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# BEARING FRUIT

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF FRIENDS CHURCH NC

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to your FCNC 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. Let us know if you have information that falls into these categories. Email information, pictures, or ideas to our Administrative Communications Coordinator, Monica Williams at: admincomms@friendschurchnc.org

## A DEVOTION FOR NOVEMBER

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

John F. Kennedy

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| 1 Enlighten Eyes of Faith Ephesians 1:18 | 2 A Chosen People 1 Peter 2:9 | 3 Submit to Governing Authorities Romans 13:1 | 4 Ministers of the New Covenant 2 Corinthians 3:6 | 5 Honor & Pay What's Due Romans 13:6 | 6 Unity Under Christ Ephesians 1:9-10 | 7 Pray for Leaders & Peace 1 Timothy 2:1-2 |
| 8 Choose Whom You Will Serve Joshua 24:15 | 9 Scarlet to Snow Isaiah 1:18 | 10 God's Power in Nature Job 37:5-6 | 11 Reject Worldly Desires 1 John 2:15-16 | 12 Pray for Spiritual Wisdom Colossians 1:9 | 13 Live as Free Servants 1 Peter 2:15-16 | 14 Christ Suffered for ALL 1 Peter 3:18 |
| 15 Joy in Affliction Psalm 119:143 | 16 Open Your Eyes to God's Word Psalm 119:18 | 17 God's Word as Light Psalm 119:105 | 18 Sanctified by Truth John 17:17 | 19 Delighting in God's Law Psalm 1:1-2 | 20 Worship with Joyful Praise Psalm 95:1-2 | 21 Gratitude for God's Grace 1 Corinthians 1:4-5 |
| 22 Let Christ's Peace Rule Colossians 3:15 | 23 Enter His Gates with Thanks Psalm 100:4-5 | 24 Rooted & Built in Christ Colossians 2:6-7 | 25 Do ALL in Jesus' Name Colossians 3:17 | 26 Worship with Grateful Reverence Hebrews 12:28 | 27 Sing to God with Gratitude Colossians 3:16 | 28 Proclaim God's Name & Deeds 1 Chronicles 16:8 |
| 29 Give Thanks for God's Enduring Love Psalm 136:1, 26 | 30 Live in the Light of the Lord's Day 2 Peter 3:10-11 | November 2026 | | | | |

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

**1st**
Randleman Friends Homecoming
Worship at 10:30am with catered meal to follow. Please RSVP to randlemanfriendsmeeting@gmail.com

"Sunday Night Sing" at Marlboro
6PM Music
& Light refreshments to follow

**6th & 7th**
FCNC 9th Annual Sessions

**7th**
Concord Marchers Winter Coat Give Away
10am-2pm

**21st**
Back Creek Friends Fall Bazaar

**21st**
Forbush Friends USFW Auction
Chicken Stew & Hotdogs
5PM

**22nd**
Concord Friends Annual Thanksgiving Candlelight Service
6pm




## 2027 "Save the Date!"

**March**
**6th**
QLC Ladies Retreat
**14th-19th**
NC FDS Worktrip

**April**
**17th**
Mid-Year Gathering
at Liberty Friends
**24th**
NCYM Inc. Annual Meeting
at QLC at 10am

**May**
**1st**
USFW Spring Conference
QLC Golf Tournament
**3rd**
Quaker Men Spring Fling
at Cedar Square Friends

**June**
**13th-18th**
NC FDS Worktrip

**July**
**21st- 24th**
FUM, QMI, USFWI
Triennial

# Garden of Prayer

"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there to pray."
Matthew 26:36

**How can we pray for you?**

**Prayer**
**Gratitude & Thanksgiving:**
Reflect on God's provision and faithfulness throughout the year.

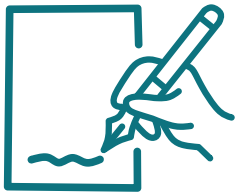


**Praise**
**Advancement & Breakthrough:**
guidance, closed doors of delay, and renewed strength to finish the year strong.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Annual Sessions Silent Auction

The Missions Committee is hosting a Silent Auction again at Annual Sessions this year. As you are "Fall Cleaning" this month, please consider donating items to this cause. Donations will be accepted on Friday 11/6



## Christmas Ham Fundraiser

for Sleep in Heavenly Peace on behalf of
Back Creek Friends Men
$65 per Ham
Christmas Eve Pick up 4-6PM
Order deadline is 12/13
Call/text 336-257-3711 to order

## Smoked Pork Butts & Shoulders

Concord Friends Men
$40 per butt  $60 per shoulder
December 18th Pick up
Don't wait! These sell out fast!
Call Scott Carter at 336-314-3027 to order

## 2026-2027 FCM

If anyone in your Meeting has started college at or near any of our FCM Universities (ie NC State, UNCW, App State, or UNC) please reach out to Allie Hylton for information on how they can get connected & involved.
hyltonallie@gmail.com

## Job Descriptions

**Mar Mac Friends Meeting**
Part-Time Pastor
Job Description HERE

**Deep Creek Friends Meeting**
Full-Time Pastor
Job Description HERE
Director of Student Ministries
Job Description HERE

# Rooted & Connected



SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10AM
WORSHIP 11AM

WEDNESDAYS: Kids Klub (4-10yr) 3:30-4:30PM
GLOW (11yr & up) 4:30-5:30PM

The following excerpt has been taken from Carolina Quakers- Tercentenary 1672-1972
The beginning and growth of the Asheboro Meeting may be accounted for largely in terms of families who have moved from rural areas of Randolph Co. Nearly every Meeting in Southern Quarter is represented in the membership. In the Summer of 1913 interested Friends in Asheboro invited Ada Lee, pastor of the Archdale Meeting, to meet with them. A committee composed of Carrie Skeen, Mattie Lowe, Ella Bowman and Evangline Rush was appointed to solicit interest in Friends work. Within 2 years the group was sufficiently strong enough to cause Back Creek to request Southern Quarterly Meeting to establish a Friends Meeting in Asheboro. This was approved, and the Meeting was set up in 1915. Elwood Cox was appointed Clerk, and Evangeline Rush Assistant.
A lot on Hoover Street was donated by Clark J. Cox and Virgil Presnell, and the first building was constructed. Six class rooms were added in 1925. In 1935 the Meeting purchased a lot on the corner of Worth and Elm Streets, and a seven room brick parsonage was built. A new educational building was added to the meeting house in 1948.
By 1956 it became evident that relocation and enlarged facilities were necessary, and a committee was appointed to study plans for a new building. A lot was purchased on Kivett Street containing 3.5 acres, and ground was broken in November of 1958. The first worship service was held in the new building on January 3, 1959. Additional property has been bought to enlarge parking facilities, and a fellowship hall (Rollins Hall) has been built for youth activities. A new parsonage was built in 1971.

## Meet Their Pastor

David Millikan was born in High Point, NC and grew up in Archdale, NC. He is a graduate of Trinity Senior High School. He received an Associate in Science degree from Davidson County Community College in 1977, an AB degree in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1979, and a BS degree in Medical Technology from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1981. He was employed as a Medical Technologist at High Point Regional Hospital and later was the laboratory information systems coordinator there.
David was recorded as a Friends Minister by North Carolina Yearly Meeting in 2014, and had served as pastor of Asheboro Friends Meeting since July 2016.



# GLEANINGS

The following excerpt was taken from "Walk Cheerfully, Friends" by Seth B. Hinshaw, pg. 53:

## Homemade Flavor

*The future of the Society of Friends depends on what happens, or does not happen, in our homes.*
~THE QUAKER CHRISTIAN HOME

The Quaker home at its best has a distinctive atmosphere, just as there is something distinctive about a Quaker meeting for worship. The ideal Quaker home is a happy, joyous place, for our Christian faith is essentially joyous and optimistic in nature. The absence of foolish frivolity does not lessen the higher happiness which can come only into wholesome lives.

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul lists some of the fruits of the Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." It so happens that these are the exact words which we should like to use in describing the atmosphere of a Quaker home. Atmosphere is not easily analyzed or measured, but its effect is powerful. Our lives take shape in accordance with it- for good or ill.

We are indebted to Rufus Jones for a very beautiful picture of family worship at its best, as described in *Finding the Trail of Life:*

> I was not "christened" in a church, but I was sprinkled from morning to night with the dew of religion. We never ate a meal which did not begin with a hush of thanksgiving; we never began a day without a family gathering, at which mother read a chapter from the Bible, after which there would be a weighty silence....Someone would bow and talk with God so simply and quietly that He never seemed far away.

Of course all this was in a rural home a hundred years ago, and life then moved at a more leisurely pace. Just the same, in this account we recognize something essential which is desperately needed in our day.

Hopefully, Friends who built pioneer homes in our country knew how to be gracious and contented in the midst of plain surroundings, and how to accept privations with a sense of radiant good humor. After all, a sense of well-being depends upon a knowledge of how to do without non-essentials. Legend has it that one Quaker woman always said to her guests- with a twinkly smile, "Now if thee needs something and can't find it, just come to me and I'll tell thee how to get along without it." (pg. 54)

In many Quaker homes children were taught very early to listen to the Inner Voice for guidance. Sometimes this might be called Conscience; at other times one might more appropriately call it the Light of Christ, or the Holy Spirit. One small incident in the life of the famous John Bright makes this clear. One summer day when he was a very small boy, he had studying to do, but he wanted to go wade in the brook. His Quaker mother said, "Thee had better go into the next room and listen for the Voice, then do as it says." After a little while he returned from the next room, saying, "The Voice says I must study hard for half an hour, and then I can go wade in the brook." "Very well," his mother said; "We must always obey the Voice."

It would seem logical that children are as spiritually sensitive in the twentieth century as in the seventeenth- *if* this sensitivity has been cultivated and developed to the same extent, and if it has not been dulled by TV violence. It may be that our homes are more and more filled with it the kind of noise and confusion which is not calculated to develop religious sensitivity.

Should not one consider it his good fortune to have grown up in a typical rural Quaker home, which was quite simple and plain? During those years I thought there was too much hard work- when "too much was not enough." Looking back now, I can see many rich compensations. In those days, people really did "live farther apart, and much closer together." (pg. 55)

# Gathered & Growing



## October 11th

**Cedar Square's Youth Group** combined with friends from **Concord Friends Meeting** for an awesome themed game about building strong foundational faith. They learned about Ezekiel's vision of the Valley of the Dry Bones - which, although a Strange Story in the Bible, it was one of Hope given to the Israelites at a low point in their faith.

## October 18th
## QLC Pumpkin Festival

We are so grateful to our incredible sponsors and dedicated volunteers who helped bring this year's Pumpkin Festival to life. Thank you for showing up for Quaker Lake Camp and being flexible with this year's weather! We couldn't do it without you, and we're already looking forward to next year!




**1 Thess. 5:18** "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

- **The Thought:** November brings shorter days, school stress, and the rush toward the end of the semester. It is easy to look at what is missing or what feels hard. Gratuity isn't just about ignoring hard things—it's about training your eyes to see where God is already showing up.
- **Quick Challenge:** Name three small, ordinary things today that you usually take for granted (a warm hoodie, a good text from a friend, or a favorite song) and thank God out loud for them.
- **Prayer:** God, when life feels busy or stressful this month, help me pause. Teach my heart to notice Your goodness and keep me thankful. Amen.

meet our
# MISSIONS

## NC FDS Week in Marion, NC
**October 11th - 16th**






A quote from David Hobson, “In the four workdays, Monday - Thursday, our crew of almost 30 persons worked on a new house for a lady whose prior well-built house was totally destroyed by powerful, rushing river flood water carrying other debris. We attached exterior siding, painted sheetrock with primer, sanded, and then added the finish coat, installed doors, attic hidden ladder, installed baseboard molding, caulked around windows and doors. As we were leaving to return home, we stopped by to help unload kitchen/bathroom cabinets into the house. 5 men of our crew also installed a ramp at a different house for a man, now wheelchair-bound, that was to come home from the hospital today or soon. Four of our ladies worked full days as the kitchen crew for some delicious meals. Other ladies were at the project house, painting, sanding, etc. Other volunteer crews will hopefully come soon to carry the project closer to completion.”



## FUM Board Meeting

At its October 3, 2026, meeting, the Friends United Meeting General Board approved two significant governance and financial management documents: a new Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual and a new Delegation of Authority Policy. Together, these policies provide a clearer financial-control framework and represent an important step in strengthening stewardship, accountability, transparency, and organizational sustainability. The General Board is responsible for establishing organizational policies, approving the annual budget, and overseeing FUM’s business between Triennial Sessions. Full article can be read here

# October Recap



**October 4th**

**Cane Creek Homecoming & 275th Celebration**

There was approximately 130+ in attendance. Lunch was held in the Fellowship Hall due to the rain, instead of on the grounds as originally planned, but the food and desserts was still great! Thank you all who attended and made this a special day!




**October 4th**

**Deep Creek Friends Walk for Hunger in Memory of Susan Steelman**

It was reported that this event was a huge success. The Lord gave them a beautiful day for the Walk at Yadkinville Park. Anointed by Grace blessed the walkers and attendees with some lovely and inspiring music. In total there was 113 walkers present.

**October 24th & 25th**

**Science Hill Friends**

A great weekend of fellowship and community was had at Science Hill friends! Saturday consisted of their Trunk or Treat where several decorated, dressed up, served, and had fun. On Sunday, Friends gathered for Worship and Bluegrass Music in the Sanctuary.

