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The Official Newsletter of Friends Church North Carolina

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WELCOME!

Welcome to your Friends Church North Carolina Newsletter!

This is a monthly e-newsletter dedicated to keeping you up to date on current events within FCNC.

We strive to highlight topics of interest such as announcements, who/what we support, recent activities, upcoming events etc.

How can you help?

Let us know if you have information that falls into these categories at an FCNC level. Email information, pictures or ideas to our Social Media Coordinator,

Jenny Gullion at: jenny@friendschurchnc.org



Quotes by Quakers

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“TO BE AFRAID IS TO BEHAVE AS IF TRUTH WERE NOT TRUE”

Bayard Rustin 1912-1987

“

A Word of Devotion
for Mothers Day

THE RADICAL PEACE ROOTS OF MOTHERS DAY

By: BRUCE DIENES

“Mother’s Day began in America in 1870 when Julia Ward Howe wrote the Mother’s Day Proclamation. Written in response to the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War, her proclamation called on women to use their position as mothers to influence society in fighting for an end to all wars. She called for women to stand up against the unjust violence of war through their roles as wife and mother, to protest the futility of their sons killing other mothers’ sons.”

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Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation – 1870

Arise then...women of this day!

Arise, all women who have hearts!

Whether your baptism be of water or of tears!

Say firmly:

“We will not have questions answered by irrelevant agencies,

Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage,

For caresses and applause.

Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn

All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.

We, the women of one country,

Will be too tender of those of another country

**To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.”From the bosom of a
devastated Earth a voice goes up with**

Our own. It says: “Disarm! Disarm!

The sword of murder is not the balance of justice.”

Blood does not wipe out dishonor,

Nor violence indicate possession.

As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil

At the summons of war,

Let women now leave all that may be left of home

For a great and earnest day of counsel.

Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.

Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means

Whereby the great human family can live in peace...

Each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar,

But of God –

In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask

That a general congress of women without limit of nationality,

May be appointed and held at someplace deemed most convenient

And the earliest period consistent with its objects,

To promote the alliance of the different nationalities,

The amicable settlement of international questions,

The great and general interests of peace.



Upcoming Events:

May 5

Quaker Men Spring Fling
-Flyer and more info below-

May 8

Mothers Day

May 14

QLC Golf Tournament

May 15

Southern Quarter
Quarterly Meeting at Bethel Friends
4PM

May 15

Western Quarter
Quarterly Meeting at Liberty Friends
4PM

May 21

USFW Spring Conference
-Flyer and more info below-

May 22

Mission Sunday

May 22

Outdoor Concert
at Randleman Friends
3PM

May 22

Combined Youth Gathering
5pm-7pm Cedar Square Friends

May 30

Memorial Day

June 12-17

Deep Creek VBS

July 10-13

Southern Quarter Revival

There is A LOT going
on this May!
Check your calendars
and take a moment to
look at everything
going on so that you
can get involved.

SILO RUN GOLF COURSE



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT YOUTH
AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 2022

LUNCH 12:30 . PUTTING CONTEST 1:30
TEE TIME 2:00

Contact Jay Brendle
(336.679.8089) or Jared

\$200 per 4-person team
(\$50 per golfer)

Attention Committee Members Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 20th of each month



Announcements:

USFW Spring Conference is May 21, 2022.
Deadline for sign up is May 14!
Look for more information and registration
form below.

Southern Quarter Revival

July 10-13 2022 More info to come!



[sign up HERE](#)



QLC Campers

Quaker Lake Camp registration is open and spots are filling up fast! Make sure you get your children signed up so that they get to enjoy the camp experience of a lifetime!

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Keep in mind our Intern Program!
If you know of any young adults or
older youth in your Meeting that feel
called to ministry, reach out.

Terry Linthicum is overseeing this
program and would be happy to talk
with those who are interested!



If you have questions or are interested in applying, email
Terry at tlinthicum@northstate.net



NC USFW Spring Conference Registration

Saturday, May 21, 2022

Quaker Lake Camp

Climax, NC



Katrina McConaughy is a lifelong Friend from Oregon and has been a program officer with FUM Africa Ministries Office for the last four years. She will be moving from Kenya to Indiana after her husband, Shawn McConaughy, assumes his new role in April 2022 as Superintendent of Western Yearly Meeting. Please come hear Katrina share about the ministries of FUM in East Africa, things they have learned, and ways you can pray or be involved.

9:00 – 10:00 am Registration and Bookstore with light refreshments
10:00 am – 12 noon Welcome, Music, Business and Program
12:00 noon Luncheon – catered lunch @\$12.50 each

Please send memorials by May 7, 2022

to Jan Dough, 2541 Old Lexington Rd, Asheboro. NC 27205.

If you cannot attend, please watch the live stream video on You Tube- search for Paul Routh. This will be a live feed presentation.

If you have questions please contact Janet Robbins 336-971-1212 or email jrobbins1604@gmail.com

NC USFW Spring Conference at Quaker Lake
Please clip and send by May 14, 2022

Name(s) _____

Meeting _____

Number of Lunches at \$12.50 each _____ Total \$ _____

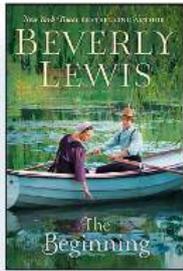
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Alicia Sharp : 6 H Fraternity Drive Apt H
Greensboro, NC 27405

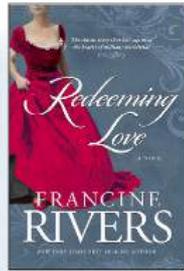
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USFWI 2022-23 reading list

www.barclaypressbookstore.com/USFWI-2022-23

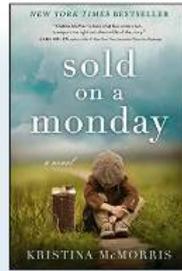
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The Beginning
 Beverly Lewis
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Redeeming Love
 Francine Rivers
 \$16.00

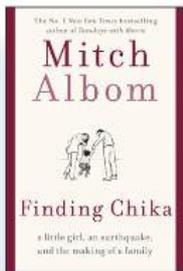


Sold on a Monday
 Kristina McMorris
 \$16.00



The Winter Rose
 Melanie Dobson
 \$16.00

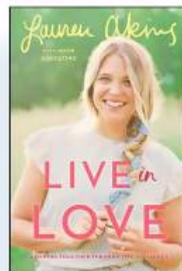
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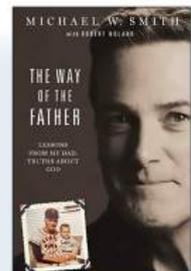
Finding Chika
 Mitch Albom
 \$17.00



Lemons on Friday
 Mattie Jackson
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 \$20.00

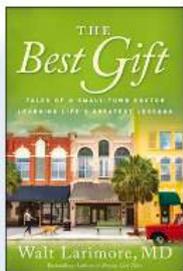


Live in Love
 Lauren Akins
 \$18.00



The Way of the Father
 Michael W. Smith
 \$26.00

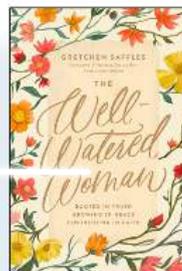
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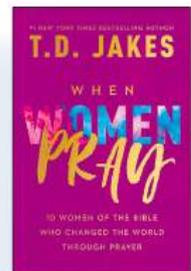
The Best Gift
 Walt Larimore, MD
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Everyday Faith for Daily Life
 Jan White
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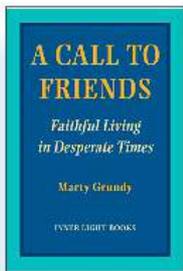


The Well-Watered Woman
 Gretchen Saffles
 \$20.00



When Women Pray
 T. D. Jakes
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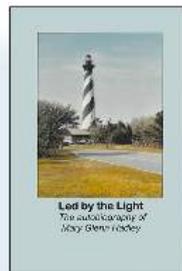
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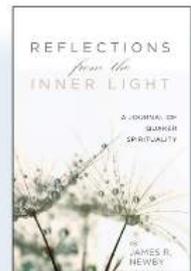
A Call to Friends
 Marty Grundy
 \$15.00



Hope and Witness in Dangerous Times
 J. Brent Bill
 \$11.00



Led by the Light
 Mary Glenn Hadley
 \$11.00



Reflections from the Inner Light
 James R. Newby
 \$17.00

North Carolina Quaker Men Spring Fling

Thursday, May 5, 2022, 5:57 pm

(Please note the change of date!)

The Depot at Cody Creek

US 601, 1 mile south of DOBSON, NC 27017

Phone: 336.386.8222 - Website: <https://www.codycreek.org/>

Restaurant Meal: \$16+ tax

Speakers: **Bob and Hope Carter**

Bob and Hope Carter are *medical missionaries* who began their career in 1985 serving FUM at **Friends Lugulu Hospital** in Western Kenya. After Bob earned his master's degree in public health at UNC-Chapel Hill, they returned to Africa in 1997, serving in **Zambia** with **SIM** for ten years before returning to **Kenya**. In Zambia, **Bob** was a public health consultant for the District Health Office, started the district's first free HIV clinic, and chaired the AIDS Advisory Committee for the Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ). Meanwhile, **Hope** oversaw the TB and Leprosy services at **Mukingoe Hospital**.

For the last 11 years, they have lived in **Kijabe, Kenya** and divided their time between **Kijabe Hospital and Moffat Bible College**. Hope assisted the hospital with its HIV clinic for two years and then focused full-time on teaching in the AIDS Ministries Department at Moffat and serving as the college's health coordinator. Bob taught family medicine residents at the hospital, oversaw its palliative care services for ten years, and led its successful efforts to initiate chemotherapy services for cancer patients, while also serving as director of Moffat's AIDS Ministries Department. Last year the department officially transitioned into the **Department of Community Health and Development**. Since 2020, Bob has also assisted **SIM's International Health Ministries** office to design and roll out '**COVID Equip**', a program for training pastors, chaplains and Christian community leaders in a gospel-based response to COVID in local communities. As of last year, he is now "*retired*" from clinical care and focusing more on public health issues and medical education.

Please announce and encourage Quaker Men

(Younger, Older and In-Between)

***from all over North Carolina
to attend and participate!***

OUTDOOR CONCERT

featuring

Kristan Leigh



**Sunday, May 22
3:00 p.m.**

**Randleman Friends Meeting
523 High Point St., Randleman, NC**

Enjoy country, gospel, and original music!
Bring your own chair. Cost is free.



The following items will be collected at the concert for the Asheboro Family Crisis Center: canned & dry goods, bottled water, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, washcloths, combs, & hairbrushes.

In case of inclement weather, concert will be in the sanctuary.

Mission Sunday

May 22, 2022

Mark your calendar and get ready for Mission Sunday!

May 22, 2022

Continue on to the next page for more information concerning ministries supported by FCNC and ways YOU can get involved!



The Mission's Committee is excited to invite you and your Meeting to participate in Mission's Sunday 2022! We encourage each Meeting to take up a special offering for Missions supported by FCNC.

FCNC Missions Sunday

The Missions Committee of Friends Church of North Carolina contributes to many ministries, including missionaries, Friends' Meetings in underprivileged areas, and the ministries of Friends United Meeting. What we do depends on you!

You can:

- Pray for the missionaries and ministries.
- Give financial support.
- Go on a mission trip, VBS, work group, etc.
- Grow your knowledge with newsletters.
- Get the word out to other Friends.

Missionaries

- Meg Williams of Youth for Christ, who starts Bible clubs in N.C. public schools
- Bob and Hope Carter, medical and spiritual ministry in Kenya
- Oscar Mmbali, Pastor in Belize
- Nikki Holland, School Director in Belize

Ministries supported by N.C. Friends

- Jamaica Yearly Meeting – Vacation Bible School, Leadership Training & Building Projects
- Matamoros, Mexico Missions- Pastoral Support and Building Repairs
- MOWA Choctaw Friends Center
- Friends Campus Ministry
- Africa – Friends Theological College, Lugulu Hospital, Turkana and Samburu missions
- Middle East – Ramallah Friends School
- Mesquakie Friends Church
- Kickapoo Friends Center
- FUM Pandemic Relief
- FEMAP

Due to the pandemic, many of the special projects and travel budgeted for last year (especially for Matamoros and Jamaica) did not occur. The list of needs and projects keeps growing so hopefully friends from NC will be able to travel to these areas soon.

Any amount of money donated is appreciated. If you can't support financially, please keep these missions in your prayers.

Missions Sunday

The special collection today goes to support these ministries. As you feel led you can also send checks to FCNC, with Missions on the memo line, mail to the NCYM, Inc. office at 600 E. Springfield Rd., High Point, NC 27263.

Maybe you can't go; but you can help send others!!

In honor of Mother's Day

Margaret Fell: Mother of Quakerism

Margaret Fell is one such example of a woman who used her life to improve the lot of humanity through the Friends tradition. Fell, often called the "Mother of Quakerism," is self-described as being born in 1614 of "honest parents, and of honourable repute in their country." She was married to Thomas Fell of Swarthmore, who she describes as esteemed and honorable, and a loving husband and father to their nine children.

After hearing the preaching of George Fox one day, Fell became convinced of this faith and mission and began using her estate and resources to support the Friends movement. Though her husband never officially joined the Friends movement himself before his death, he remained kind to their cause while Fell used their home to house a Meeting of Friends. Fell would eventually marry George Fox, 11 years after her first husband's death, and the two would spend most of their married years physically separated by the travels to which God had called them, along with intermittent imprisonments for their faith. This placed the call of God upon their lives above the comforts of married life. Through this time, Fell continued to manage her home and estate, dedicating her resources to the Friends movement and declaring against persecutions and imprisonments, "I should not deny my Faith and Principles, for anything they could do against me; and while it pleased the Lord to let me have a House, I would endeavour to worship him in it [sic]" (quoted from Life Writings, 2000).

Well into her 70s, Fell traveled to and from London as the Lord compelled her to go. She took letters to kings and nobles, insisting on the freedom and fair treatment of Friends who were persecuted, beaten, and imprisoned for their beliefs, and was imprisoned herself on and off for many years. But not only did Fell continue to manage her estate successfully, despite laws and fines against holding Friends Meetings that were meant to ruin her, she devoted her resources to bettering the conditions for the Friends movement to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ freely.

During this time Fell relentlessly addressed rulers, tended to imprisoned Friends, fought for rights, declared the Gospel, and even wrote in defense of women preaching. It can hardly be said that Margaret Fell wasted any good gift that was given to her on anything other than the work of the Lord. Did she face adversity? Absolutely. Were there powerful people who tried to intimidate her into submission because she was a woman or who would oppose her because it wouldn't be proper to walk alongside a woman in ministry? I can only imagine so. Were there women and men who belittled her for giving of her heart outside the home, who "unfriended" her for being different, spoke ill of her, or worked against her behind her back? Maybe not – if we have reason to believe that fear, envy, strife, jealousy, and self-seeking are new developments in the last 300 years of human history.

I can't help but imagine that as Margaret Fell fought against a political-religious system that was bigger and stronger than she could ever be on her own, she would have faced powers and principalities of adversity similar to, or greater than, those that humans still face today. Nonetheless Margaret Fell, and many others like her, lived like nobody remembered to tell her that she was "just a woman." She lived like she believed the same God who gave good gifts to men and to kings gave good gifts to her too.

We still serve that same God today. We still exist among the same humanity today. There is still work to be done today. And we have – today more than ever – greater access to equipping resources than Margaret Fell could have ever dared to dream.

It's not up to us to determine what gifts and talents God gave us to bring to the world, or in what ways He might use them to change the world, and it is not up to us to determine whether we will be born male or female, black or white, in a broken home or a healthy home, in this century or another. It is only up to us to determine that all manner of gifts, talents, strengths, abilities, and resources far beyond what we will ever be able to ask or imagine have never belonged to any man, woman, or child – friend or foe – but only to God eternal, the Giver of all good things, and the sole seer of all that ever was and is yet to come.

I think Margaret Fell knew this, and I think she used it to guide her hard choices in life. And God used it to alter humanity for the good. This is how I want to live, and this is how I want to celebrate women's history: not by idealizing Margaret Fell or any other one woman for her actions or accomplishments, but by examining what these women's lives can teach us about what it means to be a bearer of God's image – a member of the physical body of the indwelling God on earth – first, and a woman second. Do you know of a woman in history that lived as though someone forgot to tell her all the things a woman "shouldn't" do; who refused to understand Galatians 3:28 as anything less than a call to action; by whose example we all – man, woman, or child – would all do well to live by? Take some time to reflect on this example and share it with someone you encounter today. "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28 (NIV)

For full credits for this article visit Barclay College website [HERE](#)

The image features several sprigs of lavender flowers with small purple blossoms and green stems, scattered across the white background. The flowers are positioned around the central text, with some sprigs extending from the left and right sides towards the bottom.

*"While I breathe
upon the earth,
I shall stand for
God and truth"
- Margaret Fell*

April

RECAP

Quaker Lake Flashlight Egg Hunt

"The QLC Flashlight Egg Hunt was so much fun! Over 100 children attended, and it was led by this year's summer staff and around 26 volunteers. Thanks to everyone who participated, helped, and provided supplies from our Wish List."
-QLC Facebook post

To see more pictures and to keep up with what is going on at Quaker Lake check out their Facebook page [HERE](#)



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Youth Gathering at Forbush

Sunday, April 24th, at Forbush Friends, Young Friends met as a collective Youth Group for the first time! Kyle Wildlicka led the evening activities and lesson. Activities were basketball, spike ball, hanging out on the playground, and eating pizza. Our lesson was centered around G.O.S.P.E.L. "God, Our, Sins, Paying, Everyone, Life." And a short video called G.O.S.P.E.L Propaganda which you can find on YouTube. Kyle went into depth about each acronym and why the G.O.S.P.E.L. should have an essential role in their lives.

G – God created us to be with Him (Psalm 100:3)

O – Our sins separate us from God (Romans 3:23)

S – Sins cannot be removed by good deeds (Romans 5:8)

P – Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again (Romans 5:8)

E – Everyone who trusts Him alone has eternal life (John 3:16)

L – Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever (John 10:28).

Please reach out to a member of Young Friends Activities or visit the FCNC website for more information.



