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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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“GRATITUDE SHOULD NOT END WITH
“THANKS GOD.” IT SHOULD END WITH
GENEROSITY AND WITH JUSTICE FOR
OTHERS.”

~MATT BOSWELL

AUTHOR OF: THE WAY TO LOVE

To check out the full article from this
Quaker Pastor & Author

[CLICK HERE](#)

”

A Word of Devotion:

THANKFULNESS:
AN ATTITUDE
OF GRATITUDE

By: Anonymous

*Rejoice always! Pray
constantly. Give thanks in
everything, for this is God's
will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

If you were to list the qualities of the people you most admire, a thankful attitude would probably be at the top of the list. Attitude will make or break a person. In his book *Attitude 101*, John Maxwell says this concerning attitude:

I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. Leadership has less to do with position than it does with disposition. The disposition of a leader is important because it will influence the way the followers think and feel.

Great leaders understand that the right attitude will set the right atmosphere, which enables the right responses from others.

Attitude is always a choice. ***You may not be able to control circumstances, but you can control how you react to those circumstances.*** Knowing that God is in control should make a difference in one's attitude. In fact, *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18* implies that our trust in God is directly linked to our attitude. One of the most difficult disciplines in life is the discipline of thankfulness—taking time to thank God for the team, children and spouse He has given you; taking time to count your blessings and adjust your attitude.

Paying bills used to be a pain in my side. When I would finish, I would be like an angry bear. (Can you relate? Most coaches can identify with the bumper sticker that reads "My take home pay won't even take me home!") Interest, taxes and high costs for services all made me angry. Then, one day as I was writing out the checks, the Lord spoke to my heart about being thankful that He had provided the income to pay those bills. Since that day, as I write each check, I have thanked God for His provision, and I am no longer like an angry bear when I finish. What are some blessings that God has given to you in the past year?



Check out our "Quaker Queries" that go with this month's devotion on page 16



Upcoming Events:

November 4-6

Young Friends Conference
at Quaker Lake

November 5th

Quaker Jubilee
10 AM - 1:30PM
at Quaker Lake

November 5th

NCYM INC meeting
at Quaker Lake 1:30 PM

November 9th-11th

Multiplication Conference
More info here:

<https://www.friendsmultiply.org>

November 11th

Veterans Day

November 13th

Western Quarterly Meeting
at Cain Creek

November 20th

Southern Quarterly Meeting
at Marlboro Friends
4PM

November 20th

Thanksgiving Candlelight Service
Concord Friends at 6PM
(Covered dish meal to follow)

November 24th

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Check out the next few
pages for more
information about
these events



December 11, 2022

Candlelight Service
at Quaker Lake
more details to come

****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

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Announcements:

Christmas Plays & Nativities

Next month our Meetings will be busy with service projects, Christmas Plays & Nativities. We want to let others know and get the word out through our newsletter!

Please e-mail me: jenny@friendschurchnc.org with information about what's going on at your Meeting this Holiday season.

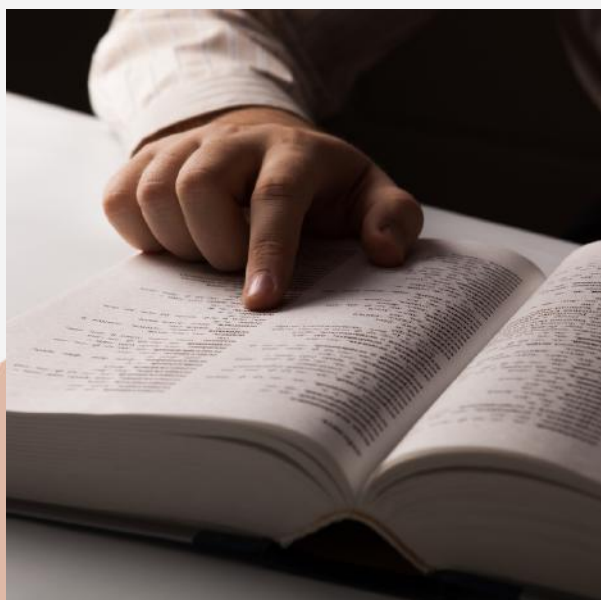
Don't forget that you can also post directly to our FCNC Facebook Group about what's going on withing your Meeting/community.

Click [HERE](#) to join our Facebook Group!



REMINDER

[Log in HERE](#)



2022 Directory *Now available!*

Your updated version of the directory is now available on the FCNC website!

Access to the directory will require a password.

Click the link provided to head over to the website and enter the password to view, download or print.

Password: **Directory2021!**



Quaker Jubilee

Celebrating 350 years of Quakers In North Carolina

Invited: Friends Church of NC, NC Fellowship of Friends,
NC Yearly Meeting (Conservative), Piedmont Fellowship of Friends,
independent Quaker/Friends meetings & churches,
and anyone connected to Quakers in North Carolina!

Celebrate Quaker History & Heritage!
Renew relationships! Have fellowship and fun!
Delicious lunch will be served!*

November 5, 2022, 10am - 1:30pm

Quaker Lake Camp
1503 NC-62 Climax, NC
in the New Lodge

*To reserve lunch, **Please RSVP** by 10/22 to:
Kevin Smitherman, smithermankevin2@gmail.com



*A note from Colin Saxton, North American
Ministries/ Advancement Officer*

*Thank
You*

Dear Friends in FCNC,

God bless you and thank you for your
generous partnership in growing the Billy
Britt Fund and FUM's work in North
America. You are the best!

In Christ,
Colin Saxton



*In Search of a Pastor
for Centre Friends*



WE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL ANNOUNCING THAT CENTRE FRIENDS IS
LOOKING FOR A FULL TIME PASTOR. BELOW IS A JOB DESCRIPTION
THAT WILL GIVE INTERESTED APPLICANTS A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT
CENTRE IS LOOKING FOR. PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THIS AND
REACH OUT TO THOSE THAT MAY QUALIFY, IF THE LORD SHOULD
SO LEAD.

Centre Friends Meeting
325 East NC 62
Greensboro, NC 27406
Mailing Address: PO Box 632, Randleman NC 27317
(336) 674-5081

2022 Full-Time Pastor Job Description

PRIMARY FUNCTION

- The Pastor's major concern should be for the spiritual well-being and growth of the whole church and prospective members.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, having accepted Him as Savior and Lord and have an understanding and agreement with FCNC Friends Faith & Practice.
- To be recorded or work towards being recorded as a Quaker minister in the Friends Church of North Carolina.
- Good communication and organizational skills are a must.
- While not required, previous training and/or experience as a pastor in a church setting is preferred.
- Will be expected to develop a presence in the community — while living in the area.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Overall objective is to seek to lead lost souls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- Responsible for all Sunday morning services as well as having a presence at church functions.
- Available and willing to perform wedding and funeral services.
- Participate in visitation of shut-ins, hospital, nursing homes, and other crisis situations while helping to develop ministries that will provide care to a growing church family in times of need.
- Provide spiritual direction through listening, prayer, and counsel to members who desire to give attention to their spiritual and personal lives.
- Must maintain confidentiality of members as they share personal burdens and concerns.
- Support and build up present leadership in the church through prayer and encouragement while mentoring other potential leaders.
- Maintain a regular office schedule to be available for contact and ministry needs. The position requires great flexibility in time schedule. The pastor should be available for evening and weekend activities. The pastor should take one to two days off each week depending on the needs of the congregation

- Realizing that service to Centre Friends should be first and foremost, it would also be good for our pastor to take part in a variety of activities on the Quarterly Meeting and FCNC levels as well as in the wider body of Friends United Meeting.
- Circumstances may occur which require additional responsibilities.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- Must believe in the absolute authority of Scripture and be convinced of the Bible's relevance to the life and faith of the Christian.
- Should allow ample time for prayer, study of Scripture, and meditation in preparation for teaching and preaching ministry.
- Prayerfully seek to bring Biblical and practical messages to the congregation each week.
- Sensitive, during Open Worship, to the Holy Spirit's leading so that there may be opportunity for free expression of the Lord's message through the congregation's voice.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Pastor will be subject to the oversight of Ministry and Counsel to include an annual evaluation
- Prepare and present a monthly ministry activity report to Ministry & Counsel.

PACKAGE

- Compensation package will be commensurate with the individual's education and experience.
- Parsonage is available.
- Two (2) weeks paid vacation.
- Release days can be approved for outside ministries.
- Travel and meeting expenses for Yearly Meeting activities will be paid by the Meeting.

Please send resume to:

Julie Hatchel, Clerk
 Centre Friends Ministry & Counsel
 PO Box 632
 Randleman, NC 27317
 (336) 674-5081
julie@iveyeggleson.com

YOUNG FRIENDS YOUTH RETREAT

SURVIVOR

NOV 4-6

QUAKER LAKE CAMP

FERT.

Keith Bradshaw

AND OTHER YOUNG
FRIENDS PASTORS

ACTIVITIES
INCLUDE

*Mission Projects
Movie Night*

FOR EVERYONE BORN OF GOD
OVERCOMES THE WORLD.

11 AM 5 PM
1000 5 PM

EARLY RATE
THRU OCT 2

\$40

DEADLINE
OCT 30

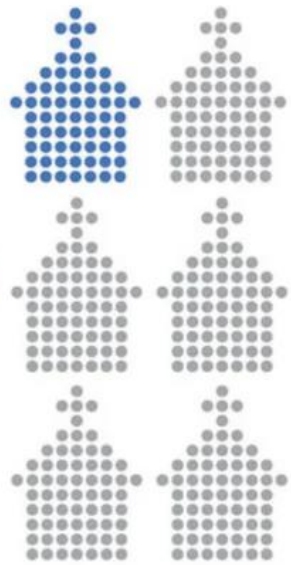
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ADDRESS: 1503 NC-62 CLIMAX, NC
CHECK-IN: FRIDAY NOV 4 AT 8PM
CHECK-OUT: SUNDAY NOV 6 AT 10AM

REGISTER ONLINE AT FRIENDSCHURCHNC.ORG
MAIL CHECKS AND REGISTRATION TO (INSERT ADDRESS)



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS CHURCH **MULTIPLICATION CONFERENCE 2022**



Dr. Ed Stetzer



Dr. John Muhanji



Dr. Larry Walkemeyer

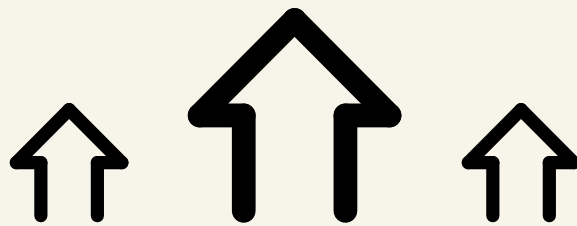


Albert Adhikari



Matthew Cork

November 9-11



For more information, contact Mike Wall:

mwall22@carolina.rr.com

Or check out the website [HERE](#)

WHAT?

The 2022 International Friends Church Multiplication Conference is an inspiring, world-wide Great Commission gathering that may be the largest of its kind in history among evangelically-minded Friends! Due to an overwhelmingly positive response to this conference in 2020, we are offering it again as a 100% online experience. Although some groups may choose to meet in-person as small groups, watch-parties, churches, or campuses, any individual is also welcome to participate. This format allows us to connect with Friends from homes, cities, local churches, Yearly Meetings, and regions all over the globe!



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



The following article is about Lindale Organic Dairy recognized as NC State Fair Farm Family for 10/16/2022! The Lindleys are members of [South Fork Friends](#).

Check out the link below to read the full story and to see pictures!

N.C. State Fair via FB 10/16/2022

We are honored to recognize Lindale Organic Dairy as our N.C. Farm Family of the Day today, sponsored by Tractor Supply Co.!

Lindale Organic Dairy is located in Snow Camp where they produce cow milk and goat milk as well as operate four chicken houses. The farm has been in operation for 100 years and is currently on the 5th generation of family farmers.

"We love working with the animals, the beauty of the farm land and most importantly the joy it brings across generations day in and day out," said Katie Lindley. Learn more about the family in the blog below and join us in recognizing them at the fair today! #NCStateFair

Read more: [Click HERE](#)



The Farm Family of the Day program recognizes 11 farm families – one for every day of the N.C. State Fair – who work hard every day to impact our state's agriculture industry. Families either nominated themselves or were nominated by members of the community. Thanks to Tractor Supply Company for sponsoring the program, which will run from Oct. 13-23, 2022.

QUAKERS IN

HISTORY

George Washington Walker
(1800-1859)



George Washington Walker (1800-1859), Quaker, shopkeeper and humanitarian, was born on 19 March 1800 in London, the twenty-first child of John Walker (1726-1821) by his second wife, Elizabeth, née Ridley. Because of the death of his mother and the absence of his aged father engaged in the saddle trade in Paris, he was brought up by his grandmother in Newcastle. He was educated by a Wesleyan schoolmaster near Barnard Castle, and apprenticed in 1814 to a linen draper.

Impressed by the probity and wisdom of his Quaker employers and James Backhouse of York, a leading Quaker minister, he left the Unitarian persuasion of his family in 1827 and became a member of the Society of Friends. The next year he formed the first Temperance Society in Newcastle. In 1831 he accompanied James Backhouse on a nine-year mission to the Australian and South African colonies. The partnership combined the initiative, imagination and adventurous spirit of James Backhouse and Walker's methodical organizing and secretarial skill.

They investigated convict and Aboriginal conditions, returned statistical accounts to Quakers in England, and presented a picture of the emigrant's life and prospects. As they visited from house to house or presented to large gatherings their version of a simple practical Christianity, they encouraged schools for the poor, temperance, cleanliness and care in hospitals, humane treatment of the insane, and generally tried to arouse a social conscience among the inhabitants of every colony. Walker returned from South Africa to Hobart Town in 1840 to marry Sarah Benson Mather, member of a Wesleyan family turned Quaker. Aware of his reputation for trustworthiness, friendliness and leadership, Walker strove to practise what he advocated and to support the organizations he and Backhouse had promoted. With the help of English Friends he set up a linen draper's shop in 1841 and made half of it available for the distribution of Bibles, religious tracts and temperance literature, with the 'pledge' always ready for signature. In 1845, to encourage thrift among the poor, particularly reformed drunkards, he organized the Hobart Savings Bank and managed it for some months without pay; it grew quickly, and soon required his full-time service. Because he thought that some of his merchandise catered only to luxury and fashion, he sold his linen drapery in 1848 at a loss and restricted his trade to the plainer woollen goods. In 1847 he was publicly thanked by a group of shop assistants for inducing other shopkeepers to adopt 7 o'clock closing, but in 1855 he was publicly threatened with tar and feathering for organizing his Temperance Committee into vigilante bands to enforce the law of Sunday closing of public houses.

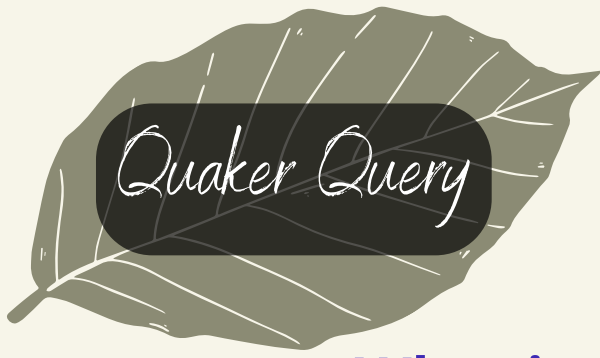
For the rest of the story visit: [HERE](#)

FUM UPDATE

Triennial Gathering Nakuru, Kenya July 2-8 2023

2023 marks the year of the Friends United Meeting, Quaker Men International, and United Society of Friends Women International Triennial in Nakuru, Kenya next July. The theme is "Come, Abide, Go." Our Kenyan friends are very busy with preparations and the registration for the event is now online on the FUM website. [CLICK HERE](#) to check it out! There are several pre- and post-event excursions planned, including working in the Lugulu Friends Mission Hospital, a visit to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Turkana Friends Mission, and of course a safari which coincides with the wildebeest migration. Sussie Ndanyi says "I wish to bring to our attention the opportunities available to witness and be a part of the Mission work that you have cared for and prayed for under FUM in my country."





...for October

What is a "Quaker Query"?

Quakers use the term Query to refer to a question or series of questions used for reflection and in spiritual exercises. Friends have used Queries as tools for offering spiritual challenges to the community for much of their history.

Consider this...

-What attitudes bring glory to God?

-How does your attitude create the right atmosphere for your family or Meeting?

Social Media

Comm-Tech Committee



Hello from your FCNC Comm-Tech Committee!

Many members within FCNC are still unaware that we have a newsletter!

The best way for Friends to stay up to date and aware of news & events is to get connected.

There are 3 great ways to do that:

- 1) subscribe to Bearing Fruit (click [HERE](#))
- 2) follow FCNC's Facebook Page (click [HERE](#))
- 3) join FCNC's Facebook group (click [HERE](#))

Social Media isn't for everyone, and we completely understand, so that's where "Bearing Fruit" is a great option.

But what about those in our Meetings who still haven't heard about or seen the newsletter?

That's where YOU come in!

Pastors, announce to your congregations on Sundays.

Friends, ask your friends if they've seen the newsletter.

Committee leaders, consider printing off copies to hand out to those who are less likely to use technology.

Together, we can get the word out! Thank you for your help

Click here to send me an e-mail
jenny@friendschurchnc.org



Why ZOOM?

Great question! And one we hope to answer. Since 2020, you may have heard the word "Zoom" or been invited to "Zoom Meetings", and you're left scratching your head. Let's dive in and answer a few of your questions.

What is Zoom?

So, what is the Zoom app? It is an internet based communication and conferencing app/website that connects users using video, audio, or even instant text messages. If you want to host a meeting with remote working colleagues, or have a virtual conference, seminar or even just connect with family members in other countries, Zoom has you covered!

How Does Zoom Work?

The Zoom app enables users to create, host, and join virtual meetings to communicate with one another via video or audio. Many other features mentioned above give you even more control over what hosts and participants can do in these virtual meeting rooms.

Benefits of using Zoom. Why choose Zoom?

Zoom has become an essential tool for anyone who wants to stay in touch. This includes small, medium, and even large businesses around the world. By using Zoom, you can virtually interact with co-workers when face-to-face meetings aren't possible. Zoom has even become popular for social events and connecting family and friends who have been separated due to the pandemic or distance.

Getting Started With Zoom Meetings

As mentioned, you do **not** need a Zoom account if you only plan to attend meetings and not host or schedule any yourself. If you want to attend a meeting, you can simply click on the Zoom meeting link sent by the host. Alternatively, you can manually join a meeting by entering the meeting ID on the Zoom homepage or by dialing in from a landline (voice-call only).

If this sounds like something that could benefit your Meeting for Quarterly, Monthly or Committee meetings, let us know! The Comm-tech Committee can help your Meeting understand and learn to use Zoom.

Meet our Missions

Samburu Friends Mission



The Samburu people are nomadic pastoralists who keep cattle, sheep, goats, camels, and donkeys. Recently, huge swaths of collectively-held range land in the Samburu region have been privatized, leading to extreme disruption of grazing and migration patterns. This, in turn, has led to an increase in violent conflict with neighboring communities. Education and literacy training for the Samburu are crucial at this time, as capable leadership is needed in negotiating these conflicts, and only 6% of Samburu adults have a secondary school education.

Building the Friends Church in Samburu involves building communities, not building buildings. As early Friends knew, it is the body of Christ that matters, not the building in which Christ is housed. Worship is often shared under a tree with indigenous songs, spirited dancing, and readings from the Bible.

The Friends Mission in Samburu, started in 1995, is an outgrowth of Turkana Friends Mission. Sammy Letoole is Director of the Samburu Friends Mission, under the direction of the Samburu Friends Mission Board.

[**LEARN MORE HERE**](#)

Ways to Give

- Assist with general operating expenses of the mission
- Contribute to the girl-child-education fund
- Serve as a Living Letters Volunteer



Prayer **CORNER**

How can we pray for you?

Prayer:

Pray for those in our communities struggling with addiction, and the family members suffering as well



Pray for our elected leaders. Those on a local level and on a National level. Pray for their wisdom and leadership to be reliant on the Lord.

Praise:

This is the month of Thanksgiving!
Continue to praise and thank our Creator for His many blessings and gifts. He has been so good to us!



FCNC Trunk or Treat



White Plains Friends



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Centre Friends







Concord Friends







Forbush Friends





New Harmony Grove Church Homecoming

**New Harmony Grove Church
had their homecoming on October 30th**



QLC Pumpkin Festival

"Nearly 2,000 visitors attended this year's Quaker Lake Camp Pumpkin Festival on October 15. The event included carnival games, inflatables, pumpkin smashing, canoeing, pumpkin painting, live music, and more. Special thanks to Chevalrie Salon & Spa for being this year's Hayride Sponsor. Many thanks to the 300 volunteers, including members of the Climax Fire Department, who made the event possible. Also, thanks to Jerry Wolford with Perfecta Visuals for capturing these awesome photos."

-From QLC [Facebook page](#)

Check out their Facebook page for more pictures







QUAKER LAKE CAMP



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Baltimore Friends Church

October 7th-9th 2022 Darryl Bodie accompanied Mike Wall to Maryland and taught a seminar on Christian Maturity at Baltimore Friends Church.



