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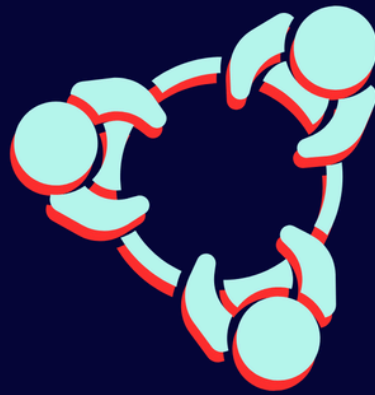
THE ENCOURAGER

Deep Creek Friends

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SMALL *Grief is more than death* SMALL Group



A 4-6 week
conversation on
grief.



Sunday, January 12, 2025
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**May the Lord Bless You and Keep
You as We Enter a New Year**

Lord, Teach Me To Pray!

RANDY QUATE - PASTOR

Master, I wonder what that disciple saw in you when he witnessed you in prayer. A wise disciple he was to ask you to tutor him, and you granted his request. So I too ask, *"Lord, teach me to pray."*

Lord, teach me to pray so that I may know you as a Loving Father *and* as a Holy God. Help me to know you as you are, not as I choose to perceive you to be, or as my emotions tell me. Let me never assume you to be *my* servant nor a divine tyrant. Guide my thoughts and faith so that I can adore you as my Heavenly Father, and still honor you as my Holy King.

Lord, teach me to pray so that I may keep your Kingdom at the center of my attention. Let me not be swayed by the words of men. Help me to live as a citizen of Another Land. Help me to live for your will on earth as it is in heaven, your will in me as it is in heaven. Help me to be sensitive to the brokenness of a world that has not embraced your rule, but also mindful that one day "every knee shall bow". As I wait for that glorious day, may I be a better representative for you. Teach me so to pray that I will forever seek your Kingdom first and let everything else be added to me as you will.

Lord, teach me to pray so that the provisions for my daily and momentary needs are recognized for what they are; gifts from you, not the rewards of my own achievements. Help me in prayer to always know my dependence on you. Make me grateful for the smallest of blessings and the greatest of miracles. Help me to see your fingerprints on everything good that touches my life. Let me not get so caught up in what I long for, that I fail to thank you for what has already been placed before me.

Lord, teach me to pray so that I will have the grace to forgive. Help me not to hold on to an unforgiving spirit toward others, which will only weaken my soul. Lord this is so hard. It is especially difficult when the serpent uses the voices of those who once were close and trusted. Help me carry your compassion in my heart. Let me forgive with the same forgiveness you have showered on me.

Lord, teach me to pray so that I can stand under the withering attacks of evil. Guide my steps O Lord, so that I will not fall into needless temptation. Let me know the power of your deliverance from the Evil One who comes in the disguise of friendship and comfort more often than the face of destruction. Give me discernment dear Father, so that I can always hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, and not be swept away by the luring call of the wolf.

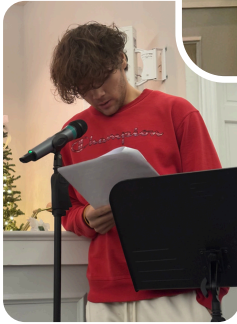
Lord, teach me to pray so that I can live with the rhythm of your earthly life, with the passion of your cross, with the power of your resurrection, and with the hope of your return. Loving Father, Holy One, as the final leaves of this season fall to the waiting soil, may my heart turn to you moment by moment and humbly fall at your feet in prayer.
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"Once when Jesus had been out praying, one of his disciples came to him as he finished and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples..."

Luke 11:1

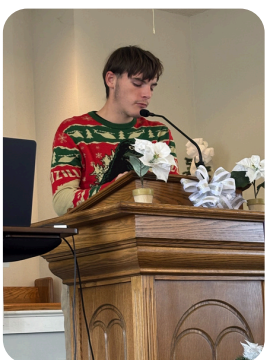
Experience Christmas

We got to experience an interactive Christmas play this year at Deep Creek. We hope you were able to join us for this experience and the fellowship afterward, but if not we have some photos to share with you from that evening. A special thank you to Rhonda for helping organize and see this event come to life.



Advent Services

Thank you to all our families who have helped us light the advent wreath this year. We love this time of year for many reasons and one being that we can involve our congregation a bit more during our services. Thank you to our youth and young adults for welcoming us into advent with a special service.



Ministry Updates

KIDS MINISTRY

This past month we have been preparing to Jesus' birthday. We have made an advent calendar and talked about the meaning of Advent. We discussed the preparation that was made for Jesus by his parents, and we learned about how we can share the good news to everyone! Enjoy some pictures from our Friends of Jesus Christmas Party.



YOUTH MINISTRY

The last year has been filled with some wonderful things - a mission trip, a few outings, lots of discussion, and even more laughter.

The Youth and DOGS groups have grown tremendously in the last year and I could not be more proud of them! We have some new curriculum for the upcoming year and are planning some fun events for the kids. I pray that this year brings many blessings and that we continue to grow in our walk, leaning on Him in all that we do and allowing Him to renew us as we go into the new year.

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

- Psalms 51:10

QUAKER WOMEN

The Quaker Women honored the seniors at Deep Creek with a Christmas lunch on December 5th. Everyone enjoyed being together and they were especially glad to see Kate Shore and Wilma Sneed.



Announcements & Happenings

YOUTH FOOD VOLUNTEERS

Tracy has created a list for the entire year. If you are unable to provide food on the day assigned, please get in touch with one of the others and trade days. She will provide you with a copy of the list. Please let her know if you have any questions or issues. She can be reached at 336-469-8056.



MAKING MORE ROOM FOR GOD

Making More Room for God is a church-wide focus in January.

As a church family, we will be encouraging each other, during a time of prayer and fasting, in order to be more open to the Lord. *To make more room for God together.*

What is a fast? A fast is the self-denial of normal necessities in order to intentionally attend to God in prayer. The physical awareness of emptiness is the reminder to turn to Jesus who alone can satisfy.

While fasting traditionally involves abstaining from food or drink, other forms of self-denial can also serve as meaningful fasts. One could abstain from pleasures, attachments, or cravings, such as television, social media, shopping, bread and sweets, etc.... We easily fill our lives with stuff, with our own pleasures, with our own self-interests. Many of these things are good as long as we don't idolize them, yet fasting invites us to empty ourselves of such things in order to make more space for God. When we feel the emptiness or absence of a common thing, we are reminded how much we need the Living Water of Jesus Christ to fill us.

What could you give up for 21 days in order to be more attentive to the voice of God? What if everyone at Deep Creek Friends took this on? God could truly use this time to speak to us all. Let's do this together!

More information on fasting will be available in front of Randy's office and in the foyer.

NEW SMALL GROUP

You saw this flyer on the front page, but Angie and Lisa would like to invite you to try out a small group that is starting January 12th after church.

We all experience grief. And we know that for many having a place to talk about that is helpful. We will explore the fact that grief is tied to so much more than just death.

If you are interested please reach out to Angie or Lisa.

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**NEWSLETTER
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January 19

GREETERS

Jean Hutchins
Michael Ray

**NURSERY:
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- 05- Donna Raines
- 12 - Cathy Shore
- 19 - Priscilla Shore
- 26 - Jean Hutchins

**NURSERY:
WORSHIP**

- 05 - Ginger Holt
- 12- Donna Raines
- 19 - Sarah Ray
- 26 - Priscilla Shore

MUSIC

- 05 - McDonald Sisters
- 12- Choir
- 19 - Kaci Barber
- 26 - Choir

FOOD for YOUTH:

- 05 - Diane / Tracy
- 12- Ginger
- 19 - Cathy
- 26 - Kristy / Sarah

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 7p - Bible Study	9	10	11
3p - Choir Practice 4p - FOJ & DOGS 5p - Youth						
12	13	14	15 7p - Bible Study	16 6:30p - Finance Cmte	17	18
Children's Church Small Group Mtg/Lunch after church 5p - Youth						
19	20	21	22 7p - Bible Study	23	24	25
8:15a - CE cmte Monthly Meeting 3p - Choir Practice 4p - FOJ & DOGS 5p - Youth						
26	27	28	29 7p - Bible Study	30	31	
Children's Church 5p - Youth		7p - Ministry and Counsel				



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