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Deep Creek Friends

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**SEPTEMBER 28
6:00PM-UNTIL**

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**Bingo
Barbecue
Bake Off**

Join us for the BEST night of BINGO, BARBECUE, and BAKEOFF! All money raised will support our Youth and Children's Ministries.

TICKETS ARE \$30

Your ticket includes 20 games of BINGO and a BARBECUE sandwich served with chips, dessert, and a drink.

To purchase a ticket, please see a member of the Christian Education Committee.

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Have a dessert you want to show off?
Sign up for the Bake-Off coming in September
at our 2nd Annual Bingo Night!
See a member of the Christian Education
Committee to purchase a ticket today!

Seeing the Invisible God

RANDY QUATE - PASTOR

“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God”

Colossians 1:15

A roll of the dice, a sleepless night, an overheard conversation, and more. These are some of the seemingly insignificant details to the story of Esther. But in this chain of minor particulars lies the thread of one of the greatest acts of deliverance in human history. It is a deliverance that rivals the great Exodus from Egypt led by Moses. Esther is the only book in the Bible where God is neither mentioned, prayed to, or heard from. Yet Esther is where this divine act is recorded. The story of how a young Jewish girl became the Queen of Persia is the stuff of Hollywood, but it is the Invisible God that steals the show. That great deliverance did not happen through devastating plagues or waters being parted. It came through numerous “little things” that took place, crafted by a sovereign God, to accomplish a monumental rescue. God’s fingerprints are all over a book that never mentions His name.

God’s fingerprints are all over our lives as well. What may seem like random events are not random. Coincidences are harder to prove with a sovereign God. One person has said, “Too often we try to use God to change our circumstances, while he is using our circumstances to change us.” But how can we better recognize what God is doing in our circumstances?

We have to accept that a good deal of God’s work cannot be understood in the moment. Much of His activity in our lives will only be recognized years down the road, or in eternity.

However, there are moments that God gives a glimpse into His good work in our lives, if we have the spiritual eyes to see. What looks like an interruption could actually be an intervention. Random events can actually be divine ingredients that are part of an amazing plan. When it seemed like little progress was being made rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem around the time of Esther, The Lord asked Zachariah “Who dares to despise the day of small things...?” What do we need in order to see the “small things” God would allow us to see if we were looking?

Faith is essential. We must believe that God is actively working in and through our lives. Prayer sensitizes our spirit to be more alert and discerning about what God may be doing in our midst. Scripture sharpens our focus on the supernatural work of the Kingdom that is taking place this very moment. Solitude causes us to slow down and gives mind and spirit the space to discern life events. Other mature Christians can also be integral to discerning what God is revealing.

Last year I had a new pair of glasses made with a new prescription. It was amazing how crisp my vision became. The new glasses gave me greater detail to what I was seeing with the old prescription. We should not become obsessed and anxious about knowing everything God is doing in our lives. He reveals His hand as He wills. However, we can improve our receptivity to what God reveals by becoming deaf to the world’s noise, and increasingly aware of God’s Presence in us and with us. We may witness Christ’s hand in our lives if we are following Paul’s insight, “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen”. II Cor.4:18

Camp Creek Recap

Jacob Brendle and Rhonda Moran

Our 2024 Summer Olympics at Camp Creek has come to an end, but it certainly will not be forgotten. Over two weeks, sixteen competitors learned about six traits that are necessary for Olympic athletes: Friendship, Respect, Inspiration, Equality, Nerve, and Determination.

These traits aren't just for Olympic athletes, but they are necessary for us as Christians too! All of these six traits are displayed in Bible numerous times. Consider two examples: (1) the paralytic man was lowered through a roof by his *friends* so that he could be healed by Jesus, and (2) Esther had *nerve* when she saved the Jews by confronting the king.

The reality is that these traits aren't always that easy to embody. We must put in effort and put these traits into practice in our daily lives, and that requires some Olympic-level training. Of course, as Christians, we have the Holy Spirit, who helps us to grow in these traits and in the pursuit of Christlikeness.

During Camp Creek, to help learn these traits, each of our competitors participated in a series of games, crafts, and science experiments. (They were all well-fed too!) At our Olympics Closing Ceremony, each competitor received a Certificate of Olympic Achievement and a gold medal. We are incredibly grateful for each of the competitors that participated in the Olympics.

We pray that God continues to develop these traits in them as they grow, and we know that He has big plans for them! You never know, maybe they'll be in the Olympics one day! We also pray that God continues to work in each of our lives to develop these traits, so that we may become more like Christ and spread the Good News to all of those around us.



Announcements

MISSION SUNDAY

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Beginning in October

If you are curious about what Quakers believe, this class is for you. We will study a brief history of Friends and our beliefs. We will also seek to better understand what it means to be a church member. These classes are not only informative, but they are always fun. If you have interest in becoming a member of Deep Creek Friends, or just want to understand more about Friends faith and practice then come join us!

We will announce the starting date and time in September. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet is located in front of Randy's office.

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.

Mission Sunday is always a great time of sharing what the youth and leaders of Deep Creek have done at Impact, Camp Creek and Quaker Lake. The overall comment from those who spoke about Impact was that they enjoyed helping in the community. They loved being able to connect with other youth from different churches as well as home owners. Services that they helped with included building ramps, pressure washing and painting. We had 8 youth that helped this year and Michael Ray was a supervisor for several of the teams. Thanks also to Cathy Shore who coordinated a delicious lunch at Deep Creek for 3 teams.

Dylan Hammer, Katie Mae McDonald and Luke Combs attended Quaker Lake this year and really enjoyed making new friends and experiencing all of the great things that make Quaker Lake so special. Dylan especially like the climbing tower and Katie liked the crafts.



The kids also enjoyed a sermon by Christy Hutchins that talked about serving.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sydney

This month we have been working through some famous people of the Bible.

Looking forward we are getting ready for trunk n' treat. If you would like to do a trunk please let me know!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Destiny

This month has brought about a lot of joy so far – the Youth and DOGS groups have been learning about meaningful prayer and vulnerability. During one of our meetings, the Youth completed an activity where they wrote their prayers down on paper, and some mentioned that they really enjoyed this and would like to start doing this on their own.

As school is starting back up, I have focused on intentionally praying for our kids as they are entering another new year with many opportunities ahead of them. I know that they will do well, and I am excited to see their growth throughout the year. If you know of anyone who would like to start coming to youth or DOGS, we would absolutely love to have them and be able to share the good news with them!

MINISTRY LEADER EMAIL ADDRESSES

Children's: kidsministry.dcf@gmail.com

Youth: youthministry.dcf@gmail.com

WALK FOR HUNGER 2024

In Memory of Susan Steelman

Sunday, October 6th, 3:00-4:30 PM

Registration: 2:30-3:00 PM

Yadkinville Community Park

If you choose, you can walk at your Home Church

Parking at Yadkin Farmers Market

Homemade Ice Cream will be served

2024 Awards Include

Most walkers from a church or organization

Largest Dollar Amount raised by a church or organization

Random drawing for (2) \$25 gift cards



Music by "Anointed by Grace"
West Yadkin Baptist Church

Sponsored by: Deep Creek Friends and the Susan Steelman family

Yadkin Christian Ministries is supported by the people, churches, and organizations of Yadkin County to assist families in crisis times with food, medication, heat and water. The ministry seeks to do its mission in the spirit of Christ, with a nonjudgmental attitude. We request your prayers and goodwill.

SEPT

NEWSLETTER
CONTENT DUE

SEPT 15

GREETERS

Steve Hutchens
Harold Clarkson

**NURSERY:
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- 01 - Donna Raines
- 08 - Cathy Shore
- 15 - Priscilla Shore
- 22 - Jean Hutchins
- 29 - Jean Hutchins

**NURSERY:
WORSHIP**

- 01 - Janet Robbins
- 08 - Rhonda Moran
- 15 - Ginger Holt
- 22 - Jean Hutchins
- 29 - Cathy Shore

MUSIC

- 01 - Donna Terrell
- 08 - Choir
- 15 - McDonald Sisters
- 22 - Choir
- 29 - Generation Excellent

FOOD for YOUTH

- 01 - No Youth
- 08 - Diane & Tracy
- 15 - Kristy & Sarah
- 22 - Angie
- 29 - Ginger

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Beach Retreat	Beach Retreat		7p - Bible Study Choir Practice after Bible Study			
8 Building Fund Children's Church	9	10	11	12	13	14 NCUSFW Conference Archdale Friends 9 am - 12:30 pm
5p - Youth			7p - Bible Study			
15 8:15 - CE Meeting Monthly Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21
3p - Choir 4p - FOJ 4p - DOGS 5p - Youth			7p - Bible Study			
22 Children's Church	23	24	25	26	27	28
5p - Youth			7p - Bible Study			
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		7p - Ministry & Counsel	7p - Bible Study			6p - Bingo, BBQ & Bake Off
			10/18 - SHS Team 10/19 - Pumpkin Fest @ Quaker Lake 10/25 - FHS Team 10/26 - Trunk 'N Treat	Looking Forward: 12/1 - Hanging of the Greens Christmas Play		



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