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June and July have been busy months here at Deep Creek. We are excited to share some photos from Vacation Bible School, Impact Yadkin, and our most recent DOGS outing - Gem Mining!

Desperate Prayer

RANDY QUATE - PASTOR

Years ago I had a conversation with Phil Hinerman, a Methodist pastor, whose spiritual life greatly influenced me. We talked about many things that day, and then I asked him about prayer. I was wondering if he knew of some good books on prayer that he would recommend to me. As I was waiting on his response, I was expecting some classic titles or newer volumes on communion with God that had given him the secret to spiritual growth. Almost immediately he gave me a surprising answer. He said, "I have not found any book on prayer that fully satisfies me." He went on to expound on a life of learning about prayer mainly from experience. It was a growing process that was continuing in his life deep into his 80's. He spoke of certain elements of his prayer practice such as gratitude, surrender, faith, intercession, and then more gratitude. He spoke of how important it was for him to pray daily with a specific time and place. He then added that he had learned to pray whether he felt like it or not. I left that conversation remembering one other statement he made to me.

**“I have to pray to survive
the day”.**

Phil Hinerman

That last confession has stuck with me for over twenty years; I pray to survive. It is so easy to listen to sermons on prayer, or to deliver them, or read books on prayer, and talk about prayer...without ever praying, without having a real prayer life. My conversation with this elder saint reminded me that prayer should be studied, but more importantly it must be practiced. Prayer must become the great navigating tool of our lives. A sailor can chart his course by the stars at night. He can do this because the stars are fixed in the heavens. They are unchanging even if he is being tossed around by the waves of the sea. The Lord utilizes prayer in many ways, but he always uses it to keep our hearts and minds fixed on his unchanging character and grace in the midst of an unstable and often hostile world.

In the book, "Lead with Prayer", Ryan Skoog writes about a security guard that was assigned to protect Billy Graham early in his ministry. While at an auditorium this guard slipped out to check the alleyway. When he returned, he could not find the evangelist. "Oh no, I've lost Billy Graham!". While frantically searching backstage he heard a desperate, solitary voice. He found Graham on his face pleading in prayer, "God, I cannot do this without you! God, I need your strength and power to speak today." No crusade was planned that day. Billy Graham was preparing to speak to a midsize group of leaders for only fifteen minutes.

The most important contributions that prayer brings through our lives does not come from technique, but from tenacity. Not from perfection, but from persistence. Not just from duty, but from desperation. We don't need to be convinced of the value of prayer; we just need to pray. We need to pray regularly, habitually, and expectantly.

We need to embrace the truth that prayer really is about survival.

Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following recipients of the NC USFW Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship.

The four new applicants, or first time applicants, will receive \$500 each for the 2024-2025 school year.

The applicants were *Hunter Hall from Forbush Friends*, *Maggie Ray from Deep Creek Friends*, *Sadie Badgett from White Plains Friends* and *Rachel Wilcox from Somerton Friends Meeting*.

The four returning applicants will receive \$650 each.

The returning applicants were *Haley Quate from Deep Creek Friends*, *Oliva Ray from Deep Creek Friends*, *Joseph Coltrane from Centre Friends*, and *Lemuel Coltrane from Centre Friends Meeting*.

USFW FALL ANNUAL GATHERING

Sept 14, 2024 - Archdale Friends

9:00am - Register, Music, Business and Program -

Speaker Dr. Lydia Grapine of Jamaica Yearly Meeting and USFW

12:00 - Luncheon \$15.00

See Janet Robbins if you have questions

336-971-1212

USFW PRESENTS:
A DRAWING COMPETITION FOR KIDS

DESIGN THE COVER FOR THE
2025-2026 *BLUEPRINTS* using
the theme:
"Love in Many Languages"
based on
1 Thessalonians 2:8

FOR 5-12
YEARS OLD
AND
13-18 YEARS
OLD

LET YOUR CREATIVITY BE SEEN THROUGH THIS COMPETITION!

One Grand Prize \$100

PRIZES FOR WINNERS IN BOTH AGE GROUPS

1ST PLACE \$75	2ND PLACE \$50	3RD PLACE \$25
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CONTEST RULES:

- ARTISTS MUST ATTEND A FRIENDS MEETING
- ARTWORK MUST BE 8 1/2" X 11"-- PORTRAIT ORIENTATION
- PENCIL OR BLACK INK (NO COLOR)
- ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PARTICIPANT
- OPTIONS FOR ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:
 - MAIL OR HAND DELIVER TO ANY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
 - MAIL TO RITA MINTMIER, 6354 LEWIS DAVIS RD., RANDLEMAN, NC 27317 USA
 - Scan and email to rmintmier@yahoo.com

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 30, 2024

CEMETERY INFORMATION

Our cemetery guidelines can be found on our website:
DeepCreekFriends.com and Roger Holt can be reached
at 336-244-3541 with questions.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, GOD IS IN CONTROL

We are beginning a new Bible study on Wednesday Nights in the book of Daniel. Though the life of Daniel is amazing, the main character of this book is God, and the theme is His sovereignty. It was written to the Israelites who were in Babylonian exile. Fearful, discouraged, and defeated, these people needed encouragement. Daniel was written to show them God's presence in the midst of their trial, and God's promise for the future that will outlast their struggle.

If you are in a time of struggle, this would be a great study for you to attend.
We hope you will join us on Wednesday Evenings!

Recaps

IMPACT YADKIN

"This year was our first year as leaders for Impact, which brought some nervousness. That quickly went away, though, because we had a wonderful group of youth with us." Destiny Ray said. Some volunteered to lead a night of devotions after worship and we've seen them grow both in their physical work, but also in their walk with Christ. We are blessed with a great group of kids who are ready and willing to do God's work!

GEM MINING

The FOJ and DOGS went gem mining and absolutely loved it. They were finding all kinds of neat stuff in their bags (including but not limited to pirates, mermaids, and fool's gold) and were constantly asking Rhonda "what's this one?" when they found something they liked. Needless to say we might just have some archaeologists on our hands.

Youth Leaders can be reached at: youthministry.dcf@gmail.com
Children's Leader can be reached at: kidsministry.dcf@gmail.com





This year, we had 40 campers at Camp Firelight! Each camper ate lots of food, made crafts, sang songs, danced, heard Bible stories, played games, did amazing science experiments, and even met Lu, the firefly. We are grateful for each and every camper that came to Camp Firelight, and we cannot wait to go on more adventures with you!

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AUGUST 18

GREETERS

Jean Hutchins
Michael Ray

**NURSERY:
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- 04- Donna Raines
- 11 - Cathy Shore
- 18 - Priscilla Shore
- 25 - Jean Hutchins

**NURSERY:
WORSHIP**

- 04 - Ginger Holt
- 11 - Priscilla Shore
- 18 - Sarah Ray
- 25 - Donna Raines

MUSIC

- 04 - Congregational
- 11 - Deep Creek Quartet
- 18 - Angie Brendle
- 25 - Walter Shore

FOOD for YOUTH

- 04 - Diane Hutchins & Tracy Shore
- 11 - Brenda Shore & Priscilla Shore
- 18 - Jean Hutchins & Rhonda Moran
- 25 - Cathy Shore

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Mission Sunday 5pm - Back to School Bash 4p - FOJ / DOGS 5p - Youth	5	6	7	8	9	10
			7p - Bible Study		FCNC Annual Session at Quaker Lake Camp	FCNC Annual Session at Quaker Lake Camp
11 Building Fund	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 8:15 - CE Meeting Monthly Meeting 3p Choir Practice 4p - FOJ / DOGS 5p - Youth	19	20	21	22	23	24
			7p - Bible Study			
25 Shore Reunion 5p - Youth	26	27	28	29	30	31
		7p - Ministry & Counsel Meeting		Beach Retreat	Beach Retreat	Beach Retreat Return 9/2



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Youth and Junior Youth Directors: Trevor Collins and Destiny Ray