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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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“WHAT IF THINE EYE REFUSE TO SEE,
THINE EAR OF HEAVEN’S FREE WELCOME FAIL,
AND THOU A WILLING CAPTIVE BE,
THYSELF THY OWN DARK JAIL?”

-JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER, 1807-1892

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A Word of Devotion:

LOOKING TO GOD THROUGH A SEASON OF CHANGE

By: Anonymous

‘ For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under
heaven ‘

-Ecclesiastes 3:1



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The summer's heat begins to slowly fade. Cold beverages are replaced with warm pumpkin spice lattes and sweet apple cider. Tank tops and shorts are traded in for jackets and jeans. Thick green leaves now dress themselves in vibrant hues preparing for their graceful descent, and as the days grow shorter and a gentle crispness fills the air, we find ourselves once again in the embrace of autumn, the season of change. The change in season may also mean a change in the pace of life as well. You might be eating breakfast on the run, rushing your kids to the bus stop, sitting in long carpool lines, or packing up your college student for the start of the school year. And just as you're catching your breath, your mind can easily wander to the family holidays that are lurking around the corner. If you and I aren't careful, in the busyness of all the activities, we may miss some of the wonders and lessons that God has for us. Let's consider some of God's wisdom that will benefit our lives through this season of change.

1. Slow Down

Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know I am God!" Just as God created the natural seasons of spring, summer, fall, and winter, He also takes us through different seasons of life. The fall season invites us to pause, consider the state of our hearts, and align our lives with God's will. It's a time to evaluate our priorities that may have shifted, the distractions that have crept in, and the areas where we need to surrender to God's transforming power. Just as the trees clear their branches, we must strip away anything that hinders our walk with Jesus.

2. Let Go

1 Peter 5:7 says, "Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you." The falling leaves serve as a visual parable of the process of releasing our cares to God. Autumn's lesson of letting go encourages us to release our worries, fears, and pains from our past. It's also a time to consider what we can let go of when we feel overwhelmed. Feel free to simplify your life by reviewing your calendar and minimizing your commitments. Learn to say "no" so you don't overcommit yourself, and learn the value of being less busy. The act of letting go is a powerful way to experience God's freedom to move forward with a lighter heart.

3. Embrace Change

Isaiah 43:19 says, "For I am about to do something new." Autumn vividly demonstrates to us that change is not just inevitable, but also beautiful. Perhaps God has allowed changes in your life that you don't yet understand, but be assured that He will navigate you through all the adjustments. Or maybe the question to ask in this season is, "What change is God calling me to make in my life?" Do you need to spend more time in prayer or reading through Scripture? Perhaps you need to change your schedule and build in more time for loved ones or friends. The beauty of autumn lies not only in its breathtaking landscapes but also in its subtle reminder that change is an ongoing part of God's design.

In the grand symphony of the seasons, autumn stands out as a great teacher of God's lessons for life and change. As we explore this season of change, let's learn from the wisdom it offers. We can learn to slow down, let go, and embrace change. So as you step outside and feel the crispness in the air, remember the profound lessons this season brings and carry them throughout your life story.



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

Upcoming Events:

**SCIENCE HILL FRIENDS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7TH
FROM 1:30PM-4:30PM
BIBLICAL NUTRITIONAL TALK
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)**

**SAXAPHONE QUARTET
SEPTEMBER 7TH 2025 AT 10:30AM
@ RANDLEMAN FRIENDS MEETING
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)**

**ARCHDALE QUAKER MEN
GOLF TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 11TH 2025
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)**

**ANNUAL NC USFW GATHERING
AT DEEP RIVER FRIENDS
SEPTEMBER 13TH 2025**

**NCFDS TRIP TO NEW BERN
SEPTEMBER 21ST-26TH 2025
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)**

**CONCORD FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 26TH 2025 AT 2:00 PM
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)
(REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ALSO BELOW)**

**NC QUAKER MEN FALL BANQUET
SEPTEMBER 29TH
MUSEUM @5PM & SUPPER AT 5:57PM
@ SPRINGFIELD FRIENDS MEETING
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)**

**YOUNG FRIENDS YOUTH CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 10-12, 2025
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 9/15/25
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)
[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER ONLINE
OR SCAN THE QR CODE ON THE FLYER**

latest
NEWS

**RECURRING MOVIE NIGHT
JUNE-OCTOBER
(SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFO)
@ ROCKY RIVER FRIENDS MEETING**



If you have any announcements

Let us know at
jenny@friendschurchnc.org

****Attention Committee Members****

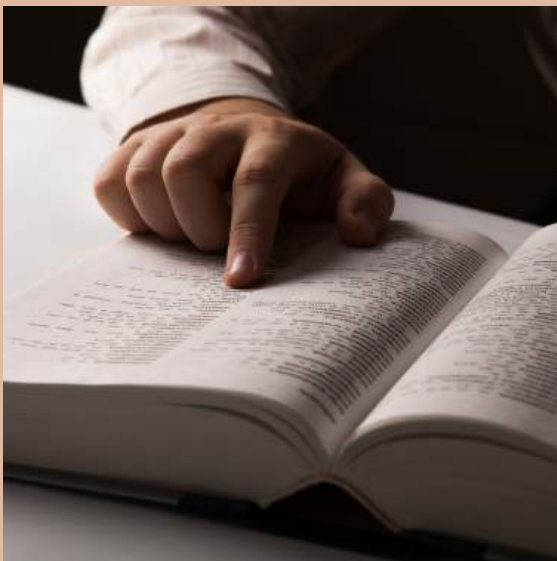
Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 20th of each month

Announcements:



REMINDER

Directory *still available!*



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

paul@friendschurchnc.org

[Log in HERE](#)

CONCORD FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

[Click HERE for Registration & Payment!](#)

Location: Holly Ridge Gold Links

Date: September 26th 2025

Time: 12:30PM Lunch, Registration & Practice
2:00PM Tournament

ALL PROCEEDS THIS YEAR GO TO SUPPORT THE HUMBLE FAMILY, A FAMILY OF FOUR IN OUR CHURCH WITH A REAL NEED. THE MOTHER, LIZ, HAS STAGE 4 CANCER AND THE FATHER, MICKEY, HAS HEART ISSUES. BOTH HAVE BEEN THROUGH SURGERY, TREATMENTS, AND COUNTLESS TESTS. THE HUMBLES HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS, CHLOE AND CORA, BOTH YOUNG TEENAGERS, SO THEY COULD REALLY USE OUR HELP AT THIS TIME.

WE HOPE YOU CAN SPONSOR, PLAY, AND BE A PART OF THE CHURCH TOURNAMENT THIS YEAR.





Annual Golf Tournament
Friday - September 26, 2025
Holly Ridge Golf Links
7933 US Highway 311
Archdale, NC 27263

Registration and Lunch @ 12:30 pm Announcements @ 1:50 Shotgun Start at 2 pm

Single Entry Fee \$65 includes Green Fee, Cart Fee, Practice Range, Lunch, One Mulligan.
Four-person team \$250 includes above at a reduced price

Golf Hole Sponsors - Includes signage on the golf course the day of the event advertising the sponsorship.
\$500 Ministry Partner Sponsor - includes prominent listing and signage at course
\$125 Business Sponsor - includes listing and signage on course
\$75 Personal Sponsor - In memory/honor, individual/family sponsors - includes signage on course

Sponsor Registration

Sponsor level (check one) Ministry \$500 Business \$125 Personal \$75

Company:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone # _____ Email _____

Golfer Registration

1. Name: _____

2. Name: _____

3. Name: _____

4. Name: _____

Call or text Greg Creed at 336-803-0385 or email at gregscreed@gmail.com

Prizes - Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive - First, Second, and Third place teams

Entry Deadline is September 18, 2025
Concord Friends - Golf Tournament
Concord Friends Meeting
5000 Old Randleman Road
Greensboro, North Carolina 27406
Online registration at <https://concordfriends.com/golf-tournament/>
All proceeds go to the Humble Family!

Make check payable to:
Mail to:

Center Street Saxophone Quartet

Sunday, September 7th

10:30 a.m.

Randleman Friends Meeting

3:00 p.m.

Friends Homes at Guilford
Woolman Living Room



*Featuring: American Hymn Tunes,
Spirituals, & Dvorak's American Quartet*

ARCHDALE FRIENDS QUAKER MEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Location: Colonial Country Club in Thomasville
Date: September 11th 2025
Time: 11:30AM Lunch / 1PM gunshot start

THE FEE IS \$75 PER GOLFER/\$300 PER TEAM.

THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT HONORS THE MEMORY OF J.R. CAUDLE AND HUNTER COLE. PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT HELP THE QUAKER MEN SUPPORT LOTS OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS INCLUDING: RUNSFEDS, CHRISTMAS WITH KIDS (CHILDREN IN NEED FROM A/T SCHOOLS), OPEN DOOR MINISTRY, RELAY FOR LIFE, HOSPICE OF THE PIEDMONT, COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX MINISTRY, BOY SCOUT TROOP 25, CHEER FUND, FRIENDS DISASTER SERVICES, QUAKER LAKE AND MANY, MANY MORE.
CALL MIKE LOHR 336-210-4652 OR THE OFFICE 336-431-2918 FOR MORE INFO.



HUNTER CARR COLE

Hunter Carr Cole passed away on June 2, 2025. Born on November 5, 1991, Hunter was a light in the lives of all who knew him—kindhearted, generous, and full of quiet strength.

Hunter is survived by his mother, Sherri Cole, and his father, Jack Cole; his sister, Allison Cole; his grandmother, Donnie Cecil; his uncle, Terry Cole; and his aunts, Brenda Davis and Michele Hall. Hunter also leaves behind his best friend, Jacob Decker, his loyal and beloved dog, Layla, as well as many cousins and extended family members who will miss him dearly.

Hunter was a member of Archdale Friends Meeting, where his faith and compassion found a meaningful home. A passionate gardener, Hunter found peace and purpose in nurturing life from the soil. His beautiful sunflowers brought joy to many. He also loved to cook for his family and friends. More than anything, Hunter was known for his giving spirit. He never hesitated to lend a hand, offer a kind word, or stand beside someone in need.

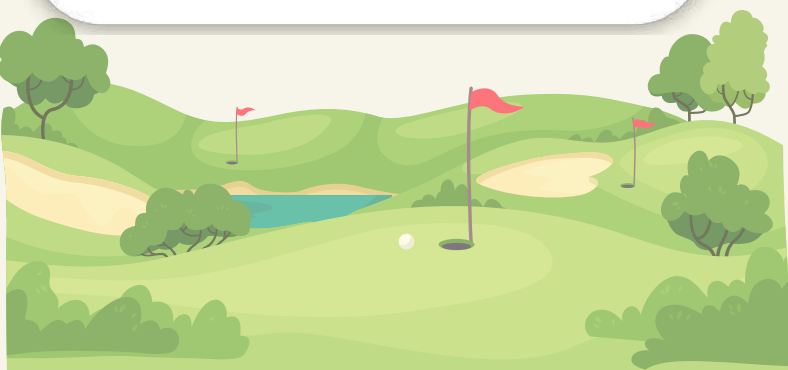


JR CAUDLE, JR.

Thurman "JR" Caudle, Jr. passed away October 10, 2024. He leaves behind his wife, Joyce Caudle, daughters Erin Dills and husband Josh, and Meredith Harrison and husband Tom. Grandchildren Parker Dills, Presley Dills, Penelope Dills, Walker Hines, Webb Hines, and Wilkes Harrison; and several nieces and nephews.

His greatest joys were his family. He loved attending his grandchildren's ballgames. JR never met a stranger and was a friend to all. He enjoyed visiting with friends in the community and was a friend to anyone he knew.

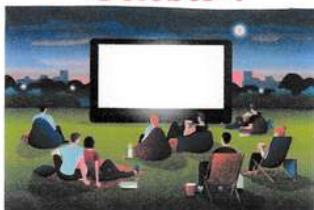
JR loved being part of the Archdale Friends Meeting and was very active with the Quaker Men for many years.



Under the Stars Outdoor Movie Night

Join us for a movie and popcorn the first
Saturday of each month starting at dusk
around 8:30pm

June 7
July 5
August 2
September 6
October 4



Rocky River Friends Meeting

1795 Staley Snow Camp Rd.
Siler City, NC 27344



North Carolina Friends Disaster Service

Gary Dodson, Co-Coordinator
2476 Beckerdite Rd Sophia NC 27350
Phone 336-736-0845

Allen Gibson, Co-Coordinator
8225 Charlbert Ct. Apex N.C. 27539
Phone 919-656-9030

Eastern N.C. Disaster Relief

Sept 21st – 26th, 2025

New Bern, North Carolina

We will be making our fall rebuilding trip to New Bern to continue working with families that have been devastated by hurricanes. This trip we will basically be rebuilding a house by hanging siding on the exterior, hanging sheetrock on the interior, hanging cabinets and doors, and building decks. There continues to be a need for help in eastern North Carolina along with a huge need in western North Carolina. We are currently in the process of setting up the logistics needed to move our operations to western North Carolina.

All volunteers of any skill level will be welcomed.

We will be staying at the Baptists on Missions New Bern Rebuild Center, and they will be providing us with our meals prepared by our wonderful volunteers who work in the kitchen.

Lodging : Baptists on Missions – New Bern Rebuild Center

2108 Old Cherry Point Rd. New Bern N.C. 252-571-6347

We will meet Sunday afternoon Sept. 21st at 5:00 PM at Moore's
BBQ 3621 MLK Blvd. New Bern NC for a group meal.

Please contact one of the coordinators if you are planning on volunteering so we will be able to plan the meals for the group.

Thank You for your continued support of the
North Carolina Friends Disaster Service



Science Hill Friends Meeting
2421 Lassiter Mill Road
Asheboro, NC 27205

invites you to a presentation by
Annette Reeder,
the Biblical Nutritionist
Sunday afternoon Sept. 7, 2025
1:30 - 4:30 pm
with breaks including light
refreshments

Annette Reeder is on a mission to share with you
God's recipe for excellent health for the family

Annette holds a B.S. in Nutrition plus a Diploma of Biblical Studies. She has been studying food, nutrition and medical science for over 30 years. "I am here for one purpose, to awaken you to the simple vibrant health that God has designed for you!"

If you don't take care of your Health who will?
If not now, when?

RELENTLESS GRACE

RIDGECREST
OCT. 10-12, 2025

REGISTRATION
OPENS AUG. 11
\$20 BY SEPT. 15



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Job Posting Part-Time Pastor

Mar Mac Friends Meeting
1954 Old Grantham Road
Goldsboro, NC 27530

Mar Mac Friends Meeting is seeking to fill the position of a Part-Time Pastor. We are an evangelical, conservative Quaker Meeting in rural Wayne County, North Carolina. We are a member of Contentnea Quarterly Meeting, Friends Church of North Carolina and Friends United Meeting.

Primary Functions

- Prepare and lead Sunday Morning worship service
- Provide pastoral leadership to the meeting

Qualifications

- Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, having accepted Him as Savior and Lord and have an understanding and agreement with Friend Church of NC Faith and Practice
- Previous training and/or experience as a pastor
- Recorded as a Quaker minister is desired.

A more detailed job description is available if requested.

If interested please contact:

Connie Seymour, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel
116 Perkins Drive
Goldsboro, NC 27530

919-922-0441 email: connieseymour@msn.com

Rocky River Friends Meeting

1795 Staley Snow Camp Rd.
Siler City, NC 27344

Job Description for Pastor of Rocky River Friends Meeting

Rocky River Friends Meeting Vision/Mission Statement:

- To tell the story of Jesus based on his teachings
- To further the work of Christ in the world
- To encourage and treat all human beings with love, dignity, and respect through humanitarian service and social justice
- To promote peace in the world

Pastor Job Description:

- The pastor's primary concern should be the spiritual well-being and growth of the Meeting's members and prospective members

Desired Qualifications:

- Knowledge and understanding of Quaker history
- A belief in Jesus Christ, having accepted him as Savior and Lord
- An understanding and agreement with FCNC(Friends Church of North Carolina)
- Training and/or experience as a pastor

Responsibilities:

- Leading people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- Responsible for all Sunday morning services bringing Biblical and practical messages to the congregation each week
- Attend and participate in the Meeting's activities other than the Sunday morning service
- Available to perform special services, including weddings and funerals
- Provide support for members as needed and visitation of shut-ins, people in the hospital and in nursing home facilities as well as those in crisis situations
- Participate and support activities of Western Quarterly Meeting and FCNC

*Compensation package will be commiserate with education and experience.

*Persons interested in this position should send resume in PDF to:

dallasavestal@yahoo.com

Dallas Brooks, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel
Rocky River Friends Meeting



Job Description for Pastor of Randleman Friends Meeting

Randleman Friends Meeting is a traditional programmed Quaker meeting that also incorporates elements of un-programmed worship.

The pastor's primary focus is the spiritual well-being and growth of the Meeting's members and prospective members.

The pastor reports to Ministry and Council and the Monthly Meeting and adheres to guidelines presented in FCNC (Friends Church of North Carolina) Faith and Practice.

Desired Qualities:

- Energetic and motivational
- Knowledge and understanding of Quaker history
- Applies Quaker practice, testimonies, and doctrine in messages and in life – specifically peace, equality, and continuing revelation
- Interest in growth of the meeting
- Interest in Missions
- Provides thought provoking, challenging messages
- Incorporates logic and reason in decision making
- Positive and cooperative leadership

Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership and spoken messages for Sunday morning worship services
- Oversee special services, including weddings and funerals, as needed
- Attend and participate in the Meeting's activities
- Support Monthly Meeting committees
- Provide contact and visitation with members and prospective members
- Provide support for members as needed
- Participate and support activities of Southern Quarterly Meeting and FCNC

Persons interested in this position should send resume to randlemanfriendsmeeting@gmail.com

NC USFW Annual Gathering Registration

"Love in Many Languages" from 1 Thessalonians 2:8

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Deep River Friends

5300 W. Wendover Avenue High Point, NC 27265

Sarah Loudin Thomas grew up on a 100-acre farm in French Creek, WV, the seventh generation to live there. Her historical fiction is often set in West Virginia and celebrates the people, the land, and the heritage of Appalachia. Sarah is the director of Jan Karon's [Mitford Museum](#) in Hudson, NC. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from Coastal Carolina University and is the author of the acclaimed novels *The Right Kind of Fool*—winner of the 2021 Selah Book of the Year—and *Miracle in a Dry Season*—winner of the 2015 Inspy Award.



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 @ \$15.00 each

If you cannot attend, please join USFW's Zoom with Lillian Briggs.

Time: Sep 13, 2025 09:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82830447839?pwd=3CAe5ZlrXj4HkjcacmOVMyCZaxvZl.1>

Meeting ID: 828 3044 7839 Passcode: 163080

If you have questions, please contact Sherry Hylton (336) 339-8058

NC USFW Annual Gathering at Deep River Friends

Please clip and send by **Sept 4, 2025**

Name(s) _____

Meeting _____

Number of Lunches at \$ 15.00 each _____ Total \$ _____

Please clip / mail with check written to: **Denna Kemp**
1525 Timber Creek Lane
Kernersville, NC 27284

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING
PASTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Overview

This is a full-time pastor position. The pastor reports to and is subject to the oversight of Ministry & Counsel. The pastor is primarily responsible for the spiritual well-being and growth of the whole church and its prospective members. Bi-vocational applicants are encouraged to apply.

Application Instructions

To apply for the pastor position at Deep Creek Friends Meeting, submit a résumé to:

Angie Brendle

angiebre25@gmail.com

(336) 244-8791

Applicants will receive an email indicating receipt of their application materials. Once materials have been reviewed, applicants should expect an email if they are eligible for an interview(s).

Compensation and Benefits

This is a salaried position. The salary range is \$50,000 to \$58,000. Salary will be determined commensurate with the applicant's qualifications. The pastor will be provided a 6% IRA contribution. Housing is available for the pastor near the meeting. The pastor will receive two weeks of paid vacation per year, which is nontransferable from year to year. The pastor will have opportunities each year to attend Christian conferences/retreats, which are to be paid for by Deep Creek Friends Meeting in accordance with the approved annual budget.

Minimum Qualifications

- Possess a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, having accepted Him as Lord and Savior
- A call to the pastorate and the desire for personal growth and development in that calling
- The ability to clearly articulate the Christian faith for the whole church and prospective members
- An understanding of the Friends Church of North Carolina (FCNC) Faith and Practice, or a willingness to learn
- The ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with other staff and Ministry & Counsel

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DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING
PASTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

- Recorded, ordained, or equivalent, and if not, willingness to become recorded as a pastor
- A high school diploma or equivalent
- A valid driver's license in the State of North Carolina
- Pass a background check

Preferred Qualifications

- An educational background in ministry, including but not limited to, seminary courses
- Pastoral experience in the church setting

Basic Responsibilities

- Responsible for all Sunday morning worship services
- Responsible for all Wednesday Night Bible Studies
- Be present at church functions and outings to build and strengthen relationships with members of the congregation
- Be available by phone for contact and ministry needs
- Be available and willing to perform weddings and funeral services
- Participate in visitation of shut-ins, hospital patients, nursing home residents, and others in crisis situations
- 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
- Maintain confidentiality of members as they share personal burdens and concerns
- Support and build up existing church leadership through prayer and encouragement while mentoring potential leaders
- Meet once per month with other church ministerial staff
- Attend Ministry & Counsel Meetings each month
- Attend churchwide business meetings
- Prepare and present a Ministry Activity Report each month to Ministry & Counsel

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DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING
YOUTH MINISTER JOB DESCRIPTION

Overview

This is a part-time (15–20 hours per week) youth minister position. The youth minister reports to the Christian Education Committee. The youth minister is responsible for providing spiritual leadership, mentorship, and support to the middle school and high school youth of Deep Creek Friends Meeting. This position will involve fostering a welcoming environment for young people to grow in their Christian faith and to become committed followers of Jesus Christ who participate in worship, fellowship, and discipleship.

Application Instructions

To apply for the position of a part-time youth minister at Deep Creek Friends Meeting, submit the following:

- 1) A current resume that includes your qualifications and work history;
- 2) A list of three non-family references to speak to your character and work performance;
- 3) A typed statement detailing:
 - a. Your relationship with Jesus Christ;
 - b. Your desire to be a youth minister; *and*
 - c. Any other information you deem relevant and want to share; *and*
- 4) One typed lesson plan for a youth meeting one hour in length.

These materials should be submitted via email to jbrendle0812@email.campbell.edu AND randrmoran@gmail.com. Once materials have been reviewed, you should expect an email response indicating receipt of your materials. If eligible for an interview(s), you should expect a phone call. Appropriate steps will then be taken to schedule a time and place for the interview(s).

Compensation and Benefits

This is a salaried position. Salary will be determined commensurate with education and experience. The youth minister will receive 20 hours of vacation time/personal time per year (equivalent to one week per year), which is nontransferable from year to year. Additionally, the youth minister will have off any days the church is closed for approved holidays or inclement weather. The youth minister will have opportunities each year to attend Christian conferences/retreats which are to be paid for by Deep Creek Friends Meeting in accordance with the approved annual budget.

Minimum Qualifications

- An active and growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- The ability to articulate clearly the Christian faith

- A call to youth ministry
- The ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with other staff and the Christian Education Committee
- A high school diploma or equivalent
- Experience working with youth and children
- 21 years of age
- Must have a valid driver's license in the state of North Carolina
- Must pass a background check

Preferred Qualifications

- An educational background in ministry
- Experience in youth ministry, children's ministry, and/or Christian education
- Experience in planning and executing events and programs
- Experience in public speaking

Basic Responsibilities

- Youth Ministry
 - Lead and coordinate weekly youth meetings for two age groups:
 - Third through sixth grade
 - Seventh through twelfth grade
 - Develop Bible-based lessons and activities that nurture spiritual growth
 - Provide mentorship to youth members
 - Provide support for youth members and their families
 - Encourage youth participation in church services, ministries, and outreach
 - Plan and execute a Christmas program each year involving the youth
 - Plan and execute one youth outing per quarter
 - Plan and execute one youth service project per quarter
 - Attend Christian Education Committee meetings (one per month)
 - Timely submit articles and relevant activities for publication in the church newsletter
 - Contribute to the growth of the youth ministry by maintaining relationship with current youth members and building connection with prospective youth members
- Missions and Outreach
 - Organize and/or participate in youth mission trips and service projects
 - Work with other staff and the Christian Education Committee to plan and execute Vacation Bible School
 - Support additional events sponsored by Christian Education Committee including but not limited to Easter events and Trunk n' Treat
- Church Involvement and Collaboration
 - Attend Sunday School and Sunday Worship each week
 - Attend Wednesday Night Bible Study each week
 - Attend church-wide business meetings (one per month)
 - Communicate regularly with the congregation about youth meetings, activities, events, and projects
 - Support other church activities and events



Reflections from Jamaica Yearly Meeting



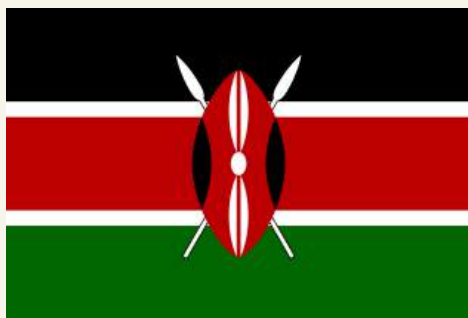
Earlier this month I traveled to Highgate, Jamaica, to participate in the annual sessions of Jamaica Yearly Meeting. From the beginning, I was blessed by the warmth, hospitality, and gracious welcome extended by Friends.

The opening sessions brought Friends from across the island together in worship and fellowship. It was encouraging to witness the faithfulness of local Meetings as they entered into the business and worship of the body.

On the second day, the Yearly Meeting received reports from Friends institutions, committees, and local Meetings. Each Monthly Meeting gave a careful accounting of its life and struggles, and the larger body listened with attentiveness and compassion. The reports made clear that there are deep challenges facing Jamaica Yearly Meeting—concerns about sustainability, leadership, and resources. Yet, even in the midst of these difficulties, Friends showed a willingness to stand with one another, seeking ways to be faithful in the face of hardship.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full article!

Meet our Missions *Friends Theological College*



THE EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF FTC

- To prepare pastors and leaders for Christian service, especially for the Friends Church in Africa.
- To encourage dedication to academic progress, personal development, and spiritual growth.
- To integrate faith and learning while focusing on the process of maturing in Christ.
- To maintain the highest standards possible in training men and women for leadership.
- To protect, promote, and encourage the teaching of the Bible as understood by Friends.
- To prepare theologically gifted students for further study.

[Click HERE to learn more!](#)

Excerpts from:
Some Fruits of
SOLITUDE

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



Quotes on
"Religion":

477- "For as men in battle are continually in the way of shot, so we, in this world, are ever within the reach of temptation. And here in do we serve God, if we avoid what we are for bidden, as well as do what he commands."

478- "God is better served in resisting a temptation to evil than in many formal prayers."

479- "This is but twice or thrice a day; but that every hour and moment of the day. So much more is our continual watch, than our evening and morning devotion."

480- "Wouldst thou then serve God? Do not that alone, which thou wouldest not that another should see thee do."

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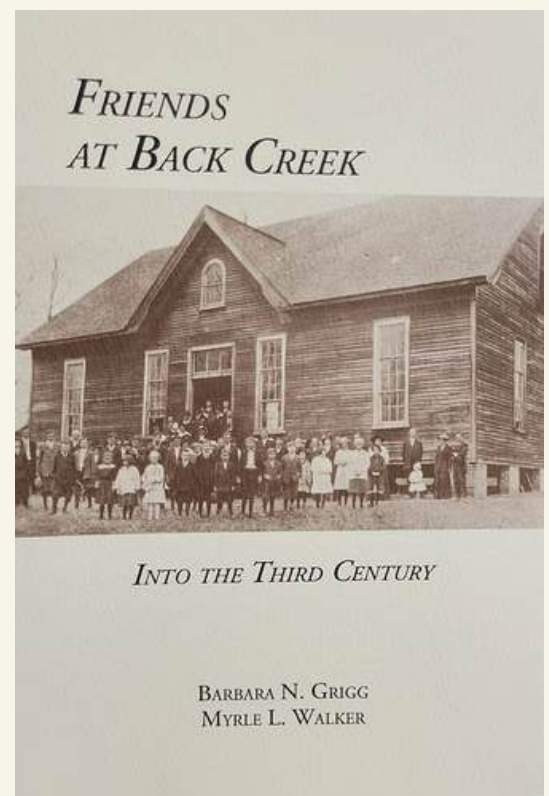
FCNC BOOKSTORE
HIGHLIGHTS

In this portion of the newsletter we will highlight books that can be purchased through the FCNC online bookstore! A link will be provided where you may purchase your own copy and add to your library at home!

Friends at Back Creek:
Into the Third Century
By: Barbara N. Grigg &
Myrle L. Walker

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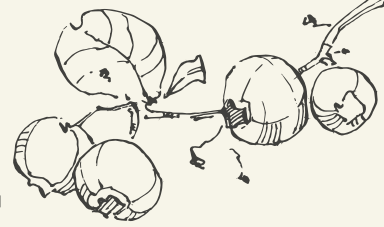
Grigg and Walker talk about the history of Back Creek Friends. They discuss the founding, how the Revolutionary War, as well as the Civil War, impacted the meeting, and what the meeting is like today.





Quaker Query

...for September



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...

Do you cherish an understanding and forgiving spirit? Do you avoid unkind gossip and the spreading of rumour? Do you avoid damaging the reputation of others? Do you cultivate an appreciation of each individual's worth?

[-Quakers in Ireland Religious Society of Friends](#)

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 [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



Prayer **CORNER**

How can we pray for you?

Prayer:

Pray for compassion to fill our hearts toward those who are faltering and failing in the area of addiction.

Our communities are filled with men and women who are consumed by it. It destroys their futures, their families and isolates them.

Though it is a tricky subject to navigate, nothing can separate us, as humans, from the love of God. Even if we may not be sure HOW to help, we can PRAY!

God is a miracle worker and there is no one that is out of his reach.

Praise:

For ruling over fear in our lives!

**"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

**2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you. Isaiah 43:1-2**

August RECAP

Concord Friends Revival

Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to visit with Concord Friends for their revival.



Thomasville Friends Meeting

Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to visit with Thomasville Friends for Sunday morning worship!



Annual Sessions 2025

Did you miss Annual Sessions? NO problem!
There are several videos posted on FCNC YouTube page
where you can watch it all! [CLICK HERE](#) to check it out!

