

SEPTEMBER 2025

# THE ENCOURAGER

Deep Creek Friends

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## Trunk or Treat



**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

Hayrides and games at **5:30pm.**

Chicken stew and more food at **6:15pm.**

Trunk or treating at **7:15pm.**

*Not too spooky, but lots of kooky fun.*

# Alphabet Soup

BY RHONDA MORAN

As a veteran teacher, I've heard my fair share of jargon and acronyms. Sometimes we joke that the only careers with more "alphabet soup" are the military and healthcare. Two phrases stand out in education: Build relationships and Meet them where they are. They matter in the classroom — but they matter just as much in the Church.

At the recent Young Friends Retreat at Quaker Lake, our speakers Troy Thornburg and Ryan Graves challenged both youth and adults to think about revival. Troy used John 1:29–51 to show that even as the disciples were called, each came to know Jesus because of a relationship with someone who already believed. John brought Andrew. Andrew brought his brother Simon Peter. And it kept going — a chain reaction of faith through relationships.

That's the "build relationships" part. As teachers, we earn the credibility to teach by connecting with students. As Christians, we earn the credibility to share Jesus by living in a way others can see — and by showing them we are no different than they are. Broken people, saved by grace.

The second phrase — "meet them where they are" — means being willing to share our own brokenness as an example that we aren't different than they are.



Youth Commission International - Brock & Dylan enjoyed a retreat at Young Friends during Annual Sessions at QLC.

At the retreat, Ryan lead the youth in how to share 15-second testimonies for our fast-paced, distracted world:

"There was once a time in my life I was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ BUT then I met Jesus and ever since I have been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Do you have a story like that?"

It's simple. It's powerful. It's starting at the beginning of someone's story and walking with them toward hope. Just like someone has done with each of us before.

So how do we live this out as a church? Troy's challenge was clear: Pray. Invite. Gather. Serve. Pray for God to place people in your life. Invite them to connect — whether it's Sunday worship, an outreach event, or Bible study. Gather with them. And serve, side by side, as you walk together in Christ.

If our youth can walk into their schools ready to share Jesus in just 15 seconds, then surely we as adults can follow their lead. This week, pray for God to put one person in your life that you can connect with. Invite them to church, Bible Study, or Small Group. Gather with them. Serve them and alongside them. Let's not just talk about revival — let's start living it.



# Photos from August



## Young Adult Lunch Outing Back to School Bash



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# Announcements

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## **WALK FOR HUNGER 2025** **In Memory of Susan Steelman**

**Sunday, October 5th, 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

### **All Proceeds Benefit Yadkin Christian Ministries**

A Memorial from the Luther & Sarah Wooten Family has given a start of over \$2,400. We are so appreciative of this gift of support!

### **2025 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

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.



Music by "Anointed by Grace"  
West Yadkin Baptist Church

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## **USFW FALL ANNUAL GATHERING**

**Sept 13, 2025 Deep River Friends**  
**"Love in Many Languages"**

- 9:00am - Registration and Bookstore
- 10:00am - Welcome, Music, Business and Program -Speaker: Sarah Loudin Thomas
- 12:00pm - Luncheon \$15.00

See Janet Robbins if you would like to register  
336-971-1212

## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you are interested in volunteering in our nursery please let the following people know.

**Sunday School** - Jacob Brendle / Rhonda Moran

**Worship** - Tommy Shore

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## **FEEDING FOOTBALL TEAMS**

If you are interested in helping feed the football teams please see Tracy Shore. (336-469-8056)

**Forbush** - 10/24, 4 pm - Soup at Deep Creek

**Starmount** - 10/31, 3 pm - Hot Dogs at Starmount



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# Ministry Corner

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## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

This summer we had a wonderful time learning about God's abundant love, our spiritual gifts and the Faith and Trust we should have in God! We have had a great time from VBS to Camp Creek to our movie night!

### **Looking forward:**

- Kids singing during worship on October 19th
- Following church on October 19 we will be going to The Farm. Please let Sydney know by October 12, if you plan to attend.
- Trunk n' Treat on October 25th

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## **MINISTRY & COUNSEL**

### **Speakers for September**

We are excited to share our speaker line up for this month!

- 07 - Brandon Dockery
- 14 - Jerry Wood
- 21 - Eddie Driver
- 28 - Ian Speer

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### **Reach Out**

If you have a need please contact Tommy Shore (336/469-2760) or Angie Brendle (336/244-8791)

NEWSLETTER  
CONTENT DUE

SEPTEMBER 21

GREETERS

Steve Hutchens  
Harold Clarkson

NURSERY:  
SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 07- Donna Raines
- 14- Cathy Shore
- 21 - Priscilla Shore
- 28 - Priscilla Shore

NURSERY:  
WORSHIP

- 07- Sarah Ray
- 14- Priscilla Shore
- 21 - Ginger Holt
- 28 - Rhonda Moran

MUSIC

- 07- Sydney Matthews
- 14- Choir
- 21 - Tommy & Cathy Shore
- 28 - Choir

FOOD for YOUTH:

- 07- Kristy / Sarah
- 14- Angie
- 21 - Janet
- 28 - Brenda / Priscilla

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

	1	2	3	4	5	6
						9a -1p - Youth Carwash K&B Auto Repair
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Brandon Dockery			7p - Bible Study			Build a Bed Mission Day at Sleep in Heavenly Peace
3p - Choir Practice 4p - Ignite 5p - Youth						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Children's Church Jerry Wood			7p - Bible Study			8:30a - 2:30p - Tour to Tanglewood Rest Stop
5p - Youth		7p -Quaker Women				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Newsletter items due Eddie Driver CE Meeting Monthly Meeting 3p - Choir Practice 4p - Ignite 5p - Youth			7p - Bible Study			
28	29	30				
Ian Speer						
Children's Church 5p - Youth						