

## BEARING FRUIT

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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"MY PRISON SHALL BE MY GRAVE BEFORE I WILL BUDGE A JOT; FOR I OWE MY CONSCIENCE TO NO MORTAL MAN."

-WILLIAM PENN While imprisoned in the tower of London in 1669

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A Word of Devotion:

FREEDOM FROM SIN & DEATH

By: Molly Howard

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."

- Romans 8:1-2

At times in life, we have probably all felt trapped to at least a certain extent. It could have been by our circumstances or even our own actions. Perhaps, we want freedom from a crisis, person, feeling or any other wide variety of things that weigh us down or make our lives difficult. When we find ourselves in these situations, we may long for freedom but struggle to find it.

No matter our struggle, there is one who offers freedom that we could never find on our own with our own power. Jesus Christ gives freedom from sin and death. For us, this kind of freedom is incomprehensible and unattainable, but Jesus offers it to us when we believe in salvation through

Sin is a struggle, and no matter where we are in our Christian walks, we will always encounter temptations. However, when we have accepted Christ into our lives, we are set free from the bondage of sin. We are no longer controlled by our own desires and nature but rather are submitting to God's will for us.

True freedom does not have to do with being able to do our own thing, but rather we find true freedom when we submit to Christ and his righteousness. God's will is much better than ours could ever be (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Romans 6:18 says, "You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." We have a higher purpose than our own desire to make choices or escape our struggles. We are called to live for Jesus and in righteousness.

Even though we have freedom in Jesus, we shouldn't go around making bad decisions or choosing sin as Christ is now the master of our lives. Galatians 5:13 tells us to use our freedom to serve one another. We may have the option and opportunity to sin but that doesn't mean we should take that route.

To compare with a simpler example, when we are little children, we have our parent/guardians to tell us what to do. They tell us to eat food, get adequate sleep, etc. After time has passed, we have to make those decisions for ourselves. Just because we have that freedom to choose not to take care of ourselves, doesn't mean that we shouldn't. It is the same way with our freedom from sin, we should do what we know is right even though it's in our power to choose what's wrong.

#### The Cost of Our Freedom

Although the name might imply otherwise, freedom comes at a cost. Before Christ, we are so stuck in our sins and we could never get out and are doomed to death. Jesus, however, was willing to take on our debts. He took on the consequences of our sin, a horrible death, even though he had never sinned and done nothing to deserve that sentence.

God loves us so much and so deeply that He created a plan that included sending His own son to earth knowing he would need to face suffering and death. This is the price of our freedom.

Thanks be to God for paying the price of our freedom from sin. This is something worth celebrating. We can now have victory and true freedom over sin and death. This leaves us with the decision to choose to embrace this freedom God has blessed us with and pursue righteousness or let our sin continue to control us. Praise God that we no longer must be slaves to sin.





CHECK OUT THE NEXT FEW PAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE EVENTS

#### **Date TBD**

Online Young Adult Bible Study (college age to under 40)
For a brief description CLICK HERE:
To register CLICK HERE
(see flyer below)

September 20-23, 2024 SAVE THE DATE!

Kaleo Youth Workers Retreat (See flyer below)



## July 7-10 2024

Southern Quarter Revival at Bethel Friends @ 7PM

July 26-27 2024

White Plains Friends VBS

July 27-28 2024

Archdale Friends 100th Anniversary

July 29 2024

Annual sessions registration deadline

August 9 -10 2024

**FCNC 7th Annual Sessions** 

## August 30th 2024

USFW drawing competition deadline (more info below)

## September 15 2024

Singing For Shepherds (more info below)

SUMMER TIME IS UNDERWAY
AND TIME IS FLYING WITH SO
MANY ACTIVITIES!
DON'T FORGET TO LET US
KNOW ABOUT
YOUR MEETINGS ACTIVITIES,
VBS, OUTREACH,
FUNDRAISERS AND MORE!



If you have any announcements

let us know at

jenny@friendschurchnc.org



## Announcements:



REMINDER

# Directory still available!



**Log in HERE** 

There was recently a possible data breech in our directory. Therefore the password has been changed. Please reach out to Paul Routh to learn how to regain access.

paul@friendschurchnc.org

# In Search of a Pastor & Youth Pastor for Centre Friends

We received an e-mail announcing that **Centre Friends** is looking for a full time Pastor and Youth Pastor. Below is a link to the Job descriptions 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.

CLICK HERE TO VISIT FCNC WEBSITE TO READ THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION.

# Youth Leader Position Opening

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Concord Friends Meeting has an opening for a part time youth leader. TAP HERE to see more information on this position and to apply





# IN SEARCH

# of a full time Pastor Science Hill Friends Meeting

2421 Lassiter Mill Road Asheboro, NC 27205

In rural Randolph County, right off of New Highway 49 If you are interested in applying or visiting please contact Tammy Garner @ 336-460-4421 or <a href="mailto:garnerseed@rtmc.net">garnerseed@rtmc.net</a>

Mailing address: Science Hill Friends c/o Tammy Garner PO Box 1386 Asheboro, NC 27204



# IN SEARCH

# of a Pastor Bethel Friends Meeting

2519 Bethel Church Road Asheboro, NC. 27203

We are a small, but active meeting. Our average attendance for morning worship is between 35 and 40. Our USFW attendance is around 14 ladies for each of our monthly breakfast meetings. The USFW is very involved in community and mission projects. Our Quaker Men meet once a month for breakfast, fellowship and devotions.

Our meeting serves 1000+ people at our Pig Picking fundraisers in April and October each year. We also have various other activities that reach out into our community.

We want our pastor to participate in our meeting activities.

We want our pastor to lead us in studying God's word, reaching others for Christ and helping us to grow in our own walk with Christ. We want a pastor who will care for our meeting as we will care for them, with love, compassion and concern.

We want them to be a close part of our Bethel family.

For more information contact Sarah Cox Clerk of Ministry and Council 336-963-2710



# IN SEARCH

# of a full time Pastor Centre Friends Meeting

325 HWY 62 E Greensboro, NC

Centre Friends Meeting is searching for a full time Pastor. Check out the Pastor job description on the next page

Send resume to:
Centre Friends Meeting Ministry and Counsel
Attn: Julie Hatchel, Clerk
PO Box 632
Randleman, NC 27317
julie@asheborolawyer.com

## Centre Friends Meeting 325 East NC 62, Greensboro, NC 27406 Mailing Address: PO Box 632, Randleman, NC 27317

(336) 674-5081

#### 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
- Have an understanding and agreement with FCNC Friends Faith and Practice
- Good communication and organizational skills
- Previous training and/or experience as a pastor in a church setting is preferred

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Overall objective is to seek to lead lost souls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- Responsible for all Sunday morning services
- 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
- Encouraged to be present at church functions and outings, outside of the Sunday morning worship hour, to build and strengthen relationships with members of the congregation
- 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
- Be available by phone for contact and ministry needs, while set office hours are not required
- Encouraged 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

#### ACCOUNTABILITY:

- Prepare and present a monthly Ministry Activity Report to Ministry and Counsel
- Pastor will be subject to the oversight of Ministry and Counsel, to include regular and timely performance evaluations

Compensation package will be commensurate with the individual's education and experience. Bivocational and part-time position applicants are also encouraged to apply.

Please send resume to: Centre Friends Meeting Ministry and Counsel

Attn: Julie Hatchel, Clerk

PO Box 632

Randleman, NC 27317 julie@asheborolawyer.com

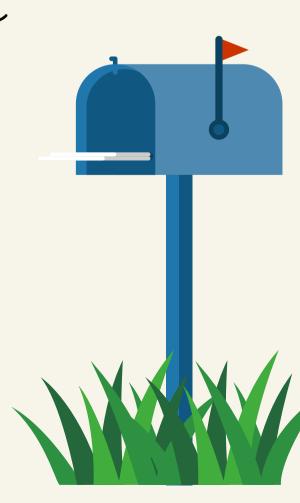


FCNC P.O. Box 4240, Archdale, NC 27263

It is also the new mailing address for NCYM INC. as well as to Judith Cranford

Treasurer NC USFW:
Alicia Sharp
908 Scottish Rite Dr.
Apt 219
Greensboro, NC 27407

Please send correspondence and NC USFW project donations here.





ANNIVERSARY

OF

# ARCHDALE FRIENDS MEETING

Please join us to celebrate!

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

COMMUNITY DAY AT ARCHDALE FRIENDS
HISTORY DISPLAY, FOOD, GAMES, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

11 A.M.

SUNDAY MORNING ANNIVERSARY SERVICE WITH KELLY KELLUM, GENERAL SECRETARY OF FRIENDS UNITED MEETING CARRY-IN MEAL TO FOLLOW

## FCNC 7th Annual Sessions Registration August 9 & 10, 2024 Quaker Lake Camp

## Please fill this first page out for each attendee (ages Kindergarten and up)

We are excited to be at Quaker Lake Camp for the 2024 Annual Sessions. Quaker Lake Camp offers many fun opportunities for families. There are walking trails, a pool, climbing tower, and much more! There are also many places to just sit quietly in the beautiful surroundings for prayer and reflection. There is a covered porch with rocking chairs outside the multipurpose building and overlooking the lake.

To meet our caterer's deadline for reservations, we are asking your cooperation by registering and paying by **July 29**.

Registration fees are as listed below. Encourage your youth and young adults to participate as there is no charge for the activities on Saturday, but **NO MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION.** On-line registration and payment are also available at friendschurchnc.org

Name			Meeting		
You are participating in: (Please check one)	□ Adult Business Session ( will you have need of the Nursery (0-PreK)? Y / N ) □ Children's Program (K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade) Age: □ YFAC				
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## Registration Deadline: July 29

Make checks payable to FCNC with memo: Annual Sessions

Mail to:

Forbush Friends Meeting
Attn: Monica
4460 Forbush Rd, East Bend, NC 27018

Lodging Options:  Hotel Recommendations: Holiday Inn Express (Asheboro), Hampton Inn (Archdale), Holiday Inn Express (Wendover Ave)				
Display tables available for affiliated organizations: \$25 for ½ table, \$50 for whole table				
Complete Annual Sessions Experience – Registration begins Friday at 1:30 PM (first business session begins at 3:00 PM, Supper at 5:30 PM). Includes Friday & Saturday visitor fee, all 3 meals (Friday Supper, Saturday Lunch & Supper).  Adults: \$50.00/person (includes 3 meals) x = \$				
FRIDAY  Daily Fee (includes Supper)	SATURDAY  Daily Fee  (includes Lunch & Supper for Adults & Children)			
◆ Ad∪lts: \$20 x = \$  (College & up)	♦ Adults: \$35 x = \$  (College & up)			
Total \$	Total \$			

<sup>\*</sup>Nursery & Children's Program to be offered on Saturday ONLY during business session\*

## **Tentative Schedule**

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1:30 PM*	Registration (foyer of multipurpose building)
2:00	Ministry & Counsel
3:00	Business
5:00	Supper (Pre-registration required by July 29)
6:00	Special Music by Joe Davis
	Intergenerational Worship

(Speaker: Samuel Vasquez, Clerk of Mexico YM)

## Saturday (Breakfast on your own)

8:00 AM*	Registration (toyer of multipurpose building)
8:30	Morning Praise on the Porch by Dusty Ball
9:00	Start of Business
12:00 PM*	Lunch (Pre-registration required by July 29)
1:00	Memorial Service (Yadkin Quarter**)
	Retirement Reception
2:00*	Free time & optional Adult Workshops
5:30	Supper (Pre-registration required by July 29)
6:30	Special Music by Baltimore Friends
7:00	Worship
	(Speaker: Samuel Vasquez, Clerk of Mexico YM)
	Annual Sessions Message

<sup>\*</sup>Book Room open & Silent Auction (bidding closes at 5:30PM on Saturday. Funds go to support missions)

\*\* Please have Memorials emailed to Judy Ritter by Monday, July 15th

Offerings:

Quaker Lake Camp

**Baltimore Friends** 

Agujita Friends Church (Samuel's church that has roof damage from hail storm)

## **USFWI PRESENTS:**

# A DRAWING COMPETITION FOR KIDS

DESIGN THE COVER FOR THE 2025-2026 BLUEPRINTS using the theme:

"Love in Many Languages"

based on I Thessalonians 2:8



FOR 5-12 YEARS OLD AND 13-18 YEARS OLD

## LET YOUR CREATIVITY BE SEEN THROUGH THIS COMPETITION!

One Grand Prize \$100

PRIZES FOR WINNERS IN BOTH AGE GROUPS

1ST PLACE \$75 2ND PLACE \$50

**3RD PLACE** \$25

## **CONTEST RULES:**

- ARTISTS MUST ATTEND A FRIENDS MEETING
- ARTWORK MUST BE 81/2" X 11"-- PORTRAIT ORIENTATION
- PENCIL OR BLACK INK (NO COLOR)
- ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PARTICIPANT
- OPTIONS FOR ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:
  - MAIL OR HAND DELIVER TO ANY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
  - MAIL TO RITA MINTMIER, 6354 LEWIS DAVIS RD., RANDLEMAN, NC 27317 USA
  - Scan and email to rmintmier@yahoo.com

ALL
ENTRIES
MUST BE
RECEIVED
BY
AUGUST
30, 2024

## Singing for Shepherds

Sunday, September 15, 2024 9am-6pm Eastern 6am-3pm Pacific

You're invited to a joyful, hopeful drop-in Zoom event. Participate as a whole meeting, as a Sunday school group, as a family, or as an individual Friend. You can come anytime and leave anytime. Appropriate for all ages!

During this day-long gathering, we'll focus on two missions among pastoralist people in Kenya: Samburu Friends Mission and Turkana Friends Mission. We'll hear stories about these missions, watch videos, and look at photographs. We'll sing hymns together, pray for the missions and the people, and have a little fun with trivia. We'll also set a goal for \$1000/month in new contributions to these missions.

Why monthly commitments rather than one-time donations? Because these two missions bear remarkable fruits. They create church communities, run schools, provide health care, give scholarships, and deliver emergency feeding interventions, and yet it's perpetually difficult to raise the necessary monthly funds to keep them going. We pray for the opportunity to change that as a global community. Every commitment will help, no matter how small.

All are welcome to participate in the event, and the hope is to have a Spirit-filled, brimming-with-love celebration of stories of faithfulness. If your meeting or church has Zoom capability, you can join all together during your social hour or religious education time or even for a half-hour period as part of your business meeting agenda. Or join in as an individual, couple, or family. Please come.



Register here to receive a Zoom link (which will also be resent immediately before the event): **CLICK HERE** 



This fall Kaleo Academy, the Youth Ministry Department at Barclay College, and MidAmerica Yearly Meeting are partnering together to host the first-ever National Friends Youth Workers Retreat. This will be an opportunity for those who work with youth within the evangelically minded Friends Church to gather together for some training, encouragement, and rest. We will be gathering at the beautiful Quaker Ridge Camp in Colorado on Sept. 20-23, 2024 and we invite any youth workers in FCNC to join us! The cost is \$250 plus travel expenses.

More information coming soon!

# NATIONAL FRIENDS YOUTH **WORKERS RETREAT**

SEPT. 20-23, 2024 QUAKER RIDGE CAMP IN COLORADO \$250 PER PERSON







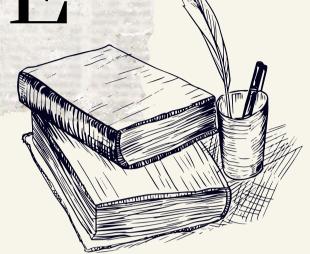
# Construction begins on the new biogas generator for Friends TheologicalCollege.

A beehive of activities has been happening at Friends Theological College this week. A major project, a modern biogas digester—one of its kind in Western Kenya—is being constructed at FTC. A biogas digester is capable of producing gaseous renewable energy from raw materials such as agricultural waste, manure, plant material, and food waste. When the digester is completed, it will save the Kaimosi natural forest from being destroyed for institutional cooking activities. FTC trains church leaders who are concerned not only with spiritual matters, but who are also concerned with the global environment.

## SOME FRUITS OF

# SOLITUDE

Proverbs, Wisdom & Principles for Better Living By: William Penn



## Quotes on "Passion":

279- Passion is a sort of fever in the mind, which ever leaves us weaker than it found us.

281- Passion, more than anything, deprives us of the use of our judgment; for it raises a dust very hard to see through.

286- He that won't hear can't judge, and he that can't bear contradiction, may, with all his wit missed the mark.

287- Objection and debate sift out truth, which needs temper as well as judgment.

289- Never chide for anger, but instruction.

290- He that corrects out of passion, raise his revenge sooner than repentance.

291- Passion has more of wantonness than wisdom, and resembles those who eat to please their palate rather than their appetite.

294- A man's strength is shown by his bearing.

## QUAKER

# QUESTIONS

Taken from "Questions Quakers are Asking" By: Seth B. Hinshaw

# General questions as to services of worship:



All services of worship do not have to be alike, a fact which is often overlooked. People need both prophetic preaching, and also prolonged periods of open worship. How may this be achieved?

## 2.

A teaching ministry is needed. Exposition of the Scriptures can be uplifting and highly beneficial, especially when the Scriptures are applied to contemporary problems. To what extent is this a pastoral responsibility?

## 3.

People need comfort, assurance, encouragement and exhortation. Do elders have a special responsibility here?

## 4.

No one can worship in a hurry. The proverbial "moment of silence" may be a polite nod to tradition, but does it permit creative Divine communion?

## 5.

The great hymns of the faith, when reverently used, can be a means of great spiritual blessing. What about entertainment songs?



## ...for July

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...

-How does our meeting communicate Friends' presence and principles to the wider community?

-What are we doing to invite persons to attend our meetings for worship, to welcome them when they come, to listen sensitively to their needs and hesitations and to encourage their continued attendance?

-Does my life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?

## Social Media

Comm-Tech Committee Statement

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 <u>HERE</u>)
- 2) follow FCNC's Facebook Page (click <u>HERE</u>)
- 3) join FCNC's Facebook group (click <u>HERE</u>)

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.

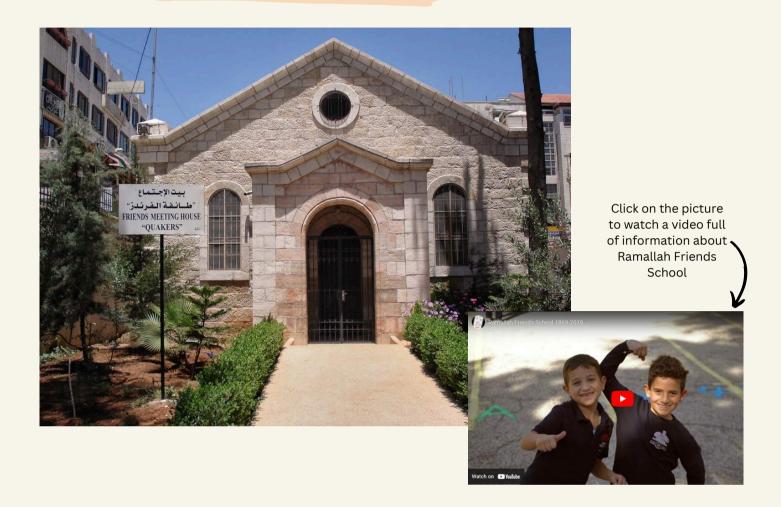
Friends, ask your friends if they've seen the newsletter.

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

## Meet our Missions Ranallah Friends



In 1869, a 15-year old Palestinian girl named Miriam Karam mustered up the courage to ask two Quaker visitors to Ramallah, Eli and Sybil Jones, to start a girl's school in the area. At that time, no education program existed for women in this region. Before long, a medical mission and boarding school for girls was in place. By 1902, a similar boarding school for boys was created by Friends.

It is doubtful that Miriam, Sybil, or Eli could ever have imagined what Ramallah Friends School (RFS) would look like in the 21st century. As the only accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) World School in Palestine, RFS offers an innovative and multi-disciplinary education that prepares Palestinian young people to be outstanding scholars, leaders, and change-makers in their community and around the world. Nurtured in an academic and community life guided by Christian Quaker values and spirituality, the School aims to impact both Christian and Muslim students in a wholistic and life-changing way.



# Le How can we pray for you?

## Prayer:

-Ben & Linda Hurley's daughter, Tanya, had a stroke in June. Pray for healing and comfort during this time.

-Pray for our Hispanic Pastor, Misael Morales and his family. Misael's brother was driving with his cousin, and was involved in a horrific accident, in which his cousin was killed.

## Praise:

Praise God for Freedom in Him! We are no longer slaves to fear, sin, death or defeat!

There is Freedom in Jesus name!



# Visit to Forbush Friends Meeting

On June 2nd over 160 people gathered for Worship and to kick off IMPACT YADKIN. This is a bi-annual joining of churches in the county to address needs of people in the community in the name of Christ. The High School houses folks who work daily repairing roofs, building decks, assisting folks in need. Forbush will be sponsoring a crew and feeding them all week. There are worship services each night at the High School. Pastor Mitchell See preached a powerful message about maintaining FOCUS on the Word of God.







AUGUST 9-10 AT QLC











## Annual Sessions - August 9-10, 2024

#### Mark 16:15 - Good News

## Friday – August 9

- 5:00 Registration
- 5:30 Supper with Adults
- 6:30 Intergenerational Worship
- 8:00 Games
- 10:00 Ice Cream Social
- 11:00 Hang out / go to bed
- 11:30 Lights out

#### **Saturday – August 10**

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:30 Session (What is the Good News and how to share it)
- 10:30 Small Groups
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 2:30 Session (prayer / outreach) Roleplaying Testimony
- 3:00 5:00 QLC Activities (Pool, Gaga Pit, 9 square, Tetherball, Volleyball, Crafts)
- 5:00 Cleanup for Supper
- 5:30 Supper with Adults
- 6:30 Cleanup rooms and pack

Leave after you've been checked out