson
4 Cedar Square Friends Michael Fulp Jr Sterling Brown	5 Centre Friends Daniel Jordan (Interim pastor) No Youth Pastor FCM	6 Concord Friends Greg Creed	7 Connection Church Mike Wall	8 Deep Creek Randy Quate Trevor Collins-YP Destiny Ray-YP Sydney Matthews (Children)	9 Forbush Friends Mitchell See Kyle Widlicka	10 Goldsboro Friends Tim Grant (Interim pastor) QUAKER MEN
11 Harmony Grove No Pastor	12 Hood Swamp Friends Otto Graham (Interim pastor) 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 No Pastor USFW
18 Mountain View Friends Jeff Stowers	19 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	29a Back Creek Friends Jon Voncannon	29b Baltimore Friends Gilbert Imbayi	

Pray Daily

for

Other Friends Meetings

Ministries

and

Leadership

NOTE TO High School Seniors: It is time to make applications for the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship.

Deadline March 12 Scholarship Applications are on the following website: <https://www.friendschurchnc.org/usfw>
Students are eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of four years.

To Qualify: Seniors in a Friends Meeting congregation must be a participating member of a meeting that actively participates in NC USFW. Applications must be received by the deadline posted to be considered.

Looking ahead... 

Easter Egg Hunt. . . Saturday, March 30, 11:00 AM -1:00 PM

Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser. . . Saturday, May 4

IMPACT Yadkin...June 1 - 8

VBS...June 23 - 28

Get Your Ticket:



CAN YOU HELP?

Tracy Shore will be taking over arranging meals for Youth Meeting every Sunday night.

She would like to get enough people to help to create a rotation where people would only have to help once every 2 months and possibly double up with 2 people helping each Sunday, as not to put too much on people. If you are willing to help, please call or text her at 336-469-8056. The meals can be very simple and easy. Food will be needed for about 10 people.

February Schedule:

5th – Angie Brendle; 12th – Cathy & Tommy Shore; 19th – Janet Robbins; 26th – Ginger Holt

From Randy

New Tricks and Old Dogs

Facing our Bad Habits and Embracing New Ones

A Sermon Series for February

Well, it’s February, and most of those New Year’s resolutions we gallantly prophesied about have fizzled out. Somehow all the good intentions we muster seldom bring about the meaningful and lasting change we seek. Is change even possible? Starting in February, Randy will be exploring what the Bible teaches us about lasting change. Specifically, how do we break bad habits and develop good habits. Come and join us as we face the patterns that persist in our lives, and how the Bible and The Holy Spirit have been provided to us so that we can forge lives that are more joyful, purposeful, and fulfilling.

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.

Deep Creek Quaker Women Enjoyed Speaker's Message, *Rooted in Love*



Last month, the speaker at the Quaker Women's meeting was Georgianne Hartline. She talked about how important it is to be rooted in Jesus and used a carrot to emphasize the point of her message. Her scripture was:

"And I Pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations." Ephesians 3:17b-21

Join them on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for another interesting speaker and good food. They will also be working on Valentine cards.



February 11 – Bring Cans of Soup to Church

Souper Bowl of sharing was originally inspired by a simple prayer: **"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."**

In 1990 this was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC led by Brad Smith, who was serving as a seminary intern at the time.

This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good? Individuals and groups could collect dollars in soup pots and canned food for those in need and send every dollar and food donation **DIRECTLY** to a local charity of **THEIR** choice.

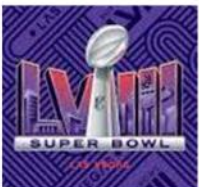
The first year, they invited 22 area churches to join the team and collected \$5,700 with 100% of donations distributed to local-area charities. Since then, Tackle Hunger, with its signature Souper Bowl of Caring event has become a national, grass-roots, youth-inspired movement where ordinary people are doing extraordinary good. **MILLION** in dollars and food has been generated while benefiting thousands of soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and other hunger-relief charities in local communities.

Thousands of participants including: churches, schools, youth groups, community partners, grocery partners, local businesses, media partners, NFL teams and passionate individuals have experienced for themselves, the joy and satisfaction of giving, serving and inspiring people across the country to follow their generous example to Tackle Hunger. **We choose to make our donations to Yadkin Christian Ministries each year.**

Super Bowl – LVIII Game Day - Sunday, February 11 at Allegiant Stadium, 3333 Al Davis Way, Las Vegas, NV

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Teams: Chiefs and 49ers



Looking Ahead:

Empty Bowls 2024 - March 19 at the Yadkinville Moose Lodge. All meals are take-out. Lunch at 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM; Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 PM. \$25 meal Ticket includes a bowl and chance to win a quilt and are available at the Yadkinville Ministry Center. Janet Robbins also has tickets.

CAN YOU HELP THESE PEOPLE?



North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

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Eastern N.C. Disaster Relief March 10th - 15th, 2024 *New Bern, North Carolina*



We are planning on starting this new year of 2024 with a March rebuilding trip. This March rebuilding trip to New Bern will be a continuation of our past rebuilding trips. We will be helping families that have had their homes damaged by weather disasters including some families that have been completely displaced from their homes. Some of these families have been homeless for years. We will be continuing to help these people by changing their 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 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 10th 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

CHILDREN From Sydney

Sydney Matthews:
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Looking forward!

VBS (Mark your Calendar)
Camp Firelight
June 23-28th



Sydney Matthews:
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EVENTS:

Children's Church every Sunday!

FOJ

February 4th @ 4pm
February 18th @ 4pm

LOOKING AHEAD:

Easter Egg Hunt:

March 30th, 2024
11am-1pm

Volunteers needed, please see Sydney!

In the Nursery
Bring your children during **Worship**
And
Sunday School



YOUTH & JUNIOR YOUTH

We are very excited to start this new season in our ministry!

As we finish off this time of fasting let us not forget the lessons that we learned through this experience.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Trevor Collins

Galatians 6:9

Activities...

Youth Meetings: **February 4, 11, 18, and 25**

DOGS Meetings: **February 4 and 18**

Youth Dinner and Movie Fundraiser:
February 10



Meet Trevor

Our Interim Youth Minister

Hey! I'm Trevor Collins, and I will be serving, along with Destiny, as one of the interim youth ministers. I graduated from Gardner-Webb University with a Discipleship Studies degree. I also work at Starmount High School as an exceptional children teacher's assistant. My favorite Bible verse is Galatians 6:9, "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." I am very excited to be working with the youth here at Deep Creek!



Meet Destiny
Our Interim Youth Minister

Hey! I'm Destiny Ray, and I'll be serving, along with Trevor, as one of the interim youth ministers for Deep Creek. I'm currently pursuing my B.A. in History and Education, with a focus on secondary education, at Wingate University. I work as a Resident Assistant at Wingate and as an office assistant at Yadkin Memorial Park when I'm home.

In my free time, I enjoy reading, painting, listening to music and looking for vinyl, crocheting, and spending time with my friends. I've served as an intern at Deep Creek twice (2019 and 2023). I have developed a passion for working with young students and truly enjoy seeing them learn and succeed. I've been blessed with people that have invested in me, both at church and outside, and have been able to grow in my faith with their support.

CONGRATULATIONS

KATE SHORE HAS 103 BIRTHDAY

Congratulations Kate Shore for your 103 Birthday! Thank You for all the things you continue to do. We appreciate your kindness, your encouragement and support in the things we do. Thank you for the cards and nice notes you that you enclose in them. You are certainly an example for us all.

Kate celebrated her birthday with family and friends on Sunday January 7.



JIMMY WARDEN RECEIVED AN HONOR AT FORBUSH HIGH SCHOOL

Jimmy Warden was inducted into the Forbush High School Hall of Fame. He was recognized for his many years of coaching softball, work and special encouragement for many girls over the years. Parents and students expressed their appreciation.

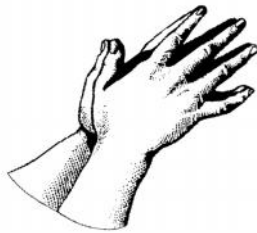
Author of Ecclesiastes wrote . . .

**“Whatever thy hand findeth to do,
do with thy might.”**



Quaker Lake Camp
Women's Retreat
March 2, 2024
8:30am-5:30pm
Check-in 8:30am to 9am
Cost: \$60 (light breakfast & lunch included)

Join us for a day of worship, relaxation, and fellowship! Choose from optional activities, reach new heights swinging from our Alpine Tower, or simply enjoy a cup of coffee with friends. Some options include hiking, ceramics, painting, line dancing, cooking demonstrations, yoga, crafts, jewelry making, games, and much more! Retreat is open to women of all ages.



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





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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.

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Deadline for news – February 25

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**Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
Matthew 5:15**

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