

The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

January, 2024

Come with Me!

“Superficiality is the curse of our age....the desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people”

Richard Foster

Have you ever had a demanding day? In Mark chapter 6, we see Jesus and his disciples having one. It was a day marked by the rejection of Jesus by his hometown of Nazareth. A miraculous, short-term mission effort by the disciples. The horrible martyrdom of John the Baptist and the miraculous feeding of a multitude. Finally, the disciples encounter a vicious storm on the water, and at around 3:00am Jesus walks on the choppy waves to them in the storm. When he climbs into their boat, the storm ceases. Now, that is a challenging day!

When I read this chapter with a red-letter Bible, each reference to the words of Jesus is penetrating and carries great insight. But the words of verse 31 strike me the most right now. In the throes of a stressful day, Jesus says, *“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest”*. Consider with me what these words could mean for us right now.

First, Christ invites his disciples into fellowship with him. He says, *“Come with me”*. The personal nature of Christ’s presence with us is the same. In the midst of a sometimes hectic and challenging life, Jesus says, *“tune everything out, and tune me in!”* We don’t have to beg God to be with us. He desires it more than we do, and he knows how much we need to be with him.

Then he says, *“by yourselves”*. This shows the specific need we have at times to be cut off from the urgency around us. The disciples needed relief from people, and so do we. Jesus calls them to a corporate solitude, away from the demands, noise, and expectations of others. Multitasking can be a wonderful practice, but not when it comes to prayer and deep communion with the Lord.

Next, he says *“to a quiet place”*. They are not being called to a resort, but to a place that is still, calm, and private. Other translations use *“desert”* or *“desolate place”* to describe the Shepherd’s invitation. Jesus is pulling them away from the pace within them and around them.

The fourth part of this sentence from Jesus is the purpose of it all: *“and get some rest.”* This rest is not just physical, it is spiritual, mental, and emotional. The disciples need to be replenished and removed from the addictive nature of constant stimulation and engagement. To do that they need to be with Jesus, without others, in a quiet place, so they can rest. Jesus is inviting them to more than a nap. He is calling them to a fresh state of being. He is inviting them to what he says in Matthew 11:28 *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

Do we know how much Jesus wants to be with us? Do we know how badly we need to be with him? Wherever you are right now, whatever you are doing....stop! Close your eyes and take a few deep breaths. Don’t rush this. Now listen! Can you hear it? Can you sense it? He is speaking your name. He is saying *“Come be with me!”*. What if you let him take you by the hand, and you go with him? This year? This month? Right now? Do it!

Randy

NOTE: WEARING MASKS IS OPTIONAL. USE YOUR GOOD JUDGEMENT.



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

Submitted By Ginger Holt:

Special Music:

January 7 – Kristian Davis
January 14 – The Choir
January 21 – Ginger Holt
January 28 – The Choir



Choir Practice:

Sundays, January 7 and 21 - 3:00–4:00 PM

Submitted by Sarah Hutchens

Nursery Volunteers – Worship:

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

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

January 7 – Donna Raines
January 14 – Cathy Shore
January 21 – Jean Hutchins
January 28 – Priscilla Shore

Submitted by Jay Brendle.

Greeters for the month of January:

Jean Hutchins, Michael Ray

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**New Deep Creek Officers for 2024
Responsibility Began January 1**

January 7 – Guest Musician, Kristian Davis

See next Page

**Wednesday, January 10 at 6:00 PM –
Finance Committee will meet in the church
Library**

**January 14 – Building Fund Sunday
Mark your check or envelope**

**Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 PM – Quaker
Women will meet in the Fellowship Hall**

Hostess: Priscilla Shore

Speaker: Georgianne Hartline

**January 21 at 8:15 AM – Christian
Education Committee will meet.**

Jean Hutchins, Chair

**January 21 – Monthly Meeting
After Worship *Each Committee needs to
have at least one representative present.**

**January 21 – Yadkin Valley Quarterly Meeting
3:30 at Forbush Friends Meeting**

**January 23 at 7:00 PM – Ministry and
Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall**

**January 28 – Following Worship
A Special Fellowship Covered Dish Meal in
Honor and Appreciation of Jared Warden
and his work at Deep Creek. **Everyone Come.****

**NOTE CHANGE for January's Wednesday Night Bible
Study: After the meal – Devotion, Worship,
Reflection and Encouragement.
Listen to what the Lord is saying to us.
Sharing the journey of Fasting and Prayer**

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Bearing With One Another

My Daddy had a couple of grape vines he was quite proud of. He often would say “I got something I want to show you,” and would proceed to take me to the grape vines to show me how well they were doing. He did not make anything with the grapes, they were just for pulling and eating, often while we were standing there.

One day, my Dad's neighbor asked if she could pick some of his grapes. Dad said “Sure, help yourself.” A couple of days later, Daddy walked to his grapevines to get some, to find that the neighbor had picked them all, every last one!! What would you do?

I visited him shortly after the incident. He told me about it, and when I asked him what he did, he laughed and said “Well, I told her to help herself.” He did not say anything to her about it. He did not seem to have hard feelings. He just laughed. Later, she brought Daddy a jar of homemade grape jelly and thanked him for the grapes. He thanked her for the jelly. To me, that was a wonderful example of grace. Dad had given her an inch, and she took a mile. But, he did not tell her that she should have known better or anything. He just thanked her for his jar of jelly. I do not know if she ever asked for grapes again, or if she did if Dad gave her some instructions about leaving him some. But, I know that I was impressed with his reaction to that circumstance. I never told him, but I watched how Daddy treated others throughout my life, and he never disappointed me.

Whether people tell us or not, they are watching how we treat others. Do we show grace? Or, do our actions contradict our Christian testimony? I hope we do not disappoint.

Colossians 3: 13-14 *bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.*

Ginger Holt, Clerk



Kristian Davis Will Present Our Worship Music January 7

Kristian lives in East Bend and is a member of Mt Bethel Baptist Church where he is faithful in attending, serving, supporting and sharing his love for Jesus through music. He believes that music is a way to show others Christ through the lyrics and what they mean. While he was at Forbush High School his family became friends with Jacob Brendle and his family. The Davis family traveled on a summer mission trip to Cincinnati with Deep Creek and quickly became a part of the group. Kristian has also attended some youth events when he was available.

He is a student at UNC Charlotte and in a Bible study group there. He plans to graduate in the spring of 2025 with a degree in Data Science. We are happy to have him come and share his music with us.

As we Begin the New Year Trying to Become Better Servants of God,
Phyllis Barnes shares the following article verified by a lady, whose name is Kay

The Refiners Touch

There was a group of women in a Bible study on the book of Malachi. As they were studying chapter three they came across verse three which says, "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." This verse puzzled the women and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out about the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study. That week the woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest in silver beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that, in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest so as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot - then she thought again about the verse, that He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver. She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. For if the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's the easy part -- when I see my image reflected in it."

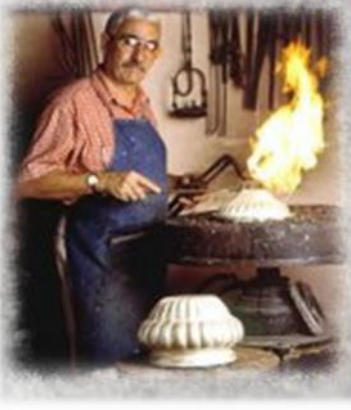
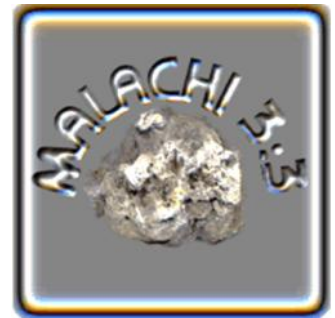
If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eye on you and will keep His hand on you and watch over you until He sees His image in you.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

NOTE from Kay: *I verified that the information in this story was true. I contacted a silversmith at www.silversmithing.com and asked if there were any untruths in the silver-smithing parts.*

I received the following response from Fred Zweig:

"I am familiar with the verse from Malachi. The similarities of actual refining and the chapter and verse from the Bible are accurate. It is important not to overheat the silver when refined in this process and clean molten silver will shine with a mirror-like quality when it is ready to pour. The high temperatures do volatilize the impurities and form on the surface as dross. It is important to be attentive to the molten metal as it does it no good to overheat it. It may not destroy the silver, but silver has an affinity for absorbing oxygen and this can make it unworkable."



Making More Room for God

21 Day Fast @ Deep Creek Friends - January 7-27, 2024

Making More Room for God is church-wide focus in January. As a church family, we will be encouraging each other, during a time of fasting, in order to be more open to the Lord. To make more room for God together. What is a fast? A fast is the self-denial of normal necessities in order to intentionally attend to God in prayer. The physical awareness of emptiness is the reminder to turn to Jesus who alone can satisfy.

While fasting traditionally involves abstaining from food or drink, other forms of self-denial can also serve as meaningful fasts. One could abstain from pleasures, attachments, or cravings, such as television, social media, shopping, bread and sweets, etc.... We easily fill our lives with stuff, with our own pleasures, with our own self-interests. Many of these things are good as long as we don't idolize them, yet fasting invites us to empty ourselves of such things in order to make more space for God. When we feel the emptiness or absence of a common thing, we are reminded how much we need the Living Water of Jesus Christ to fill us.

What could you give up for 21 days in order to be more attentive to the voice of God? What if everyone at Deep Creek Friends took this on? God could truly use this time to speak to us all. Let's do this together!

*More information on fasting will be available in front of Randy's office
and in the foyer.*

One of the Core Values of Deep Creek Friends Meeting: **TRUTH**

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.

FCNC Prayer Calendar

JANUARY 2024

*"To Know God And
Make Him Known"*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 FCNC Revival in 2024	2 Bethel Church No Pastor FEMAP	3 Branon Friends Gloria Simmons Carlene King Ricky Lovelace Trish Belton	4 Cane Creek Friends Cheryl Benson	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 No Pastor QUAKER MEN	12 Harmony Grove No Pastor	13 Hood Swamp Friends No Pastor East Africa YM
14 Hunting Creek No Pastor	15 Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes	16 Liberty Friends James Moore QUAKER LAKE	17 Marlboro Friends Ray Luther Terry Linthicum	18 Mar Mac Friends No Pastor USFW	19 Mountain View Friends Jeff Stowers	20 Odre Nuevo (New Wineskins) Misael Morales
21 Randleman Friends Wade Craven	22 Rocky River Friends David Hobson	23 Science Hill Friends John Porter Superintendent Mike Wall	24 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding FDS	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 Jon Voncannon	31 Baltimore Friends Gilbert Imbayi	<p><i>The purest form of love is given with no expectation of return. Measured by this standard, earnest prayer for others is a magnificent act of love.</i> -David Hubbard <small>(Former president of Fuller Theological Seminary)</small></p>		

Pray
Daily
for
Other
Friends
Meetings
Ministries
and
Leadership

Your First Year
2nd month
Snow on February 20,
2012



Thank You Jared!!

Jared Warden has accepted the position of Senior Pastor at Union Cross Friends Church and will be leaving us here at Deep Creek at the end of January. Jared grew up at Deep Creek and has served as Youth Pastor here for 12 years. Over this time he has ministered to many children, youth, and young adults, not only within the church but in the community as well.

Jared has headed up youth events, mission trips, youth meetings, fund raisers and other ministries for our youth, along with being an integral part of Impact Yadkin. Jared has also been a great colleague to the other youth pastors in FCNC and with the staff here at Deep Creek. He has been a faithful support to our pastor by serving in many capacities such as preaching, visitation, and leading Bible study as needed. Jared will be greatly missed, but we will be praying for him, Gwyn, and Elsie as they minister to the Union Cross congregation. On January 28th there will be a carry in meal in the fellowship hall honoring Jared after the worship service.

*Thank you Jared for your faithfulness
to the Lord and to us.*



Deep Creek Joins Forbush Friends and Others With The Good Box Ministry

Evangelism and Outreach Committee joined Forbush Friends in preparing food boxes for local students in Yadkin County Schools. These boxes were sent home with families for simple meals to prepare during the holiday season. Forbush Friends started this ministry a few years ago and as news has grown we are thankful to be able to partner and help this school year.

As the Evangelism Committee had been discussing a project for the season, a call came from Forbush Friends for help – the need was so great this year. God is good and He already knew we wanted to do something and this was perfect!! Angie Brendle, Co-chair



Committee Members come together to organize their food



Forbush Tells How the **Good Box Ministry Began and This Year's Success**

About 15 years ago, a small Sunday School class decided to provide food boxes to some of the local school children. “We would replace the food that students got at breakfast and lunch during school days over the Christmas break to the kids at East Bend Elementary who got backpack food on weekends. We had a desire to eventually serve all the schools in our county. After many prayers, a few obstacles, and lots of reminders that God is already working a way, every school in Yadkin County is served with food boxes at Christmas and Spring Breaks.” This year over 200 food boxes were provided to families in the county as some other churches joined this effort. “Praise and Thanks to God first and foremost.”

As delivery to the schools began, Forbush expressed thanks to South Oak Ridge Baptist Church, North Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel Friends Meeting, Deep Creek Friends Meeting, Longtown Methodist Church, Forbush Friends Meeting and to Food Lion of Yadkinville for assistance with food orders.

What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But some one will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. **James 2:14-18**

Directed by Ginger Holt

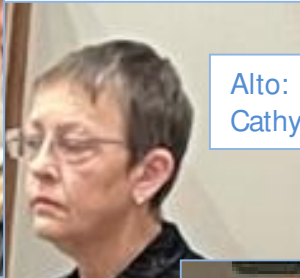
The 20th Annual Performance of Handel's Messiah Presented by Yadkin Community Chorus

was a success with several from Deep Creek congregation participating

Choir Members:



Soprano:
Rachel Nishio



Alto:
Cathy Shore

Tenor:
Walter Shore



Bass: Tommy Shore and Roger Holt

Solos:
Walter Shore



Flute: Jacob Brendle
and
Trumpet: Angel Collins



Solos: Rachel Nishio



Quaker Women Host Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch



Some of the Young Adults gathered for chicken stew, snacks, dessert and fun with Dirty Santa and other games before ringing in the New Year together with punch and confetti. It's always our pleasure and joy to host them in our home each year. Here's to a wonderful 2024 together! *Jay and Angie*



CHILDREN From Sydney

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

I want to take time to thank Deep Creek Friends Meeting for their support of the children and of the ministry. I appreciate every single person that has taken time to reach out, pray for, and support the children in their lives both in and out of the meeting house. Thank you for continuing to support these kiddos through 2024!

With love, Sydney Matthews

EVENTS:

NEW in 2024!
Children's Church will now be held every Sunday during worship!

Friends of Jesus:
January 7th @ 4pm
January 21st @ 4pm

Looking forward!

VBS (Mark your Calendar)

Camp Firelight

June 23-28th



What We Did in December:

The kiddos were very active in the Month of December. On December 8th we went to Tanglewood to see the lights but we didn't ride through in a car or van. We were able to ride through on a hayride enjoying the beautiful lights, deer, and all of God's creation.

We also had many Christmas play practices and were able to show the church what we had been working on! On December 15th we were able to have our Christmas party and share in celebrating the Birth of our Savior!

We also had different children share through song and poem on the first Sunday of the month and the last Sunday of the month. Whew! We sure have been busy!

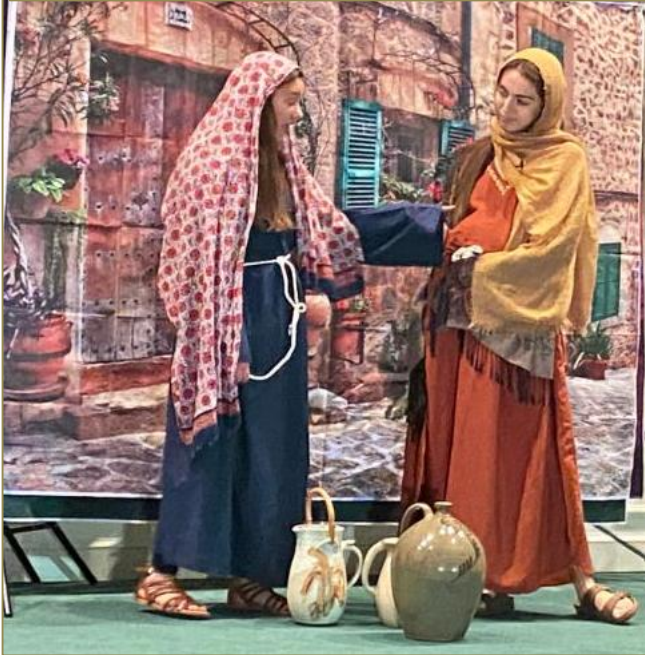
We also spent our Children's Church time talking about the importance of the Birth of Jesus and how we can receive the best gift from the smallest package.

Children's Program



Pantomime
of

The
Legend
Of The
Christmas Cookie



YOUTH & JR. YOUTH

From Jared

Coming up...

January 7th: Dogs at 5:00, Youth at 6:00 @ Deep Creek

January 14th: FCNC Youth Group at 5:00 @ Cedar Square Friends, Leave Deep Creek at 4:00.

January 20th: Youth Ski Trip! Let Jared know if you want to go. Details TBA.

January 21st: Dogs at 5:00, Youth at 6:00 @ Deep Creek

January 28th: Youth at 6:00 @ Union Cross

All at Deep Creek:

February 4th: Dogs at 4:00, Youth at 5:00

February 11th: Youth at 5:00

February 18th: Dogs at 4:00, Youth at 5:00

February 25th: Youth at 5:00



To Everyone from Jared,

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!

CONGRATULATIONS

KAYLEE SHORE GRADUATES



On December 15, 2023, Kaylee Faith Shore graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Appalachian State University. The big day was a culmination of hard work through difficult circumstances. She graduated a semester early after enduring COVID restrictions leading to online classes and no semblance of traditional college life during a large portion of her time. While at Appalachian Kaylee made Dean's List 4 semesters and Chancellor's List 2 semesters.

Kaylee is now applying to law school.

Proud family members include parents, Franklin and Anita Shore; sisters Ashley Dezern and Shannon Shore Ray, brother-in-law Justin Ray, nephew Dean Ray. Grandparents are Bobby and Ruby Sizemore and Shelby Shore. Deceased Granddaddy Wiley Shore attended *in absentia*, having directed Walter and Priscilla to be sure Kaylee had roses for her graduation.

Kaylee would never leave out recognizing her other close family, Aunt Lisa Dawkins, Uncle Walter and Aunt

Priscilla Shore, cousin Dylan Hammer, Aunt Donna and Uncle Bill Terrell. All were in attendance at the big event. Kaylee's dog, Caroline, was very proud as well!



KACIE BARBER PLAYS SEVERAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



Kacie Barber plays first chair French Horn in the Forbush Concert Band and played Mellophone in the Marching Band. She plays second chair French Horn in Winston Salem Youth Symphony. She also plays Bass Guitar in the Jazz Band. She was busy with Christmas events with these groups as well as church.



And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,
to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28



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

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

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

Do you use your spiritual gifts in serving humanity as God grants you light to see such service?



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Grain must be ground to make bread. Isaiah 28:28

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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.

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Deadline for news – January 28

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