

# The Encourager

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

May, 2024

## Bearing Fruit

### ***Becoming the Person God Made You To Be***

***“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5 ESV)***  
***“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23 NIV)***

Spring is here! The Shore barley field is growing strong. I'm already thinking about the Smith corn crop, and I'm looking for those tomato plants to appear on the Hutchin's land! You can't help but anticipate the harvest that is coming!

The cycle of the seasons is a reminder of God's faithfulness, but it is also a prompt to remember what God reveals in his Word. Jesus told his disciples that if they "abided" in him that there would be a harvest. He said they would "bear much fruit". Paul then explains what some of that fruit looks like when he listed the fruit of the Spirit in his letter to the Galatians: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Our life with Christ is meant to bear fruit. That fruit is the result of the Father changing us, through the Holy Spirit, to become more like Jesus Christ. In other words, we start to become the people God intended for us to be.

There are two things we need to understand about this fruit bearing life we are being drawn to. First, we can't make it happen. The late pastor and author Stuart Briscoe told a story of a friend who often used an old fruit tree to escape from his second-story bedroom window, especially when his father was about to punish him. One day the father announced that he was going to cut down the old tree because it had not borne fruit in many years. That night the boy and his friends purchased a bushel of apples and in the cover of darkness tied fruit to the unproductive branches. The next morning the father shouted to his wife, "Mary, I can't believe my eyes. The old fruit tree that was barren for years is covered with apples. It's a miracle because it's a pear tree!" The Fruit of the Spirit does not come by just trying harder, and it can't be faked like apples on a pear tree. It comes from abiding deeper in Jesus. Through prayer, scripture, worship, and community we begin to look more like the One we are in fellowship with. That is when the fruit starts to show.

Secondly, the fruit becomes visible but is gradual in its appearing. An example of this truth could be seen in the life of the famous golfer Payne Stewart. Before his life was tragically taken in a plane crash in 1999, Stewart had started a real winning trend. He had just won the 1999 U.S. Open and was key to a Ryder Cup victory. But it was the change in his demeanor that had begun to be noticed by those around him. Known as temperamental and often aloof to his fans and the press, he had begun to change. Stewart's pastor, J.B. Collingsworth said that "it almost crept up on him". This pastor knew that Stewart had made a private decision to surrender his life to Christ, and it started to show in his life. In a news article from the Springfield, Missouri News-Leader after his tragic death a friend said, "I think he became more settled; he could focus..." based on interviews with his family and fellow golfers, the newspaper reported: "Most everyone who knew or followed Payne Stewart noticed a difference in him the year before his death. The 42-year-old golfer who had once snapped at autograph seekers and berated reporters...had, it appeared, grown up." The article noted some theories about the change, crediting his wife and a public relations class, but then made a startling focus for a newspaper. "But the WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) bracelet on Stewart's wrist became the telltale sign for almost everyone. Stewart had returned to the religious faith he learned about as a child, and everything else had fallen neatly into place."

You know, when we learn to lean into Jesus more and more, his life begins to show through us more and more. Not in a superficial way, but a more consistent, steady pattern of Christlikeness. It is not perfection, but it is the kind of life we were made for. One that begins to permeate our relationships with God, others, and ourselves. That is the fruit bearing kind of life we will be exploring in the Sunday's to come. Hope you will join us!

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:**

- May 5 – McDonald Girls
- May 12 – The Choir
- May 19 – Jacob Brendle and Ginger Holt
- May 26 – The Choir



**Choir Practice:**

Sundays, May 5 and 19, 3:00–4:00 PM

Submitted by Sarah Hutchens

**Nursery Volunteers – Worship:**

- May 5 – Donna Raines
- May 12 – Rhonda Moran
- May 19 – Janet Robbins
- May 26 – Jean Hutchins

Submitted by Jay Brendle.

**Greeters for the month of May:**

Angie and Jay Brendle

Submitted by Jean Hutchins

**[Nursery - Sunday School](#)**

9:30-10:30 AM

- May 5 – Donna Raines
- May 12 – Cathy Shore
- May 19 – Jean Hutchins
- May 26 – Priscilla Shore

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Deep Creek Friends Meeting  
**Saturday, May 4 – Golf Tournament at Silo Run**  
LUNCH AT 12:30PM  
PUTTING CONTEST AT 1:30PM  
TEE TIME AT 2:00PM

**Saturday, May 11** – Put Food in Your Mailbox

**May 12 – Mother’s Day**

**Saturday, May 18 – 4:00 - 8:00 PM** [See Pg. 4](#)

**Bluegrass Music Event at the Picnic Shelter**  
**Includes Food Truck and Fire Pit with S’mores**

**May 19 at 8:15 AM – Christian Education**  
**Committee will meet.** Jean Hutchins, Chair

**May 19 – Graduation Sunday**  
**Special Recognition at Worship**

Give Rhonda Moran 5 or 6 pictures (of each graduate) for slide show

**Graduates will be taken out for Lunch**

**May 19 – Monthly Meeting After Worship**  
***\*Each Committee please have at least one representative present.***

**Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 PM Ministry and**  
**Counsel will meet in the Fellowship Hall**

Sarah Hutchens, Clerk

.....from Ginger Holt, Clerk of the Meeting:

**A Mother’s Day Reminder**

I miss my mama. I am sure that I will until the day I die. If I could have one more minute with her, I would make the wish. But, life doesn’t work that way, does it? All I have left are pictures, a video of her singing “Happy Birthday” to me, the memories of our life together, and (as I get older) glimpses of her reflection in the mirror.

If you are fortunate enough to still have your mom, make sure to tell her you love her. Try to find time to spend with her. Thank her for being there for you throughout your life. Moms do not last forever.

*Proverbs 31:31: "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."*



*Fromfrom Jean Hutchins, Chair of CE Committee:*

**Looking Ahead:**

**June 23-28** – VBS Camp Firelight (see Sydney Matthews to volunteer)

**August 4** – Back to School Bash at Lake Hampton (more info to follow)

**August 29** – September 2 – Beach Retreat at Nags Head (see Jean Hutchins if interested in going; spots are limited) Please have money paid by **June 30<sup>th</sup>** -- \$100 adults and \$50 children (under 18)



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

## Certainty in a Time of Confusion A Study in I John

I John is a timely book during a time like this. With all the volatility and confusion in our nation and world, Christians need a reliable guide to keep us grounded in the truth. John reveals the tests of true faith in Christ and the types of temptations and attacks the Enemy will throw at us. Come join us on Wednesday nights as we share a meal and then study the letter of I John to gain practical truth for a trying time.

Sunday morning  
Worship

### Bearing Fruit Becoming The Person God Made Us To Be

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control”. Gal.5:22

**The goal of the Christian life is to grow in maturity and Christlikeness by bearing fruit. But, how does that happen, and what does it look like? Beginning Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a series on the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23**

**This will be a great study for springtime and early summer. As we witness the growth of life all around us we will be learning how God, through his Holy Spirit causes us to grow and become more like Jesus. We will also see how this growth enriches our lives, strengthens our relationships, and gives us greater purpose.**

**Plan to come each week as we explore the fruit that God wants to grow in our lives.**

Pray  
Daily  
For  
Other  
Friends  
Meetings  
Ministries  
Leadership

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” *“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.”*  
*1 Corinthians 12:26-27*

FCNC Prayer Calendar		MAY 2024					<i>“To Know God And Make Him Known”</i>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Neglect of private prayer is the locust that devours the strength of the church. -Charles Spurgeon			1 Bethel Church No Pastor <b>FEMAP</b>	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 <b>FCM</b>	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 <b>QUAKER MEN</b>	11 Harmony Grove No Pastor	
12 Hunting Creek No Pastor	13 Hood Swamp Friends Otto Griffin (Interim Pastor) <b>East Africa YM</b>	14 Kernersville Friends Jeff Barnes	15 Liberty Friends James Moore <b>QUAKER LAKE</b>	16 Marlboro Friends Ray Luther Terry Linthicum-YP	17 Mar Mac Friends No Pastor <b>USFW</b>	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 <b>Superintendent Mike Wall</b>	23 South Plainfield Friends Hugh Spaulding <b>FDS</b>	24 Thomasville Friends Eric Morrison	25 White Plains Friends Dusty Ball <b>Jamaica YM</b>	
26 Winthrop Friends Georgianne Hartline	27 Archdale Friends Rodney Kirby <b>Social Media Co Jenny Gullion</b>	28 Baltimore Friends (Deeper Wells Friends) Gilbert Imbayi	29 Asheboro Friends David Millikan	30 Back Creek Friends John Voncannon	31 Baltimore Friends (Deeper Wells Friends) Gilbert Imbayi		

**Evangelism and Outreach Committee is Having**

**a**

**Bluegrass Singing at the Picnic Shelter**

**on**

**Saturday, May 18, from 4:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Everyone is invited to Come Out to Enjoy**

**Robert Steelman and Friends Bluegrass Music**

**Dudley's Dugout Food Truck will be there with food and drink**

*(Choose & purchase your food.)*

**We will also have Baggies with S'mores Fixings for you to put over our  
New Fire-Pit.**

*You can bring a chair or blanket if you wish*

**It will be a great time!**

## **A Special Blessing Experienced and Told** *by Tracy Shore:*

The alarm system was going bad on my Camry and Kye had to come to Winston to reset it a few weeks ago because the car will not crank if it has to be reset. We had someone at the Toyota place that was just going to completely take it off the car but had not confirmed a date for us to take it. I didn't drive it for a few days as Kye kept a look at it and would go out and crank it, so I started driving it again to work, like a dummy. Last Monday, my co-worker and I ran some errands at lunch, cranked just fine. I got ready to leave work and it would not start. I worked for about 15 minutes to reset the alarm before calling Kye, I am a Shore and just a little stubborn, I just knew I would be able to get it reset. I finally broke down and called him and he walked me through (again) how to reset it, nothing. I tried resetting it for 30 minutes, while he drove to Winston, nothing. Kye got to the office and he worked on it another 20 minutes trying to reset it, nothing. The man at the Toyota place said if we could get it cranked, just to bring it on over there and for us to try to unhook the battery cable from the battery for a few minutes and see if that would work. Nothing worked. We left it at the office. I was not being a very good Christian on the way home, because now we were going to have to get it towed 5 minutes down the road. I was so mad at myself for not taking it on over there. We left the battery unhooked overnight. I get to work on Tuesday morning and reconnected the battery cable to the battery and tried for about 20 minutes to reset the alarm, nothing. I unhooked the battery cable again and came inside and started working. Kye texted me and told me to just go ahead and call and get it towed. I told him I was going to try one more time before I gave up. I worked about 30 minutes and gathered the ladies that I work with and told them "Come on, we are going to go pray over my car, like in the Jesus Revolution movie" and out the door we went. Sandy said a prayer as we held hands. I reconnected the battery cable and got in the car and pushed the button to reset the alarm, like I had 100 times in the past 2 days, and the light stopped flashing and stayed red. I turned the key and it cranked. Cold chills ran over me. Why would God crank this car after I had acted so ugly the day before? I personally feel that He does the little things for us to show us that we can trust Him with the big things in our lives. Just keep praying.....





*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

**Saturday, May 11 Postal Food Drive**  
Put some food at your mail box for the less fortunate and hungry families in our area.

**A food drive as close as your mailbox**

Bag healthy, non-perishable food items and place near your mailbox. Your letter carrier will do the rest!

Solo empaque los alimentos que no se echan a perder y colóquelos cerca del buzón. Su cartero los recogerá todo!

**Second Saturday in May**

**Remember the following events:**

Monday, May 6 @ 5:56 PM – NC Quaker Men Spring Fling will be held at Deep River Friends Meeting Speaker: Kelly Kellum, FUM General Secretary

See Walter Shore for more information or ride.

Deep Creek Quaker Women will not meet in May,  
please come to Spring Conference at Quaker Lake:

**Saturday, May 18 – NC United Society of Friends Women Spring Conference at Quaker Lake**  
Guest Speaker: Karla Jay, FUM Coordinator of Global Ministries.

9:00 AM– Registration, Bookstore, Refreshments  
10:00 – Welcome, Music, Program, Business  
12:00 – Catered Lunch after the meeting

\* If you haven't registered, come and just skip the lunch; See Janet Robbins for questions

- May Food for Youth: From Tracy Shore
- May 5 – CE will provide
- May 12 – No Meeting
- May 19 – Diane Hutchens / Tracy Shore
- May 26 – Brenda Shore / Priscilla Shore

**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.

*The Knot Prayer*  
- Author Unknown -

Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart, and my life.

*Remove* the have nots, cannots, and the do nots.

*Erase* the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

*Release* me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart, and my life all of the "am nots" that I have allowed to hold me back. Especially the thought that I am not good enough.

Amen

Shared by Priscilla Shore

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# CHILDREN

From Sydney

*In April: We learned about how everyone plays an important role in the church body. We learned about Ephesians and started exploring what God calls us to do even as kids! We spoke about 1st Timothy 4:12 which states "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers, in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity".*

Looking ahead, next month we will be focusing on how to navigate the Bible.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Friends of Jesus Dates:

May 05  
May 19

### Children's Church Dates:

May 12  
May 26

### Camp Firelight VBS

June 23-28, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Invite your friends!

**If you would like to help with VBS please see Sydney Matthews!**

## YOUTH & JUNIOR YOUTH

God's calling in our lives can often be what we least expect, or even something that we downright don't want to do. We like to be comfortable in our lives. But we see in scripture people like Moses and Jonah who argue or run from their callings. We also see that these things never seem to work out. I challenge you to go out of your comfort zone in search for what God is calling you to do.



When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalm 56:3



**DOGS Meetings at 4:00 PM:** May 5  
May 19

**Youth Meetings at 5:00 PM:** May 5  
No meeting - May 12 (Mother's Day)  
May 19  
May 26

**Graduation Sunday: May 19**

**Impact Yadkin: June 1-7:** if anyone would like to help in any way, let Trevor know.

**VBS: June 23-28**

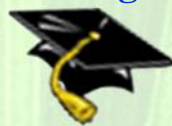




# HONORING OUR GRADUATES 2024

God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy.

Ecclesiastes 2:26



## DESTINY FAITH RAY



Destiny Ray will graduate with honors on Saturday, May 11th, 2024 from Wingate University with a BA in History and Education. While at Wingate, she served as the Lead Community Assistant for three years, was on the Dean's List and President's List three times, and chosen by her peers as a representative on the Wingate Homecoming Court twice. This past April she finished her student teaching at Forest Hills High School, in Monroe, NC.

After graduation, she hopes to pursue her career as a high school history teacher.

## KAYLEE FAITH SHORE



Kaylee Shore graduated *Summa cum laude* on December 15, 2023, with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Appalachian State University. She was on the Dean's List 4 semesters and Chancellor's List 2 semesters and graduated a semester early.

Kaylee will attend law school this fall.

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 and the late Wiley Shore.

## AVERY BLAINE BUELIN



Avery Buelin will graduate from Universal Technical Institute in Orlando, Florida on May 10, 2024. While attending, he was on the President's List for all classes and was named student of the class for having the highest grades in the class on more than one occasion. He will begin working for Caterpillar in Greensboro in June as a heavy diesel mechanic. Avery is the son of Jeff and Shannon Buelin and the grandson of Mike and Vicki Shore and Harold and Brenda Buelin.



**JOHN WESLEY BUELIN**

John Wesley Buelin will graduate from Forbush High School on May 29, 2024. While at Forbush, he was a member of Skills USA, where he was the school and regional president this past year. He has competed and won awards in both motorcycle and aviation categories. He is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, has a cord for blood drive donations, and completed more than 200 hours of community service. This past semester, he worked as an intern at an airport in Statesville, where he learned skills he hopes to use in his career path. In the fall, he plans to attend Forsyth Technical Community College to study aviation maintenance. John Wesley is the son of Jeff and Shannon Buelin, and the grandson of Mike and Vicki Shore and Harold and Brenda Buelin.

**HOLLY MACKENZIE HUTCHINS**

Holly Hutchins will graduate from Forbush High School with honors; Magna Cum Laude, National Honor Society, and BETA Club. She will be attending Surry Community College this fall to finish her Associates Degree in Science and then transfer to UNC Wilmington to major in Environmental Science with a focus on Marine Biology.

Her proud family members are her parents Adam and Jean Willard Hutchins, sibling, Noel Hutchins and grandparents, Bonnie Hutchins and the late David Hutchins, Donna Hutchins, Arnie and Mary Willard.

**MAGGIE ELIZABETH RAY**

Maggie Ray will graduate Suma Cum Laude from Starmount High School on Friday, May 24th, 2024. While at Starmount, she was a member of FCLA, BETA, NHS, NTHS, and HOSA. She played volleyball, basketball and ran track all four years. The last two years she decided to try a sport she had never played, soccer, and turned out to excel at it as well.

After graduation, Maggie plans to attend Appalachian State University to study nursing.



**BROCK ALEXANDER MORAN**

Brock Moran is being promoted from Starmount Middle School. He will attend Starmount High School. He has been a four sport athlete in middle school playing football, wrestling, golf and swimming. He was recognized by his teachers with the Citizenship Award and Rising Star Award. He has stayed on the Honor Roll all three years of middle school. He is the son of Rick and Rhonda Moran.

**DYLAN LEE HAMMER**

Dylan Hammer will complete Elementary School at Boonville. He has been on the Yadkin Stingrays Swim Team for the past three years. He is looking forward to Middle School at Starmount. He is the son of Walter and Priscilla Shore, Grandson of Rita and Dole Harvin, and Great-grandson of Odell Lowe, Judy Woodall and Shelby Shore.

**ZAINA DEYAB**

Zaina Deyab is graduating Preschool and will be starting Kindergarten at Fall Creek Elementary School in the fall. She is a very smart and intelligent little girl and will go far in the future. She has a big heart and a lot of love for God. Zaina is the daughter of Ronnie and Diane Hutchens.



## 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:

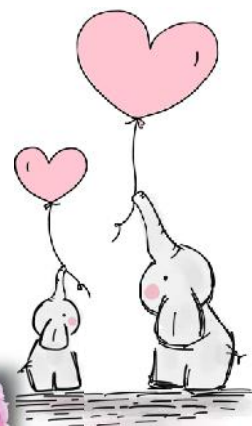
Pray for special needs of members, friends and relatives and celebrate God's care.

*Contact the editor for information*

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

**Do you strive for the constant realization of God's presence in your life?**

Happy  
Mother's  
Day







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#### Do you have a friend or relative that would enjoy

*The Encourager*? Send address (PO or e-mail).

- Send suggestions, news, information, announcements or materials that you would like included in *The Encourager*.
- Please send any change of address.
- Are you receiving *The Encourager* in error or you no longer wish to receive it? If so, let us know.

**Thanks to all who have contributed to this issue.**

**Next issue – June, 2024**

**Deadline for news – May, 26**

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**Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. Luke: 14:16**

*Shelby Shore*

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