It is pretty common knowledge that I like coffee. There is nothing quite like that hot brew in the morning when one eye refuses to open. Others must share my same discovery since coffee is so popular today. Each day millions of people start their morning with a cup of java to stimulate their bodies and brains. A sleepy morning is transformed into a focused day with a swallow of caffeine. In fact, it was that very stimulation that caused coffee to be discovered.

The most popular legend of the discovery of coffee tells us of an Ethiopian goat herder named Kaldi who lived hundreds of years ago. One day he blew his flute to gather the goats, but the goats did not come, so he climbed higher to find where they were. He heard them bleating and soon discovered the goats jumping and dancing on their hind legs while they ate berries and leaves from a bush that Kaldi had never seen before. The herder was afraid that the berries were poisonous and thought the goats would die. The next day, however, all the goats were alive and when he took them back to the mountain they immediately returned to the strange bush and began to eat the beans again. This time Kaldi decided to try them himself. After eating some of the beans he too began to be frisky and supposedly danced with the goats. Sometime later he opened up a Starbucks on the hill and the rest is history, (I like the end of that story a latte).

Seriously, it is no secret that caffeine awakens the body's senses. Wouldn't it be great if our spiritual senses could be awakened like that? How often our lives seem so sleepy. We go through the motions of each day responding to the responsibilities and expectations that are before us. There can be a lifeless type of repetition that can creep into our days. Our spiritual life can also begin to fit this pattern. Picture a Christian who lives by Christian principles. He goes to church and serves in several ways. He prays every morning on the way to work and periodically reads his Bible or a devotional book. But at the end of the day, his emotional and spiritual frame of mind is not much different than his non-Christian coworkers or neighbors. How can this be? How can a person who has received God's grace by faith and become a "new creation" live in a consistent state of spiritual and emotional boredom? How can such a dull life issue from such a dramatic transformation? Is there "caffeine" for a soul like this? Maybe the spiritual revving we need is found in a simple but often overlooked word: wonder.

The gospel accounts of the resurrection of Jesus Christ show common themes. One predominate theme is fear. Six times in the four gospel accounts there is a reference to fear. In two cases this is a picture of Roman guards who are afraid; they are literally scared to death. But in the other cases, especially with the women who had come to the tomb, their fear was more like amazement. They were told to "fear not", which could be paraphrased, "don't be scared". Any fright they may have had was transformed into amazement at the Resurrected Jesus. They were full of wonder. Easter reminds us that wonder should be a regular part of a believer's life because Jesus Christ is still alive. As the song says, "we serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today." If we really believe that, we can't help but be awakened by wonder.

Think back in your life. When did you experience the greatest amount of wonder? It was probably when you were a child. In fact, the years of youth are called "the wonder years." When my girls were small, they were filled with amazement at creation and life itself. A bug, a cloud, a blade of grass, became an object of wonder. Such wonder comes natural to a child before she grows up to a life grounded in the predictable and repetitive. That is the reason adults don't experience wonder as easily as children. Adults are all about analyzing, controlling and managing life. Our minds are cluttered with information and data that must be processed, that is why we are often left with no mental margin to reflect on the greatness and glory of God. The resurrection of Jesus Christ cannot be managed or controlled. Here is where the wonder steps in.

I love one of Webster's definitions of wonder. It reads, "rapt attention or astonishment at something awesomely mysterious or new to one's experience." How would you like to live your life like that? Sounds exciting! What a powerful alternative to the "life in the trenches" we often bemoan. Wonder is a stimulant to a person's spirit. It is the awakening to a creation filled with life and potential because there is a Creator who is active and present in this world, and a Savior who is alive and with us.

So, tomorrow morning, don't merely start your day with a cup o' Joe, but take a deep drink of Living Water. As you approach Easter, ask God to help you "get lost" again in the wonder of the Resurrection of Jesus, of creation, of salvation, of the miracle that we can be called "children of God". You will find, if you do, a new lilt to life as your spirit dances throughout the day with a sense of amazement.

Randy

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



Submitted by

Nursery - Sunday School

9:30-10:30 AM

March 3 – Donna Raines

March 18 – Jean Hutchins March 25 - Priscilla Shore

March 11 – Cathy Shore

### Each Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 AM; Worship at 10:30 AM or Facebook Live

Submitted By Ginger Holt:

Special Music:

March 3 - Quartet (Beth, Cathy, Tommy, Roger)

March 10 – The Choir

March 17 – Jacob Brendle

March 24 - Handbell Choir

March 31 – The Choir

**Choir Practice:** 

Sundays, **March** 3 and 17 - 3:00–4:00 PM



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### March 3 at 5:30 PM – Lighthouse (Meeting for parents of all age children)



March 10 – Daylight Savings Time begins Set your clock forward.

Saturday, March 16 at 9:00 AM – Cemetery Volunteers come and help. Clean-Up

### Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 PM – Quaker Women will meet in the Fellowship Hall

Supporting Empty Bowls fundraiser, everyone will eat together and hear about Yadkin Christian Ministries from Janet and Jean. Need a ticket? See Janet.

March 17 at 8:15 AM – Christian Education Committee will meet. Jean Hutchins, Chair

March 17 – Monthly Meeting After Worship \*Each Committee please have at least one representative present.

March 24 - Palm Sunday - Handbells Choir practice @ 8:30; Play for Worship

Friday, March 29 at 7:00 PM - Good Friday Service



Saturday, March 30 at 11:00 AM -1:00 PM - Easter Egg Hunt: Bring your children! See Page 9

March 31 at 6:45 AM - Sunrise Service, Breakfast; 8:00 AM Worship; Cemetery Offering



Submitted by Sarah Hutchens

Nursery Volunteers – Worship:

March 3-Janet Robbins

March 10 - Donna Raines

March 17 – Ronda Moran

March 24 – Jean Hutchins

March 31 - Janet Robbins

Submitted by Jay Brendle. Greeters for the month of March:

Steve Hutchens, Harold Clarkson



NOTE: Handbells Practice: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Afternoons at 2:00.

### Lighthouse

**Encouragement & Equipping For Christian Parents** Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Mitch See, pastor of Forbush Friends

Topic: Biblical Discipline in Parenting

The meeting is open to all parents of children

from birth to college age.

Meal will be offered for everyone at no charge

If you think you could come, please contact a staff member (Sydney, Destiny, Trevor, or Randy) so we can prepare.

Don't miss this opportunity as parents to gain support and inspiration.

Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 AM Mid-Year Gathering of Friends Church of North Carolina will meet at Deep Creek

Lunch will be provided Everyone is Welcome to Attend

### 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.



### Jesus took the Wheel

The summer between my 8th and 9th grade years, Mama let me spend the night with my friend Donna. Her sister, who had recently turned 16, had a friend over as well. The Friday before I went to my friend's house, Mama bought me my very first "big girl" lip gloss. It was in a glass vial with a rolling ball to release the clear strawberry fragranced gloss. Between that, and the fact that we were going to get to cruise around Elkin on Saturday night, I thought I had truly arrived.

On Saturday, Karen's Dad handed her the keys to his Ford LTD and told her our curfew. He had just finished paying for the car, and had dropped the collision insurance. It was beautiful. Karen and Lisa (the 16 year olds) rode up front, and Donna and I (two 14 year olds going on 20) rode in the back. We rode around Elkin countless times. I do not know why that was so exciting, but it was great fun. Every few minutes I reapplied my lipgloss, because, as a 14 year old, you can never apply too much. Right?

We were having such a great time that we lost track of it, so Karen took a shortcut back to her house (Rena Road). It was a narrow, crooked road, but it would cut time off our trip. An animal of some kind ran out in front of us, and Karen lost control of the car. She was thrown into the floorboard as the car became airborne. I had my lipgloss in my hand at the time. I did not know everything that was going on, but when I felt myself being thrown forward, my Mama yelled "Lay down Ginger!!", so I did. The car seats had detached from their bases, and we were all beaten up pretty badly, but we all limped away from the accident. A farmer and his wife heard the crash and called for the ambulance. We were taken to the hospital, but were released to our parents that night. Lisa had stitches in her lip, Donna and Karen were bruised up, and I looked like someone had beat me all over with a baseball bat. We were all very sore the next day, and me being the most noticeably bruised one, I questioned the wisdom of minding my Mama's voice. To add insult to injury I had lost my lip gloss.

That day a sheriff's deputy met us and our parents at the scene of the accident. Driving itself, the car had missed a barn by about 3 inches or so. Then, it landed on a makeshift road the farmer had made that led to his pond. Just a few feet from going into the pond, the car had turned to the left and wrapped its front end around a small tree. Each step the car made on its own saved our lives. As we were looking at the car's final resting place, I looked down and there was my lipgloss, unharmed. I picked it up and stuck it in my pocket thinking not all was lost.

Next, we drove to where the car had been taken. The mangled car did not look like the car of survivors. In addition, the front windshield, cracked like a clear mosaic, had a big bulge on the passenger's side. Turns out both Lisa and Donna had been thrown into it in the same spot. The deputy said that if one more person had hit it, they would have surely gone through it and probably been killed. He reminded us several times at both the crash site and at the car how lucky we were to be alive. However, I realized at that moment that had Mama not yelled for me to lay down (No, Mama was not with us) I would have been that third person. Luck had nothing to do with it. I tell you now that not even a 14 year old missed that miracle. Jesus was at the wheel.

"People may argue the facts, but they cannot argue with your experience. They cannot argue with your personal testimony".

-Gregg Hunter (Fort Howard Community Church)

2 Timothy 1:8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

LOOKING AHEAD:

### **Spring Revival and Friend Day**

**April 19-21**, 2024

Speaker: Steven Ackley

We are so excited to welcome Steven Ackley to Deep Creek for our revival in April. Steven is the Discipleship Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. He has led several FCNC workshops on reaching and ministering to youth and young adults. April 21<sup>st</sup> will also be Friend Day! Bring a neighbor, coworker, or someone you know that is not involved in church to hear Steven and share a

meal after the service.

### **Schedule:**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm revival service with Steven

: After Service "Coffee & Conversation"

for youth and young adults

with Steven in the Fellowship Hall.

Saturday 20th: Service at 7:00pm

Sunday 21st: 10:30am - Friend Day Worship service with Steven speaking

11:30am – Covered Dish fellowship meal for Friend Day

in the Fellowship Hall.

	FCNC Prayer Calendar		<b>MARCH 2024</b>			"To Know God And Make Him Known"	
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Pray Daily	"We must not forget that it wasn't the Jews that put Jesus on the cross, and it wasn't the Romans. It was my sins, it was your sins, the sins of this world." ~Franklin Graham "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, keep me from this hour?' No, it is for this very reason I came to this hour."  John 12:27					Bethel Church No Pastor FEMAP	2 Branon Friends Gloria Simmons Carlene King Ricky Lovelace
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inistries and	Goldsboro Friends Tim Grant (P/Time pastor) QUAKER MEN	11 Harmony Grove No Pastor	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 Friend Ray Luther Terry Linthicun
ndership	17 Mar Mac Friends No Pastor 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  31  EASTER	25 Winthrop Friends Georgianne Hartline	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 Deeper Wells Friends Gilbert Imbayi

### Reminder: TO High School Seniors: Applications for the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship.

**Deadline March 12** Scholarship Applications are on 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.** 

### **From Tracy Shore – Food for Youth Events:**

March 3rd - Rhonda & Jean; March 10th - Kristy & Sarah

March 17th - Priscilla & Brenda - Pizza For all three groups (FOJ, DOGS & Youth)

March 24th - Diane & Tracy; March 31st - Angie

### Looking ahead...

### April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Children's Revival (ages 3 thrugh 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) with Mindy & Travis Painter

Mindy grew up at Charity Baptist Church and Travis grew up at Union Grove Baptist Church. They have been married since 2015 and love spoiling their three nephews. They have a background in youth ministry. Travis attended Fruitland Baptist Bible College where he received his two year degree in Ministry. Mindy works at Ben's Store and Travis is a social worker. They joined Union Grove Baptist Church in 2022 and enjoy helping with the youth group when they get a chance.

They love serving the Lord together and their favorite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight"



Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser. . . Saturday, May 4 (See Page 7)

At Silo Run Tee Time at 2pm

**Lunch & Registration begins at 12:30** 

If you would like to play golf or make a donation; please see Jay Brendle or Jean Hutchins

IMPACT Yadkin...June 1 – 8

VBS...June 23 - 28

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?





On Super Bowl Sunday, Two Young Children, Observing Souper Bowl of Caring, announced during worship that they would be at the doors



collecting \$ for the Hungry, suggesting each person, as

they left, put a dollar OR more in their cooking pots.
AND They collected \$306.
They say "Thank You".

It was added to the 190 pounds of soup and other food donated that day for Yadkin Christian Ministries.



Do you have your ticket for **Empty Bowls**?

(One of the larger Fund raising Events for Yadkin Christian Ministries)

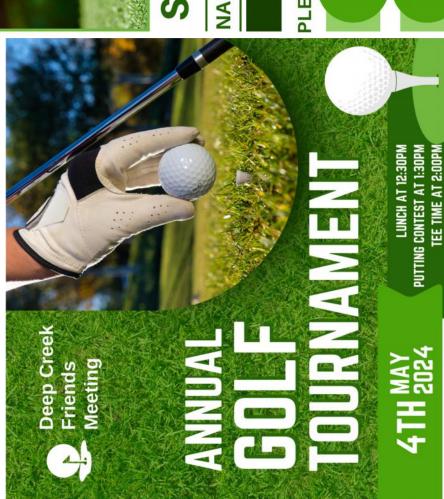
Tuesday - March 19 at
Yadkinville Moose Lodge
All meals are take-out.
Drive Through and Pick Up
Lunch at 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM;
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 PM

\$25 meal Ticket includes
Cracker Barrel vegetable soup,
Taste of Italy salad, crackers,
Krispy Kreme doughnut, bottled
water, and a hand crafted pottery
bowl and chance to win a quilt.

Check with Janet Robbins for tickets.

Or Call YCM (336) 677-3080.





### MORE INFO

Contact Jay Brendle (336) 679-8089

**\$200.00** per 4-person team

PRICE

**\$50.00** per golfer

Contact Jean Hutchins (336) 469-8692

SILO RUN

Proceeds will benefit YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Help with the event or Could You Play Golf, Be a Sponsor? **GOLF COURSE** 



## Form Sponsorship

NAME:

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PLEASE INDICATE YOUR DESIRED CONTRIBUTION LEVEL.

Bronze \$50

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# PROCEEDS BENEFIT DEEP CREEK YOUTH & CHILDREN PROGRAMS.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DEEP CREEK YOUTH.

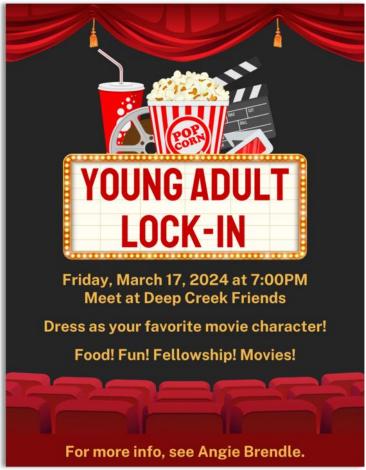
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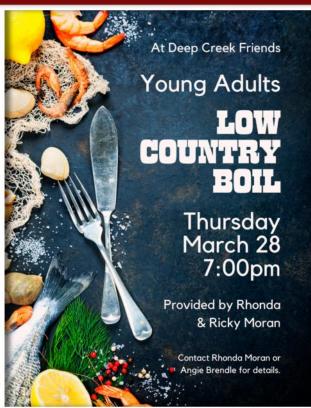
Jay Brendle (336-679-8089) Jean Hutchins (336-469-8692) Please submit your completed form to:

1140 DEEP CREEK CHURCH RD., YADKINVILLE, NC 27055 DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING

### Young Adults went to dinner and had a good time of fellowship together

We welcome any young adult to join us for our activities and gatherings. For questions about what we do or our planned gatherings, call Angie Brendle (336-244-8791) and also watch the newsletter for upcoming events.







During February, the children talked about how much Jesus loves us! We learned about the importance of showing God's love to others. We had a wonderful time at the 70's themed lasagna fundraiser where we played bingo, had a lesson, and watched our own movie. We also had fun celebrating Valentine's Day with each other all month long.

### **Looking forward:**

We have the Easter Egg Hunt coming up on March 30th at 11am-1pm!

If you would like to volunteer please let me know! If you would like to donate candy please do so by Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

VBS is coming up soon!! June 23-June 28th! If you want to volunteer please let me know so I can assign groups! Thank you!



### **EVENTS:**

### Children's Church:

Every Sunday in the Month of March

### Friends of Jesus:

March 3 @ 4:pm followed by the Lighthouse meeting @ 5:30

### March 17 time TBD Easter Party

combined with Youth and DOGs for egg stuffing for the Egg Hunt



### **YOUTH & JUNIOR YOUTH**

"Sometimes life gets hard and things just don't go our way. When we are in the valleys of life we should lean on "God for our strength. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult." Psalms 46: 1-3

Youth Meetings: March 3<sup>rd</sup> (Right after Church), 10th, 17th, 24<sup>th</sup>. No youth on Easter Sunday.

DOGS Meetings: March 3rd and 17th

Easter Egg Hunt – March 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Fun and Food Come & Enjoy See page 9



Youth Study and Create









### CONGRATULATIONS



### **MAGGIE RAY RECEIVES RECOGNITION**

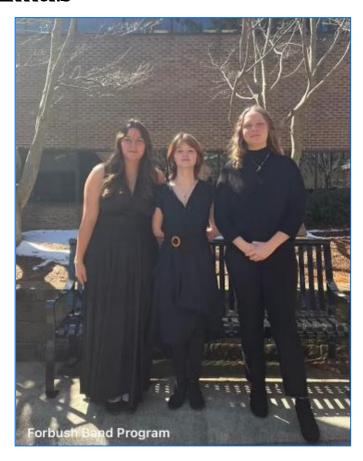
It was Senior Night recently at Starmount High School. Maggie Ray was escorted by her proud parents Michael and Sarah Ray as she was recognized for her time on the Starmount Basketball Team.

A poem recently found in a Bible that belonged to Aunt Nora Shore, a teacher at school and church



### SOMEBODY CARES

Somebody knows when your heart aches And everything seems to go wrong;
Somebody knows when the shadows
Need chasing away with song;
Somebody knows when you're lonely,
Tired, discouraged and blue;
Somebody wants you to know Him,
And know that He dearly loves you.



### KACIE BARBER REPRESENTS FORBUSH HIGH

Over the last February weekend, Kacie Barber, center in the picture, was one of the three students to represent Forbush High School in the Western Region Honors Orchestra.

Somebody knows when you're tempted,
And your mind grows dizzy and dim;
Somebody cares when you're weakest,
And farthest away from Him;
Somebody grieves when you've fallen,
You are not lost from His sight;
Somebody waits for your coming,
And He'll drive the gloom from the night.

Somebody loves you when weary,
Somebody loves you when strong,
Always waiting to help you,
He watches you — one of the throng.
Needing His friendship so holy,
Needing His watchful care so true;
His Name? We call His name "Jesus,"
He loves every one. He loves you.

Fannie Edna Stafford



### 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

At this Resurrection Season we Remember, With Gratitude and Appreciation, This Members of Deep Creek Friends Meeting Who Passed Away since Easter 2023







### **Tony Reece**

Tony Reece loved and was proud of his family and enjoyed working on and showing off his vintage cars. He was an active member at Deep Creek Friends Meeting and was present and involved. He was a helper that seemed to enjoy his work whatever and wherever it was. He was a choir member and part of the Quaker Men groups. He also spent many hours and made many friends traveling and volunteering with North Carolina Friends Disaster Service, along with many others building and repairing homes for those who had experienced a disaster. He also enjoyed a laugh and was quick to share a little smile. His presence will be missed.





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### Deep Creek Friends Meeting





So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to *the* glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

### 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.

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**Deadline for news – March 31** 

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