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THE ENCOURAGER

Deep Creek Friends



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DEEP CREEK FRIENDS

Winter Camp-in

*It's a Fun
Time!*

**FRIDAY
JANUARY 23**

*More details
are coming soon!*

**AT DEEP CREEK FRIENDS CHURCH
FOR IGNITE KIDS!**

JOIN US FOR TONS OF
CAMPING FUN AS WE CAMP-IN
TOGETHER!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TRACY McDONALD OR ANGIE BRENDLE

MEET BRANDON



Deep Creek Friends is excited to welcome Brandon Dockery, his wife, Kelly, and his son, David, to our church. Brandon will serve as our Interim Pastor beginning in January 2026. Brandon and his family reside in Greensboro.

He is a recorded minister with Friends Church of North Carolina (FCNC), and he has pastored various friends churches in the Triad. Brandon has additional experience working with young families, young adults, and youth. Currently, Brandon works for FaithAction International in Greensboro, NC as an Interfaith Program Manager.

After much prayer and discernment, Brandon felt called to minister at Deep Creek after having guest spoke in 2025. We are looking forward to where God leads us as we serve the Lord together.

Finding Hope

Brandon Dockery



I absolutely love Christmas for all kinds of reasons but most of all, Christmas is a time for hope. Whenever I think about Christmas I think about hope. Let me provide for you a little context.

Mary was a peasant, promised to a man of solid background and a good family. He was a carpenter, someone who made furniture and farm tools particularly. It was a good trade and would provide some level of security. But something happened and you know what it was. We have the gift of scripture we know that an angel came and spoke to Mary. We know that she was chosen to carry the Messiah, the Christ that would deliver her people. Her family wouldn't have believed her. They would have assumed she had been raped by a Roman soldier

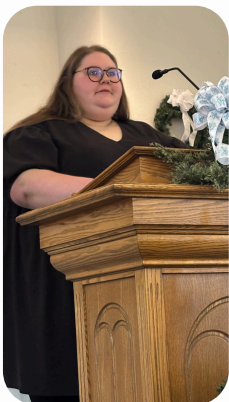
The world was a dark place 2 thousand years ago, Israel, like she has been her entire life, was under the occupation of a larger, more powerful nation. This time, Rome. Roman soldiers had legal dominion over Israeli citizens. Meaning a Roman soldier can make an Israeli do whatever they wanted. They stole from them, over taxed them and often raped the women and killed the men who complained. It wasn't a good time to be an Israeli born individual 2 thousand years ago. The Romans were cruel and treated God's people very poorly. Many people would have believed Mary to have been raped by a Roman Soldier. It was very common.

Christmas is a time of hope and it is a reminder that even when times are dark and the world seems doomed God still has a plan. If you have never had the real life nativity explained in context the way it really would have happened, come to hear Brandon speak about it all January.

Advent Season

During our Advent season the children, youth and young adults have been presiding, speaking, singing, and so much more. Here are a few photos from our services so far.

Deep Creek also participated in the Yadkinville and Boonville parades, with a huge thank you to Samuel Ray for driving us!



Ministry Corner

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We have made it easier to donate to our Youth and Children's programs. You can scan the QR Code to the right and donate via Venmo. A record of your donation can be given to our treasurer for tax purposes.



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MINISTRY & COUNSEL

Interim Starts!

We are excited to welcome Brandon and his family as our interim pastor!

Reach Out

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

The Young Adult group participated in creating stockings filled with small gifts for the participants at New Horizons. It was fun being able to put together something for others during this holiday season.



NEWSLETTER
CONTENT DUE

January 18

GREETERS

Jean Hutchins
Michael Ray

NURSERY:
SUNDAY SCHOOL

ALL Sundays
Priscilla Shore

NURSERY:
WORSHIP

- 04 - Donna Raines
- 11 - Jean Gibson
- 18 - Janet Robbins
- 25 - Tracy Shore



MUSIC

- 04 - Tracy Shore
- 11 - Choir
- 18 - Ginger Holt
- 25 - Choir

FOOD for YOUTH:

- 04 - Diane & Tracy
- 11 - Cathy
- 18 - Kristy & Sarah
- 25 - Angie

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

							2p - Baby Shower
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
3p - Choir Practice 4p - Ignite 5p - Youth			7p - Bible Study				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Church Breakfast							
5p - Youth			7p - Bible Study				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
 Newsletter items due							
Monthly Meeting 8:15a - CE Meeting 3p - Choir Practice 4p - Ignite 5p - Youth		7p - Quaker Women	7p - Bible Study				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
5p - Youth 6p - Ministry & Counsel			7p - Bible Study				