

FEBRUARY 2025

THE ENCOURAGER

Deep Creek Friends

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A red poster for a Valentine's Party and Parent's Night Out. The background is red with scattered white and red hearts. The text is white and centered. It includes the date "14 FEBRUARY", the event name "Valentine's PARTY and Parent's Night Out", the target audience "For kids age 3-3rd grade", the location "Deep Creek Friends Meeting", and the time "6:00PM-9:00PM". It also provides contact information for Sydney Matthews.

Valentine's
PARTY
and Parent's Night Out

For kids age 3-3rd grade

14 FEBRUARY	<i>Deep Creek Friends Meeting</i> 6:00PM-9:00PM
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*Contact Sydney Matthews for
more information.*

(336) 469-4376

**Contact Sydney for more
information for our Parent's
Night Out!**

The Empathy of Christ

RANDY QUATE - PASTOR

Many years ago, I talked with a seminary professor who taught comparative world religions at Rice University for nearly 30 years. He was a man who had studied all the major religions that capture the hearts of mankind, and had engaged in and watched numerous religious debates. In his experience he had found that Christianity stood apart from all the others. The belief that all religions are “streams flowing into the same great river” does not harmonize with the teachings of the New Testament, nor with a thoughtful comparison. Dr. Neilson mentioned that there was one subject during those debates that brought curiosity and even shock from others that practiced different religions. It was when the question of suffering arose.

There is no doubt that Christianity stands apart from other religions in many areas, but it is suffering that draws such a clear line of distinction. Why? It is because Christianity believes in a God who understands human suffering and disappointment from experience, not just divine understanding. He understands the cruelty and brutality of earthly living not merely because He is all-knowing, but because He has been there...or should I say He has been here.

When we read the book of Hebrews, I sometimes wonder how the writer must have felt as he was scratching out those inspired words. He was writing to people who had been Jews all their lives but had converted to Christianity. With their conversion came ridicule from their former friends, neighbors, and family. They were being abused and hounded to return to their Jewish roots. What do you write to a person who is going through such a time? Even today, what do you say to those who tread the deep waters of adversity? Consider the writer of Hebrews as he tells these suffering souls about the superiority of Jesus Christ and of His power and might. Of how he warns them of the consequences of falling away and encourages them to “run with perseverance the race marked out for them”. But then witness the picture he paints on the canvass of their hearts that renders the greatest comfort: Jesus, their High Priest, has suffered and can personally identify with their struggles.

Think for just a moment about the life of Jesus. He knew the ridicule of a family who thought that he was mentally unstable. He felt the rejection coming from a once supportive multitude. He heard the murmuring of those who falsely accused Him and He bore the brunt of their verbal and physical blows. He watched with great anguish as His closest friends abandoned, denied, and betrayed Him. The kiss of Judas in the garden may have caused more pain than Pilate’s scourging. The list could go on but the evidence is clear: Jesus suffered, and that is important.

Jesus sees all you encounter every day from the vantage point of heaven. He sees every difficult moment in your life. Yet no matter how well He can see us from glory, he never forgets his view of our pain from His experience on the cross, and He walks beside us through His Spirit every painful step.

God told Moses, “I have *heard* the cries of my people”. His Son now says, “I can *feel* the cries of my followers”. When it comes to understanding our sufferings, struggles, and adversities, God can not only hear...He can remember his own suffering in this world. Christ knows your pain!

Ministry Updates

KIDS MINISTRY

During January we have had a lot of snow. More than we have had in a few years! When the snow flurries down it reminds me how each snowflake is so different.

However, without each snowflake doing its job we would not see the ground blanketed in this beautiful snow. Just like each member of the church is their own unique snowflake with their own talents.

However, it takes all the members willing to work for a common cause so that we as a community of believers can blanket the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

NEW SMALL GROUP

Please join us as we start this new small group about grief and share our experiences. We would love to have you.

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.



SMALL
Grief is more than death
SMALL
Group

A 4-6 week conversation on grief.

 **Sunday, January 12, 2025**
After Worship with Lunch

 **Contact Angie Brendle or Lisa Crowder**
if you would like to participate.

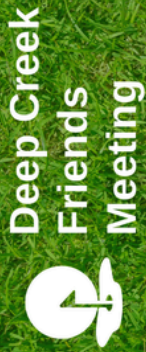
"Grief turns out to be a place none of us know until we reach it."
Joan Didion

SPRING REVIVAL

It will be March 14-16, 2025.

Our speaker will be John Voncannon, the pastor of Back Creek Friends in Asheboro.

Get it on your calendar today!



Deep Creek
Friends
Meeting

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**3RD MAY
2025**

LUNCH AT 1:00PM
PUTTING CONTEST AT 1:30PM
TEE TIME AT 2:00PM

MORE INFO

Contact Jay Brendle
(336) 679-8089; (336) 258-0430
Contact Rhonda Moran
(336) 978-1597

PRICE

\$200.00 per 4-person team
\$50.00 per golfer

SILO RUN GOLF COURSE

Proceeds will benefit YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Sponsorship Form

NAME:

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR DESIRED CONTRIBUTION LEVEL.

	Bronze \$50		Platinum \$500
	Silver \$100		Diamond \$1,000
	Gold \$250		Other \$____

PROCEEDS BENEFIT DEEP CREEK YOUTH & CHILDREN PROGRAMS.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DEEP CREEK YOUTH.

Sponsors will be recognized
on our sponsorship sign at
Silo Run Golf Course.

Please submit your completed
form to:
Jay Brendle (336-679-8089)
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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.

YADKIN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES EMPTY BOWLS

Empty Bowls 2025 will be held on **April 1, 2025**, at the Yadkinville Moose Lodge. Lunch will be available from **11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.** and dinner from **4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** All meals will be take-out. Participants will drive through to pick up their meals and pottery bowls.

The event ticket will include the meal and a lovely bowl for \$25. Event tickets are available At the Yadkinville Ministry Center or see Janet Robbins.

Please remember that Shirley Murphy's lovely quilt drawing will be held in February. Quilt tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 at the ministry center or by contacting Janet Robbins.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3p - Choir Practice 4p - FOJ & DOGS 5p - Youth			7p - Bible Study			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Children's Church			7p - Bible Study		Valentine's Party & Parent's Night Out 6 pm - 9 pm	
4p - FOJ 5p - Youth	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:15a - CE cmte Monthly Meeting 3p - Choir Practice 4p - FOJ & DOGS 5p - Youth			7p - Bible Study			
23	24	25	26	27	28	
Children's Church		7p - Quaker Women	7p - Bible Study			
5p - Youth		7p - Ministry and Counsel	7p - Bible Study			

**NEWSLETTER
CONTENT DUE**

February 16

GREETERS

Angie Brendle
Leon Robbins

**NURSERY:
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- 02 - Donna Raines
- 09 - Cathy Shore
- 16 - Priscilla Shore
- 23 - Jean Hutchins

**NURSERY:
WORSHIP**

- 02 - Janet Robbins
- 19 - Jean Hutchins
- 16 - Cathy Shore
- 23 - Rhonda Moran

MUSIC

- 02 - Jacob Brendle
- 09 - Choir
- 16 - The Kids
- 23 - Choir

FOOD for YOUTH:

- 02 - Angie
- 09 - Janet
- 16 - Brenda / Priscilla
- 23 - Jean / Rhonda



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Youth and Junior Youth Director: Destiny Ray