



The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

April, 2024

A Night Remembered

It was just a typical Wednesday night, or so I thought, when he showed up. Nearly two decades ago, where I used to pastor in Trinity, a faithful few gathered with me at Bible Study. We had the typical chit-chat and then began our lesson. We were not too far along that evening when a young man, who looked to be in his late twenties, walked into the room and sat down in the back. He put his head down into his hands and it looked like he was crying. The Bible study was shortened and I had the faithful few get into groups for prayer so I could visit with the young man. When I got back there, he was weeping and immediately put his hand up to stop me. I responded by assuring him if he wanted to talk, I was there, and then I sat down in the pew in front of him and quietly began to pray.

In a few minutes he began to speak with trembling words. What gushed forth was a sad account of a life speeding in the wrong direction. For nearly half an hour he shared a story of intense brokenness interrupted only by deep sobs and apologies for his emotional state. I just listened. Eventually, I began to carefully slip in the truth about God's deep love for him and about Jesus. When it felt right, I prayed for him.

After prayer we sat in silence for a while. My Bible Study group had left, so it was just me and him in the quiet. Then he sat back in the pew and started to talk in a different way. Not about his struggles and sins, but about his experience with church. He said, *"You know, I used to attend this church...kinda"*. He began to talk about being picked up in an old brown van and taken to VBS. He clearly was describing the vintage GMC Gaucho we used for years. Then he said, *"You know, I don't even believe in God, well I do, but I don't know what I believe. But I do know I feel better, and I am not sure why"* then he left. He was done. I never saw him again.

This story does not have the typical ending we all want to hear. We imagine him coming to Christ that night, joining the church, and eventually becoming the chairman of the elders, but what that story does have is insight. Somewhere, long ago, God used somebody to make an impact on a little boy, and that church was where he went when his life was falling apart. It is a story I hope we can tell more and more as these short lives of ours speed forward like a train without any brakes. Friends, as I stare down one more birthday in a few weeks, I ache for more stories like that.

You know, I envision a church where seeds are planted and gospel stories are told. A place where there is a mutual energy about the same vision and mission, and it is never about individual preferences but about a common goal. I dream of a place where worship is joyful and passionate. A place where a community of Christ followers are flourishing as they share their joys and struggles in meaningful faith and fellowship with one another. It is a place where people celebrate their privileged role in this great mission and are serving gladly with others. I visualize a place where everyone has a story, a gospel story, of how God is transforming their lives, and how he could be using them as instruments of transformation to those around them. In my mind's eye I see a ***place where there is a testimony in every seat, and everyone is invested in filling the empty seats around them where another testimony is yet to be told.***

I am so grateful and honored to be in a church where good things are happening, and faithful people are serving Jesus....but there is more, so much more. Will you join with me in this Biblical vision, in this Spirit-led dream? Will you come to explore this dream throughout the month of April? Will you come and be present during our revival services and prayerfully dream with me in serious ways about where God is calling us to go from here? There are stories that need to be told, and some of those stories are being written right now.

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:

- April 7 – Shore Family
- April 14 – The Choir
- April 21 – Robert and Beth Steelman
- April 28 – The Choir



Choir Practice:

Sundays, April 7 and 21, 3:00–4:00 PM

Submitted by Sarah Hutchens

Nursery Volunteers – Worship:

- April 7 – Ginger Holt
- April 14 – Sarah Ray
- April 21 – Cathy Shore
- April 28 – Priscilla Shore

Submitted by Jean Hutchins

[Nursery - Sunday School](#)

- 9:30-10:30 AM
- April 7 – Donna Raines
- April 14 – Cathy Shore
- April 21 – Jean Hutchins
- April 28 – Priscilla Shore

Submitted by Jay Brendle.

[Greeters for the month of April:](#)

Debbie Hutchens, Jean Hutchins

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 14 – Building Fund Sunday
Mark your Donation Offering

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

Hostess: Ginger Holt

Guest Speaker: Brenda McKinney She will talk to us about Jamaica VBS and how Friends are helping there. All ladies are welcome to attend.

April 21 at 8:15 AM – Christian Education
Committee will meet. Jean Hutchins, Chair

Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20
Revival Services at 7:00 PM with special music
Also Children age 3 through 3rd Grade See pg. 5

April 21 Worship – Revival continues with
Fellowship Meal following See page 4

Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 PM Ministry and
Counsel will meet in the Fellowship Hall

Sarah Hutchens, Clerk

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:

April 28 – Monthly Meeting After Worship
***Each Committee please have at least one**
representative present.

On Sunday, April 28 there will be a **VBS Training / Information Meeting for All Volunteers.** We will meet in the **Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM** for a time together of fun, fellowship, prayer and creative ideas as we work to prepare for our VBS June 23-28. Supper will also be provided. We ask that all volunteers try to be in attendance for this meeting. See Angie Brendle for more information.

Parents /Adults: Please Note the Following Information:

From Jean Hutchins, Chair of CE Committee

Beginning in April...

Children's Church will be the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. *Children will remain in the sanctuary until dismissed.*

Children's Revival: April 19th & 20th with Mindy & Travis Painter

Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser:

May 4th at Silo Run Golf Course

- * See Donna Raines for Door Prize Donations
 - * See Jay or Jacob Brendle for Teams
 - * See Jean Hutchins for Sponsorships
- (Sponsorship deadline - April 7th)**

Graduation Sunday: May 19th. Parents need to give Rhonda Moran 5 or 6 pictures for the slide show.

IMPACT Yadkin: June 1st - 7th
See Trevor Collins if you would like to help.

Beach Retreat: August 29th - September 2nd
If interested reserve your spot with Jean Hutchins.

Children and Youth who want to go to Quaker Lake Camp should apply for a scholarship that is provided through the Frank and Susan Steelman Endowment fund. See Sydney Matthews, Trevor Collins or Janet Robbins for an application.
Applications are due by April 15.

From Tracy Shore – Youth Food for April:

- April 7 – Angie Brendle**
- April 14 – Cathy Shore**
- April 21 – Janet Robbins**
- April 28 – Diane Hutchens / Tracy**



from Ginger Holt, Clerk of the Meeting:

God Winks

As a music teacher, I traveled to different schools. For 26 of my 31 years Boonville Elementary School was one them. For several years at Boonville I did not have a room of my own. I had a cart filled with music materials I pushed from room to room. Teachers had given me bungee cords to help hold everything in place, and a vinyl tablecloth to protect everything from inclement weather. However, the doors leading into the buildings were heavy, and did not stay open on their own. On top of that, the door thresholds were raised just enough that the cart did not want to roll over them. The combination made getting into each building quite a task.

As everyone has from time to time, I was having a rough go of things in my personal life, and on the day I am speaking of, I was not feeling it. I had been praying for God to speak into my situation, but it didn't seem like He was listening, or either didn't care. So, on the day in question, I was just going through the motions. To add insult to injury, it was a dreary day with the threat of rain looming in the air.

About half way through the day I realized that as I had approached each building someone had been at every door. Because the weather was questionable, teachers were taking their kids to and from classes using different routes. Those routes put them in my path at just the right times to hold the doors for me, and help me get my cart over the thresholds. For the rest of the day, I paid attention to what was going on, and sure enough, all day long, someone was there to help me when I approached a building. I did not have to negotiate one door on my own. The staff and students did not know what that meant to me, they were just going about their day, but I felt like God had revealed Himself to me. He was there and He cared for me, even in the little things. It brightened my day and lifted my spirits considerably. It was a "God Wink".

God sends all of us these "winks", the "I am here, and I care for you" signs. People will show up at just the right time, or someone will give you a call, text, or email that you really need. Perhaps you'll see a rainbow at just the right time, or see some flowers blooming along the roadside, or a beautiful bird in the sky, and your spirit lightens.

I think these happen a lot more than we realize. Most of the time we are so caught up in our own stuff that we miss them. I almost missed recognizing them that fateful day. If God had not caused my eyes to open to the situation, I am sure it would have gone unnoticed.

There are "God Winks" all around us. Spring is a good time to see them. God shows us His glory through the beautiful flowers, the songs of the birds, the new baby animals emerging, and the warmth of the sun. This renewal of life reminds us that we too can be renewed. He cares, He listens, and He is here.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. —Romans 15:13



From Randy: *Join Us - Bible Study continues each week: Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM – Meal included*

Spring Revival and Friend Day

April 19-21

Speaker: Steven Ackley

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 21st 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.

Daily Schedule:

Friday 19th: 7:00 PM Revival service with Steven

: After Service “Coffee & Conversation”

for **Youth and Young Adults** with Steven in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday 20th: Service at 7:00 PM

Sunday 21st: 10:30 AM – Worship \ Friend Day service with Steven speaking

11:30 AM – Covered Dish Fellowship Meal for Friend Day
in the Fellowship Hall.



FCNC Prayer Calendar

APRIL 2024

*“To Know God And
Make Him Known”*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	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-YP	5 Centre Friends Daniel Jordan (Interim Pastor) No Youth Pastor FCM	6 Concord Friends Greg Creed
7 Connection Church Mike Wall	8 Deep Creek Friends Randy Quate Trevor Collins-YP Destiny Ray-YP Sydney Matthews (Children)	9 Forbush Friends Mitchell See Kyle Widlicka-YP	10 Goldsboro Friends Tim Grant QUAKER MEN	11 Harmony Grove No Pastor	12 Hunting Creek No Pastor	13 Hood Swamp Friends Otto Graham (Interim Pastor) East Africa YM
14 Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes	15 Liberty Friends James Moore QUAKER LAKE	16 Marlboro Friends Ray Luther Terry Linthicum-YP	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	29 Back Creek Friends John Vonnannon	30 Baltimore Friends (Deeper Wells Friends) Gilbert Imbayi	<p><i>In God's Word, we are over and over again commanded to pray. God's institutions are not folly. Can I believe that the infinitely wise God has ordained for me an exercise which is ineffectual, and is no more than child's play? -Charles Spurgeon</i></p>			

*Pray
Daily*

for

Other
Friends
Meetings

Ministries

and

Leadership



Revival Music

Meet the Guest Musicians for Friday and Saturday nights – Don't miss it!

Friday Night: Lauren Willard is a Boonville native and has been singing with the Boonville United Methodist Church Choir since 1997 and the Phatt City Band since 2010. She loves to sing and earlier in her life had some famous musical influences. Lauren grew up listening to a variety of music like Rock and Roll, Southern Gospel, Blues, and Bluegrass. She enjoys singing locally and always has the hope that her performance will spread the joy of Jesus to others.

Saturday Night: The Mitchell Family are decedents of some of the original founders of our meeting. Lisa Mitchell and children: JT, Bethany, Rebekah, Andrew, Lydia, Philip, Naomi attend church at Gospel Baptist Church in Mocksville and Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem.

This group has beautiful harmony in their music and sing at various churches in the area for special singings, revival services, funerals, etc.

They say that their connections to Deep Creek Friends are that Lisa's grandparents were Zeno and Gladys Adams. This Adams family includes seven generations of Lisa's ancestors, who were members of the meeting, back to William Adams and wife Susannah, who were among the original members of the Deep Creek Monthly Meeting formed in 1793.

Friday and Saturday for the small children

April 19th and 20th – Children's Revival (ages 3 through 3rd 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"



Easter at Deep Creek



Palm Sunday: The Bells Play; The People Sing

Easter Morning

Outside Church



Inside Church



Thank You to everyone who participated in the Empty Bowls fund raising event for Yadkin Christian Ministries this year. It was a big success. If you donated, volunteered or bought tickets for the take out meal, you were a part of this important event. Approximately \$41,000 was raised to help with food insecurity on Yadkin County.

I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me. Matthew 25:4

May 6 – N C Quaker Men Spring Fling will be held at Deep River Friends Meeting
See Walter Shore for More information.

May 18 – United Society of Friends Women Spring Conference will be held at Quaker Lake (All Women Invited to Attend)

Register by May 1

Clip this form to register.



NC USFW Spring Conference Registration

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Quaker Lake Camp



Karla Jay will be our guest speaker for the 2024 NC USFW Spring Conference. Karla serves as the FUM Coordinator of Global Ministries. She was born in Guatemala and raised in the United States. Karla says, “I have had the privilege to be in a multicultural setting for most of my life. My passion is seeing unity within the Friends Church so that we can be what God has called us to be, to bring the good news of Christ to the poor and oppressed.”

Karla’s role with FUM is to provide direct oversight of FUM’s growing Latino ministry programs and liaison with African ministries. In addition to these important roles, Karla will coordinate the Living Letters Programs and administer Global Ministry finances. She has served at FUM for three years.

Please join us to hear Karla’s story and learn about all that has happened while serving at FUM. Her own personal story will show how her life has been “Rooted in Love” by following Jesus.

- 9:00 – 10:00 am Registration and Bookstore with light refreshments**
- 10:00 am – 12 noon Welcome, Music, Program and Business**
- 12:00 noon Luncheon – catered lunch @ \$15.00 each**

Please send memorials by May 1, 2024 to Mary Anna McCullen, deetsmaryanna@gmail.com
If you can't attend, please watch the live stream video on You Tube- search for Paul Routh.
If you have questions contact Sherry Hylton 336-339-8058 or sbhylton3@yahoo.com

NC USFW Spring Conference at Quaker Lake
Please clip and send by May 1, 2024

Name(s) _____

Meeting _____

Number of Lunches at \$15.00 each _____ Total \$ _____

Please attach this form with check written to NC USFW and mail to:

Aicia Sharp
908 Scottish Rite Dr, Apt 219 Greensboro, NC 27407



Deep Creek Friends Meeting



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

4TH MAY 2024

LUNCH AT 12:30PM
PUTTING CONTEST AT 1:30PM
TEE TIME AT 2:00PM

MORE INFO
Contact Jay Brendle (336) 679-8089
Contact Jean Hutchins (336) 469-8692

PRICE
\$200.00 per 4-person team
\$50.00 per golfer

SILO RUN GOLF COURSE
Proceeds will benefit YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sponsorship deadline - April 7



Sponsorship Form

NAME: _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR DESIRED CONTRIBUTION LEVEL.

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<input type="radio"/> Silver \$100	<input type="radio"/> Diamond \$1,000
<input type="radio"/> Gold \$250	<input type="radio"/> Other \$___

PROCEEDS BENEFIT DEEP CREEK YOUTH & CHILDREN PROGRAMS.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DEEP CREEK YOUTH.

Sponsors will be recognized on our sponsorship sign at Silo Run Golf Course.

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

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



I shared this article April, 2012 and by request from Janet Robbins, I share it again. She says that since then she looks for the little crosses every year. We suggest that you try it also. It almost seems they speak to you. *Shelby*

And I, when I am lifted from the earth, will draw all people to myself. John 12:32

Last spring on a Sunday afternoon, my husband and I took one of our "nowhere" drives through the country. While he was quietly driving along some back roads, I was occupied in the front passenger seat watching out the window as the scenery went by.

I noticed out of the corner of my eye that my husband was straining to look out my window. This startled me, since his eyes should be on the road in front of him. I asked him what he was looking at out the windows, and he quietly replied, "Nothing." His eyes went back to the road in front of him.

After a few minutes, I looked over at my husband and noticed a tear running down his cheek. I asked him what was wrong. This time he told me. "I was just thinking about Pop and a story he once told me." Of course, because it had to do with his Pop, I wanted to know the story, so I asked him to share Pop's story with me.

He said, "When I was about eight years old, Pop and I were out fishing and that's when he told me that the "Pine trees know when it is Easter." I had no idea what he meant by that, so I pressed him for more information.

He continued on... "The pine trees start their new growth in the weeks before Easter – if you look at the tops of the Pine trees two weeks before Easter, you will see the yellow shoots. As the days get closer to Easter Sunday, the tallest shoot will branch off and form pine tree crosses for Easter. By the time Easter Sunday comes around, you will see that most of the Pine trees will have small yellow crosses on all of the tallest pine shoots."

I turned to look out the window and I couldn't believe my eyes. It was a week before Easter, and you could see all of the pine trees with the tall yellow shoots stretching to Heaven. The tallest ones shone in the sunlight like rows of tiny golden crosses.

Contributed by Brenda Adams

Editor's Note: I checked this out and the old scruffy pine tree that Wiley's Dad years before said we should cut down was covered with little crosses.

**Young Adults : Lock - In Experience
and a Low Country Boil Event for Easter**

Revival – Friday Night Event for Young Adults & Youth



Pose for picture;
Go for a Shopping Trip



FRIDAY, APRIL 19
Following Revival

FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP FOOD

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH

**In the fellowship hall
With Steve Ackley**



One of the Core Values of Deep Creek Friends Meeting: DISCIPLESHIP

Together we become Christ-like servants by continuing to develop our personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and by knowledge of scripture.



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CHILDREN From Sydney

In the month of March:

We were able to learn about Jesus' life here on earth. We learned about His *ministry and how He wants us to live. We also celebrated His Death and Resurrection with many events over the Easter weekend.*

A Note from Sydney:

A big *Thank You* to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt! It could not have happened without you.

Thank you to all the members who took time out of their day to help this go smoothly.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Children's Church:

Will be on 2nd and 4th Sundays starting in April.

Dates:

April 14
April 28

Friends of Jesus Dates:

April 7 @ 4pm
April 21 @ 4pm

VBS is June 23-28th!
Invite your friends!

If you would like to volunteer to work with Vacation Bible School, please let Sydney know!

Note: On Sunday, April 28 at 5:00 PM there will be a **VBS Training / Information Meeting** (See Page 2)



Bunny goes to Egg Hunt



Lots of Eggs & What's in them?



Craft Fun

YOUTH & JUNIOR YOUTH



With this Easter let's remember that we do live in a world where Jesus is alive and active. Let the resurrection of Christ have a daily impact on the way that we live.



Matthew 28:5-8 NRSV

“But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples. ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him. This is my message for you.’” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.”

Youth Meetings: April 7, 14, 21, 28 (Each Sunday)

DOGS Meetings: April 7, 21 (Every other Sunday)

May 19: Graduation Sunday
June 1 – 7: IMPACT Yadkin *See Trevor for more information*
June 23 – 28: Vacation Bible School

Rules to Live By: The Queries from the Faith and Practice of Friends Church of NC
SPIRITUAL GROWTH
Are you sensitive and obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit?



Fill the Eggs



Empty the Eggs



Hunt the Eggs



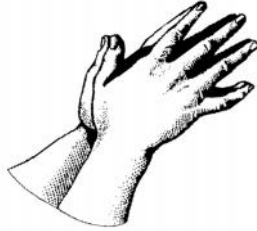
The Easter Story at the Egg Hunt



1. Have you ever done something wrong?
(Raise your hand.)
2. Put a fold in your red paper square for each wrong thing or "mistake" you have done. If it's a lot of things, crumple your paper. for your sins.
3. Our wrong actions are sins. Jesus died for our sins. Take your crumpled paper (sins) to the cross.
4. Leave them at the foot of the cross.

On Easter the tomb was empty – Jesus was risen and our sins forgiven.





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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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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Shelby Shore

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The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14

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