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# THE ENCOURAGER

Deep Creek Friends

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2024

"And let us run with  
endurance the race God has  
set before us."  
Hebrews 12:1

CAMP CREEK

July 16 from 9:00am-11:00am  
July 30 from 9:00am-12:00pm

👧 For kids ages 4-12 👧

Deep Creek Friends Meeting

Join us for many fun events that are coming up!  
We kicked off the summer here at Deep Creek  
with Vacation Bible School in June.  
You will get to hear some highlights from that  
in our next issue!



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# Slowing Down & Waking UP

## RANDY QUATE - PASTOR

I recently read a book entitled “The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry” by John Mark Comer. This would be a perfect summer read for you to consider. Comer’s book is a well written primer for slowing down in order to become an apprentice of Jesus. It reminded me of an experience I had many years ago while on a retreat.

This was a group silent retreat, the format was pretty simple: show up, shut up, and slow down. I arrived on a Thursday at midday and stayed until Saturday at noon. The purpose was simply to be with God in silence with others.

I remember the effect that prolonged silence had on me. With no tasks, phones, or schedules to occupy my mind, I found myself becoming uncomfortable. It took a while for the Lord to flush the world and its pace from my soul. But I had paid my money and I did not have a car. So it was either stay or walk home from Durham, I decided to hang in there. I am glad I did! I frequently remember back to how that retreat affected me.

As my body and spirit began to slow down, I was amazed at how my awareness began to swell. It was like I “woke up” to what was going on within me and around me. I was still fidgety, but I was beginning to surrender to the quiet. I began to notice the birds. Not just their presence, but their behavior. I really listened to their songs. There was a butterfly bush near my room and I was quietly enthralled with the flutter of those colorful wings. It felt like I was being summoned by creation to be with the Creator.

It was like the peaceful environment slowly began to absorb my hurried heart. I came in with a goal to be spiritually transformed in three days, so I had to get busy as soon as I got there. But I quickly found out that my old pace did not fit the rhythm God was creating for me.

Our day to day routines encourage and reward hurriedness, but the root of hurriedness is actually found within us. If I hurry, I get more done, and if I get more done I look efficient and important to the world around me. This is a world I am trying to impress, whether I know it or not.

However, when you are on retreat, there is no one to impress. If I hurry to a chair to open my Bible and to pray there is no one there to notice. No one there had any expectations of me and there were no demands being made on my time. That sounds wonderful, and it is, but it is quite disturbing at first. Like a wind-up toy, I had to expend all my task-oriented energy before I could become quiet in my soul and focus on the presence of Christ within me.

Slowly, over the hours, my heart began to turn to God. I was embarrassed at first that I did not have any profound thing to say to Him, but eventually I slowed down enough to be present with myself and with Him.

I started listening.

The longer I live, the more I long for those extended periods of silence. Times when we are still, and can feel the hunger within us for that place at his feet. I often go back to that retreat in my mind because it reminds me that I can be different. I can be centered. I can slow down and wake up. This is so important when I am tempted to believe that my pace is out of my control.

You may not feel led to go on such a retreat this summer, but can you imagine a day or even half of a day spent being quiet before the Lord? Go to a park, or a pond, or even your own back porch. Be with Him with no agenda, no plans, and no expectations. Just be....and you will never be quite the same. It could be one of the best summers of your life!

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# From our Clerk

## GINGER HOLT

The Israelites of our Bible were a great nation. They followed God, and He gave them instructions about how to live. He said:

"The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

**Leviticus 19:34**

"'Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow.' Then all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

**Deuteronomy 27:19**

"Thus says the Lord of hosts: Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another; do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another."

**Zechariah 7:9-10**

"...Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

**Matthew 22:21**

"Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor."

**Romans 13:7**

When I was in school I learned that our great nation was referred to as "The Melting Pot". I learned that it was called that because our ancestors came from all over the world in search of a better life. The Spaniards found the land in 1492. The English came for religious freedom. The Irish came due to the Great Potato Famine. The Germans and Chinese came to escape economic hardship and political unrest. The list goes on and on. People came from almost everywhere. Our nation was a diverse group of people, each here in search of a better life. Our founding fathers saw how this diversity could lead us to become a great nation, and they created the Constitution to protect the rights of all.

As we celebrate the 4th of July, let's remember our country's humble beginnings. We started out as a motley crew. We were from everywhere. There were language barriers, cultural barriers, and religious barriers. On top of that, for the most part, we were a financially challenged group of people. Yet, we came together, and created a country.

America is a great nation. We have freedoms most do not have. We have choices most are not afforded. We have a voice we can use without fear of death for not agreeing with our government. We can be an example to others of how people can get over their differences to get along. We have had our difficulties, but, so far, have worked them out and remained a united nation. We are truly a blessed people.

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Reaching nearly 400 people state wide, one important ministry at Deep Creek Friends Meeting is our newsletter. Someone who felt called to work on the newsletter, Shelby Shore, took it over, along with the bulletin covers, approximately 18 years ago.

Over the years, she spent countless hours making sure that we were informed about church events, as well as important events in our member's lives. She allowed our ministers, clerks, and members to encourage the readers with words God led them to write, and/or give their testimonies. We have been able to celebrate each other's successes, and know to pray for each other's needs through our newsletter.

She printed pictures on our bulletin covers that went with the sermons, and displayed beautiful photos of our church and surrounding areas. Her efforts made our bulletin cover a special part of our worship services. Shelby's work was a true ministry. Shelby found her calling within our meeting, and God blessed us through her selfless work.

Thank you, again, Shelby for all your hard work and the contributions you have made.

# Announcements

## **BIBLE STUDY - DANIEL**

Field Guide for Troubled Times

Beginning Wednesday, July 24 we will dig into Daniel.

Come join us for our study in Daniel. This field guide is essential for the times we live in and will have practical application for your life and faith today.

### **Part 1 - The Example of Daniel**

We will see the practices of Daniel's spiritual life which prepared him for the trials he would face. WE will learn how such spiritual habits can help us in our times of struggle.

### **Part 2 - The Expectations from Daniel**

Daniel reveals prophecies which can be attributed to the "last days" before Christ's return. This section shows us how trusting in God's plan for the future gives us hope.

## **YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

We are seeing new clients with needs for more food during the summer when kids are out of school. Items needed are listed below. Thank you for your support!

- Mayonnaise
- Sweet Snacks
- Salty Snacks
- Cereal
- Corn
- Green Beans
- Chef Boyardee Ravioli

## **BEACH RETREAT**

If you are signed up for the Beach Retreat at Nags Head, please make sure to pay Jean Hutchins by July 31. Any questions contact Jean Hutchins at 3336-469-8692

All donations will support Randy's mission trip to Guatemala.

## ***PANCAKES For the Pastor***

**SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024**

**SERVING PANCAKES  
BEGINNING AT 8:30AM**

A vibrant poster for a 'Back to School Bash' event. The background is dark blue with white dashed lines and stars. The text 'BACK TO SCHOOL BASH' is written in large, white, textured letters. A green banner below the text says 'AUGUST 4, 2024'. Below that, it says 'PLEASE BRING FOOD TO SHARE AND/OR HOMEMADE ICECREAM!'. At the bottom, a green box says '5:00PM' and 'AT LAKE HAMPTON'. The poster is decorated with various school supply icons: a hand holding a pencil, a backpack, a globe, a calculator, a lightbulb, a pencil sharpener, and a school bus. The text 'DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING' is written in small white letters at the top right.

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING

# BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

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# Prayer List

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

- Isaiah 41:10 -

## **PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY AND HEALING :**

**Brenda Adams:** Address: 2336 Courtney-Huntsville Rd, Yadkinville, NC 27055

**William Watson Brendle:** 3208 Smithtown Road, East Bend, NC 27018

**Ruby Brendle:** 2845 Country Club Road, Yadkinville, NC 27055

**Junior Coe:** 2532 Rockford Road, Yadkinville, NC 27055

**Jean Gibson:** 2929 Maggie Way, Boonville, NC 27011

**Chris Harper:** 1131 Branson Lane, Wake Forest, NC 27587

**Christi Matthews:** 2744 Rockford Road, Yadkinville, NC 27055

**James Smith:** 5929 US 601 Hwy, Yadkinville, NC 27055

**Fred Taylor:** 2525 Country Club Road, Yadkinville, Nc 27055

**Jewell Welborn:** 2852 Round Hill Road, Boonville, NC 27011

**Sharon Willard:** 6913 US Hwy 601, Boonville, NC 27011

**Bracky Rogers:** 324 Old Hwy 601, Mt Airy, NC 27030

**Chad Lineberry**

## **IN A NURSING CARE / ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY :**

**Kate Shore:** Vienna Village Assisted Living, Kate Shore

#F50, 6601Yadkinville Rd, Pfafftown, NC 27040

**Wilma Sneed:** Brookdale Reynolda,

Room #23, 2980 Reynolda Road, Winston Salem, 27106

## **LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:**

**Randy Swaim :** Wife Linda Swaim: 2335 Dobbins Road, Boonville NC 27011

We rely on friends and relatives to keep us posted on hospitalizations, births, and deaths. If you know of any member or friend not listed, please contact

Pastor Randy Quate to leave a message 336-961-4404 or Newsletter.dcf@gmail.com.

We are still on the search to find someone to take on the prayer list long term.

If you are interested please reach out to the email above.





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